

## FOREWORD

The Battalion Magazine this year is aimed at summarizing the activities of the unit and its members over the past ten months.

1980 has certainly been an active year, highlighted by our rapid expansion to meet the Operational Deployment Force (ODF) commitments which are now the responsibility of the Third Task Force. This has resulted in an influx of new soldiers and NCO's who, I hope have settled into thier new environment and look forward to the challenges awaiting them as members of the ODF Battalion in 1981.

The training year has seen considerable emphasis on individual soldier skills. The extremely successful training period at the Tropical Training Centre at Tully and the level of unit and sub-unit exercises have reflected my desire to put the emphasis where it will do everyone the most good in the long term. The results have been pleasing and should provide a good foundation for further development in the future.

It seems only a short time since I was writing the foreword for the 1979 Magazine. Having seen the scope and contents of this Magazine, you will see that 1980 has been an eventful and worthwhile year. I thank you for your efforts in making it such a successful year and take this opportunity to wish the Battalion continuing success in the future. Finally, to all members of the Battalion and their families, a most enjoyable Christmas and a happy and successful New Year.



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