

A COMPANY 1984



1984, the year we came off 'Priority' and things were to 'slow' just a little. Some notable changes to the Company programme soon changed that and the year seems to have been far more hectic than last.

We worked over rear details and took our leave through to mid February and the best of our soldiers returned early for Promotion/Specialist courses; our congratulations to all those who passed so well. March saw the Coy revising individual skills and preparing for a weeks shooting at Mt. Vince. Some notable results were achieved and congratulations to the ten members of the Coy who gained their marksmanship badge.

The Coy put in a fine effort on a 35km endurance march whilst down at Mt. Vince and in hindsight it was probably much harder than the well known "Challenge", undertaken later in the year.

Exercise Winton Run dominated May; B Sqn 3/4 Cav and the Coy moved to Hughenden and undertook a mounted advance to Winton. A most profitable

exercise and whilst the soldiers spent a lot of time in 'neutral' in the back, a second class ride has always been better than a first class walk.

Speaking of walking, we then changed our tour of FFBS — Tully, for a first class T.H.T. (Tactical Hikers Ticket), from Lavarack to Mingela, (Ex Spartan Challenge). A demanding exercise that had everyone calling on reserves that we all hope we've got when the going gets tough. Some highlights would have to be:

- Cam painted ADIDAS are a must,
- "This looks like a bloody airstrip!" — "No can't be!"
- "Are you sure your pacing is right?"
- "That was a bloody airstrip, cos' there's a railway line over there' (A Coy to B Coy,) and
- The Battalion attack on that never ending BMA.

July was a relatively quiet month (if you didn't go 'bull catching' - see separate article) with emphasis on shooting, sport and prep for Exercise Northern Warrior in August/September. Well done to all in the Coy for the Brigade exercise.

What is left of the year is taken up with leave and pre-embarkation training for our tour of duty in Malaysia.

No article on the Coy's activities would be complete without some notable statistics:

Sport

Well done to our Waterpolo, Badminton, Aust. Rules, Basketball, Orienteering and Athletics teams for each winning the Battalion competition.

Promotions

Lcpl's Lindgren and Wozniak
Pte's Hill and Oppel

March In

Capt Strain	2IC
WO2 Vanzwol (Fingers)	CSM
2Lt Coghlan	3 PL
Lt Day	2 PL
Sgt Hughes	3 PL
Plus 13 New Soldiers	

March Out

WO2 Dabinett	To Inf Centre
Sgt Dunning	To APP School
Sgt Hindmarsh	To Mortars

Discharge

Cpl Clifton
Pte Robinson J. R.

In summary a good year — the Coy and the Battalion has been served well by everyone of you and you have achieved professional results and maintained a sense of enjoyment and fun whilst doing it. Best wishes to you and your families for the future.

One-Niner



Pte D'Monte brews up.



Pte Delben and Pte Doyle take a break.

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Not a great deal of change within our organization, in fact we were really just the same faces getting craggier. Our great start to the year was leave after rear details. (If this was the start wow! we couldn't wait for the rest).

As it turned out leave didn't play as big a part as predicted — walking did. We became expert lead sprinters, although when it comes to bringing up the rear! lead, should always be 1 Pl's cry.

Throughout the year everyone worked hard constantly improving their soldiering. The example of Section Commanders and 2IC's built up the platoons expertise and our senior soldiers were beginning to become old hands, always willing to improve and show new members the ropes.

Exercise Northern Warrior highlighted 1 Pl's own style — easy going but always ready to do the job and do it well. The 21st birthday of Pte Nicholls and the cake sent out by A Ech said more than words. 1984 is probably remembered more by the laughs we have had.

- Who wants to follow the drowning come swimming style of Vinny Calarco or driving expertise of Dunny.
- Perhaps we could follow the example of our number 1 rat lover - Cpl Knapp (er! Langers, is it time to tell him it was only you throwing stones?)
- How can we forget our Annie Oakley shooter - Tom Sawyer, or the fearless efforts of Halsy, Gauler and Jacko in leading us into an ambush by 3 Pl. Really just testing their alertness we were!

- Just like our alert T. T. Ryan who found out what the enemy 'S!!! Pit' looked like first hand. Lucky for the enemy we had a full supply of paper. Even Hucks was "sort of" with us this year as he tried to fool us that he couldn't see well. (We couldn't understand how anyone could miss a two lane paper trail complete with enemy sign post).

'Banjai' has taken on a new perspective. It now means, according to 2 Sect, that you live after your suicide charge. Their brave demo was to fearlessly charge a gunpit over cat wire, through cat wire, through mines, and dodging grenades. Ask any of them though and they will tell you they made it!

- Our digging this year brought out suspicious backgrounds. Where did Richo and Blossy learn to crack rocks so well?

- Remember 'only 3 more clicks' and 'I'm not able to go on', but be there at the end Arch!

- Our memorable stomach tension lessons by Steve

- Rose, or Carter's - and how to get over a wall by going through it.

- We even had a stageplay of Oliver, where Carter was cast as the Artful Dodger and old Kerrie as Oliver, except he hoarded meals he didn't want anymore.

In summary, in '84, we had many a good laugh but achieved a lot in our soldiering. Good work follows.

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"That way Sir"
WO2 Vanzwol, Cpl Knapp, Lt Bourke and Pte Dunn.