

# ASSAULT PIONEER PLATOON

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For all non-pioneer lowlife who aren't in the know, it's been a 'full on' year for the Battalion's Pig Herders. This year, a good looking platoon staff replaced the old, ugly and decrepit staff, with LT Geoff Goldsmith, SGT Irish O'Halloran and CPLs 'Boxy' and 'JJ' arriving. Other Pioneer reinforcements included Darren 'Seagull' Mather, (back for a second tour) and PTEs Merriner and Palethorpe, who swapped the 8/9 RAR ram for the 2/4 RAR pig.

Other notable attachments/detachments for 93 include: seven diggers detached to 1RAR for Op Solace, PTE Shelton and Buck detached to B Coy in Hawaii and returning with PTE Porter. Finally we traded Pa Hicks and Harro for CPL Wishart after the Tinaroo Dam trip.

Just like past years, the hardest working platoon in the Battalion completed a massive number of tasks including:

- ♦ Digging the Bn LFX toilet next to the CO's tent.
- ♦ A booby trapping exercise in Tully.
- ♦ Building an Obs Cse in Tinaroo.
- ♦ Kicking rifle Coy butt on Bn Air Week.
- ♦ Digging up 1 x RAP and 1 x CP.
- ♦ Building a cement bridge at the golf club.
- ♦ Updating the Bn Obs Cse.
- ♦ Blowing wire, blowing wire and blowing wire on the Bn LFX.
- ♦ Kicking 'Ginger Beer' butt in SWBTA.
- ♦ Building a flying fox in Tully.
- ♦ Drinking Mackay city dry in less than a week.
- ♦ And of course, doing the jobs around the Barracks that keep the Bn going.

There were several records set by your friendly Pioneer Platoon this year. These include: -

- ♦ The longest ½ hour swim recorded (Time: 2½ hours. Venue: Jarra Creek).
- ♦ Driving through an ambush several times while looking for 15 swimming Pioneers, without dying.
- ♦ The longest period that the platoon has gone without anyone being arrested.
- ♦ The first year no Pioneer has been banned from

the Boozer.

- ♦ The all time Jatz Cracker eating record of 14 - well done JJ.
- ♦ The strongest knot ever tied - Paley.
- ♦ The 'I know trucks' record - Squid.
- ♦ The comment of the year "Best bring your mouth guard to the next piss up" - Boxy.
- ♦ The broad shoulders record definitely goes to the Boss.
- ♦ Most Duty Officers ever - the Boss.
- ♦ Most time spent in the platoon without being in the store - Cookie.
- ♦ The quickest to buy beers with platoon funds - Irish.
- ♦ Quickest to spot 5 cents at 500m - Willie.
- ♦ Best Pioneer result for years in Mil Skills - well done all.
- ♦ Quickest promotion in Pioneer history-LCPL Gollop.
- ♦ Shyest Pioneer on TV award - Rev.
- ♦ The quickest time to become Australia's most obnoxious soldier - The Pom.

To finish off, we would like to wish all the best to those Pioneers leaving the platoon in 1993:

- ♦ PTE Lone Wolf Bakos - Aviation.
- ♦ PTE Ace Hall - Civi Street.
- ♦ LT Geoff Goldsmith - Singleton.
- ♦ Pa Hicks - Rifle Coy, eat it and die.
- ♦ The Pom - Pommy Land - thank God.
- ♦ Harro - Rifle Coy, eat it and die.

And those Pioneers who have had/are having children:

- ♦ Holly and Lorraine. ♦ Spike and Tracy.
- ♦ Rapo and Michelle. ♦ Darren and Cathy.
- ♦ Squid and Shelly. ♦ Merro and the gin from under the bridge. ♦ Cookie and who ever.

And those Pioneers getting married:

- ♦ Boxy and Deb. ♦ Hoppy and Louise.
- ♦ Ports and Linda. ♦ Merro and the gin from under the bridge.

That's it until next year. Don't forget - work hard, play hard, Pioneers drink more beers, blow up bridges, empty fridges!!!



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