



The shy and retiring Cpl Ray Boneham with his family and friends, including the "whitest white men in North Queensland" — Cpl John Cameron of the Gordon Highlanders.

Townsville's Biggest Party for 1987

The Battalion Birthday celebrations were finished off for 1987 with a cabaret held in the Lavarack Theatre. A cabaret that turned into a "helluva" party.

An enthusiastic crowd of 900 or so packed the theatre to overflowing and didn't need any invitation to get cracking when the three-piece rock band kicked off. The official guests needed little urging to join in with the battalion. The Colonel Commandant of the Regiment, General Morrison, threw himself into what was his own 60th Birthday party with gusto.

The supper provided by WO Crooks and the Catering Platoon was attacked by the crowd which resembled nothing less than a locust plague. The food stood up well and no one went away disappointed — \$6000 worth of rations, all devoured in a matter of minutes!

After supper the door prize of a trip for four on "Pure Pleasure Cruises" was drawn and won by Private Graham Robinson, of the Pay Office. Then followed the

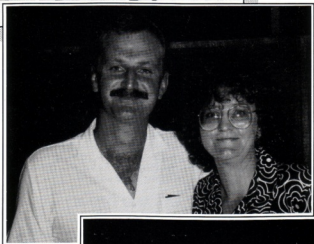
"highlight" of the night, when the birthday cake was cut by the CO and the youngest digger of the unit, Private John Daley of the Catering Platoon. Invited to say a few words of birthday cheer by "Doc" Holiday of 4RR, Private Daley, overcome with emotion, made the most memorable speech of the year, followed by one of the fastest exits ever seen. He was helped along by some well chosen words from Sergeant Glenn Morgan and the caterer.

The cabaret was meant to finish at 2.00 in the morning, but 900 people were still rocking at 3.00 the next morning when the band gave up!

The organizing committee of the Bn 2IC, the caterer and the RQMS (Peace) wish to thank all the CSM's for the effort of work parties and 2IC D Coy for the effort on the decorations. Particularly 2/4 RAR is grateful for the work of the gunners of our direct support unit, 108 Field Battery, for all their assistance during the cabaret.



Private Nicholson of Signals Platoon with an attractive companion



*"Not the AJ's — this is the OJ's"
Cpl Olejniczak and his wife*



Sergeant Bernie Rasmus of Mor Pl and his wife, Lesley.