

It was during the Battalion's deployment to Rwanda on Operation Tamar in 1994, that the Government made the decision to unlink the 2nd/4th Battalion. This was a result of the 1994 Defence White Paper which identified the need for an additional Infantry Battalion to enhance the Army's capability to meet strategic guidance requirements.

On 15 January 1995, Lieutenant Colonel R.C. Smith who was posted to Land Headquarters and had carried out the detailed planning to raise the Battalion, was appointed Commanding Officer of 4RAR.

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The 2nd/4th Battalion was unlinked by the Chief of the General Staff, Lieutenant General J.C. Grey, AO on a parade at Samichon Lines, Lavarack Barracks, Townsville at 1500 hours on 1 February 1995. After the parade the colours were escorted to Holsworthy on 2 February 1995, by the Adjutant, Captain S.J. Kløver and Staff Sergeant G.J. Stanworth, where a ceremonial parade was held at 1600 hours to uncase the colours to mark this auspicious occasion. The Reviewing Officer for the parade was Major General A.N. Arnison, AO and the Host Officer was Brigadier A.J. Molan, AM Commander 1st Brigade.

The Battalion is temporarily barracked at Jordan Lines, Holsworthy and at present the plan is to occupy Tobruk Lines when 5/7RAR (Mech) relocates to Darwin in 1998. This, however, may change as the Battalion's new role as a Commando Battalion is likely to bring large changes to our manning, our requirements, and our equipment schedules. Only time will tell where we end up and when.

The Battalion now enjoys strong ties with the 4th Infantry Battalions Association.

