

## TEDDIE BEARS' PICNIC — THE BEAR FACTS

A Coy was able to enhance its Bear image with the timely arrival in Feb 80 of 'Smokie' (CAPT Robinson), 'Humphrey' (LT Watson) and 'Snagglepuss' (LT Ross), who were able to take their rightful places alongside 'Yogi' (OC Black Bear), 'Panda' (2LT Rands) and 'Booboo' (CSM).

To the catch cry of 'Honey for the Bears', the year was attacked with a growl.

Exercise 'Once Only', introduced the gympie bush to 'Twott' Twidale and no shaving to the uninitiated. Even the excitement produced by inter-platoon clashes and the capture of 'Yogi', paled into insignificance when we were informed that all our 'goings-on had upset the sex life of the local Bower birds.'

The highlight of the individual training phase was the Watermanship conducted in the vicinity of the Upper Ross River. Both 'Frog' and Phil Smailes were in their element, and 'Richo' gave a quick demonstration of how not to swim with your SLR. Naturally, the order of the day was to have fun, and the cry of 'prepare to repel boarders' echoed through the adjacent countryside.



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The Coy party was a smash. 'Blue' Geiger presented the OC with a symbol of his authority — a miniture Black bear. In all the excitement that followed, Bob Walliker was the sole entrant in the glass eating contest.

Tully proved to be the best exercise yet. Despite the wet, damp, cold, rotting feet and hands, trecherous

climbs, crocodile infested creeks, Engineer DS, mites, leeches, unkillable enemy, bad communications, warm beer, route marches and collapsible weapons, performance and enthusiasm never dwindled. Steve Parry enjoyed it so much that he went back for a second time.

