

TECHNICAL SUPPORT PLATOON

The Besieged Brewmakers

For the underpaid and overworked members of 'The Brotherhood', 1996 has been a year of high drama. We have ventured from the freezing temperatures of Canberra in mid winter, to the searing heat of Einasleigh, funnily enough, also in mid winter.

The year commenced with the march in of two new members; CPL Tony 'I don't want to be Platoon Sergeant any more' MacKay and CPL Blue 'I'm the angriest man on the planet so &\$#* off' McGuinness. All the old hands stayed on except for CPL Paul Griffin who has hit the jackpot and moved on to a life of vice with the Victorian Police Force.

At the time of writing we are without two of our number. Cfn Steve Maher and Cfn Adam Cooper, both of whom are serving an extended period of detention with B Coy at Rifle Company Butterworth. We certainly look forward to their tales of wild drunken nights when they return. Meanwhile, Cfn 'SAS trooper' Jones, is in a wild training frenzy in an attempt to join the ranks of the chicken stranglers. Yet he still manages to amaze us with his welding abilities and all round fitting skills.

Cfn Scott Sanders continues on his merry way attempting to repair the vehicles that our customers break with seemingly monotonous regularity. Our resident Kramer impersonator, CPL Matthew 'the parts man' Murphy constantly amazes us with his ability to maintain both the RPS and the tool store. A job that any other unit would require 2 or 3 people to do. LCPL Neil Farthing has completed his fourth job of the year and is rapidly gaining ground on his fifth. SGT Col Crawford is constantly strutting around the workshop with a huge grin on his face, he has been posted back to the wilds of Queensland. Finally we come to the ASM. He of course continues to do what he does best????

Highlights of the year for us have been as follows:

1. The creation of the SPU Club and bike fences;
2. The reorganisation of the RPS;
3. Cfn Maher's victory in the lightweight division of the Butterworth boxing titles; and
4. The reorganisation of workshop furniture for the fourth time.

Finally, in closing, remember a saying that we in 'The Brotherhood' hold dear to our hearts. In the beginning there was chaos, and chaos was INFANTRY.

