

SIGNALS PLATOON

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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.

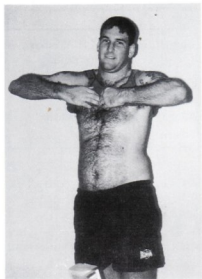
We had worked hard all year leading up to this and except for the terrain, lack of experts, and the late arrival of the trial SOI the platoon worked very well to achieve the results we did.

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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