

CHAPTER 8

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SOCIAL RUN-A-ROUND

On the social calendar this month was the annual qualifying shoot between 6 Platoon and CHQ with both teams getting good results.

The big event of the month was the golf game between 274 and 4 RAR at Blackhorse. 4 RAR entered 3 teams, V, C, and B, whilst 274 entered one. On the morning of the 20th I was talking to Bob Hogarth the sports commentator for Radio Station ØA and he thought it would be a pretty good game, with all teams capable of some pretty good shots.

V and C hit off first. C team were struck by a bit of bad weather but played on. V team played a few stray shots and found themselves in a bit of trouble. B team played a few good shots and at the end of the first day we were tied together.

The second day Kirke the Greek had a beautiful shot for a hole in one and his mate Picquet picked up a birdie. At this stage B team found itself in all sorts of strife. We couldn't get out of the bunkers.

It was during this lull that Ballantyne team were standing around when 274 played a couple of good but astray shots from a bunker. We wandered

around trying to locate the player, but being a modest chap, he disappeared.

Ace radio commentator Bob Hogarth was interviewing some of the team Captains when one of 274 team played an explosive shot from behind a tree, which landed in the middle of the interview group, causing people to duck. ACE's caddy was injured by a sliver of golf ball. The golf committee is thinking of censoring the 274 team as the member did not sing out "FOUR" before playing his shot. Unfortunately, the member concerned was run over, later, by a buggy belonging to the Dangerous Dan Team.

The explosive shot also put a hole in a water bag belonging to a civilian parachutist who came out of Nui Dat to report for a newspaper called the Stass Star.

The game looks like finishing tomorrow (the 24th) with B team winning. At this stage there are no plans for a return match.

P.S. It is understood that some of the blokes could not stand the excitement of another game like it, so they are returning to Australia next month.