



WHERE I STAND _____

From where I stand I have been able to appreciate the good work done by many for the good of the Battalion.

To the Junior NCOs who have had the unenviable task of training the young men of the Battalion, a job well done. It should be remembered that there is no other job than section commander in a rifle platoon that will develop the leadership qualities necessary to equip Senior NCO and Warrant Officers for their tasks in the Battalion.

Visiting Commanders and the civil dignitaries have given praise for much good work. To those who do not think such high praise is due, then spare a thought for the achievements and good work that has been done, not just by those on the sporting field, but by your mates in the section or platoon. All is well in '88 for THE Battalion TWO FOUR.

*Regimental Sergeant Major,
Warrant Officer First Class R.W. Thomson.*



The RSM gives the 1st XV the big stick



"FAREWELL & GOOD LUCK" — RSM

Not only does 2/4 RAR lose the skills of RSM Ron Thomson this year, but he is also retiring from the Army.

The RSM joined the Army in 1967, starting his long regimental experience in 1 RAR. He toured Vietnam in 1968 and saw action at Fire Support Base Coral and is one of the few veterans of that Battle still in the service.

He served with 1 RAR until 1973, followed by time as an instructor at Kapooka, RMC and Infantry Centre until 1980 when he was posted to 2/4 RAR. He returned to RMC in 1983 as a Warrant Office Instructor and then to 2/4 RAR in 1985 as the Regimental Sergeant Major.

It is sad indeed that the service is to lose the talents of the RSM, as his presence has been felt by all and the benefit of his advice and leadership will last much longer than we probably, at this time, realise.

He has soundly advised the officers and guided the Junior NCO's in the battalion and in particular has increased the level of the section commander's skills in 2/4 RAR to the point when there is little doubt that the battalion is extremely well served at that level of command.

RSM, we wish you and your wife well for the future!
— "THE BATTALION"