

RAP

The year started well, with the addition of SSGT Boardman and LCPL (Winchester load your own ammo) Warby who both joined SGT (have a chat) MacCarty. SGT MacCarty spent the best part of 1995 building the RAP to give us a good start for 96. In May, SGT MacCarty after talking everyone's ears off, even when you were not listening, took a posting to Army Recruiting in Sydney. This resulted in the posting of the big fellow, SGT Jim Scott. SGT Scott has been a great asset to the running of the RAP, however he has not changed in 18 years as he still knows how to disappear at the right moment, the busiest part of the day. So next year if you see Jim around the Coy's you can bet that the RAP is working overtime. LCPL Warby has dropped in once in a while throughout the year to shuffle some paper work around and make some mess before leaving on yet another B Coy trip. CPL Warby has spent the best part of the year away with B Coy and on his Advanced Medical Assistants Course. He did however work on one of his stand down days, when it was explained to him it would be in his best interest to get the paper work ready for Malaysia, it was a good excuse to keep him here so he could pick up his second stripe.

In July the Med Pl saw some reinforcements in the way of CPL Holdforth and PTE Webster who both have settled in very well. CPL Holdforth was tasked to look after C Coy, before departing for subject Coy. PTE Webster has had his butt planted in the chair riding the appointments desk and has done a good job. Another part time member of the PI is CPL Potts who has been a good asset and has helped out on a number of occasions throughout the year. He also decided to test out the Battalion's evac system first hand during Swift Eagle.

Well the 1996 sick parade season is drawing to a close and to date it has been a very busy year. The RAP services 440 personnel from 4RAR, 145 and 110 SIG SQNs. The staff at the RAP have treated 1876 members during sick parade since mid Jan, which averages about 5 trips each, 62 med boards and an unknown number of injections. So if we did not catch up with you this year you can bet we will get you next year, as the Med Pl will double in strength.

Next year we will have four new staff in the way of CAPT Peadon from Oakey, CPL McMillan and PTE Hollows from BASC Randwick and PTE Adams from 1 FD Hospital. So until next year have a safe Christmas and a good leave and we will see you all back for the new season starting on 21 Jan 97. Finally, I would like to thank all the patrol Medics for their help throughout the year.



SGT BOARDMAN 'HEALING THE SICK'