



SUPPORT COMPANY CHQ

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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!