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The Royal New Zealand Infantry Regiment
The Royal Malay Regiment
The Brigade of Gurkhas
Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry Regiment

BATTALION ALLIANCES:

Coldstream Regiment of Foot Guards
Irish Regiment of Foot Guards



The Commanding Officer and Regimental Sergeant Major.

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Lieutenant Colonel P. F. McIntosh.

FOREWORD

LIEUTENANT COLONEL P. E. MCINTOSH

The 2nd/4th Battalion has had a very successful 20th year. Our success has been borne out of a great spirit that exists within the Battalion and a total commitment to succeed at whatever we undertake.

The decision to deploy 1RAR to Somalia saw the Battalion back 'On Line' in December 1992. 53 of our soldiers deployed with 1RAR and received valuable operational experience. I have been very pleased with the high level of operational and administrative readiness that has been maintained across the Battalion.

1993 has seen 16 soldiers from the Battalion deployed on operational service as part of UNTAC. These soldiers have contributed significantly to the success of the UNTAC mission and have brought great credit on themselves and the unit. Also, we have had 12 Platoon deploy to Cambodia as part of OP GEMINI where they performed a vital role in protecting the Aviation Squadron at the Battambang airfield and during deployments.

I have placed a lot of emphasis this year on training and preparing for credible contingencies. Credible contingency tasks have been defined and SOPs have been developed. As many tasks will be conducted by small groups, I have placed an emphasis on developing junior leaders and training at section and platoon level.

During our exercises we have trained for reactive operations. We have also continued to develop our airmobile operational skills through training in night deployments and air mobile assaults. The two air weeks and the LFX provided very good lead up training for EX EAGLE FLIGHT II where the Battalion was tested in a range of reactive and air mobile tasks and performed very well, despite the fog of war which descended upon us during the last activity.

Other training activities of note were a very testing military skills competition and overseas deployments to Butterworth and Hawaii.

The Battalion has acquitted itself exceedingly well during all competitions conducted this year, both military and sporting. Our shooting team has won AASAM, the RUR Trophy, and the Brigade and NQ Area competitions. Also, the unit has averaged half the places in the Australian Army Shooting

Team at AASAM, Bisley and BISAM. The individual achievements have been exceptional but far too numerous to list here. Well done to our shooting team.

The Pipes and Drums have also had an exceptionally successful year winning the NQ and Queensland Piping and Drumming competitions.

The unit has won the Commander's Trophy again this year with a very good all round performance. Well done to all those who contributed to our success in the cross country, orienteering, obstacle course and shooting competitions.

On the sporting field, the Battalion has done very well by winning Athletics and Rugby and having four teams out of five in the Winter sports grand finals. Congratulations to all our sportsmen and trainers.

The 20th Anniversary celebrations were a great success. The dusk church service, again held outdoors, was a very moving ceremony and provided each of us with an opportunity to reflect on what it means to be an infantry man. The Trooping of the Colour Parade was a suitably spectacular ceremony to celebrate our 20th Anniversary.

I would like to thank Jenny Head for leading up the All Ranks Ladies Association for yet another year.

Also, my thanks to the Editor, Major Simon Gould, and his team for their work in producing this very valuable unit record.

To those of you who are leaving us, I thank you very much for your efforts and I wish you the very best for your future careers.

To the spouses and families, I thank you very much for supporting your partners and Dads through a very busy year. They couldn't do it without you.

Finally, on behalf of the Battalion I would like to extend our best wishes to our RSM, WO1 David Bennett, who will retire from the Army in December. He has achieved his career ambition with distinction and has been an inspiration to us all.

Best wishes for Christmas and the New Year.

RSM's REPORT

As 1993 comes to a close, so too does my time as a soldier. I cannot think of any better way to end my military career than as RSM of such a fine Battalion.

There have been many highlights and achievements in the past two years and I am proud to have been a part of them. They will leave me with lasting memories.

A lot has been said about the state of the army today

but Infantry is lucky to be affected probably the least. There is still scope for advancement, but you must work hard for it. Maintain the standard, maintain the dedication, and maintain the pride you have in yourselves and your Battalion and you will achieve your goals.

I wish you and your families a happy Christmas and the very best for your futures.



Warrant Officer Class One D.L. Bennett.

PADRE'S REPORT



Chaplain R. Peacock

This year has been a very interesting year for me. Firstly, to come into an Infantry Battalion as a chaplain and comparing the experience with my previous experience in a Battalion as a "digger". Secondly, to come into the ARA directly from a parish (though doing some work in the ARES) and adjusting to a totally different lifestyle. It has been a very positive experience for me. It has been a joy to me to have met many of you and to discover that this generation of young soldiers are not a lot different to the generation of soldiers I served with.

A chaplain's role within the army is quite a bit different to normal soldiering. I see my role as having two aspects. Firstly, a social service role in which a chaplain helps out with social and administrative problems that soldiers and their families have from time to time. Secondly a spiritual role. What I mean by a spiritual role is

much broader than doing things like weddings, baptisms, funerals and the occasional service in the bush. It is a role in which a chaplain reminds all whom he serves with that we are in a deadly game (pun intended) which requires disciplined and responsible leadership, and discipline on the part of the ordinary soldier. For we are not only answerable to our political masters and the people of Australia but as I believe, we will all need to give an account of our lives at some point in time to the living God.

This year has been an exciting time for me, and I look forward to meeting those of you whom I have not as yet met. As we prepare for the Christmas block leave period I pray that you will have a happy and joyful Christmas with your families and may the God of love and peace be with you and your loved ones.

TRAINING PROGRAM

BATTALION DIARY

December 1992

- 5 LTCOL P.F. McIntosh assumes command
- 21-26 B Coy recalled as on-line company
- 2/4RAR soldiers march in to reinforce 1RAR for OP SOLACE

January 1993

- 27-29 OFFR/SNCO training

February

- 1 Battalion returns from leave
- 4RAR Birthday Parade
- 3 Brigade ODF check
- 16-19 EX BARDIA RMC cadets visit the Battalion
- 22-23 BHQ deployment training
- 28 Army birthday
- A Coy returns from Malaysia

March

- 1-5 Mortar PL live fire exercise
- 8 B Coy deploys to Hawaii on EX GOLD EAGLE. USMC Coy arrive in Townsville
- Signals & Recon Cse begin
- 15-19 Air Week 1 - TFTA
- 29 CDF visits 2/4RAR

April

- 5-7 EX SILICON BROLGA - CPX
- 8 B Coy returns from Hawaii
- 9-18 Easter Standdown
- 19-23 Air Week II - TFTA
- 25 Anzac Day
- 26-30 Inter Coy Winter Sport Competition

May

- 14&21 ADFA cadets visit
- 20 to 12 Platoon deploy to Cambodia with
- 21 Jul B Sqn 5 Avn Regt
- 22 Welcome home muster parade for OP SOLACE soldiers
- 23 Red Shield collection day
- 24-27 OFFR/SNCO TEWT-SWBTA
- 24 to EX TASMAN LINK - SWBTA
- 4 June Aslt Pnrs on EX T'STORM

Jun

- 9 Visit by Defence Industries subcommittee
- 7-18 Battalion LFX-EX DEADLY SPIDER
- 25 Battalion Cross Country and Boxing night
- 30 Visit by BRIG Birch RNZA
- 28 to Military Skills Competition
- 4 Jul

July

- 6 RAAFSC visit
- 7-20 EX TROPIC LIGHTNING-CPX in Hawaii
- 12-16 SPT Coy to Mt Vince
- 23 C&SC display
- Minister for Defence Science and Personnel visits

August

- 2-4 EX CONDOR CHECK - MSTA
- 11 Brigade ODF check
- 17 Battalion Church Service
- 18 Brigade Cross Country Competition
- 19 Battalion Parade-20th Anniversary
- 20 Battalion Ball
- 2/4RAR beat 1RAR to win McAloney Rugby Shield
- 23 Ted Lindsay visits 2/4RAR
- COMD 1 DIV visits and presents LCPL Gollop with LCAUST Commendation for OP SOLACE
- 24 to Brigade exercise EAGLE FLIGHT II-
- 6 Sep SWBTA

September

- 13 DFSW PL raised
- 15 Battalion Athletics Carnival
- 16 Brigade Orienteering Competition
- 17 Battalion Swimming Carnival
- 18 to Stand down
- 3 Oct

October

- 6 NZ CGS visits
- 8 Brigade Obstacle Course Competition
- 14 Brigade Winter Sports Finals
- 15 2RAR Birthday Parade
- 18-22 Inter company Summer Sports Competition
- 19 Brigade Athletics Carnival
- 22 Corporals Dining in Night at SGT's Mess
- Half Guard for Indonesian CGS
- 23-24 Brigade Open Day
- 25 Signals and Recon Courses begin

November

- 1 Mortar Course begins
- 8 Drivers Course begins
- 15 DFSW Course begins
- 23 Regimental Birthday Duke of Gloucester Cup
- Competition at Singleton Pipes & Drums competition
- 26 Specialist Courses conclude

AIR WEEK PART 1 AND PART 2



Blackhawks preparing for a company lift.



*CPL Harris being promoted
in the field.*



A section on the move during airmobile operations.

AIR WEEK PART 1 AND PART 2



A soldier eagerly awaiting the signal to standdown.

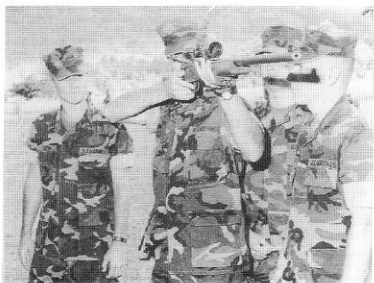


A Coy CHQ taking a break.



LT Egan sighting his platoon.

USMC EXCHANGE



*Two keen mortarmen
exchanging ideas.*

"Sniper?"



*There was a very 'healthy'
social interaction between the
two nations.*



*LT Prewett negotiating a fair
price for the use of his car to a
'poker faced' LT Carr.*



ANZAC DAY



The dawn service.



The Drum Major and his men entertaining the onlookers.

D Coy marching down The Strand.



BHQ

CO - LTCOL P.F. McIntosh
Bn2IC - MAJ N.J. Partridge
OPSO - MAJ L. Foster
ADJT - CAPT S.F. Caughey
Chaplain - CAPT R.M. Peacock
AADJT - LT M.B. Solomon
RSM - WO1 D.L. Bennett
CCIK - WO2 S.L. Jones
OPSGT - SGT D.A. Galloway

SGT G.A. Briskey
SGT D.J. Orr
CPL A.N. Daniel
CPL D.L. Drabble
CPL M.J. Dunning
CPL K. Thomas
PTE R. Fazio
PTE J.R. Lattey

PTE B.P. Marsh
PTE J.T. Pillar
PTE G.R.K. Rogers
PTE A.G. Wilson
PTE R. Wilson
PTE M.L. McCallum
PTE A. Carlin

RP Sect
SGT C.R. Walker
CPL C.J. Dixon
PTE S.O. Jost

Battalion Headquarters has fought through yet another year as the heartbeat of the RDF on-line Battalion. The staff, otherwise known as administrative gurus, have worked diligently to shed the label of "Cardboard Castle".

The year has had its share of memorable moments including:

- ❖ Drabble leaving,
- ❖ Drabble's oratory on Brigade Hill during a CFA,
- ❖ The receipt of a new photocopier,
- ❖ Drabble leaving,
- ❖ The Chief remaining at work until 1601hr once,
- ❖ SGT Briskey being caught smiling, and
- ❖ Drabble leaving.

The year has been an innovative one to say the least. The introduction of AUSMIS has changed forever the coal face of clerking, although many still clutch at the PH23 for reassurance. The OPSO (likened to Mr Smithers from The Simpsons) has become fully computerised with the help of his girlfriend. He intends to give the computer a virus prior to MAJ Gould taking over. CD ROM, the supposed answer to the ASST ADJT's infinite number of questions on conditions of service, came and went due to a glitch in the system. The new DEFMS system has been installed, and the CO

has even indented for a 'management tool.'

The year has seen several soldiers leave midyear including, CPL Taylor to A Coy, CPL Daniel to D Coy (then back to BHQ), CPL Dirou to C Coy, and PTE Gibson to SASR.

Postings out at the end of the year will include, MAJ Foster to Vanuatu, CAPT Graham to 25 RQR, LT Solomon to Depot Coy, SGT Walker to BASC Lavarack, and CPL Drabble to ADFA.

Above all, throughout the year we have managed to stay on top of all the day to day tasks ensuring that you all get paid, fed, take leave, go on courses, go on postings, go on trips, and exercises. We have even done our best to keep you informed.

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



A weary OPS SGT during Air Week

INTELLIGENCE SECTION

CAPT M.J. Graham, SGT M.R. Cockburn, CPL M. Carrol, LCPL C.R. Borchard,
LCPL J.P. Twomey, PTE M.E. Boczan, PTE C.R. Fricker

INT Section started the year with completely new manning except for our photographer PTE Boczan. Naturally things took some sorting out and people were eventually allocated to tasks. Reorganising the PAM Library was quite a job but now if you're after a PAM we can tell you whether or not we've got it. During the clean out quite a few older PAMs found a place in the Historical Collection under the guidance of 'I've read them all Twomey'. Throughout the year we have also provided a huge amount of training aids, maps, and equipment to people within the Battalion.

PTE Fricker our frustrated Reprographic Illustrator has been in great demand as a sign writer and artist. He has produced quite a few masterpieces which are prominent around the Battalion including signs for C Coy and the 2/4 RAR 20th Anniversary.

A steady flow of quality photos have been produced from the dark room this year. PTE Boczan has been there to capture most moments of Battalion life throughout the year with the assistance of his budding offsider LCPL Borchard. Most of the photos in this journal at one stage or another saw the inside of our darkroom.

The amount of exercises this year has kept the section busy. The collection, sorting, and distribution of maps and the preparation of mud

models and briefings are all demanding tasks that are carried out both in barracks and in the field. Mud models provide a good chance to play in the dirt and Mick Carrol was always keen to pass on his knowledge to the section. We have done our best to keep commanders briefed and up to date. Remember the intelligence cycle is a two way street.

On the lighter side some interesting times were had early in the year when it was discovered that the IO and INT SGT were the only ones who had ever put up a CAM net. No surprise the BHQ practice deployments in February were fun!! Some other qualifications available for prospective INT Dutymen are plumbing (digging the crapper) and carpentry (rifle racks in the field).

Next year the section remains largely the same however farewells to:

IO - CAPT Graham (25 RQR, Toowoomba), and
INT CPL - CPL Carrol (C Coy, behind B Coy).

and welcome to:

CAPT Badyk and CPL Corby.

The "Intelligence(?)" Section





ALPHA COMPANY

MAJ M.G. Day, CAPT B.A. Stevenson, WO2 R.H. Speter,
SSGT G.N. Lawman, CPL C.J. Dixon, PTE E.F. Baker, PTE R.J. Fisher,
PTE M.L. McCallum, CPL J. Taylor, PTE R. Lobie.

Alpha Company has, once again, had a very successful year.

It all started with a tour to Malaysia for the December - February period. The training conducted was very worthwhile for the platoons and the programme ensured that everyone was kept very busy.

Christmas and New Year was actually spent in Singapore with several wives taking the opportunity to meet up with their lesser halves and really celebrate in style.

We beat the RAAF during sports week and the company was described as the best company to tour in several years. The only sad aspect was saying good-bye to the "Bear" MAJ Jeremy Moore who had been a great boss for two years.

March saw us back in the Battalion and it was all a bit of a culture shock. Everyone was so busy and they wanted us to join in. MAJ Mick Day took over the helm and with a loud "Follow me men" quickly whipped us back into shape.

It didn't take us too long to prove to everyone that Alpha doesn't have a problem with flies. Top performances in the Air Week and LFX matched with an awesome display of power and aggression in the Winter sport meant nothing was too challenging.

The year moved on with everyone wanting to go back to the Princess Lounge. Birthday Week came, we marched on, then we marched off to Ex Swift Eagle II. There we earned the title "the Butchers of Ellanora".

We caught the enemy napping and virtually drove over the top of them in our APC's. We finished the exercise with the highest body count and the lowest casualties, and we didn't have to bayonet targets like some companies.

Donning the sunscreen lotion and setting the pace in the Summer Sports Week, we kept the bronzed Aussie tradition alive. A third in athletics, a tie for first in swimming and a crushing win in the cross country matched nicely with a third in Mil Skills and an equal first in rugby and Aussie rules.

The end of 93 sees many stalwart Alpha men move on in their careers to new positions both within the Battalion and within the Army at large. To all who have given their best thank-you and good luck in your new jobs. To those who remain we look forward to winning again in '94.

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THE FIGHTING FIRST

So another year has passed us by and we all have grown a little older, a little uglier, and a little wiser. Well two out of three isn't bad.

The year started early for us with a deployment to sunny Malaysia in late November 92. The whole platoon revelled in the sights (bloody temples), the sounds (the wailing coming from the bloody temples), and the smells (the smells of the sewerage flowing through the open drains) of a strange country. Needless to say we all had a "ball" over there (some more so than others).

We winged our way back to OZ in early March and settled down to normal training with the rest of the Battalion.

The first few weeks saw us deploy to High Range for Battalion Air Training. With last years "death marches" and lack of water still fresh in our memories, we approached this years "Air Training" with cautious steps. We were all pleased to find that water had been rationed for this year.

Many thanks must go the RECON PL for their assistance during one of our night moves. However one question remains unanswered, how did RECON PL find a lost gun barrel in the dark, but couldn't find the COY FUP they had marked earlier???

Tully - What can we say apart from lots of rain, angry DS, contacts, and enemy camps in the same location as last year. Maybe LCBS will graduate us

to the west side of the Jarra next year.

The months to follow were pretty average consisting of the LFX, Mil Skills and Birthday Week.

Exercise Eagle Flight II provided a lot of insight into new Kamarian Weapons. Who can forget the new brush cutting RPGs that can punch through trees and totally destroy APCs. At least no one will be tempted to sleep on piquet for a while (will they chook).

Well, courses are next for the Battalion and after that the PL will be losing quite a few good operators to other units and Coys. The PL says good-bye to:

- ❖ The Boss - off to play with 1:1 scale Tonka Trucks,
- ❖ The Sarge - reluctantly to Mortars,
- ❖ Zac - going to beast recruits at Kapooka,
- ❖ Newy - To Mor PL, and yes Newy they still man pack,
- ❖ Rick - After the purchase of a lady shaver he will return to RECON PL,
- ❖ Stocksie - Becomes the most well groomed PNPPC 2IC, and
- ❖ Gronk - Becomes the clerk with the biggest ears.

To all good soldiering.

Diggers wish list:

- ❖ Coy 2IC to get a new laugh.
- ❖ Boss to sign for a sense of humour and a serviceable compass.
- ❖ OC to return his application for this years HELLS ANGELS RECRUIT DRIVE.



TWO PLATOON

LT A.J. Egan, SGT S.J. Hicks, CPL S.J. Hawken, CPL J.W. Petrie, LCPL D.J. Lovett, LCPL K.A. McHale,
LCPL S.H. Newton, PTE D.A. Cashman, PTE D. Cavanagh, PTE S.T. Clausen, PTE R.S. Cook,
PTE M.J. Craig, PTE S.J. Ellis, PTE D.G. Hancock, PTE A.M. Johnstone, PTE C.B. Keep,
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PTE S.R. Parrington, PTE K.I. Pedler, PTE S.P. Read, PTE S.A. Rowe,
PTE K.A. Schimann, PTE A.J. Tyrrell, PTE A.J. Bengsen.

To look at the year in review we have to go back to December 1992. Alpha Company, those devil dogs from hell, ventured forth to sunny Malaysia for a little R&R. Pulada was the first training area tackled by the platoon, followed closely by Singapore. Singapore allowed the platoon to spend all that hard earned Stolia on pleasure and pain. Various exercises followed and culminated in a bull ring activity (the CSM'S favourite) which involved an adventure training exercise, field exercise, and the inevitable trip to Thailand. Plenty has been written concerning the trip and plenty more has been spoken in reverent tones and it is probably better that it stays that way.

On arrival back in Australia, Extra Grunt 2PL quietly went about their business staying out of the limelight as much as possible. Air Week 1 and 2 passed us by with barely a whisper, or should that read whimper. Once again the highly trained heart breakers and life takers of 2PL rose to the occasion and adapted to any situation no matter how strange??

After the hardships of Air Week 1 and 2 Tully was going to be a breeze (at least we got the wind part correct). On entering the twilight zone you have to be prepared to put your mind and body back 20 years. Once again we were cajoled and motivated into believing the Tully way is the only way by the quiet, capable staff of the battle school. Whilst at Tully a filthy rumour started that a platoon was going to Cambodia and being the on line company we foolishly thought it may include us. The CO flew up immediately to squash this rumour. With

heads held high, although soaking wet, we managed to drag ourselves through swamps, leeches, mites, wait-a-while, and mud and leave Tully virtually unscathed.

The Bn Live Fire Exercise gave the PL the opportunity to blast away copious amounts of live ammunition disguised as a Coy attack. The LFX was a good exercise and fairly realistic. The artillery and mortar fire support was especially good.

The weeks following the LFX were given to Coy Winter sports competitions and preparations for the Military Skills Competition. It gave the PL a chance to rest and recuperate and mend those aching bones.

The Military Skills Competition showed that 2PL was a force to be reckoned with. Hawkes finished 3rd over all and Jim Petrie 14th. This was an excellent result for both sections after all the hard work they put in. 2PL finished third over all which was widely considered a good result.

Exercise Eagle Flight II was upon us before we knew it. Only PTE 'Perfume' Cavanagh made it to the safety of "A Ech". Wasn't all that moving and digging great though, BHP would have been proud! Townshend Island, mountain goats eat your heart out! (At least the view was good!)

As usual int was up to date, a PL size group had seized the PCP. After a dose of F111 2,000 pounders a 350 man strong force awaited us in a fortified position. Weren't those radar, heatseeking, wire

guided shoot around corners 66mm SRAAW's dandy by jove? Hope Staff can get those in the Q store.

Highlights:

- ❖ The "Splat Cat" SGT being told a few home truths by Mick Craig and Jim Petrie which sank him on the spot.
- ❖ Hawk's advising a D.S. with a burst of automatic fire at point blank range. Now who's dead?@#*(&%
What's going on?
When do we go home?
Where the XXXX is the enemy?
Where the XXXX are the choppers?
Where the XXXX are 3RAR?

As a finale to the year, adventure training will be conducted on the Cape York Peninsula. The theme is "survival", and with it being run by the Boss and ex "Sneaky Peak" JJ Newton anything can and probably will happen. The photos should be quite interesting come next year, only the names will be changed to protect the innocent.

Goodbyes:

- ❖ Boss heading for the greener pastures of Pioneers.
- ❖ Jim going to the factory to chew up and spit out new recruits.
- ❖ Chev to DFSW to practice the fine art of enfilade fire from a defilade position.
- ❖ To all the above best of luck in their new

endeavours.

Things we'd like to see:

- ❖ Shonk - Do something by the book or at least legal.
- ❖ Nico - Listen to Jeremy Jordan.
- ❖ Rowie - Marry Tas.
- ❖ Tas - Marry Rowie.
- ❖ Keepey - Track.
- ❖ Cav - Wear aftershave.
- ❖ Litchi - With a woman, any woman.
- ❖ Ready - Go fishing.
- ❖ Beno - Speak.
- ❖ Pedler - Wear a muzzle.
- ❖ Dusty - Chill out.
- ❖ JJ - White.
- ❖ Mac, C. - Fed.
- ❖ Mac, J. - Spend money on something other than his car.
- ❖ Mac, K. - Lose his ridiculous bush hat.
- ❖ Parra - Spend some money, his own.
- ❖ Dave - With one girlfriend.
- ❖ Aardvark - Lose his invisibility ring.
- ❖ Tyrrell - Stop talking about subject courses.
- ❖ Merc - Play a whole game of football.
- ❖ Johnno - In the platoon.
- ❖ Hawks - Become a snag.
- ❖ Chev - Sell the truck.
- ❖ Pa - Without a brew.
- ❖ Boss - After PT.

Congratulations to 2nd/4th Battalion on your 20th Anniversary

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This year has been typical one for the Fighting Third. We've met and destroyed all the enemy thrown at us in typical Infantry fashion. In Malaysia we joined battle with the mosquitoes, rain, mud, and boredom - and won. We also faced the mighty Harry Handou - dealer in all things Malaysian and successfully pestered him to the point of no deal and nobody really cared. On return to the "Battlestar Lavarack" we faced that most deadly foe of all - the Brigade DP1 check and once again we fought through to the point of 'operational readiness' only to see 12 Platoon move to the land of the Khmer Rouge while we did battle with the on line elements of the Kamarian Army. Of course since then we have moved onto greater things and we are currently engaged in mortal combat with CHQ over duties and courses. This is one we probably won't win.

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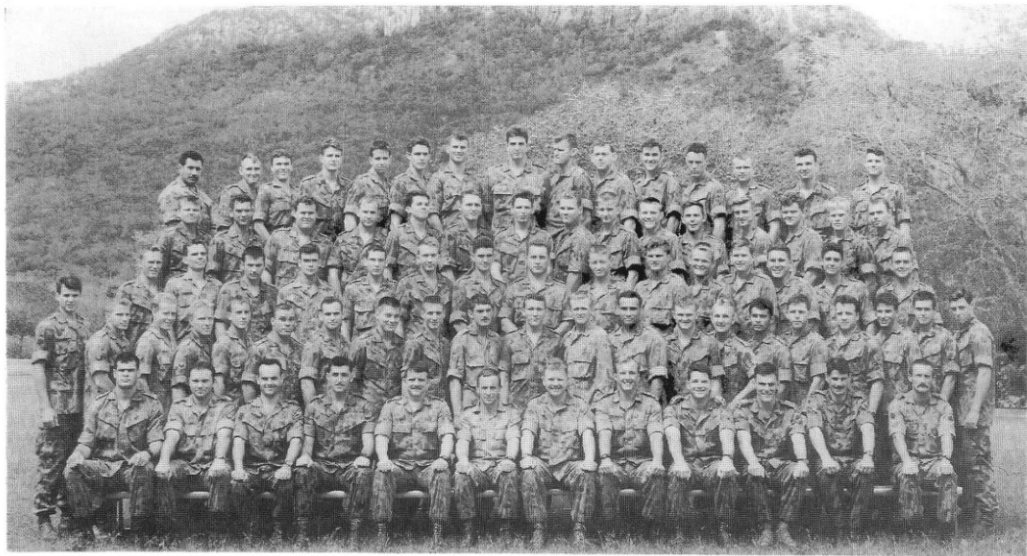
CPL BooBoo Reilly - started his career as the goat handler in another Bn. Recently he has been training to become a mountain warfare expert with little success. LCPL NBC Norton, a weapon dreaded by all. His garlic salt eating habits keep everything a safe distance from the PL position. PTE Toe Cutter Timmins - this is the modern version of an action man, what he can't do isn't worth doing. A master of disguise and intrigue PTE Crash Dummy Vanderhee - Malvern Star's best customer and rumoured to have been in top secret tests with the Volvo Company. PTE Emilio Fildes - an ex mercenary who got his nickname while training the Sandanistas. An expert in all things St Kilda and VB. PTE Yetti Brown - a warrior cut off at the knees at birth so he wouldn't rival Arnie. PTE Spangles Prangell - a man of many secrets and a shady past, rumoured to have escaped from the Foreign Legion. PTE Jim O'Hanlon - came to us

after a secret undercover posting with the IRA. PTE Ben Pullin - a computer genius and the PL's L and D champion. Recently tried to change his identity (card).

CPL Jordy Armstrong - a git sent to us to observe and instruct us on the ways of the RRF for three months. He taught us how to navigate without a map and compass, move around a harbour at night and that silence in a harbour isn't practised in the British Army.

3 Platoon Quotable Quotes:

- ❖ Get your s--- in one sock - CPL Burton.
- ❖ Now, now lets not be sarcastic - the Boss.
- ❖ You may all jest - the AASAM Guru.
- ❖ I thought I'd get in trouble - PTE Pullin.
- ❖ I didn't think you had to be quiet on Low Level Ops - CPL Armstrong.
- ❖ Ah Ha Haaa - PTE Brown imitating the 2IC.
- ❖ Isn't your car registered in NSW? - the Boss and CPL Burton to PTE Boevink.
- ❖ The RSM wants me at rugby training - CPL Harris.



ALPHA COY 2/4 RAR - LAVARACK BARRACKS - 1993

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PTE A. TYRRELL, PTE A. KERP, PTE C. MAGUIRE, PTE A. JOHNSTONE, PTE R. BROWN, PTE R. SYKES.

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PTE D. BARRETT, PTE J. NICOLL, PTE A. GILLIES, PTE J. O'HANLON, PTE A. BENGEN.

Absent: CPL S. STARKOFF, CPL M. NEWBOLD, LCPL P. JACOBSON, LCPL G. STOCKS, PTE C. BRAMMER, PTE S. McVEOY, PTE S. VANDERMEE.



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MÁJ W.J. Jensen, CAPT I.F. McMahon, WO2 A.B. Gillman, SGT B.T. Miller,
CPL P.A. Bottomley, PTE R.F. King, PTE B.G. Lumby, PTE K.R. Skinner,
PTE S.D. Williams, PTE J.A. Young, PTE J.T. Cassidy.

This year has been a real stop-start affair for B Coy. We were recalled from BRL on 21 December to provide the on-line company to replace 1 RAR so they could prepare for deployment to Somalia. We spent a quiet Xmas then commenced training on 4 January with a composite group of soldiers from all over the Battalion and this was essentially the group who deployed with us on Exercise Gold Eagle to Hawaii. We farewelled 13 diggers who deployed to Somalia and wished them all a safe return. When the Battalion returned to work in late January we handed over our attachments and went to Tully for two weeks with two understrength platoons. The training there was very mediocre because nothing had changed since we'd last been to Tully 6 months ago. We then deployed to Hawaii on 8 March for an exchange exercise with the USMC at Kaneohe Bay. The trip was a good one, with something for everybody. We rappelled, helicoptered, boated, floated, fired, sired, sported, cavorted and drank in everything Hawaii had to offer.

Stand-down on return to Australia was appreciated but the bank balances were low. Air Week following our return to work, was an eye opener and left us wondering whether our biggest enemy was ourselves. \$12 million worth of aircraft to carry eight pax or a cargo net underslinging packs to create the perfect cluster on any LZ. We did some range work as part of the weapon simulation trial then had a three week break to clear our BRL. We came back to the Battalion LFX and participated in an excellent company attack which had artillery whistling over-head and landing 400m in front of us. This display of close support plus eight Bangalores that did go off certainly was impressive. Around this time Jacko Malone and Lance Redding got to go off to Cambodia with 12 PL to protect the

Blackhawks and were able to come back reputations intact.

Mil Skills reared its ugly head again and the seven sections from B Coy were placed in the middle to end of the field. This was probably not a true reflection of the standard of our soldiers and was caused by the lack of individual and section level training conducted by the company this year. In July we ran an ODF call-out after a company Dining In Night and deployed by CC08 to Macrossan then spent a week in Mt Spec. Some good lessons were learnt about navigation, control, and routines. The week also showed us that we must exercise more in close country. We also welcomed our Somalian blokes back around this time and jealously eyed their bank balances and ICBs, but good on them, they earned them. The Battalion Parade and Ball went smoothly then we deployed to SWBTA on Ex Eagle Flight II. We certainly dug some holes, walked some miles, and climbed some ridges after our elusive enemy. What sticks in the mind most about this trip were the bloody ticks, the bloody digging, and the bloody Battalion attack on Raspberry Vale.

We had two weeks of sport then September stand-down, then another three weeks of sport combined with rafting and rappelling. The amazing thing is our hands haven't started shaking on pay days. With courses left to go the year has just about been kicked into touch. Hopefully we'll get to enjoy our BRL in peace and quiet this year then 1994 brings a new OC to the company and a trip to New Zealand in February. To all those moving on or remaining within the company, thank you for your efforts this year and best wishes on your future endeavours.

4 PLATOON

LT J.J. Prewett, SGT D. Culgan, CPL C.A. Bielleman, CPL R.A. Rootham, LCPL P.J. Davey, LCPL D.J. Egan, PTE J.L. Bell, PTE A.C.T. Bilston, PTE S.A. Bradshaw, PTE D.A. Buckton, PTE I.T. Caswell, PTE A.A. Eldridge, PTE J.M. Honeyman, PTE W.A. Hughes, PTE A.T. Hunter, PTE I.T. Joels, PTE M.D. Jones, PTE S.R. Leachy, PTE A.R. Parker, PTE R.S. Plumridge, PTE S.P. Prangle, PTE J.J. Saint, PTE D.C. Smith, PTE A.S. Wornum, PTE S.U. Jost, PTE S.H. Morley

The year of 93 started very abruptly for the B Coy "Heatseekers", with the deployment of 1 RAR to Somalia. Subsequently, the phones around Australia rang hot, getting all personnel off leave to go on line. After some pretty original excuses not to return from leave, most of the platoon was back to start work around the 4th Jan.

The yearly program was to have its first of many changes which we have grown accustomed to this year. 4 PL started the year with an anti-armour practice at High Range, with all platoon members keen to put a shot down range. Enthusiasm was also evident in the 12km march out, to resume the weekly Criterion Pub crawl (some big efforts seen there in the year so far).

4 PL became enraged with excitement about going to Hawaii on exchange with the Marines at Kaneohe. We subsequently flew to this overseas island in early March, to investigate the social differences over there. The platoon was mainly involved in Zodiac boat training and the dreaded Amptracs, working from a centipede infested beach named Bellows. The Amptracs were like a cork in a bath-tub and this should explain the experience alone. Once again there were some impressive performances at the night-clubs in down town Waikiki. The marines were very hospitable, however, we were keen to return to sunny Townsville.

After this highlight of the year the blokes went on Easter standdown and returned to conduct Air-Week. Well this, the LFX, and Mil-Skills came and went with no problems at all. By this stage the 2/4 "Vets" had returned to the platoon from Somalia. They had some good stories to tell and were soon back to reality in B Coy.

Soon after, 4PL was unleashed to destroy enemy at Mt Spec, but soon lost interest when the rain

did not stop (1 point for the enemy). Blue Wornum decided to come down with the shakes (mild hypothermia), becoming a popular member by causing the ambush to be compromised. The Sarge was not available, as his wife gave birth to a baby boy at the time (congratulations). The exercise was full of learning experiences both for NCOs and Officers, which have been noted for future exercises!

After the Bn Birthday Week, Ex Eagle Flight II was upon us. It started out very quickly indeed, with the platoon digging to stage 1 on a standing patrol and then walking 17km to dig another. A night deployment to Townshend Island by "whirlygig", saw 4PL once again practising to be council workers. The highlight of this trip would make the Crocodile Man jealous, with an abundance of goats, horses, pigs, snakes and even emus. The ticks were thick and we were pieces on a chess board to sum up the occasion. Culgan the destroyer showed his bravery on this Ex, by brassing up 2 En vehicles at a platoon VCP by himself, whilst firing from the hip. He was later killed in a mounted company attack, soon after deploying from his very own APC (a very pleasing effort indeed).

Following 2 weeks of sport and stand down 4PL conducted adventure training which involved white water rafting and kayaking on the Tully River. The blokes found this most worthwhile and it was a chance for the platoon to spend a week together. Specialist courses are to take most soldiers away for at least 4 weeks, of which some will be either internally or externally posted out of the platoon. To those who are, good luck in your new posting and thanks for the memories.

Those members left will be back in 94, with a new PLCOMD (same SGT), to be deservedly renowned as the Heatseekers once again.



4PL BRAVO COY 2/4 RAR - LAVARACK BARRACKS - 1993

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 Second Row: PTE A. PARKER (WEDGEHEAD), PTE S. PRANGELL (CRASH), PTE M. JONES (JONESY), PTE A. WORNUM (STUMPS), PTE J. BELL (JEREMIAH), PTE A. ELDRIDGE (GREASER), PTE A. BILSTON (B. C.) PTE S. BRADSHAW (POSSUM).
 Back Row: PTE S. MORLEY (LIPS), PTE J. HONEYMAN (MABO), PTE D. BUCKTON (BUTTU), PTE D. SMITH (POPS), PTE S. JOST (JOST), PTE D. CASWELL (AMOS).

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5 PL had best of times and the worst of times for 1993. With several members of the platoon attached to the Big Blue One, no Boss and no Sarge, the Platoon began the year as a rifle section in 4 PL at Tully. Obviously, things could only improve, and improve they did. We welcomed a few blow-ins from D Coy and a handful of sappers to bring us up to full strength for our junket to Hawaii. Whilst there we fulfilled our assigned tasks as Australian Ambassadors and Cultural Exchange Officers with great ease. Blakey and Della in particular made a good impression, as they always had irresistible proposals for the ladies, and a few friendly tips for the fellas. The Septics loved Busk too - all that talk about never being allowed to come back into the country was just that - talk.

Our return to the lucky country saw us go on a well deserved week standdown, and we returned to the cheery faces of 12 new blokes fresh from Singo. They stayed with us for a few weeks. We said goodbye to Parto who went walkabout during the week. The Sarge went to Tully, while Corbs and George marched in during Air Week. In the duties week we farewelled Botts and welcomed Hungers. The new fellas then joined A Coy for a trip to Tully, while the remainder of the platoon took another hard earned three weeks off.

We married up with our "Somvets": Karl, Wally and Arnold in June. This made our callsign complete, ready for ranges, duties, route marches, ranges, duties, route marches, mil skills, and a B Coy Ex. Well done by all in Mil Skills, especially Blakey and his band of merry men. The Coy Ex had its ups and downs. Suffice to say Paluma is beautiful in the rain, and close recons and platoon attacks aside, the Boss always knew where he was

and what he was doing. Ask anyone. Except Hungers.

We attacked Ex Dead Budgie II, the Bn (Bde? Div?) Ex with unprecedented interest and enthusiasm. How silly we were. Route marches blended into shell scrapes blended into 17km patrols, and then in the platoon's only contact, the big attack on the last day, two out of three sections didn't get out of their carriers. Anyway, it was all good training, and we took it in our stride, returning to put in a valiant effort for the Coy swimming and athletic teams, and take another two weeks off.

The return to the Battalion has been filled with sport and a bit of adventure training, as we rappelled off cliffs and buildings around the Townsville area. A couple of the fellas are preparing for courses and a move to SPT Coy, while the remainder of us prepare to farewell the Sarge (RP Sect), Corbs (Int Sect) and Hungers (Selection Course), and look forward to 1994.



Resting at end of Company Live Fire Attack!

6 PLATOON

LT C.G. Webb, SGT D.W. Thomas, CPL R.J. Brown, CPL J.J. Farren-Price, CPL B. Milligan, LCPL C.A. Blackhurst, LCPL J.C. Blake, LCPL D.J. Boulton, PTE M.G. Andrews, PTE P.J. Burke, PTE D.J. Hawkins, PTE K.E. Heath, PTE M.R. Kinley, PTE B.A. Kipping, PTE M.L. Lindsay, PTE T.A. McGill, PTE S.H. Moyle, PTE E.C. Munson, PTE A.J. Mustey, PTE S.W. Plummer, PTE L.E. Redding, PTE D.N. Russell, PTE J.T. Cassidy, PTE W.A. Vernon, PTE D.E. Whitten, PTE B.P. Williams.

DOIN OUR THING

The year started up early with recall from leave and several lucky party goers getting a holiday in sunny Somalia all expenses paid with the 1 RAR Travel Co. As for the rest of us it was up to High Range for a game of cricket with live firing thrown in for relaxation.

Then up to sunny Tully for two weeks of hiking hi-jinks with the men with funny sticks and minds. It all came together for the platoon in March when, with the rest of the Coy we embarked on the highlights of Hawaii tour 93. Who will ever forget these memorable moments: Cass breaking his leg on the 2nd night, the B Coy Iron Man, beating the Yanks at everything, Jake, Blackie and Co. at 1st parade every morning, Moose Migillacutties amongst others.

After Hawaii, Easter Standdown, and BRL it was out to the LFX for more live firing fun and an Air Week that really was an Air Week!

Then to the big one! Eagle Flight II, who will ever forget 6 Platoons heroic capture of 36 enemy and 7 vehicles (and their summary execution) only to be told that they were out of Ex, or 6PL leading the Coy attack on 7 Figure 11 targets, without the loss of a single member (we caught them napping), or the Bn/Sect attack, what fun!!

All that's left of the year now is the Cse period and a well deserved break for BRL. Throughout the year we lost some people to other platoons and now is a good time to farewell them:

- ❖Boss to Mortars
- ❖SGT Thomas to DFSW
- ❖Cas to TPT Platoon.



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Absent: CPL P. MALONE, LCPL J. DAVEY, PTE P. BURKE, PTE J. CASSIDY, PTE C. INNES, PTE K. KRAEHE, PTE L. REDDING.



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PTE G.F. Maher, PTE R.J. Nielsen, PTE A.D. Zalevski.

STAY LOOSE

Charlie Company started 1993 with a new OC and a new CSM. One looking like he would be able to claim land rights to 'LABARACK BARRACKS' and the other needing a hair transplant. You could tell from the frown on the 2ICs face he was worried it would be up to him to prevent this pair from implementing sweeping changes that would destroy the Coy as he knew it.

When the Dark One and the Shining Pate arrived they found a Coy still talking with Pommy accents and working feverishly to hide their insipid white complexions. (They all look pale to me). It was obvious everyone enjoyed a good time in England.

Even though the men of C Coy were still recovering, being the work-a-holics that they were, they would not dream of resting and all volunteered for an arduous tour of Somalia. Fourteen lucky people from the Coy managed to go and resolved to do their best even if they did have to become part of 1 RAR. Well done to those people and be assured we will draw on your experiences when ever possible. It is a credit to them that on the conclusion of operations in Somalia they all wanted to return to 2/4 RAR. On taking over the Coy I was championing at the bit to manoeuvre three PLs from the ODF around the battlefield.

Fate however had conspired to put me back in my box. With our commitment to Somalia, Tully, Golden Eagle and courses it was late May before

we could take more than one PL to the field.

This forced us to do things a little low key at the beginning.

Once we got back together we started to make an impact on the Bn. The Coy did well at everything we turned our hand to including boxing, winter sports, cross country, athletics, Mil Skills and the Obs Cse. I understand that because we were doing so well the CO paid us a compliment (I think) by detaching us to the Kiwi's for Eagle Flight Swift Eagle Eagle Flight II.

I do not think it was to get rid of us. They do things differently in New Zealand but at least we did not have to wait until the final attack before we saw enemy. During the exercise there were many notable incidents but we particularly enjoyed the digging, climbing Mt Townshend and the digging.

The Coy is on line over Christmas and this will give us an opportunity to get on with soldiering without having to worry about any one else. To those going to SPT Coy make the most of the experience but remember where you came from because we want you back. To everyone in the Coy thanks for your efforts this year and as a warning to the other Coys beware in 1994; the sleeping dragon is ready to roar.

It has been an enjoyable year, it has been a pleasure to command the Coy and I look forward to an even better year in 1994.



7 PLATOON

LT J.B. Rowland, SGT D.J. Hunt, CPL D. Ashworth, CPL C.J. Lee, CPL C.D. Taylor, LCPL S.T. Duncan, LCPL M.I. Gratten, LCPL W.R. Skinner, PTE D.A. Ball, PTE D.J. Bonnell, PTE A. Campbell, PTE R.J. Clark, PTE B.A. Cooper, PTE P.J. Grace, PTE B.R. Dickinson, PTE S.R. Emmett, PTE S.G. Gersbach, PTE W.A. Hawkins, PTE M.J. Loneragan, PTE D.P. Moore, PTE M.B. Nolan, PTE G.W. Nutley, PTE J.C. Readdy, PTE D.J. Sheather, PTE E.W. Urlings, PTE R.R. Waldock, PTE H. Williams, PTE C.J. Young.

1993 was an awesome year for the "Magnificent Seven".

A venture to Tully at the beginning of the year tantalized the jungle warfare die-hards as the 'Magnificent Seven' was given the arduous task of training 'Chuckles' Company in close country warfare. 8 and 9 Platoon provided a section each and a few CHQ personnel made up the shortfall. This provided sound foundations for the other platoons, and placed them with a chance for a good showing in 93 - shame they couldn't match the 'Magnificent Seven'.

The return from Tully saw the company resurrected and a stint at barracks duties ensued prior to Easter stand-down. The 'Magnificent Seven' then engaged in a daring campaign to recruit some 'new blood'. Gersbach, Nolan, Urlings and Donohue (who is still on extended vacation) made the grade and joined the clan. It was not long before PTE "I'm a mechanic, not a soldier" Urlings slipped into the mess at meal time, feasted on a banquet, and then stealthily departed, money still in hand.

A jaunt to High Range (a location visited infrequently by C Coy in 93) following shortly and proved to be excellent training for the 'Magnificent Seven'. PTE Gersbach displayed his inherent character and with use of a divining rod was able to make rain fall on PTE Hall's leg. A terrorist training camp was established at 250 Man Camp. The platoon demonstrated its mettle and excelled in 'rescue ops' (much to the surprise of SGT Stanton and 8 Platoon!)

Halfway through the year the great Somali 'war-whores' returned and rejoined the tribe. Who could forget Helen's "In Somalia we did it this way" every 5 minutes? Moorey decided to use his broad travels to amass a World War Three arsenal. (Some say his family originated in New Guinea; like a bower bird Moorey's collection of pyrotechnics and small, shiny, brass objects grew and grew.) PTE "I am an orang-utan" Campbell refused to believe that Cat Stevens was no longer in the Top 10.

An influx from down South saw the arrival of PTE "Pass me the Epi-Lady" Nutley, who made numerous attempts to convince the tribe that 'huge' and 'glamour' are all important. The constant inflow of fan mail (from the same person) and the continual cleaning of lipstick from mirrors in the lines, however, proved to be just too much.

Now, to LT "I'm a yuppie, don't step on my Gucci shoes" Rowland. With clothes like that, why wouldn't you be seen driving a BMW? Whatever happened to those three days off, or the six-packs allegedly won at the RDJ?

Hey, wait on, there's SGT Hunt with his 'guru' mug - Rumour has it that his wife has to forcibly remove it from his mouth along with his cute black shorts. Look, the other platoons have knocked off, uh-oh, here comes the Sarge leopard-crawling from his pit. He is a writer you know, his last international seller was titled "Death by Discipline - Part 1".

Also of note is PTE "I'm not a fat piece of trash" Emmett's absence. Was he engaged in night

manoeuvres with Major "You can't see me in the dark, unless I'm smiling" Baumgart, or queuing up with "Replace that golden hair, strand by strand, right now, at Ashley and Martin's Advanced Hair Studios" Helmrich? Finally, the 'Magnificent Seven' wish to exonerate LT "I'm a real doctor, Doogie Howser" and 9 Platoon for their DP1 misdemeanours and advocate a clean slate for 94.

As 1993 draws to a close, the 'Magnificent Seven'

soldiers soldier on. The infamous CPL "Let's go fishing/I don't shop at K-Mart" Lee and CPL "I'm playing rugby" Ashworth continue to while their time away. Grats and Slam are on BRL and might return before Xmas.

In the interim, sport, adventure training, and courses are the flavour of the month and BRL in Easter is long-distant. Here's to 1994!



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Front Row:- LCPL SLAM DUNCAN, CPL The JET DAVE LEE, CPLASH THE GREATEST, SGT D. HUNT, LT THE EXTRA ROWLAND, LCPL GRATTS, PTE EMMETT, PTE BALLY

Second Row:- PTE DANNY MOORE, PTE CRACEY, PTE NOLS, PTE URLO, LT COL CHIPPY, PTE CAMPBELL, PTE GOBB 1st CLASS, PTE SHEATHER - MORK, PTE WILLIAMS (DICKY KNEE)

Back Row:- PTE REDEYE, PTE B. COOPER (COOPS), PTE GOANNA, PTE HAWKS, PTE DICKO, PTE YOUNG (YOUNGIE)



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8 PLATOON

LT T.C. Curtis, SGT P.E. Stanton, CPL T.K. Hawken, CPL S.J. Murrells, CPL S. Robertson, LCPL A.D. Porter, LCPL J.P. Whyte, PTE J.S. Botham, PTE P.J. Chidgey, PTE J.Z. Comini, PTE A.C. Everson, PTE B.F. Fawcett, PTE J.A. Field, PTE B.D. Hooker, PTE J.L. Jordan, PTE C.R. Leavitt, PTE B.N. Lee, PTE T.C. Michael, PTE S.D. Milligan, PTE M. Murphy, PTE T.P. Murphy, PTE S.L. O'Meara, PTE D. Ozegovic, PTE J.L. Slattery, PTE B.A. Summers, PTE R.L. Syron, PTE A.R. Thompson

TRAINING FOR WAR

I found myself a sleeping spot on an ammo crate-lay my weary body down after ten months of pure 'gut wrenching' hell. The early months are long periods of fog and dampness. Rain, rain, incessant falling rain....marked the first three months of 1993, as 'The Fighting Eighth' split; The Sarge, CPL "Dog" Murrells and his "puppies" deploying to LCBS Tully, masquerading as the Kamarian hordes. Whilst the remainder of the platoon, once more, were sent north to repel these 'masochists' from the close country and tropical rainforests of North Queensland. In this early part of the year the platoon had the Boss march in and take over the reigns of the Eighth.

With two Air Weeks in the early part of the year, it was seen that "Air" should be renamed "Foot", especially after the 'night march from hell' during which we learnt how to keep an eye on the man behind (NOT!). Some good came of it all however, as "Robbo" showed that he was quality officer material, taking over a platoon attack after the Boss was killed, but reorganising with only 7 men!

Early May saw the Sarge gather enough courage to face the platoon after "swanning" away on courses for the most part of the first five months. The Section Commanders subsequently decided that there 'wasn't a great deal to this Platoon Sergeant Business' but, surprisingly, they were only too happy to hand the job back.

The build up to the Mil Skills Competition saw an emphasis on the Section Commanders training their sections. "Robbo's" all became more ugly,

"Dog's" all became more Americanized, and "Chooks" just didn't become at all. After a short stint in Blue Water playing enemy for the RAAFlies the platoon concentrated on Mil Skills training (contd) at Cowley Beach. Suntan cream was ordered and the HMAS Wobbo was loaded, PHQ prepared their fishing rods and "Mick" tried frantically to lose weight so he could look good in his G-String.

Mil Skills was soon upon us with "Dog's" section sporting the new after five look. However, even this didn't help the "Rude Head Brigade" (lead by "Rude head Porter" and "Ugly Kid Fawcett") as they were narrowly pipped at the post by Robbo's section (who had been developing their even ruder heads longer) finishing 8th in the Battalion. By the end of Mil Skills we also welcomed back "Spike", "Evo", "Macca", "OMO" and "Slatts" who returned from an extended vacation, somewhere in Africa, once again making Eight Platoon an efficient fighting force.

A short and sweet trip to Camp Engstrom with 7 Platoon saw us hone our FIBUA skills once more, and saw "Slatts" wish he had taken up a job as a builder, as he mistook a fibro roof for a trap door. The former not being too easy to yank open, without some effort.

EX Eagle "Farce" II (the platoon thanks all those involved that it wasn't included in "1") proved to be about as enjoyable as NBCD with a "Chook" Hawken's jockstrap, especially as it soon became evident that digging and night moves were the order of the exercise. There was the training value

though, including the RATEL heard from CHQ, the 3.2's after the enemy (when bullets can't catch them), the range card and track plan training and, most importantly, the redeployment back to the Battalion.

All in all, 1993 was a good year for the Fighting Eighth who remember that, "The more you sweat in peace, the less you bleed in war....".

....."32 Out". ...tsshhhkk

Welcomes

- ♦The Boss ♦The Sarge 7 PL
- ♦SGT Moore Recon PL ♦CPL Hawken 7 PL
- ♦PTE Fawcett 8/9 RAR ♦PTE Lee IET's
- ♦PTE Jordan IET's ♦PTE Leavitt IET's
- ♦PTE Hooker IET's ♦PTE Murphy IET's
- ♦PTE Chidgey 6 RAR ♦PTE Ozegovic UNTAC

Farewells

- ♦The Boss AADJT ♦The Sarge Survl Section
- ♦CPL Murrells Recon PL ♦CPL Ashworth 7 PL
- ♦LCPL Whyte 9 PL ♦PTE Windsor Discharged
- ♦PTE Chalmers CHQ ♦PTE Slattery Discharged
- ♦PTE O'Sullivan Discharged



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Front Row: PTE S. MILLIGAN, LCPL A. PORTER, CPL S. MURRELLS, LT T. CURTIS, CPL S. ROBERTSON, CPL T. HAWKEN, LCPL J. WHYTE;

Second Row: PTE J. FIELD, PTE C. LEAVITT, PTE A. EVERSON, PTE Z. COMINI, PTE T. MICHAEL, PTE R. MCCORMICK, PTE B. SUMMERS, PTE B. FAWCETT, PTE B. HOOKER.

Back Row: PTE B. LEE, PTE T. MURPHY, PTE J. BOTHAM, PTE J. JORDAN, PTE S. O'MEARA.

Absent: SGT P. STANTON, PTE R. SYRON, PTE A. THOMPSON, PTE J. SLATTERY.



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9 PLATOON

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The 9th of Foot has once again proven itself to be the stalwart, ironclad warrior platoon of Charlie Company; a well-oiled machine indeed. PHQ underwent a facelift with the addition of SGT Stephens and LT Scott, and during the year we welcomed back PTEs Donald, Parsons and "the Hulk" Laws from Somalia, and PTE Arbuckle from Cambodia.

The platoon began the year as a section plus, having a posted strength of only 14. But they were a keen and eager 14, ever ready to take the battle to the dirty Muso's that inhabit Tully. For some it was a welcome return to the 'J' that they love, for others it was their worse nightmare come true, especially as we had to put up with being under command of 7 Platoon. Please Lord, never again.

We next experienced the delights of being unmercifully subjected to those navigational wizards of 5 Avn during Air Week 1. This time it was 9 Platoon in charge of the Company (Charlie Company could still only field one platoon) and we unequivocally showed that not only could one platoon of Charlie Company carry out the tasks assigned to whole companies for the remainder of the Battalion, but do so at a greater level of proficiency. Legends all.

During Air Week 2, 7 and 8 Platoon decided to come to the party and participate, although the 9th of Foot is still mystified as to why they bothered. After these two platoons finished brassing each other up the 9th was left to take it to the enemy, vanquishing all in sight. For our reward we were made to walk up the biggest feature in

the area twice, and then carry out battlefield clearance. Sterling effort men.

It was then on to the Battalion LFX - "Deadly Spider". Just another success story in a long history of successes; the platoon leading the way by redirecting the axis of assault towards the enemy position. Carts, as acting Balloon Sergeant, proved that you could walk through the assault without having to once dirty your belly by crawling.

The fighting spirit of the platoon was represented by LCPL McKellar at the Battalion Boxing Extravaganza. Mac was robbed of victory by a narrow points decision; who knows what would have happened if Mac could've seen his opponent? Mac also starred in the Mil Skills Competition, deciding to leave a finger behind on the sangar construction. Everybody put in a solid effort with the two sections finishing next to each other in a show of consistency.

Perhaps the most memorable event of the year for the platoon was playing as enemy loggers for Bravo Company at Paluma. This proved to be unfortunate for Bravo, who were extremely embarrassed by the cunning, courage and sheer bravado of the boys from the 9th of Foot. Or perhaps Bravo were experimenting with new SOP's - locstats by firing rifles into the air and challenging procedures such as "hey you - stop! Tell me the password...no that's wrong - gun, open up" were two such frequently applied SOP's. Keep working at it Bravo.

Our final effort of the year was the exceptionally

well run Eagle Flight. It was good to dig again. Attached to Whiskey Company, 1RNZIR, Charlie Company saw more action during the Townshend Island phase than the remainder of the Battalion saw throughout the whole exercise. After a successful insertion onto the island that was reminiscent of *Apocalypse Now* thanks to the Kiwi Air Force (although the surf was a bit low), the 9th of Foot successfully took out 12 enemy and their mortar base plate with only 14 men. The radio commentary that accompanied the attack gave CHQ a reason for living. 'Congrats' must also go to the five members that made up 8 Section who during the Brigade attack, not content with

assaulting with a platoon that was destroying everything before it, decided to give a decimated Delta Company a hand. This turned the tide for Delta Company who managed to win on their flank, and the men from 8 Section, their job done, vanished in the fog of battle to the aid of another company in distress - Alpha. It's a thankless job but somebody must do it.

1994 promises to be another fruitful year for the 9th, no doubt continuing this remarkable success story. Our best wishes to those who are leaving us, and a hearty welcome to those who are going to join. 'Stay Loose'.



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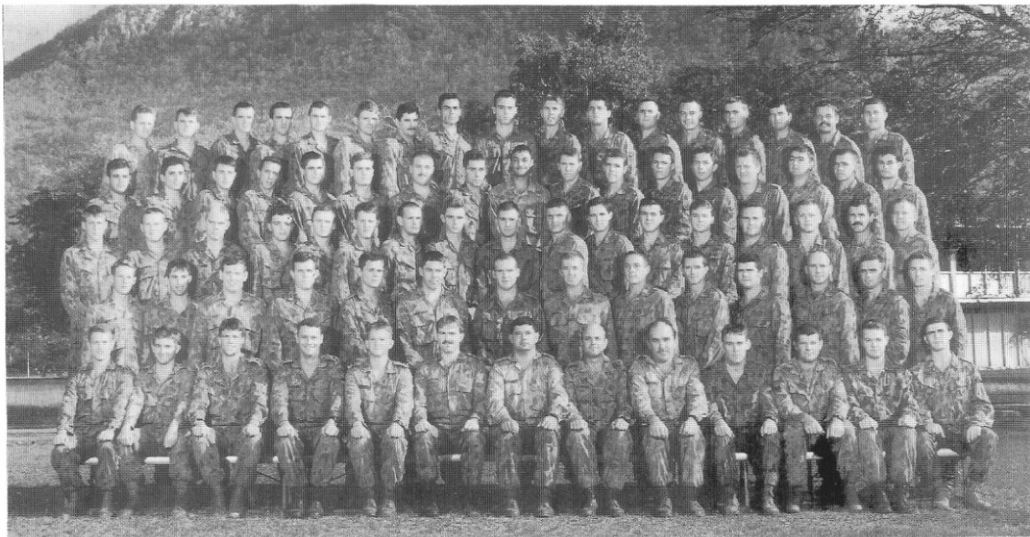


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Absent: SGT P. STANTON, CPL D. CARTER, LCPL R. COUSINS, LCPL B. EYNON, PTE J. CALKIN, PTE M. LONERGAN, PTE R. NEILSON, PTE R. SYRON, PTE A. THOMPSON, PTE G. MAHER, PTE D. OZEGOVIC.



DELTA COMPANY

MAJ A.W. Gunder, CAPT C.J. Simpkins, WO2 R.J. Czulowski,
SSGT D.R. Keynes, LCPL R.S. Allan, PTE J.A. Miles, PTE D.J. McKenzie

The Roadrunners started 1993 early again. This time thirteen soldiers from the company answered the call and were attached to 1 RAR for OPSOLACE in Somalia. While they set off to quell riots and bandits the rest of the company walked into Paluma to revise close country operating skills and give the 2IC a chance to see his beloved Golden Bowerbird. The walk out of Paluma convinced many members of the company that 1993 would see at least one GP Boot changeover.

Shooting at Mt. Vince was next and we decided to take C Coy along for some competition. There were many creditable performances and D Coy soldiers qualified for their Crossed Rifles. In particular, most soldiers performed very well in the falling plate impromptu competitions.

We said farewell to CPL Dave Edelman who went off to realise his dream of becoming a rock lobster and Munno decided that he would rather opt for sealing roads in outback QLD than face Tully again.

Airmobile operations proved to be a piece of cake except for the Blackhawk pilots often landing in the wrong place and wrong direction on the PZ, much to the 2IC's anger. The ability of D Coy to attack following an airmobile move is very good - credit going to the company's junior leadership. It would seem that as the year drew on this skill was often called for the by CO and the company achieved all that was asked of them.

The need to practice skills in anti-armoured shooting was identified early in the year and once again the company airmobiled, then walked into High Range to conduct a series of shoots. Bunker

busting techniques and night shooting skills were developed over five days of firing. The company airmobiled back to Townsville, less the section commanders, who were required to walk back with the OC and CSM and demonstrate some of their mettle.

Having spent considerable time on the range and in the field, it was appropriate that D Coy was selected to march through Townsville for ANZAC Day. We marched as an ANZAC Company due to the arrival of 2LT Pete Hall from Rotorua. The drill and steadiness of the company on parade was an example to all of the parade participants.

The next day the company climbed on board Blackhawks with sore heads and heavy loads to fly to Tully and commence two weeks of close country training. The weapon handling of the company was under scrutiny by a team concerned with the impact of the Steyr handling drills. To the company's credit, it was the first sub unit for 93 to complete the fortnight's training without a UD. The platoons approached the training with vigour and they were well reported on.

As the company stood down for a break the heady news arrived that a platoon was to accompany the Blackhawk squadron from 5 AVN REGT to Cambodia within seven days. Twelve Platoon was selected and, reinforced with members from other platoons, was quickly flown by Galaxy to Battambang. Their efforts in protecting both the airfield and the aircraft were creditable and the arrival of the Roadrunners soon lifted the professional standards of all the nationalities working as part of the UNTAC in the area.

The absence of Twelve Platoon considerably depleted the company. Performance on the LFX was understandably rough with combined sections having to develop their rapport in the midst of some realistic battle simulation. The training paid off with the good performances of the sections in the Mil Skills Competition. The results reflected strong efforts by all involved and CPLs Smith, Green and LCPL Roberts can be proud of their achievements.

The performance of the company on EX EAGLE FLIGHT II confirmed that D Coy was the 'Battalion Fire Brigade'. On most occasions, the company was given the mission of seizing the Battalion's vital ground, either by direct assault or by indirect airmobile and foot approaches. The final Battalion attack proved the eagerness and leadership of the junior commanders as the 49 RQR umpires endeavoured to destroy the chain of command.

The remainder of 1993 will be busy with courses, adventure training, and military skills training. On reflection, there have been many opportunities to experience a wide range of environments and military challenges. Hopefully, 1994 will give the company the opportunity to develop even more proficient skills, particularly with the immense range of talents that our junior leaders must develop.

To those soldiers who represented the company in Somalia, Cambodia and Hawaii - Well Done! You have been most fortunate to have had this experience. The lessons that you have learned will broaden your abilities and serve you well in the future.

To those soldiers who represented the company in all other endeavours; military skills competitions, sporting competitions and helping the Salvo's: to you also - Well Done!

To those members leaving the company - good luck and good soldiering. We will remember you!

The Roadrunners always show a spirited face regardless of their placing or the adversity of the task. The nature of such good spirit is reflected in these example achievements:

- ❖ LCPL Smith and PTE Gotch apprehending a bank robber, and then handing the loot over to the police.
- ❖ PTE Goff winning the Red Bayonet.
- ❖ SGT Lampard winning the QLD Heavyweight Karate Black Belt Championships.
- ❖ Babies born to the Czislawski and MacCormack families.
- ❖ Marriages making honest men of PTE's Palmer, Randall, McKenzie, Foster and CPL Bowman.
- ❖ LT Stockley and SGT Lynch as OC and CSM D Coy during the big attack at Raspberry Vale.
- ❖ SSGT Keyne's helpful and tolerant approach to weapon issues.
- ❖ PTE Stacey's eagerness to get a spot on OP GEMINI.
- ❖ PTE Clench becoming an Aussie.
- ❖ The great win by the Roadrunners Indoor Cricket Team in the 4th grade grand final.
- ❖ The blistering pace of the Chain of Command Relay Team.

1993 will be remembered as a special year for the company. It saw the company become the most decorated sub-unit in the Battalion. We can only hope 1994 brings the same unexpected challenges. It is only right that D Coy fights "EVERYWHERE".

10 PLATOON

LT S.C. Davies, SGT B.T. Pickering, CPL C.A. Dirou, LCPL R.H. Wilkinson, PTE P.J. Bourke,
PTE J.A. Clench, PTE J.P. Cobb, PTE P. Denby, PTE P.J. Eyears, PTE K.A. Gill, PTE M.R. Hadwen,
PTE J.R. Hollingworth, PTE N.D. Jarrius, PTE M.J. Karbownik, PTE A.J. McNamee,
PTE K.C. Murrells, PTE A.D. Schmid, PTE C.J. Willis

The Phantoms have had a busy year in which we have concentrated on air mobile work and more conventional operations as opposed to a lot of SPE work last year. Throughout the year the platoon has experienced some turmoil with manning in the sections and our ability to operate as a full strength platoon. This aside, the Phantoms have still managed to have a very successful training year in which all members have developed their fighting and professional skills as infantry soldiers.

The year began with a short 'switch on' company exercise up at Paluma, a trip to Mt Vince followed, where we were joined by some new faces to the platoon from Singleton. We participated in our first air training in mid March and our second in mid April. The company marched through Townsville on ANZAC Day, and the day after we were back into Blackhawks flying up to Tully for an enjoyable couple of weeks, in which we not only participated in the 'usual' close country training but we also were the first company to conduct a cordon and search operation while we were there and many lessons were learnt not only by ourselves but also the Tully staff. We returned from the Tully Gully and proceeded on a weeks stand down, which turned out to be exciting for a fortunate few who were attached to 12 Platoon with their deployment to Cambodia.

Following that the Phantoms concentrated on individual and section level skills building up to the Bn LFX and Mil Skills competition. Unfortunately due to the current state of manning

in the platoon we were disbanded over the above two exercises and integrated with 11 Platoon. It was not long after though that the Phantoms were back to full strength with the return of members attached to 1 RAR, UNTAC, and members returning back with 12 Platoon from Cambodia. So from late July we concentrated on preparing for the Bde Exercise and we saw the departure of Sgt Pickering to LCBS for 3 sunny months. Bn birthday week passed and Eagle Flight came and went. It was an uneventful exercise for the platoon and even in the big mounted Bde attack at the climax of the exercise, the platoon was deemed 'dead' before we had even dismounted. We returned from Shoalwater Bay for a busy couple of weeks of Bn sport, athletics, and swimming before going our separate ways on September stand down.

Now in October the platoon faces a busy few months ahead with members on specialist courses, participating as enemy for a RAAF combat survival exercise, a week of adventure training and a final company level exercise is being organised for November. We all look forward to BRL and Christmas celebrations and look back on a year where Karbo couldn't stay upright on a bike, Irvo tried, and finally succeeded in going to Cambodia. Bad Baz got an attitude and then a Harley, and Cobb got a loan, then took out another. Hads continuously amused us with his tactical smile and vague ways, Jarra blew us all away at the lights with his turbo charged street machine, and Bourkey danced the night away with a lovely young girl from Rocky.



10 PL prepare to conduct airmobile to Tully
Left to Right:
LT Davies, PTE Hadwen, PTE Cobb,
PTE Karbownik, CPL Dirou,
PTE Schmid, PTE Gill, LCPL Roberts

11 PLATOON

LT S.M. Stockley, SGT W. Lampard, CPL S.J. Green, CPL B.T. Smith, LCPL M.G. Roberts, LCPL E. Walsh, PTE C. Dillon, PTE D.C. Foster, PTE J.M. Gerritsen, PTE R.S. Davis, PTE T.D. Godfrey, PTE M. Gray, PTE S. Hazel, PTE S.D. Innes, PTE W.O. Redlich, PTE B.R. Ryan, PTE M.R. Skalić, PTE M.D. Stanley, PTE P.A. Stephens, PTE S.M. Norberry, PTE J.L. Cox, PTE J. Watene, PTE V.J. Wood, PTE W.D. Woodhouse, PTE L. Verstegen

The "Chosen Ones" have worked extremely hard throughout the year of 1993. The platoon has seen a lot of change during this particular year with soldiers being deployed with 1RAR to Somalia and 12 Platoon to Cambodia. This affected the manning of the platoon and at the start of the year the platoon could only provide two undermanned sections. The platoon is currently at full strength and has enjoyed a very busy year that has brought its rewards. With the 'Champion Company' still not yet decided 11 Platoon has some hard work ahead of them to prove Delta Company is the best.

1993 started with a short exercise in Paluma where the platoon was put through its paces to find out areas lacking and fix them. The platoon was also joined by several soldiers from the "Southern Battalions".

The company also had a week of shooting at Mt Vince and received the new march-ins from Singleton, 11 Platoon got two of these being Ptes Stanley and Skalić. The week was a success with several soldiers qualifying for their Crossed Rifles.

Air Week 1 was in mid March and the company did an air mobile assault onto an airstrip without too many problems. Air Week 2 was in mid April and this saw some independent operations for the platoon and a fair bit of night work.

Delta Company also represented the 2/4 Battalion on ANZAC Day and marched through Townsville and then celebrated the day, some of us a bit too

much. The very next day the company was bundled into Blackhawks and flown to the Land Command Battle School in Tully.

Tully proved to be all the fun it was made out to be, however we were the first company to conduct a Cordon and Search operation as well as no UD's. It also proved that the platoon still had a lot of work to do to become the professional fighting unit that it was meant to be. The company took a week's standdown when we returned from Tully.

The platoon then changed the emphasis from platoon and section training to individual skills for the build-up for Bn LFX and Mil Skills. Manning became a problem and 10 and 11 Platoons were joined for the purposes of the two exercises. The LFX went ahead without too many hitches, and tested the platoon and company in a number of areas. With 12 Platoon now in Cambodia it was up to the remaining platoons to do well during the Military Skills Competition and they did with two of the sections in the top 12. This put 11 Platoon in 4th place and the company in 1st place.

The company then began its preparation for on-line commitments and the Bde Exercise "Eagle Flight". The on-line commitment brought no joy for D Company, not even a call out. Eagle Flight however was a different story. The company was kept very busy during this exercise looking for the enemy that no-one could find. The final attack saw the platoon thrown into the 'Cooking Pot'. The attack gave commanders a real problem in control

of troops. At the end the company's strength was 1-24 with LT Stockley as the OC and the MFC as the CSM.

After returning from the exercise the platoon had a busy week of sports, athletics and swimming. The platoon then stood down for a well deserved 2 week standdown period.

The coming weeks will also be busy with company sport to catch up on, Bn sports finals and a week of adventure training. The company must do well in order to be the Champion Company. No doubt 11 Platoon will be putting in 100%. The year will end with a final exercise for the company in November.

At the end of the year a number of people will be leaving the unit or going to other platoons. On behalf of the 'Chosen Ones' I would like to thank the following for their efforts throughout the year:

- ♣LT Stockley NORFORCE
- ♣SGT Lampard Singleton
- ♣CPL Green Pioneers
- ♣CPL Smith Mortars
- ♣LCPL Roberts Pioneers
- ♣PTE Watene Recon
- ♣PTE Davis DFSW
- ♣PTE Wood DFSW

PTE Lawler in a well prepared gun pit.



12 PLATOON

LT T Biedermann, SGT K J Weir, CPL P C Malone, CPL A K Reilly, CPL M Rudeforth, CPL M J Williams, LCPL B Pollick, LCPL C S Smith, LCPL D M Vasich, PTE J P Crozier, PTE N H Ellerton, PTE K A Gill, PTE P K Goff, PTE L C Gotch, PTE C A Keeling, PTE A J Kerr, PTE S A Kisch, PTE T A Kitt, PTE J M Lawler, PTE S J McLean, PTE M G Palmer, PTE A J Paradies, PTE A D Payne, PTE S W Pinder, PTE S M Powell, PTE L A Shelley, PTE J D Stacey, PTE D J Webb

The Dirty Dozen has had an outstanding 1993 both in barracks and in the field with notable achievements in sport and courses. 12 Platoon was also deployed on Operation Gemini in Cambodia between May and July of this year and operated well as protection for B SQN, 5AVN REGT, during the Cambodian election period. Some particular events express the characters behind the men who make up the Dirty Dozen:

- ❖ PTE Craig Keeling's Student of Merit on Subject 1 CPL Cse and subsequent nomination for Soldier's Medallion
- ❖ PTE Lewis Shelley and his tourism award from a motel in Ayr on the Burdekin Sevens weekend
- ❖ At least seven members of the Dozen playing Battalion level sport at any time
- ❖ PTE David Webb winning a TKO over PTE Nigel Ellerton in a Platoon boxing match

- ❖ PTE Paul Goff winning the Delta Company Champion Soldier
- ❖ PTE Justin Lawler's oral expression and experiences "under fire"
- ❖ SGT Ken Weir's tolerance of diggers and sporties
- ❖ LT Tom Biedermann and CPL Martin Rudeforth going to SPT Coy to raise to DFSW Platoon.

In amongst this high flying group, one must congratulate the platoon on their efforts in Cambodia during Operation Gemini. The Dozen was deployed as a mixture of 10, 11 and "the originals" 12 Platoon to protect the assets of B SQN, 5 AVN REGT. In trying heat, pressure, sniping and fighting tiredness as a result of up to 18 hour picquet and flying duties a day, the Dozen achieved its mission. For a motley collection of individuals at the start of the operation, the Dozen welded itself into a tough and resourceful unit with high levels of achievement operationally.

Thuringowa City Council congratulates the 2nd/4th Battalion on its 20th Anniversary

The Thuringowa City Council is also pleased to support the publication of the Annual Yearbook for the 2nd/4th Battalion.

Thuringowa has a long history of involvement with the Defence Forces and today is proud to acknowledge those

members of the 2nd/4th Battalion who are citizens of the City.

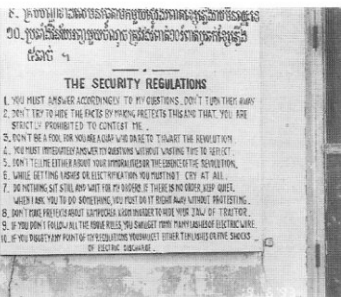


Council wishes those on transfer a safe journey and a happy resettlement, and welcomes those arriving in the north on posting to a long and happy stay.



12 PL ready to deploy on Op Gemini.

CPL Williams manning the gun during Op Gemini.

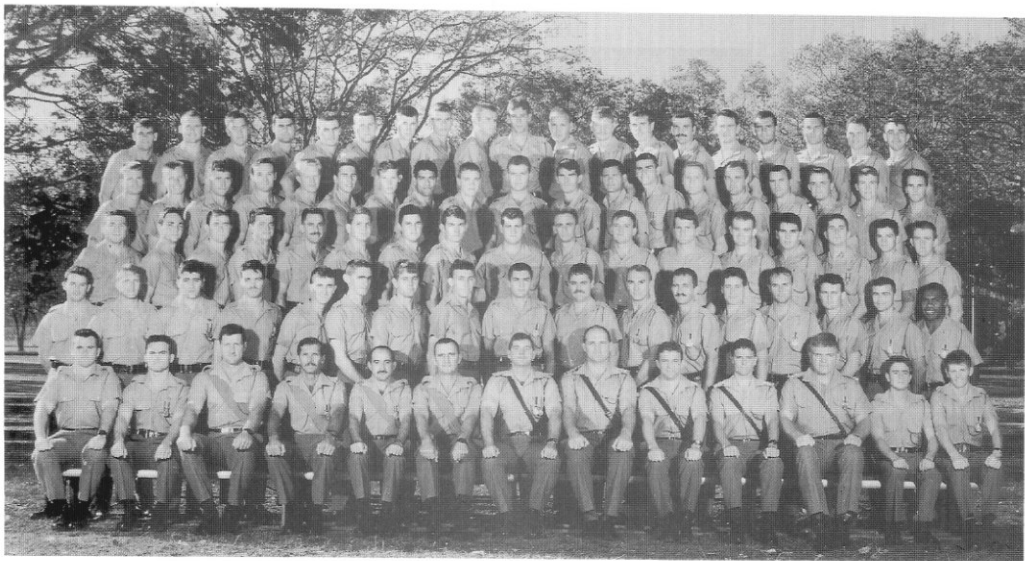


A sign which was found outside one of the schools which was turned into a prison/interrogation centre by the Khmer Rouge.

LCPL Carmichael looking in awe at one of the many mass graves in Cambodia.



LT Biedermann receiving his Australian Service Medal from Brigadier Abigail.



2ND COY 2/4 RAR - LAVARACK BARRACKS - 1993

Front Row: PTE P. BOURKE, PTE C. WILLIS, SGT W. LAMPARD, SGT K. WEIR, SSGT D. KEYNES, WO2 R. CZISLOWSKI, MAJ A. GUNDER, CAPT C. SIMPKINS, LT S. STOCKLET, LT S. DAVIES, LT T. BIEDERMANN, PTE D. FOSTER, PTE D. WEBB.

Second Row: PTE S. McLEAN, CPL P. MALONE, PTE J. ADAMS, PTE J. HOLLINGWORTH, PTE J. POWELL, LCPL E. WALSH, PTE T. GODFREY, PTE L. VERSTEGEN, PTE J. CROZIER, PTE M. MacCORMACK, CPL M. WILLIAMS, PTE A. PAYNE, PTE S. HAZELL, PTE K. GILL, PTE R. GREENHALGH, LCPL C. SMITH, PTE L. SHELLEY.

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Fourth Row: CPL J. IRVING, PTE A. WHITE, PTE J. COX, PTE D. McKENZIE, PTE B. ROYAL, PTE C. GOTCH, PTE M. SKALIJ, PTE R. DAVIS, PTE M. STANLEY, PTE A. SCHMID, PTE J. COBB, PTE J. WATENE, LCPL B. POLLOCK, LCPL M. ROBERTS, PTE P. EYEARS, CPL S. GREEN, PTE W. REDLICH, PTE N. JARIUS, PTE D. RANDALL.

Back Row: PTE C. KEELING, PTE M. PALMER, PTE W. WOODHOUSE, PTE W. PRICE, PTE B. STEWART, PTE A. McNAMEE, PTE D. ASTBURY, PTE S. NORBERRY, CPL M. BOWMAN, PTE S. KISCH, CPL B. SMITH, PTE J. CLENCH, PTE M. HADWEN, PTE M. GRAY, PTE K. MURRELLS, PTE S. POWELL, PTE J. LAWLER, LCPL R. ALLAN, PTE D. WHITESIDE.



SUPPORT COMPANY CHQ

MAJ S.C. Gould, CAPT M.K. Gallegos, SSGT P.L. Neate, SGT M.D. Chester,
CPL G.E. Kirk, PTE R.S. Allen, PTE A.B. Ladd, PTE T.P. Westendorf.

The men of Support Company have continued to assist the Battalion and represent them as professionally as possible on various exercises and displays during 1993. In the process they have worked long hours and achieved a number of excellent results to enhance their own standing within 2/4 RAR. With the calendar year drawing to a close the platoons now prepare for the courses period, which will enable them to train future Support Company aspirants and reflect on some of the achievements of the year:

- ♦ Outstanding performances at AASAM, Bisley, and Brunei by CPL Regan, PTE Marchmont and PTE Munn.
- ♦ CPL Watts' section (Recon PL) winning the Military Skills Competition with CPL Cowburn's (Mortar PL) second. CPL Corney's section (Signals PL) won the Obstacle Course Competition easily, leaving the company as the Champion Military Skills Company yet again.
- ♦ The shock on the remainder of the Battalions faces when the company's 'lightweight'; tug-o-war team revealed that they weren't the top weight team. Suffice to say that both teams won their competitions easily.
- ♦ Taking four of the top five places in the Battalion Cross Country but only coming fifth overall! Well done to CPL Brown on maintaining his Brigade crown and pushed by PTEs Vinson, Vogel and Hollis.
- ♦ Strong performances by LCPL Stoddart and PTE Dellaway on the recent Scout/Tracker Course.
- ♦ PTE Cotton qualifying as a sniper at the School of Infantry. SGT Moore, PTE Taylor, and PTE Walsh's performance on the NZ sniper concentration.
- ♦ Mortar PL sharp shooting on the Battalion LFX, much to the concern of the gunners.
- ♦ The Support Company Drill team, as Escort to the Colour on the Battalion Birthday Parade.

- ♦ Grelcky running the Battalion airwaves on the first Air Week (Most of the platoon were up at Cowley Beach conducting a course!).
- ♦ Callsign '89' on tour in Hawaii.
- ♦ The RSO captaining the Services Rugby Union tour including the series win against the Kiwis.
- ♦ The developing leadership style of the Pioneer mascot/runner PTE Elliott.
- ♦ The raising of the Direct Fire Weapons Platoon.

These 'highlights' give a rough idea of what some of the characters and platoons have achieved in 1993 and is obviously just a small sample of those happenings that can be committed to paper!

My thanks to the headquarters for their humour and excellent support. The untiring efforts of CAPT Mick Gallegos, CSM SGT Mark Chester, and CQMS SSGT Paul Neate have made the major activities such as the LFX, the exercises, deployments, and various ODF checks successful. Well done to CPL Kirk and PTEs Ladd, 'Bullet' Allen, and Westie for your endeavours as well.

The soldiers in the company should be proud of their performances in 1993. Whilst it can appear that some of your superiors are always 'on your back', I can assure you that they/we are always acting in your best interests. The Support Company platoons are high profile by nature, and everytime you conduct a demonstration, participate in an exercise or provide manpower support, you carry the reputation of the 2nd/4th Battalion with you. An important responsibility that you have shouldered well.

Good luck to those members of the company who are moving on at the end of the year. For those who remain - keep up the good work and enjoy yourselves!



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RECON/SNIPER PLATOON

LT D.J. Smith, SGT S.A. Moore, SGT S.A. O'Connor, SGT P.E. Stanton, CPL A.G. Marr, CPL M.J. Torrens, CPL S.P. Watts, CPL P.J. Young, LCPL T.A. Johnson, LCPL C.M. Stoddart, PTE M.J. Aplin, PTE A.C. Beddoe, PTE G.M. Brown, PTE P.V. Commerford, PTE R.G. Cotton, PTE M.W. Dellaway, PTE M.J. Enever, PTE J.F. Newton, PTE D.T. Nitschke, PTE A.M. Taylor, PTE N.J. Vinson, PTE M. Vogel, PTE T.J. Walsh, PTE R.P. White, PTE D.R. Wilson, PTE A.S. Zimmermann.

The year began at a cracking pace for the Battalion's Champion Platoon with LT Smith and SGT O'Connor marching into the platoon and SGT Moore sidestepping into the Platoon Sergeant's role. This internal posting activity was quickly followed by the 1/93 Basic Reconnaissance Course from 8 March - 8 April 93 which occupied the majority of the platoon's resources and ultimately saw 5 new members march into the platoon prior to Easter.

After Easter Standdown the platoon settled down into the business part of the year, beginning with range shoots, and followed by a skills and navigation exercise at High Range. This was followed shortly after by a surge of activity with Sniper Cell running the 1/93 Sniper Pre-Selection Course and the recon patrols out on Battalion Air Week 2.

SGT Moore and CPL Marr spent a significant part of May in the Northern Territory on the Survival Instructors Course. This resulted in CPL Marr applying his new found skills of bush furniture construction and SGT Moore gazing into the night sky during the Battalion LFX. In addition to these important events, EX DEADLY SPIDER saw the recon patrols deployed in support of company level activities and the snipers providing timely information and highly effective fire support for the platoon attacks. All those involved produced quality results.

The annual Battalion Mil Skills Competition

loomed once again in July, with CPLs Marr and Watts being selected to head up the platoon's representative sections. Once again, the boys produced the required results when it counted, with CPL Marr's section coming sixth overall and CPL Watts' section winning the competition. The excellent performance by both sections saw the platoon win the Champion Platoon Trophy, a result which was well deserved by all the boys.

Following Mil Skills, the platoon ventured to Mt Vince with the remainder of the company to complete their annual range qualification shoots. By the end of the 5 days, there was little doubt that SGT O'Connor was the champion shot of Support Company and there was no way that the Boss would qualify for the Sniper's Badge.

The platoon then travelled direct to SWBTA to undertake the now infamous EX DAKTARI in conjunction with BASC Rockhampton..... the less said the better. After returning to Townsville, the platoon deployed on the 2 day Support Company test exercise at MSTA in early August, with both Recon and Snipers producing quality results.

Battalion Birthday Week passed without incident and the platoon deployed on EX EAGLE FLIGHT II with SGT Moore at the helm. The patrols were quickly seconded to Brigade for tasking and immediately began to provide valuable information to Battalion and Brigade alike. Snipers also enjoyed what was an excellent exercise for the whole platoon, seeing the pairs employed on a

number of diverse and challenging tasks in support of the Battalion.

With the training year drawing to a close, the platoon welcomes its latest addition, SGT Stanton, as the Surveillance Sergeant. A number of platoon members will also be farewelled at the end of 1993, including SGT Moore, who travels to 8 Platoon, Mac to DFSW Platoon, Youngy to Singleton, and Johnno, Brownny, Newts, Walshy and Bedds on promotion to rifle companies. We also wish good

luck to Tails as he takes discharge in order to begin university study in 1994, and all the best to the boys from the platoon undertaking the Cadre Course in 1994.

Whilst 1993 has been a year of ups and downs for all, 1994 promises to be a year full of change with a new platoon structure and new faces, which will provide enough variety to keep everyone occupied.

All the best to all the best in '94, F.O.F.E.B.A.!!!!



1/93 Basic Recon Course

Recon PL providing the rappelling display for the Townsville Suns first home game.



Recon PL lighting a few fires with the CIG Flames!





PTE Miller and PTE Scott displaying the perfect synchronicity required when working as a Mortar Section detachment.



CAPT M'Auliffe bragging to the news reporters about how much money Mortar PL blew away during Ex Condor Crump!

MORTAR PLATOON

CAPT M.P. McAuliffe, LT J.F. Ellwood, SGT S.E. Birt, SGT R.K. Grimes,
SGT M.N. Hinchey, SGT A.C. Lynch, CPL T.J. Brown, CPL C.A. Cowburn, CPL W.J. Cowen,
CPL A.J. Elliott, CPL R.C. Scanlon, LCPL W.R. Moyle, LCPL S. Pettingill, LCPL J.F. Picton,
LCPL S.D. Marsh, PTE, M.T. Barron, PTE A.J. Bartkowski, PTE T.A. Brett, PTE W.J. Brooks,
PTE J.P. Carran, PTE J.G. Cody, PTE D. Dukarich, PTE K.M. Eustace, PTE M.J. Hall, PTE C.G. Haynes,
PTE S.J. Hey, PTE N.A. Joyce, PTE A.C. Miller, PTE J. Mols, PTE B.J. Morris, PTE A.R. Munn,
PTE J.W. Neilson, PTE J.A. Pain, PTE T.J. Pope, PTE P.W. Price,
PTE C.S. Rhodes, PTE C.A. Richardson, PTE G.J. Scott, PTE S.A. Smith, PTE G.J. Snijders

Mortar Platoon returned from BRL minus Richo, Rhodes, Steve Hey, John Pain (Somalia), and Red Barron (Cambodia). The rest of the platoon went through the usual painful BFAs under the watchful eye of the MLO. Almost immediately, the platoon was off to its second home (HRTA) to support RMC cadets on Exercise BARDIA. Needless to say the cadets were so impressed, they asked if they could sign up straight away. One week back in barracks and then out again for Exercise CONDOR CRUMP. This exercise gave the platoon the chance to practice step ups and company quick fire plans. Interest in the exercise was such that three of the local TV stations were flown out to cover the shoot; all stations put the story to air that night.

After commencing the year with an intensive stint of live firing, the platoon was required to deploy as enemy for the first Battalion Air Week. This was a good opportunity to confirm the platoon's skill in basic soldiering, and try a bit of cunning. It was straight back to mortar skills however on returning to barracks with a competition against the USMC Mortars. Again the local press could not pass up the opportunity to cover the event and the TV cameras and newspaper reporters came out of the woodwork. The lads had a convincing win, beating the marines on both our weapon and on their weapon. This was followed by a small function, at which many friends were made and much bull was swapped.

Exercise TASMAN LINK saw the platoon taking

part in fireplans up to Brigade level which included Regimental artillery, Naval gunfire, F111s, and FA18s with 500 and 2000 pound bombs, helicopter gunships, and most importantly, Mortars. The platoon had their act squared away so well, they volunteered for extra work such as preparing 3 RAR's ammo (to allow them more time to practice paralleling by sight). The platoon was well prepared at the end of TASMAN LINK for the responsibility of live firing in support of the rifle company attacks during the Battalion LFX. The artillery were in a good position to observe the mortar fire during the LFX and now understand what 'On time, On target' means.

July saw the platoon taking part in the Battalion *Mil Skills Competition*. CPL Cowburn's section got a well earned second place. July also saw CPL Elliott depart for the UK on Exercise LONG LOOK and SGT Hinchey depart for France on Exercise WESTERN FRONT.

Exercise EAGLE FLIGHT saw Mortar Platoon again live firing in support of the Battalion during the attack on Townshend Island. In addition to this the platoon had the chance to enjoy digging in many varied and scenic locations.

The platoon wishes all those departing the best of luck for '94 and looks forward to welcoming those members lucky enough to have been posted into the senior platoon in the Battalion.

ASSAULT PIONEER PLATOON

LT G.C. Goldsmith, SGT K. O'Halloran, CPL A.D. Boxall, CPL J.J. Comerford, CPL M.R. Wishart, LCPL D.T. Gollop, LCPL J.W. Rapmund, LCPL R.W. Revell, PTE J.T. Buck, PTE K.B. Carlin, PTE M.D. Cooke, PTE S.G. Hall, PTE S.J. Hollis, PTE D.P. Hopgood, PTE M.C. Marchment, PTE D.P. Mather, PTE A.D. Merriner, PTE M.R. Nancarrow, PTE C.L. Palethorpe, PTE A.S. Patterson, PTE J.L. Porter, PTE M.J. Rosier, PTE D.L. Skelton, PTE R.J. Somerton, PTE P.J. Squires, PTE S.E. Strong, PTE L.M. Wilson.

For all non - pioneer lowlife who aren't in the know, it's been a 'full on' year for the Battalion's Pig Herders. This year, a good looking platoon staff replaced the old, ugly and decrepit staff, with LT Geoff Goldsmith, SGT Irish O'Halloran and CPLs 'Boxy' and 'JJ' arriving. Other Pioneer reinforcements included Darren 'Seagull' Mather, (back for a second tour) and PTEs Merriner and Palethorpe, who swapped the 8/9 RAR ram for the 2/4 RAR pig.

Other notable attachments/detachments for 93 include: seven diggers detached to 1RAR for Op Solace, PTE Shelton and Buck detached to B Coy in Hawaii and returning with PTE Porter. Finally we traded Pa Hicks and Harro for CPL Wishart after the Tinaroo Dam trip.

Just like past years, the hardest working platoon in the Battalion completed a massive number of tasks including:

- ♦ Digging the Bn LFX toilet next to the CO's tent.
- ♦ A booby trapping exercise in Tully.
- ♦ Building an Obs Cse in Tinaroo.
- ♦ Kicking rifle Coy butt on Bn Air Week.
- ♦ Digging up 1 x RAP and 1 x CP.
- ♦ Building a cement bridge at the golf club.
- ♦ Updating the Bn Obs Cse.
- ♦ Blowing wire, blowing wire and blowing wire on the Bn LFX.
- ♦ Kicking 'Ginger Beer' butt in SWBTA.
- ♦ Building a flying fox in Tully.
- ♦ Drinking Mackay city dry in less than a week.
- ♦ And of course, doing the jobs around the Barracks that keep the Bn going.

There were several records set by your friendly Pioneer Platoon this year. These include: -

- ♦ The longest ½ hour swim recorded (Time: 2½ hours. Venue: Jarra Creek).
- ♦ Driving through an ambush several times while looking for 15 swimming Pioneers, without dying.
- ♦ The longest period that the platoon has gone without anyone being arrested.
- ♦ The first year no Pioneer has been banned from

the Boozer.

- ♦ The all time Jatz Cracker eating record of 14 - well done JJ.
- ♦ The strongest knot ever tied - Paley.
- ♦ The 'I know trucks' record - Squid.
- ♦ The comment of the year "Best bring your mouth guard to the next piss up" - Boxy.
- ♦ The broad shoulders record definitely goes to the Boss.
- ♦ Most Duty Officers ever - the Boss.
- ♦ Most time spent in the platoon without being in the store - Cookie.
- ♦ The quickest to buy beers with platoon funds - Irish.
- ♦ Quickest to spot 5 cents at 500m - Willie.
- ♦ Best Pioneer result for years in Mil Skills - well done all.
- ♦ Quickest promotion in Pioneer history - LCPL Gollop.
- ♦ Shyest Pioneer on TV award - Rev.
- ♦ The quickest time to become Australia's most obnoxious soldier - The Pom.

To finish off, we would like to wish all the best to those Pioneers leaving the platoon in 1993:

- ♦ PTE Lone Wolf Bakos - Aviation.
- ♦ PTE Ace Hall - Civi Street.
- ♦ LT Geoff Goldsmith - Singleton.
- ♦ Pa Hicks - Rifle Coy, eat it and die.
- ♦ The Pom - Pommy Land - thank God.
- ♦ Harro - Rifle Coy, eat it and die.

And those Pioneers who have had/are having children:

- ♦ Holly and Lorraine. ♦ Spike and Tracy.
- ♦ Rapo and Michelle. ♦ Darren and Cathy.
- ♦ Squid and Shelly. ♦ Merro and the gin from under the bridge. ♦ Cookie and who ever.

And those Pioneers getting married:

- ♦ Boxy and Deb. ♦ Hoppy and Louise.
- ♦ Ports and Linda. ♦ Merro and the gin from under the bridge.

That's it until next year. Don't forget - work hard, play hard, Pioneers drink more beers, blow up bridges, empty fridges!!!



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At the time of writing this article the platoon will have spent a massive eight weeks of our working year in Lavarack Barracks. Three weeks of that being for the Cambodia Signals Course, one week for duties, one for a range week, another for demonstrations, and the other two weeks for preparation and non-techs of equipment for major exercises. This does not include the company detachments who also deployed with their companies during their major activities.

Taking that all into account it is no wonder we are looking forward to our standdown which is followed by a five week Regimental Signallers Course and then two weeks of non-techs and farewells. Christmas will then be upon us and we will have completed one very busy year.

Some of our more memorable highlights were:

- ❖ Running the Signals Course for those selected to do our job in Cambodia.
- ❖ Air Training weeks where one of our detachment commanders left some yellow things behind just so he could ride in his own LOH.
- ❖ Our road run where we found out about our Boss's dubious past and Gibbo's driving prowess (or lack of it).
- ❖ Our range week where it was proven that if you do it right you get the results.
- ❖ The LFX where, once again, it was proven that an FFR without a signaller is just a vehicle with radios.
- ❖ The arrival and completion of Exercise Tropic Lightning where all concerned worked their guts out except Tassie.
- ❖ The arrival and lingering departure of Exercise Busted Budgie 2½.

Now for some more from the troops on Exercise Busted Budgie 2½.

This exercise was organised and planned from above and it ran accordingly, with our move, both to and from, being both mystifying and exciting at the same time.

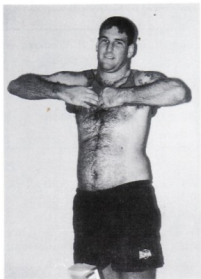
We had worked hard all year leading up to this and except for the terrain, lack of experts, and the late arrival of the trial SOI the platoon worked very well to achieve the results we did.

It was very much a learning phase for the commanders at all levels because it was the first time in a long time that the CQ's weren't co-located with their CHQ's which forced the full resupply and CASEVAC system to be used. After a shaky start it actually began to work - which is after all why we have exercises.

We still have a way to go but with the training we hope to get in the future we will undoubtedly get there.

Some things we would like to see:

- ❖ The Boss.
- ❖ Tassie start a boat.
- ❖ Forry stay in a boat when he's the skipper.
- ❖ George on Decaff.
- ❖ The experts course reports.
- ❖ 25kg packs.
- ❖ ECN 361 go overseas with the United Nations.
- ❖ Gibbo's license.
- ❖ A new Radio Sergeant.
- ❖ Ronny Ray-Gun.
- ❖ The signaller with the handset.
- ❖ And the signaller in the FFR.



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DIRECT FIRE SUPPORT WEAPONS PLATOON

LT T. Biedermann, SGT D.W. Thomas, CPL D.B. Carter, CPL L.F. Chevalier,
CPL G.W. McIver, PTE, P.R. Marsh.

The raising of Direct Fire Support Weapons (DFSW) Platoon on 13 September 1993 marks a significant event in 2/4 RAR's history. The Battalion is now manned with a mobile and flexible resource capable of bringing direct fire support onto objectives at a range of 2400m with the GSMG MAG 58 and 550m with the 84mm Carl Gustav.

On its raising the following were posted into positions in DFSW Platoon; LT Biedermann as Platoon Commander, SGT Thomas as Platoon Sergeant and CPLs Chevalier, Carter, McIver, and Rudeforth as Section Commanders. The successful completion of the DFSW Course between the 15th of November and 4th of December will qualify 24

soldiers to fulfil establishment positions within the platoon.

The raising of DFSW Platoon heralds a new era in the ability of 2/4 RAR to conduct combat operations in all phases and levels of conflict. To be a member, soldiers have to be fit and capable of carrying heavy loads over long distances. The job requires soldiers to have a good level of initiative and military skills. DFSW looks forward in 1994 to a full year of live firing and deployment training and the development of SOPs to ensure we live up to our reputation as "3 KLICK SNIPERS".



Left to Right CPL Carter, SGT Thomas, CPL McIver, CPL Chevalier, LT Biedermann, MAJ Gould



ADMINISTRATION COMPANY

MAJ S.P. Tulley, CAPT T.J. Sanders, WO2 A.J. Moore, SGT G.E. Kent,
CPL D.J. Wood, LCPL S.D. Greenfield, PTE A.J. Dean, PTE S.M. Thorogood

SENIOR EXECUTIVES REPORT - YEAR ENDING 1993

1993 commenced with the usual fervour and energy expected of the Admin Services Division of the Corporation. The new Senior Executive, MAJ S. Tulley, pale faced and glowing after a direct flight from our bureau in wintry Lebanon took over the reins in early February, and quickly verbalised the Corporate plan for the year. The basis of his management strategy included productivity increases, performance based rewards, and the rights of the individual. Other appointees included the Admin Services Chief Foreman (and Union Rep) WO2A. Moore, who had been promoted into his new position across from a similar slot in production division 'C', and the Admin Service Stores Manager - SGT G. Kent. His appointment followed some controversy as the incumbent (SSGT Spencer) was detached to our Cambodian Bureau to work for the humanitarian division of the conglomerate.

A number of new faces joined the establishment to enhance the performance expectations of the Divisions' six production sections. The Medical Health and Hygiene services section has been totally overhauled after the senior staff were head hunted by competing Divisions. The new team ably led by CAPT S. Moten quickly made a name for themselves as capable technicians. Also to depart were the Manager - Catering Services and the Vehicle Fleet Manager.

The year began in over drive with most sections of the division providing assistance to the job exchange program with the Blue Corporation, with

their take-over of off-shore interests in the Horn of Africa.

This was followed by several workshops on the Division structure and supply procedures, conducted in two of the Corporation's exclusive training and research bases (MT Stuart Simulation Complex and the High Range Testing Facility). In addition to the labour intensive, multi skillshare setting (the field), the division acquitted itself with alacrity, in the urbanised environment.

The Catering Services Section has maintained an exceptional standard in both the day to day provisioning, and at the many corporate conventions. The most notable activity being the corporation's 20th Anniversary Convention, held in the plush Lavarack Convention and Entertainment Centre. The section's senior executive, WO2 B. Coventry performed management duties until mid year departing on a 6 month sabbatical, when one of the young bulls (SGT K. Knowles) assumed his duties. The Public Relations and Musical Services Section, managed by WO2 P. Irwin, has also maintained a high level of skills, very successfully competing in various industry, association and public competitions.

The Corporate Stores and Equipment Section, under the management of CAPT R. Clayton has enjoyed a productive year. They have kept within budget, managed the corporation's stores with great efficiency, and have kept abreast of industry technological and procedural changes.

The fresh face of the Senior Executive - Corporate

Vehicle Fleet Services, LT J. Blake, with his offside, SGT P. Bridgman also deserve corporate achievement awards for their level of efficiency and commitment to the corporate goals. Despite regular disruptions to their work routines by tasks such as driving they have enjoyed a relatively trouble free year.

The Mechanical and Electrical Maintenance Services Section have maintained the corporate mainframes at a high standard during the production year. Their efficiency has been sustained through the new senior executive's (namely WO2 P. Willmette) abolition of inefficient and out-dated work practices, detrimental work to rule disruptions, and the offer of productivity bonuses.

Unfortunately, after so many goal achievements for 1993 both the conglomerate and corporate head hunters have struck. The division's Senior Executive (MAJ Tulley) goes to the adjacent office complex to 'head-up' the Product Support Division, and the Assistant Senior Executive (CAPT Sanders) is appointed as an instructor to the Conglomerate's Managerial Training and Cadetship Scheme in Canberra. Of the Senior Executive Staff, CAPT Clayton and WO1 Davis have accepted separation packages and LT Blake has been promoted and appointed to Conglomerate Support Services (Townsville) to manage training and simulation systems. The Chief Foreman (WO2 Moore) goes to the Conglomerate's Training Arm in Singleton.

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The past year of 1993 has seen a huge work load placed on all messes and catering personnel. Some of the more remembered functions would be the morning teas, visits by Dr Hewson and Senator Ray, 20th Anniversary Parade and Ball, and formal dinners in all messes.

During the year we have lost a number of familiar faces including SGT Gall, CPL Godden, PTE Mackie, PTE Williams, and PTE Reynolds all opting for discharge.

The platoon wishes all these past members the best in their future endeavours.

The platoon welcomed to the fold some new faces:

- ❖WO2 Coventry from 16AD Regt
- ❖CPL Bertram From Wallangarra
- ❖PTE (the lawnmower man) Timms from Queenscliffe
- ❖PTE Johansson from ASC (IET)
- ❖PTE Brown from ASC (IET)

During the year members of the platoon were thankful for their trips to Tully, Cowley Beach, HRTA, Mt Vince, Shoalwater Bay, and overseas.

The low point of the year was the news of the end of an era for stewards, as the AACC (CPL) positions have been disestablished from the OFFR and SGTS Mess. High points would be Salon Culinare, the change to the BFT's and CFT's and the return of Big CPL Bill Head, maybe a little lighter from Cambodia.

PTE Janetski has completed his Storeman Tech Course with RAAOC and is now awaiting posting to his new unit.

Members of the platoon who attended Eagle Flight II would love to thank "Bonza Inc" (can opener) for carrying the platoon. The experience gained working with 10 man was greatly appreciated by all members of the platoon, there were some excellent meals constructed over the exercise.

The platoon would like to congratulate CHQ on a splendid job of constructing a TAC CP cleverly disguised as a jacuzzi. The tarp that was used for the pool in the bunker was sorely missed.

A Ech sadly missed the usual "Cam Cream Competition" that had been a major part of 1992.

The platoon wishes every person in the Battalion and their families a Merry Christmas and hope to see you all in 1994.

AACC COOKS

- ❖SGT Knowles ❖SGT Byrne
- ❖CPL Bertram-supra chef
- ❖CPL Coker - 10 man chef ❖CPL Devrell-one shot
- ❖CPL Hewitt-yuppie chef ❖PTE Austen
- ❖PTE Dunn ❖PTE Ferriggi ❖PTE Janetski
- ❖PTE Johansson ❖PTE Leane ❖PTE Russ
- ❖PTE Stewart ❖PTE Sullivan ❖PTE Timms

AACC STEWARDS

- ❖SGT Hogan ❖SGT Harrison
- ❖CPL Brindley-supra steward ❖LCPL Bax-son of Harry

INF STEWARDS

- ❖LCPL Greenfield ❖PTE Mackie ❖PTE McGowan
- ❖PTE Claydon ❖PTE Jenner ❖PTE Dillon
- ❖PTE Palmer ❖PTE Wyatt ❖PTE Johnstone
- ❖PTE Williams ❖PTE Smedley

WE SUSTAIN!

REGIMENTAL AID POST

CAPT S. Moten, SGT J.P. Enchong, SGT T.J. Rae, SGT R.A. Swann, CPL A.J. Payne,
CPL B.L. Pilcher, CPL P.J. Wyness, LCPL P.A. Bennetts

Well, it has been a busy year at the RAP with plenty of comings and goings. This year saw CAPT (Doc) Moten join us although he was originally intended for 1RAR. He arrived too late to deploy for his overseas experience, however 1RAR's loss has proved to be our gain. Also SGT Rae and SGT Swann arrived to complement our team.

Leaving us this year was young Louis Ramos, who has gone back to school to become a real nurse. We have also heard that CPL Cardenas, an ex 2/4 RAR member will be returning in January '94.

Support to Coy activities has been hectic with the medics rarely to be found sitting at a desk too long, or in the treatment room. LCPL Bennetts has been our resident tourist this year including a trip to down town England, whilst CPL Pilcher had an educational trip to RAAF base Butterworth.

Our inoculation and blood letting parades have been a pain for everyone - particularly Coy Commanders, in trying to make the troops available in their busy schedules - somehow in the end we accomplished the task successfully.

An outstanding move - "JJ" Enchong has made it to SGT, without a demi-official letter, but Benno will have to await another promotion course next year to ensure his career takes off, look after the shoulders!!

After ten months in the Battalion the "Doc" has been rewarded with his 'Knife and Fork' Course, and should clear up any doubtful points as to the requirements of being a Regimental Medical Officer. This does not mean you can stop supporting the Battalion in running, Aust Rules, and water polo.

Whilst it has been a very busy year for the RAP, it has been memorable and at times enjoyable.

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LT J C Blake, SGT P A Bridgman, CPL M J Behrends, LCPL S M Fagg, LCPL M A Kirwan,
PTE D M Adam, PTE P A Bliss, PTE R W Clark, PTE B D Dunn, PTE C D Gleeson,
PTE I M Hockley, PTE R D Holdman, PTE R G Kellington, PTE R J Kelly, PTE M T Leary,
PTE S Maletic, PTE C D Moore, PTE G A Scott, PTE G W Tittor

TRUCKIN' LIFE

The Transport Platoon has been smoking rubber along the final stretch to the end of the 93-94 racing season; a season of much excitement incidentally, with several drivers having to pull out due to injury. Highlights included Moorey's accident record, Gleeso's self mutilation program, and Cuso and Gonzo's fight on boxing night. Good luck to the brothers who have moved on and remember the rule - "Drive Hard - Die Tired".

Things we would like to see:

- ❖ Boss - give everyone a ride on his spaceship
- ❖ Phantom - away from the brew machine
- ❖ Mic - stop trying to convert the masses
- ❖ Marcus - at his desk
- ❖ Addo - at his store
- ❖ Faggy - at home
- ❖ Clarky - ground a coastguard vessel
- ❖ Hocks - attend speech therapy

- ❖ Pom - get a pension
- ❖ Ned - not nutter out
- ❖ Blissy - tidy up his cam net
- ❖ Moore - get a laminated PR16
- ❖ Mal - cancel his subscription to the Sarajevo Freedom Fighters monthly
- ❖ Cass - get a proper laugh
- ❖ Titts - stop being a loud mouth
- ❖ Scott - go on a hair treatment program
- ❖ Harry - wear his leather peaked cap and mascara to work
- ❖ Gonzo - with his gob shut
- ❖ Dunny - fill the fridge

Race Scratchings:

- ❖ Willy - with only one personality
- ❖ Tommy - without a "warry"
- ❖ Cuso - return 15 kilos of blend 43
- ❖ Haynsey - at work without his missus



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TECHNICAL SUPPORT PLATOON

WO2 P.B. Willmette, CPL P.E. Coliero, CPL D. Fedorniak, CPL K. Trimble, CFN R.S. Campey, CFN A.C. Coney, CFN B.W. Dawes, CFN R.J. Fuller, CFN W.J. Lynch, CFN D.L. Poulsen, CFN C. Smith, CFN B.D. Southey, CFN D.C. Szczecinski, CFN D.M. Wegener

As usual the year started off with new members marching into the unit. These were WO2 Willmette, CFN Fuller, CFN Lynch and CFN Smith. This time also saw the farewell of WO2 Hughes, CFN Larkin and CFN Murdock.

CPL Coleiro has been in charge of General Engineering Section along with his tireless team of fitters consisting of CFN Southey, CFN Dawes, CFN Campey and CFN Coney. The fitters have been busy with modifications to the Steyr and Minimi and the never ending repairs to the units small arms. The fabrication work being legitimate or bodgery is also carried out.

CPL Fedorniak is in charge of the motor mechanics, or greasers as the humans call them. His team consists of CFN Poulsen, CFN Wegener, CFN Lynch, CFN Fuller and towards the end of the year PTE Clausen. Vehicle mechanics look after all the units vehicles and trailers, they also carry out never ending modifications to keep the unit vehicles up to date, so the infantry soldiers do not have to walk everywhere.

The last section we have is the Electrical Section or scaly boffins as we know them. CPL Trimble is the illustrious leader of his one man team - CFN Smith. They are responsible for maintaining the units radio equipment, night vision gear, compasses and sight units. This allows the Battalions communications to be open at all times, also CPL Trimble has been heavily involved in setting up and operating the lighting for the Birthday Week celebrations.

One of the most highly underrated jobs in the platoon is that of the storeman. This task is carried out by the one and only, CFN Szczecinski. This job is so tough that he doesn't know whether he should be a storeman, policeman, or a naval medic. He is

a tireless worker who runs around looking for and ordering the parts required to keep the unit equipment serviceable.

The ASM, WO2 Willmette, commands the platoon, he guides with his knowledge of the trade and his vast experiences from throughout his many years in the service. We had only one real opportunity to deploy as a platoon into the field as a platoon - Ex Eagle Flight. The ASM made a few much needed changes to the running of the workshop in the field. These changes will greatly enhance the productivity of the platoon in the field.

The platoon has also been tasked with the job of maintaining the sports oval, which we are proud to say is probably the only green oval in the Brigade.

As the year draws to a close the platoon will see the exit of two members CPL Coleiro and CFN Southey who are both being posted. We wish them well in their new units.

Remember if anyone has any technical related problems all you need to do is come up and ask any of the tradesman and they will be happy to answer the problem.

Well that is all from Technical Support Platoon - see you all in 1994.



PIPES AND DRUMS

WO2 P.J. Irwin, CPL J.G. Ferguson, CPL T.L. Macey, LCPL C.O. Cooper, PTE A.R. Apps,
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NORTH QUEENSLAND - AND - QUEENSLAND CHAMPIONS

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Also this year we competed in the North Queensland Competition and continued the good work founded by WO1 "Jock" Gall. After outstanding success at this competition we tackled the big league at the Queensland Titles, sorry that this coincided with the LFX, however we did do justice to the Commanding Officer's faith in our ability, not to mention the Drum Major's words of encouragement - "Keep playing that sh__ and you will all be on the dry for six months" - such words of endearment from within our own ranks. With two more competitions to compete this year it remains to be seen what other words of encouragement will be forthcoming in an attempt to push us to first placings.

The Battalion's 20th Anniversary was full of success and varied tasks. Not to mention headaches and heartaches in massing the Pipes and

Drums of the Regiment, thanks to all who participated and added finesse to our celebrations.

In between parades, competitions and exercises - we managed to complete 93 other taskings not counting rehearsals, which means we almost earned our pay this year. On top of all this PTE Hall joined us mid year and at times wonders how we can keep changing things and still attempt to teach him the finer points of piping, hang in there!

Much to our disappointment, PTE Apps will be leaving us at the end of the year to pursue civil opportunities and we wish him well in his endeavours. The future should still see him around the traps as he will still be competing with us next year - trying to lift our standard?

To all those within the platoon who have contributed so much over the year well done - remember we have yet to win the Australian Title to add to the Battalions list of winning achievements.

TO ALL BATTALION MEMBERS -
HAVE A SAFE AND HAPPY BRL



QUARTERMASTER PLATOON

CAPT R. Clayton, WO1 T.A. Davis, WO2 S.F. Hanley, SGT C.G. Bell, SGT R.P. Canhan,
CPL B.L. Langabeer, CPL C.H. Lees, CPL M.W. Titley, LCPL S.J. Boyle, PTE D.R. Comben,
PTE G.I. Griffith, PTE C.B. Kingston, PTE K.A. McLeod, PTE D.A. Sievers,
PTE R.L. Thompson, PTE N.W. Wishart

The platoon started the year as we normally do - flat out. Firstly we had to support 1 RAR in their preparation for deployment to Somalia, and as usual they took all our stores but no diggers, maybe next time.

At the same time we welcomed the new boys to the elite (R.E.M.F.) Platoon, including; SGT Bell from 2/17 RNSWR, LCPL Boyle from 5/7 RAR, CPL Lees from Sig Platoon, PTE Kingston from D Coy, PTE Marsh from D Coy and PTE Wishart from C Coy. Thanks fellas, we could not do without you - but there were other members we could have used; PTE Griffith who was swanning in Malaysia with A Coy, PTE Warren who scored a trip to Cambodia, PTE Danielowski who elected to take discharge, and SGT Kent who won the raffle as CQ Admin Coy.

The platoon purchased new T-Shirts this year and for the first time was really noticed, sorry Recon - or is it Q Platoon?

Next on our busy schedule the platoon was deployed to High Range Training Area to support the Battalion during air operations. It was led to believe that the boys were really flat out during this time, however, it was also noted that our fearless leader of A Ech Q was giving a running commentary of enemy movements from his farter. Who needs a K Phone?

Then CPL Lees took his fearless section out to compete in the Battalion Mil Skills. Well done Ted and the rest of the boys who entered the competition with true Admin Coy determination.

We certainly showed the rifle companies what we can do in our spare time.

Then we lost SGT Bell, who was detached to B Coy, only to find out that he would have to deploy on a free, sunny, all expenses paid trip to Hawaii!@#

The platoon Defensive Driving course has been postponed due to a certain instructor who failed his course - no mention of the dais.

During the Battalion Birthday, the platoon was quite busy collecting stores for the coming celebrations - a lot of hard work and tears - but we certainly made up for it at the Battalion Ball!!

Then it was off to sunny Shoalwater Bay for Exercise Eagle Flight, which allowed us the opportunity to move dirt the old fashion way - the hard way. On the exercise the RQMS gained a new position in the CP, and the Drum Major has been in hiding ever since.

The platoon then looked forward to Bde S/Down, allowing us the option for the first time this year to put our feet up, with the full knowledge that upon returning we will venture into stocktake mode to complete the year.

Finally we would like to farewell a few members; CAPT Clayton to OCS, WO1 Davis to OCS, PTE Sievers to PNR PL, PTE Marsh to DFSW PL, PTE Wishart to LWC Canungra, and LCPL Boyle to TPT PL.

PS: Quote of the year "Sir, you won't believe this"
"WHAT NOW TED"

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Also this year we competed in the North Queensland Competition and continued the good work founded by WO1 "Jock" Gall. After outstanding success at this competition we tackled the big league at the Queensland Titles, sorry that this coincided with the LFX, however we did do justice to the Commanding Officer's faith in our ability, not to mention the Drum Major's words of encouragement - "Keep playing that sh__ and you will all be on the dry for six months" - such words of endearment from within our own ranks. With two more competitions to compete this year it remains to be seen what other words of encouragement will be forthcoming in an attempt to push us to first placings.

The Battalion's 20th Anniversary was full of success and varied tasks. Not to mention headaches and heartaches in massing the Pipes and

Drums of the Regiment, thanks to all who participated and added finesse to our celebrations.

In between parades, competitions and exercises - we managed to complete 93 other taskings not counting rehearsals, which means we almost earned our pay this year. On top of all this PTE Hall joined us mid year and at times wonders how we can keep changing things and still attempt to teach him the finer points of piping, hang in there!

Much to our disappointment, PTE Apps will be leaving us at the end of the year to pursue civil opportunities and we wish him well in his endeavours. The future should still see him around the traps as he will still be competing with us next year - trying to lift our standard?

To all those within the platoon who have contributed so much over the year well done - remember we have yet to win the Australian Title to add to the Battalions list of winning achievements.

TO ALL BATTALION MEMBERS -
HAVE A SAFE AND HAPPY BRL





*Pipes and Drums with their spoils
for the year.*

CPL Ferguson tuning PTE Buss!



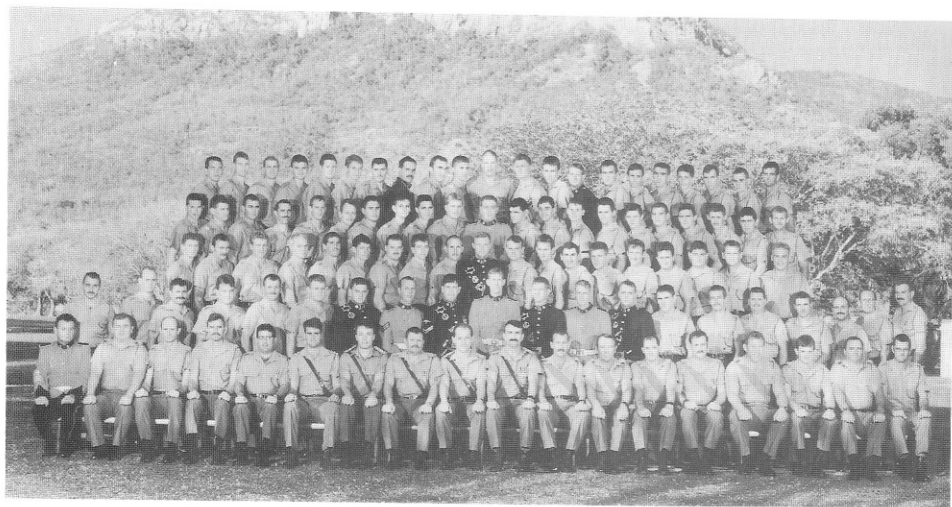
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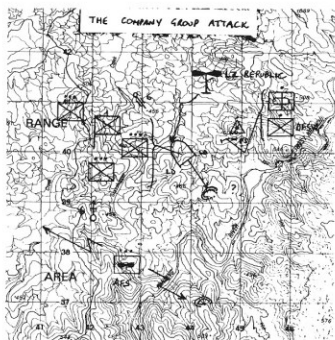
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EXERCISE DEADLY SPIDER



Ready and waiting.



Live fire exercise Redback



*APCs
providing
good
battlefield
mobility.*



*"Oww, I think
I sat on some
barbed wire!"*

EXERCISE DEADLY SPIDER



*PTE Chalmers
wiping out the
enemy Figure
11s with a
SRAAW.*



*LT Tuxworth
awaiting an
enemy sitrep
before
producing a
'Cunning
Plan!'*



*CPL Hawken
taking charge
in the midst of
a furious
firefight.*

EXERCISE DEADLY SPIDER



LCPL Lawson
assessing the
situation.



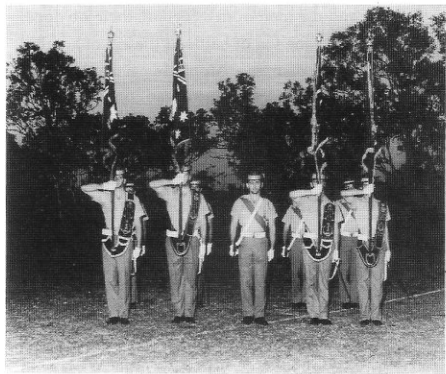
PTE Hancock
about to take
another bound.



PTE Dellaway
resting his
weary feet.

BIRTHDAY WEEK

THE CHURCH PARADE



*The Colour Party
preparing to march on.*

*Chaplain Peacock
receiving the
Colours.*



*1 RAR's band provided
some of the musical
interludes during the
parade.*

BIRTHDAY WEEK

THE BIRTHDAY PARADE



Nige graciously accepted the invitation to be Reviewing Officer during the rehearsals.

The RSM uncasing the Colours on parade.



CSM D Coy lowering the flag.

BIRTHDAY WEEK

THE BIRTHDAY PARADE



WO1 "Jock" Gall gave a guest appearance on the parade.



"Psst, RSM what comes next?"

The March past.



MILITARY SKILLS COMPETITION



*"Thank God
for
instructions!"*



*"Oh, damn!
Mate, I think I
have broken the
SRAAW!"*



*"Excuse me
dear chap, my
arms are
getting rather
tired!"*

MILITARY SKILLS COMPETITION



*CPL Watts (Recon PL)
accepts the Champion Mil
Skills Section Trophy with
glee.*

*CPL Corney receives
the Champion Obstacle
Course Section on
behalf of his men.*



*LT Smith accepts the
Champions Platoon Trophy
on behalf of Recon PL.*



*In a convincing win
OC SPT Coy accepts
the Champion Mil
Skills Company
Trophy from the
Commanding Officer.*



THE BALL



Bill and Youngy dressed to kill!!



Patto impressing the girls with his superb etiquette.

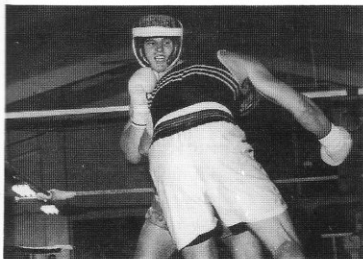


The Moore's.

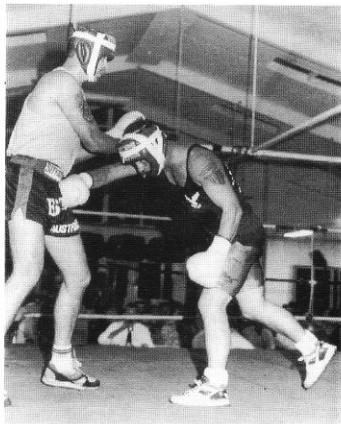


The COL COMDT and PTE Ross (the youngest soldier in the Bn) cut the Birthday Cake.

BOXING NIGHT



A pugie taking a pounding!



"Ouch!"



LCPL Boulton shaping up to his aggressor, PTE Dellaway.



LT Prewett "ducking and weaving" from CPL Green's fists.

EXERCISE EAGLE FLIGHT II



The RSM digging his last pit.

*Well Sarge, maybe they were right.
I think we will try using a shovel to
dig this pit.*



*The ever-vigilant mortarmen
awaiting their aircraft.*

EXERCISE EAGLE FLIGHT II



Oysters getting the thumbs up from the RSM.



Troops boarding a Dovehawk in preparation for an airmobile operation.



Nige ready to kill!

LADIES ASSOCIATION

Well, looking back over the past year, it certainly has been a busy and exciting year for the 2/4 RAR Ladies Association.

The weekly morning get togethers were well attended by not only 2/4 RAR ladies but also ladies from other units.

The tennis mornings have been most successful and serve as a great place to meet new friends.

During the year we had a ladies shoot, where we all fired the Steyr and learnt a few basic knots.

For the children there was an Obstacle Course Day that seemed to be a great hit with the children,

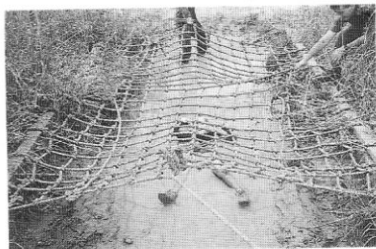
especially the bear pit (but I don't think the mothers would agree!)

We could not have enjoyed these activities without the support of the Commanding Officer LTCOL Pat McIntosh, RSM WO1 Dave Bennett, AADJT LT Mick Solomon, and of course the Catering Platoon for our morning teas. Also to all the other members of the Battalion a big thank you.

We look forward to an even better year in 1994 and will enjoy welcoming more ladies into the association. We wish all the ladies and their families leaving a fond farewell. To those ladies staying you are invited to join us next year.



'Oooh, that looks mighty steep!'



A mothers nightmare!



Kerry Walker helping her young one over the Burma Bridge.

OPERATION SOLACE

(53 members of 2/4 RAR reinforced 1 RAR for Op Solace. This article written by PTE C.M. Brown (Recon PL) is a glimpse of their life in Somalia).

1 RAR Bn Gp was warned for service in Somalia on 16 December 1992 as part of the UN sanctioned, US led, multinational peace making force, OP RESTORE HOPE. Australian participation was named OP SOLACE. The Bn Gp commenced operations in the Humanitarian Relief Sector Baidoa, in Somalia on 19 January 1993 and ceased operations on 14 May 1993. The last elements of the Bn Gp departed the theatre on 20 May 93.

From the outset, it was understood that the task confronting the task force would be an arduous one. Pre-deployment training was conducted in earnest, though our actual duties could only be speculated upon. The members from 2/4 RAR fitted into the sections and platoons of 1 RAR, combining expertise of both ODF Battalions.

Arrival at Mogadishu brought home the reality of the situation to us all. Surrounding us was the military hardware of over a dozen nations. It was difficult to comprehend the "peace keeping" ethos with Cobra gunships swooping over the rubble of what must have once been a beautiful city.

Gradually troops were moved out of the dust blown transit camp at Mogadishu to the harsher landscape of Baidoa, "The City of Death". Work began at once, consolidating positions around the airfield, whilst the UN troops began to withdraw. Platoons were given the "tour" of the town. From the rear of the Unimog, Baidoa looked worse than I had expected. It was interesting to note the dramatic change that took place during our 4 month tour of duty there.

A cycle of taskings was quickly established, consisting of convoy protection and food distribution, rural and urban patrols, small occupying forces in outer lying towns and immediate security of the airfield. Days were long, the workload initially intense. Conditions were poor, many men not having the opportunity to shower more than once a fortnight. Of course things were a little different at BHQ.

Despite the hardships the soldiers worked hard and showed excellent professionalism. The enemy proved not to be just the local gangsters armed with AK-47s, but also the oppressive heat and dust, fatigue and fear.

As our initial aims slowly became reality, the Battalion moved on to a more aggressive footing to counter the serious bandit problem in the area. It was obvious that the people were now getting food and blankets, but the cause for their famine was more than a prolonged drought. Patrolling activities in Baidoa itself were stepped up, utilising the aid agencies as primitive patrol bases, providing a 24hr Australian presence in town.

The infantry worked closely in all tasks with supporting elements, most notably the crews of 3/4 Cav Regt. In addition, we made good use of American support, including both Blackhawk, CH-53 helicopters and Cobra gunships.

The soldiers were, for the most part, well received by the people of Baidoa and the aid organisations. There were of course exceptions to this, as many soldiers will agree. Without our support it is doubtful that the agencies would have been able to carry out their operations as well as they did.

Change was occurring rapidly, most notably in the town itself. A sense of normality was returning. People could move about freely, markets appeared from nowhere. The people were now free to live as they pleased.

Our operations continued regardless. Cordon and search techniques were employed in outer villages to net more weapons and deny any armed militants their "safe areas".

Even as we left Baidoa, the job was far from finished, and I am sure many wondered if the French troops could continue the excellent work we had initiated and maintained. Our "Modus Operandi" was actually adopted as standard by the commander of the overall operations, much to the credit of the troops of 1 RAR.

Every soldier has his own recollection of memorable incidents, and his own perception of the operation as a whole. No value can be placed on this experience, it is something that each man can take with him throughout his army career.

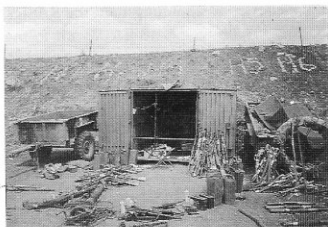
There is no doubt that the soldiers from 2/4 RAR worked to a very high standard in all phases of the operation, proving to be capable soldiers even whilst serving with another unit.

Hopefully next time it will be us that are deployed.



A mounted infantry section patrols the streets of Baidoa.

PTE Elliott patrolling through town.



A portion of the weapons captured during Op Solace.



The welcome home parade.

UNTAC

BY PTE P. ARBUCKLE

On the 9th of June 1992 I, along with 11 other soldiers from the Battalion were deployed to Cambodia with the Force Communications Unit as a part of the United Nations sponsored plan to bring peace to the country and to stage free and fair elections.

My deployment to Cambodia not only gave me an understanding of life in a Third World Country, but it was also an eye opener towards how the Australian Defence Force operates when all of the services - the Army, Airforce and Navy - interact and work together. I was also able to work with people from other countries and get an insight into their tactics and training - which proved to be below the standard required of Australian soldiers.

The majority of my time was spent at the Check Points on the Laos and Thai borders providing comms for Military Observers, Civilian Police and Electoral Teams. I also gained experience working in a Comms centre and a Base Radio Station using equipment that is not normally held within the Battalion. Everyday tasks included medevacs for both UN soldiers and the local people, as well as erecting defences around the houses we lived in.

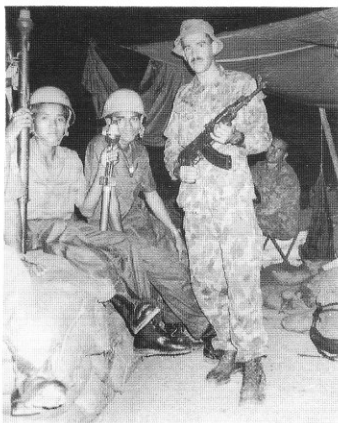
Spare time was much needed and well earned as just the heat in Cambodia can take everything out of you. Much of the spare time was used writing letters home and showing other corps how to dig pits and fill sand bags in order to construct defences. Also, not to forget the sinking of a few VB ales that somehow managed to find their way to Cambodia.

The highlight of the trip was not doing patrols or getting shot at (one went hand in hand with the other), but beating the pogues at their own job. All Regimental sigs that were in Cambodia were thought of as useless and incompetent by other corps until things became hard and they needed someone who could do the job well and without complaint. In my opinion the Infantry soldiers were better at signalling than the RASigs were!

All in all it was a very good year, I learnt a lot, saw some of the world, and would not hesitate in going back.



'Stumpy and Spanner' having a good time!



LCPL Carmichael with two U.N. peacekeepers.

VOLLEY BALL

As with all the Summer sports the volley ball season was split in two. At the time of writing this article the second half of the season has not yet begun. We started the season without many players from last season such as Pup McLean (posted), Craig Dirou (basketball), and Harro (injury). Regardless, we managed to put together a fairly capable team although it lacked experience. Four games have been played to date of which 2/4 RAR have won one. Although this result is disappointing the lost games were close events which showed the potential of the team. Players who deserve special mention for their efforts to date are Wedgey from Admin Coy and Bijoux from Alpha Coy who have proved to be exceptional players.

We are soon to begin competition for the second half of the season and will unfortunately have to do without the services of Wedgey and Bijoux amongst others due to courses. We hope to be able to put together a team which will give the other teams in the competition a run for their money and maybe even take out a couple of games. Regardless of the results the team achieves all the players who have put in the effort during the year can take heart in the fact that the talent they have shown puts us in good stead for the future. Any members of the Battalion who think they have some talent for Volley Ball should come forward next year and have a go!

ORIENTEERING

Orienteering in 1993 started as part of the usual Thursday afternoon Summer Sports Competition and eventually culminated in the annual Inter - Company Orienteering Championship on 30 July 1993.

Leading up to the Annual Championship, both Alpha and Delta Companies had emerged as the strongest Thursday afternoon performers, although some degree of their success could well have been attributed to the lacklustre attendance by the other companies. However, a special mention must go to Admin Company, who consistently furnished a team without fail on Thursdays, despite being unable to gain a high placing week after week.

The Inter - Company Orienteering Championship was conducted on the morning of 30 July 1993 in hot conditions, with the course being designed to be as similar as possible to the Brigade Competition Courses. Each company provided 10 competitors

who participated in what proved to be a very demanding event and hence was good preparation for the gruelling Brigade Championship. The Championship eventually went to Delta Company, with the Battalion Orienteering Team being selected from the better performing participants.

After the completion of EX EAGLE FLIGHT II, the Battalion Orienteering Team began training under the control of LTs Davies and Blake in preparation for the Brigade Competition on 16 September 1993. The day of the competition itself was very hot and the team worked hard in difficult conditions to eventually achieve second place, amid significant controversy over the dress worn by the eventual winners, 4 FD REGT. Each member of the team is to be congratulated on their effort.

A special thanks goes to LT Davies for his assistance with the selection and training of the team.

AUSTRALIAN RULES

After a highly successful 1992 season the 2/4RAR Football Club fell into line with the requirements of the competition (similar to AFL but without the 'foreign' teams!) and fielded two sides. The plan worked extremely well, enabling more than 65 players to pull on the famous red & black jumper. The story of the two teams is captured in the following extract of a recent edition of *Inside Football*.

The 2/4RAR Firsts were a highly motivated and skilled team who recruited well over the off season. Coached by the under employed OC SPT COY, Simon Gould, the team tried hard to embrace everything that is good about football - play on at every opportunity, move the ball along the top side, kick it to me, essentially the Victorian game. Unfortunately some of the players who had been drafted from South Australian clubs found the plan a little too complex. Dave Drabble, now one of the oldboys at the club, was appointed captain to temper the enthusiasm of the coach. He continued to be dominant all year and only complained to the umpires once all year (NOT).

Those picked up from the draft included Baz Fawcett, the speedy left footed rover, Byrnesy at centre half back who easily held down the position all year and Eldo who returned to the club after a season with the Cambodian Crows. Young Tim Curtis gained selection in the big league in '93 after serving his apprenticeship with the Canberra leagues. Billy starred in early trial games along with the veteran Darren Orr, who crossed from a Victorian club in order to play his 400th game in Regimental Colours. Merro joined the club from the Brisbane Rams with Hoppy returning after a 'quiet' 92. These lads, together with the backbone of last years premiership team, represented the red & blacks in the ones. Ryno and Robbo teamed up with a recent acquisition, Scotty Brittnel to hold

the backline together. Reg and Ace returned to the back flank and played some brilliant games. Unfortunately Ace's contract expired in September and he had to be 'let go' to a well known WA club. George was the teams tall version of Michael Long but with better disposal, with S.M. Powell and Wal finishing the latter half of the season with 2/4 after preseason trials with SE Asian and African clubs respectively.

The club showed a great deal of faith in its depth of talent and went on to promote the likes of Wayne Lampard, Sweaty Bretty, Alby Carlin and WOW Jones into the firsts. They all went on to be key players in the finals.

The Firsts raced through the season as undefeated Minor Premiers. Highlights included strong wins against non combatants like the CMU Pies and 2Fd Eagles, solid wins against the old foes 1 RAR Blues, 4FD Demons, and 3CER Dingoos and the now infamous B.T. Smith headbut incident. During the 'home and away' games the team was handed winning scores from the boots of Dave Drabble, young 'Bros' Joycey (fresh from his Malaysian tour) and Andy Andrews (Victorian). The backline kept the opposition to pitifully low scores due to the strength and confidence of Ryno and Robbo. The 2nd semi final saw the red and blacks pushed to the final siren by the newboys to the comp the BASB Tigers. After a close encounter to 3/4 time the Battalion ran away to win by 4 goals. The Grand Final was the traditional battle between the rapidly improving Blues of 1RAR and the red & blacks.

Kicking with the wind in the first quarter 1RAR skipped away to a 6 goal lead and were never headed. The 2/4 RAR team came out in the third quarter and played some outstanding football, to be within 10 points at 3/4 time but could not convert the opportunities in the last quarter of the

year. Best for the red & blacks were Andy, Scotty B, WOW Jones, George and Drabs.

Well done to the team on your efforts in 1993.

Whilst the success did not come with a Premiership you have played some great football and represented the Battalion well. Set your sights high in 1994.

THE COACH



Powelly grabs another mark against 1 RAR..

AUSTRALIAN RULES 2ND XVIII

It has been said many times during the year how important it is to have a B-side in the Brigade sporting competition, none is more apparent than in Australian Rules Football.

The year started slowly for the B's being defeated convincingly by the A-side, and although they didn't register a win for the rest of the season, they certainly gave some of the better sides a shake up, going down by the narrowest of margins. The mighty B's led 1 RAR all day until they were on the sticky end of a few unlucky bounces, and a wind disadvantage. 1 RAR went on to win in the last few minutes of the game, but had a healthy respect for 2/4 RAR B-side.

Even though the B's weathered the season without a win, there were some members lost to the A's. Jonsey (B Coy), started with the B-side and proved his worth when he was selected to line up with the A-side in the Grand Final and played a champion game. Some others to make the move were Wayne (let me take them for a few stretches for warm up or, this is how you slow the other ruckman down) Lampard (D Coy), Ports (Pioneers), Al Carlin (A Coy/BHQ), and Bazza Fawcett (C Coy) just to name a few.

On the other hand, Jim Taylor (BHQ/A Coy) moved in the other direction, even though the games he played with the A's were commendable. Good onya Jimmy.

All players gave 100% during training as well as the games. Some of the full time B-side players who played consistently well throughout the year were Mal Gray (D Coy) played most of the season with an injured wrist and put in a few blinders in full back. Millo (Sig PL) played well all year, and didn't mind the odd dust-up. Tassie Cashman (A Coy) was improving with each game until he was injured mid-season and missed a few games. Willy (Admin Coy-Cook) had the speed and agility but had to sit on the side line after receiving a knock.

With the year drawing to a close and members being posted or discharged, it would be a fairly safe bet to say that more than a few players will be promoted to the A's and leave gaps to be filled in the B's. So if you enjoy pulling on the boots and getting out on the oval for a run around and a kick, I'm sure the Super Coach, Steve (Chiefy) Jones would be more than happy to see you at training when the season kicks off in 1994.



Billy watches Drabs make another break.

RUGBY

1993 held some cracker surprises for the 'Red Backs'. As the year shaped up to be one of the busiest yet, it was agreed that 1RAR should not be allowed to miss out on the Brigade competition and that we would wait in anticipation for them to come home.

In the meantime, the club responded to the invitation of the Burdekin Cane Toads and went to Ayr in March to finish up second place getters in the North Queensland World Sevens. A nice little earner for two days in the cane fields.

Dave Bennett and Al Gillman took on the awesome task of harnessing the talent in the Battalion and the First and Second Fifteens threw themselves into training for a long season. It didn't take long to demonstrate their superiority when the Firsts stopped 4 Fd Regt's winning run. It was a team reminiscent of the 87 All Blacks as the forwards trampled the gunners mercilessly and Big Jim Petrie went head to head with the biggest, ugliest gunner of all. The gunner's grand finals hopes were shattered in that game.

The 2nds showed talent, guts and the will to win. Victories over 5 Aviation, 3 CER and CMU demonstrated their determination and their "no-mistake" style of play. The 94 season looks bright for the 2nds as they develop their skills and provide the vital depth for the 1sts.

The 1sts posted every game as a victory. The inspiration of Dave Bennett and Angus Baker proved to be the catalyst and the team rose to each occasion. Blokes like Jim and Steve in the second row, Mick as half back and Steve on the wing all contributed towards the victories. The juggernaut could not be stopped and the games against 1RAR were always preceded by slavering anticipation.

The opening encounter for the J.D. McAloney shield provided great sport. Amidst the birthday revelry and watched by the Colonel Commandant and many ex 2/4 RAR members, the team reduced the 1RAR front row to whimpering jelly. To the braying of donkeys, 1RAR surrendered the shield but vowed to do better next time.

But they didn't. The major semi-final saw another convincing display of 2/4RAR spirit as their discipline held firm under the piratical scavenging broken play that 1RAR was forced to adopt as a game plan. 2/4 emerged as clear minor premiers for 1993.

The grand final, played at Hugh St, was the culmination of a plan reminiscent of one John Monash. With blood on fire the team went into the second half 6-10 down, but within ten minutes had reversed the game and scored. As the minutes ticked by the relentless 2/4RAR pressure resulted in a try to bring the score to 18-10. To the braying of donkeys, 1RAR started to fold and ex 1RAR members chewed on their pace sticks, gnashed their teeth and when the final whistle sounded you would have thought Martin Bella had grabbed 1RAR by the wedding tackle. The resulting presentation by the Brigade Commander was the highlight of the rugby year. 2/4 RAR - Premiers in 1993.

The culmination of the club's approach to the game and both teams was a sweet reward. Thanks to Fang, Brooksy, the RP corporate goffa stand, and all other support staff including Grats the strapper, and Lawns Willmette, curator of Luscombe Bowl.

93 has been an outstanding year for rugby. We wish Dave Bennett all the best for his retirement and thank him with great sincerity for his coaching skill and composed, cool demeanour.

Do you remember -

- ❖ Adam Cusack's penalty goal on full time to win against 5 Aviation?
- ❖ Squabba's campese-esq try against 1RAR B when he chipped, chased and beat the winger and fullback to score?
- ❖ Justin Lawler's focused attention to his chosen victims?
- ❖ Mick Day being found wanting when trying to grab the forward's glory?
- ❖ Steve Harris's bad back which always came good just before a game?
- ❖ Chuck Walker's clear and decisive instructions to the back line

❖ Squabba's wedding tackle?

Club Awards

First Fifteen

Best Forward - Bluey Grimes
Best Back - Mick 'Easy Rider' Day
Best and Fairest - Daryl Egan.

Second Fifteen

Best Forward - Jacko Jakins
Best Back - Steve 'Dragger' Moore
Best and Fairest - Jacko Jakins
Most Improved - Guy Tuxworth and Scoote Mc'Gee.



*The Grand Final line out
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The 2nd 15 front row of J.J. Enchong, Emmett and Boxall pack down supported by Scooter McGee.

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RSM - Dave Bennett makes his point at half time.



The Premiers - 1993



The Second 15 - 1993

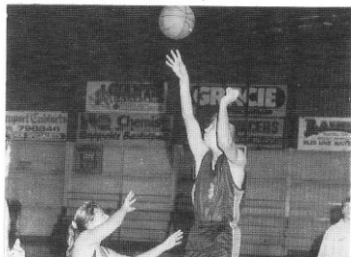
BASKETBALL

This year the basketball team was faced with the difficult task of defending the championship for the fifth year in succession. Training attendance was very heartening and at times there were forty men trying for a place on the ten man team. To all those who showed up and did not get a game do not be disheartened, next year we will run with two teams.

From the first game of the season two things became obvious. Firstly 2/4RAR had a very aggressive team and secondly the standard of basketball had greatly improved since last year. Throughout a closely contested season we lost four games and Rick Millers (who was asked to leave the stadium for the rest of the season after a tiny fracas). Losing four games meant we finished fourth on the ladder and had a hard task to get to the grand finals. In what was probably the most exciting finals series the Bde has seen 2/4 RAR finally clicked together as a team and with the crowd boisterously behind us we made it through to the final. 3BASB had beaten us easily in both games during the season and were very confident of winning until they saw our finals performance. In a seesawing contest that matched the excitement of last years final 3BASB shot the winning basket with less than a second to go. The loss was no disgrace. They were a good team, it was a great final and it could have gone either way.

All players contributed to the teams effort during the year but a few notable performances were:

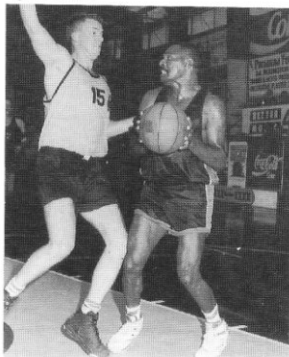
❖CPL Daniels MVP (Season)



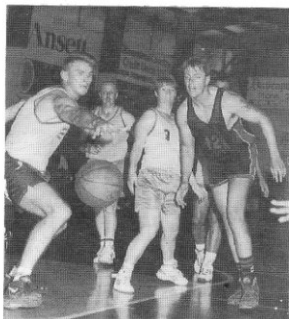
CPL Nelson taking on the might of the BASB basketball team!

- ❖PTE Griese MVP (Finals)
- ❖CPL Nelson Best Pass
- ❖PTE Sten Least Stressed
- ❖LCPL Millers Most Aggressive
- ❖PTE Schimann Best Reject
- ❖PTE Dukarich Fastest
- ❖PTE Nichol Most Underrated
- ❖PTE King Long Bomb
- ❖PTE Lynch Crash Dummy
- ❖PTE Poulsen Crash Dummy

To all those who showed and did not get a game do not be disheartened, next year we will run with two teams. We need your support because the trophy belongs to 2/4 RAR and next year we will get it back.



CPL Daniels about to sink yet another basket.



Griese moving in for the kill.

ATHLETICS 1993

The 1993 Athletics season commenced with a very entertaining Inter-Company Carnival. Most events were fiercely contested especially when selection for the Battalion team was open.

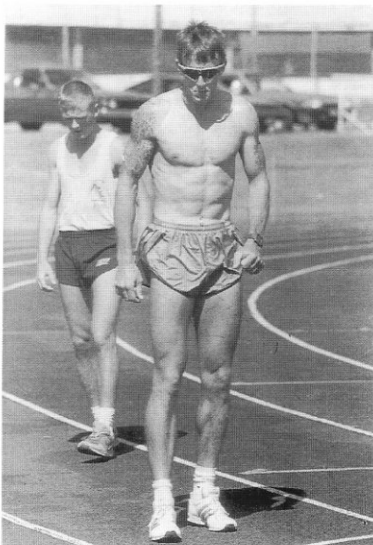
Some of the champs from 92 were quick to stamp authority on their favourite events but some of the newer members of the unit really showed that they will be the stars of the future.

Charlie Coy took the trophy with Support Coy showing their strength in both divisions of the Tug-o-War. CPL Brown of Support was voted most outstanding athlete with PTE Jordan of Charlie a close second.

The Brigade competition proved to everyone that

2/4 RAR is simply the best. The team trained hard and literally exploded around the track and field at the Sports Reserve. We were a place getter in every event except discus and high jump. T.J. Brown broke two records and we earned more gold than silver and bronze put together.

Highlights were PTE Clench's win in the 800m and PTE Jordan's 400m run. The relay teams were too good to be true. The 1600m medley team won by 80m and the dream machine 4x100m team was outstanding with a 60m win. Congratulations to all team members for a great season and we hope this has inspired other budding athletes to give it a go and join a winning combination. Next year we're aiming for more records.



CPL Brown (Mortar PL) waiting to break another record!



The very relaxed C Coy Tug 'o' War team.

PTE Brooks (Mortar PL) mid flight.



WATER POLO

The 1992/93 season began in October 92. The team consisted of Battalion nobodies who felt like a swim for Bn PT.

We managed to score Schweppes as our major sponsor for the season, and so we began our Sports Plus season.

The 2/4 RAR waterpolo team finished fourth for the season, and therefore just missed out on the finals. If we had won our last game we would have secured a berth in the finals in third spot, however 3/4 CAV didn't receive a copy of the script in time and consequently the game was a draw.

But at least we have the best T-shirts in the Battalion - and that is probably what is most important.

Best players for the team, Belly from Bravo - he never gave up. Tom Morley from Delta - took up water polo as he thought it would be a bludge, found it wasn't but played well anyway. Steve Harris from Alpha - the big fish was watching Harro put in the sly ones and told him he shouldn't (Harro then put a sly one on the doctor).

Vinny, Voges, and Pete Marsh - without these three the team would have been very ordinary. It must of had something to do with shaving or stripping?

Maybe its just their ball control when their bodies are all oiled up (from suntan lotion!)

Players who think they should be the best players, Geoff Prewett from Bravo who would sit in the hole all day but obviously was too good to waste his time on defence.

A special thanks to the team coach Ty Logan from 1RAR. The donkeys beat us 15 - 0 in the first game, Ty said it was alright to be beaten by another Battalion but he wasn't going to let us be beaten by any poggles, so he decided to help us through the season.

The only other teams to beat 2/4 RAR after that was 4 FD REGT and BASB.

2/4 RAR has traditionally never won a game in waterpolo, in fact 2/4 RAR had not won a game in four years. For the team to turn around and finish fourth out of eight in one season is worthy of commendation. So, if you can identify a pool, know what a ball looks like, and feel like having a swim for your Summer sport then come and play waterpolo, because we need all the support we can get - plus you can then wear one of our T-shirts to a sports parade while quaffing a few Schweppes Sports Plus.



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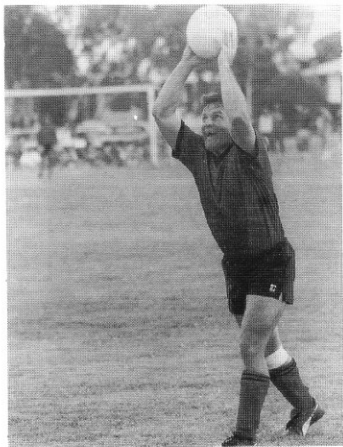
Chef prepared Meals

The Party Place

SOCCER

Well, the end of the soccer season found the 2/4th Battalion having to settle for second place. Although we were minor premiers, and also the better team in the Grand Final, we went down to an underestimated 4 Field Regiment 4-2.

Thanks go to all the players for a great effort, and to LT Goldsmith and SGT Pickering for organising and training the team. Thanks must also go to the medics and strappers who helped during the year, and most of all, thanks to all the supporters who cheered the team during the finals.



This year was notable for the influx of new players - Stanley, Jordan, Hooker, Monaghan, Skalić and Stuey Davies being the new additions to the team. Special mentions go to the player of the season PTE Skalić, player of finals, PTE Bijoux, and PTE Monaghan our champion goal-keeper.

Next year, there is no doubt that with the same support, we will bring the Brigade's premier trophy back to the premier Battalion.

REMEMBER

SOCCER IS HOT! RUGBY IS NOT!

PTE Elms (B Coy) throws in.

PTE Richardson moving in on the opposition.



CROSS COUNTRY

Dawn on 25 Jun 93 saw 381 runners from the Bn line up for the start of the Inter-Coy Cross Country Competition. As the starters gun sounded at 0630 hrs, most runners set out on the 8km course with the aim of just finishing. For others such as CPL T.J. Brown who completed the course in 29 min 56 secs it was just a pleasant morning stroll.

The competition was conducted so that each individual score counted towards their overall Coy total. The three fastest individuals were CPL Brown 1st, PTE Vinson 2nd and LT Davies 3rd. The Coy placings were as follows:

A COY - 1st

D COY - 2nd

C COY - 3rd

B COY - 4th

SPT COY - 5th

ADMIN COY - 6th

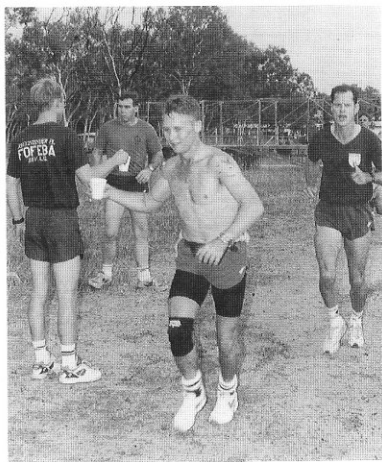
The Inter-Coy Competition enabled a training squad to be selected for the Brigade Cross Country Competition. This squad was subjected to some hard training sessions conducted by LT Ellwood and CPL T.J. Brown which enabled the final team to be selected.

The Brigade competition was held on 18 Aug 93 and saw 75 runners from the Bn compete against the other units in the Brigade. When 2/4 RAR had four members come in the top five placings the result of the competition was never really in doubt.

Well done to all those who participated in Cross Country running this year especially those who put in the extra effort to be selected to represent the Bn.



CPL Brown accepts the NQ Area Cross Country Champion Trophy from COMD 3BDE.



'Doing it easy'

2/4 RAR SHOOTING

THE DREAM TEAM

1993 has been superb a year for the 2/4 RAR Shooting Team with significant achievements in Brigade, Army and International Competitions. A team nucleus of 13 firers has propelled 2/4 RAR into the limelight as the premier shooting unit of the Australian Army and has also formed the major component of the Australian Army Shooting Team.

The Battalion sent 10 firers to AASAM in Brisbane in May and performed brilliantly as a team and as individuals. PTE Marchmont, PTE Munn and CFN Campey also fired as part of the Australian Army Team of 10 at the competition. Results from AASAM for two teams of four firers were:

- ❖ Close Quarter Battle Teams - 1st and 5th
- ❖ Gurkha Machine Gun Trophy - 2nd
- ❖ Applied Marksmanship Teams - 1st and 3rd
- ❖ Obstacle Course Teams - 2nd and 4th
- ❖ Snap Practice - 1st and 2nd
- ❖ 3.2km Section March - 1st
- ❖ Falling Plate - 1st (24.5 secs)
- ❖ Sniper Pairs - 12th
- ❖ Pistol Teams - 11th and 31st
- ❖ Service Rifle Aggregate Day 1 - 1st and 5th
- ❖ CGS Trophy Aggregate Day 1 and 2 - 1st and 9th
- ❖ Champion Infantry Battalion The RUR Trophy - 2/4 RAR
- ❖ King George Whiskey Shield major Unit Trophy for Champion Shooting Unit - 2/4 RAR

Individual results were equally impressive at both the AASAM competition and subsequent Champion Shot of the Army Competition. Out of 500 firers at AASAM and 100 firers at the Championship competition our team achieved the following results:

- ❖ PTE Munn SPT Coy - AASAM - 2nd, - Champion Shot of the Army - 2nd, - Applied Marksman Score - 273

- ❖ PTE Marchmont SPT Coy - AASAM - 24th, - Champion Shot of the Army - 3rd, - Applied Marksman Score - 278
- ❖ CPL Regan SPT Coy - AASAM - 5th, - Champion Shot of the Army - 8th
- ❖ CFN Campey Admin Coy - AASAM - 17th, - Champion Shot of the Army - 11th, - Applied Marksman Score - 271
- ❖ LCPL Davey B Coy - AASAM - 20th, - Champion Shot of the Army - 39th, - Applied Marksman Score - 258
- ❖ PTE Zimmerman SPT Coy - AASAM - 39th, - Champion Shot of the Army - 26th, - Applied Marksman Score - 253
- ❖ LCPL Lawson A Coy - AASAM - 61st, - Champion Shot of the Army 44th
- ❖ PTE Nitschke SPT Coy - AASAM - 63rd, - Champion Shot of the Army - 30th
- ❖ PTE Vinson SPT Coy - AASAM - 104th, - Applied Marksman Score - 252
- ❖ MAJ Jensen B Coy - AASAM - 176th, - Applied Marksman Score - 257

PTE Munn, PTE Marchmont and CFN Campey were selected to compete with the Australian Army Team at Bisley in the UK where they performed very well and gained valuable experience in competing under pressure at an international level.

CPL Regan, LCPL Davey, PTE Munn, PTE Marchmont and CFN Campey were then part of the Australian Army BISAM team competing in Brunei. PTE Marchmont achieved magnificent recognition by being placed first in the competition and CFN Campey distinguished himself as being an excellent consistent shooter by being placed fourth.

The final competition for the year was the 3 Bde Inter Unit Shooting Competition in October and the result was a foregone conclusion. The team

thrashed any opposition by setting a 10 firer average of 160.7 out of 180 (LF9) to win the major unit trophy and overall champion unit trophy. 2/4 RAR also won the Falling Plate Trophy with a time of 24.35 seconds which was faster than their record winning time at AASAM of 24.5 seconds.

CPL Blake, B Coy, took out the trophy for the best shot of the Brigade competition with a score of 171. PTE Zimmerman SPT Coy came sixth, PTE Munn SPT Coy seventh, LCPL Carmichael D Coy eighth and CFN Campey Admin Coy came tenth.

Upon reflection, the exceptional standard set by 2/4 RAR in shooting throughout 1993 has been due to the dedication and talent of a group of

soldiers who have worked very hard to achieve a standard of excellence both as a team and as individuals. They have spent many weeks on the range refining techniques and practicing their marksmanship skills, skills which are required not only of them but each individual within 2/4 RAR. They may not have been seen during Battalion activities because of shooting commitments and their absence has been a burden for others to share. However, their achievements have been done for the battalion and their effort should not be taken for granted. Well done to all members of the teams, you have certainly been the quiet achievers for 2/4 RAR in 1993.



THE YEAR IN REVIEW



"And there we were surrounded in the Sarejevo Airport..." The CGS and MAJ Day.

"Is that a gun?" asks the Minister for Science, Defence, and Personnel with PTE Willis.



CPL Hungerford (B Coy) introducing Mr Hewson to his section.



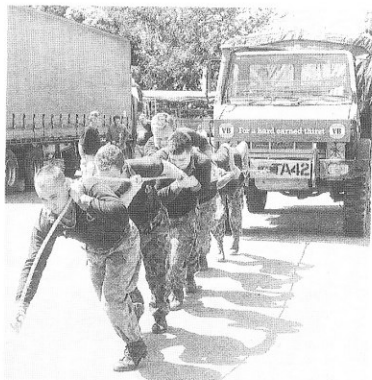
CPL Boxall during one of his more serious moods.



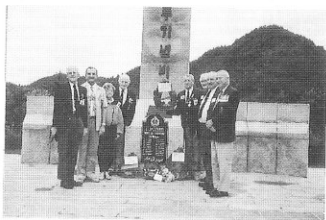
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*PTE Patterson and
LTCOL M'Intosh
welcoming the new
PLCOMDs to the
Battalion!*



The A Coy charity truck pull.



*Ex 2 Bn veterans with Honour Roll provided by 2/4 RAR in
Seoul, Korea.*



*Winners of the Brigade Shooting Comp
Front Row-MAJ Jensen, PTE Hollingworth, CPL Regan,
PTE Marchment, PTE Vinson, PTE Zimmerman,
LTCOL M'Intosh
Back Row - PTE Munn, LCPL Carmichael, CPL Blake,
CFN Campey, LCPL Davey*