



## NOMINAL ROLL

### A COY

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 Pte A.D. Elliot  
 Pte D.W. Meylan  
 Pte C.M. Tremble  
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 Pte A.N. Burnet  
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 Pte D. Gourlay  
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 Pte G.J. Strahan  
 Pte A.M. Shelton

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 Pte S.J. Barritt-Eyles  
 Pte L.W. Boughton  
 Pte K.M. Daly  
 Pte A.B. Lauanders  
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 Pte D.W. Edelman  
 Pte P.W. Barber  
 Pte C.J. Carnes  
 Pte G.J. Goodwin  
 Pte P.K. Mackay  
 Pte B.P. Rodda  
 Pte A.W. Turner

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 Pte P. Bowen  
 Pte H.S. Boyd  
 Pte C.J. Brunst  
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 Pte D.W. Ellery  
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 Pte G.A. Browning  
 Pte J. Coombes  
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 Pte M.C. Gray  
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 Pte D.A. Anglosante  
 Pte D.P. McGeough  
 Pte B.P. McIntosh  
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# Alpha Company

The year was one of endeavour and achievement. We were constantly busy and often only our flexibility and high level of training saw us through.

We started with individual and section training which was aided by a trip to LWC Canungra. Living as sections both in tents and in the jungle allowed that close bond, essential for good teamwork to form. The trip to LWC was a great learning experience and thanks to our boss, Maj Webb, being ex staff at LWC we were able to spend a day at the Gold Coast. Everyone was "happy" after the Gold Coast, even those that decided to take a yacht back to Canungra as well as the truck.

We moved into Coy training with live fire exercises, APC training, and airfield marking. This was to hold us in good stead for what was to follow later in the year.

The aim of all our training was not only to achieve the objectives but also have a good time. This was always helped by the dry humour of our CSM, WO2 Gridley.

For most of the first part of the year we worked with the incentive that for good performance we would go to Hong Kong. That fell through but is on again in 1988.

After a three day range practice (Ex Crackshot) at Alice River in lieu of Mt Vince, we endeavoured to and succeeded in going to Mt Vince in May, and some very good results were achieved. LCPL Marshall showed that he should represent the battalion and Pte Tattam showed that he perhaps needs a little more practice with the para flares. Pte Tattam nearly achieved with WO2 Gridley what the Viet Cong had tried so hard but were unable to do.

June saw the company, less some Junior NCOs, on subject courses, take off to the Jungles of the Yarrabah Peninsula near Cairns. Living and eating as a guerilla company in a static muddy camp, we were gradually trained to be an effective guerilla force under Libby Sebrot, Kram Bbew and Clay Bbew (Kram's nephew). This was an exercise with a difference that none of us will forget.

By this time Lt Jim Burns had left us and Lt Steve

Eames was waiting for us on return from Cairns. As the start of a tradition, Lt Eames bravely took part in the Chicken Ceremony and acquitted himself very well.

Back from Blue Flame (Cairns) a week, and we deployed onto Ex Eager Eaglet. This is where the results of all our training could be seen and was certainly tested. A Company to a man came through with flying colours. Eager Eaglet gave us the opportunity to utilize many and varied valuable resources in changing country in daylight and dark. The company as part of the battalion can be proud of itself.

Swift Eagle came just before standdown and leave for A Coy. Although sometimes difficult to switch on and off tactically, the company always put its best foot forward. We developed our position and through the OC were able to fly over the position in UHH and compare it to the other companies. This showed every man in the company the results of his hard work on his pit.

A Coy proceeded on leave after farewelling Capt Hasson and WO2 Gridley. Capt Foster marched in and WO2 Gollidge was waiting in the wings. A Coy were to be the priority coy over Christmas.

Sport in A Coy was as bravely tackled as their training exercises. Results placed us highly but our wins tended to dwindle after coming equal first with Spt Coy early in the year. We finished third in the Schlyder Shield with the resolve to win next year.

1987 was a good year. The new faces in the company were many, far too many to easily name, and unfortunately the members who have left our ranks are many. The new blood is of high standard and certainly welcome. As we return from leave our sights are set to interesting training under section commanders and a successful year in '88.

