

4 PLATOON

'THE MOUNTAIN GOATS'

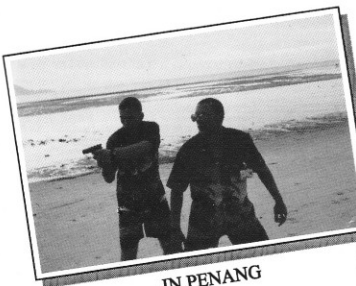
Known in its earlier years as the 'Fighting Fourth' and the 'Mountain Goats', in 1996 4 Platoon continued with tradition and with some of the harbour sites selected for us, OC B Coy ensured that we were continually reminded of this.

The first major exercise for the year was 'Swift Canopy' which provided us with many memorable moments. These included PTE 'Cheech' Dominguez falling into a pit full of water on return from picquet at night and the Boss, Coops, Mozza and Casey attacking BHQ (3RAR) from a rover which they 'borrowed?' from 3RAR. A welcome addition to PHQ for the exercise was SCDT 'Make me a Brew' Wakelin.

No sooner did we return from 'Club Pucka' than we were off again, this time on 'Aqua Warrior', where the first and probably the worst of our 'punishment ambushes' was experienced. It was also the site of the 'Gettysburg' Coy Atk where Rufus decided to take 1 Sect and head for the hills.

It was not long until the 'On Again Off Again' course at Canungra was tackled by the Platoon, with Parko and his boys taking out first place in Ex Hydra Despise (and Parko is still reminding us). Then the next major event in the Platoon's calendar was the MLOC Test at Majura Range in Canberra (known affectionately as Club Buggery). Despite the cold conditions, a number of incidents are worthy of a mention. Namely, 3 Section capturing a Platoon of enemy whilst they were asleep and a close recon group (Coops, Coutts, Hodgo, Macka and the Boss), bailing up one of the enemy who was in a port-a-loo.

Then we were soon off to Malaysia, which saw us participate in Exercises in Thailand and Borneo and live firing at Pulada, and saw Mozza put his new camera to the test. Overall, 4 Platoon has enjoyed a very busy and successful year and despite changes to the unit, we will always be 'KINGS OF THE YAMAS'.



...IN PENANG



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What's hot

6 Platoon
Calling 6 Platoon the monny chooks and telling them they are a bunch of *%#&%.

The Platoon

Question Time
Laughing at Parko because the Boss is giving him push ups for Gobbing Off.

The Platoon

Stool Sample
Missing the toilet seat at the RAAF Hostie because of that dodgy vindaloo and not being traced by your stool sample.

Anon

Tri-Shaw Surfing
Telling the taxi driver in Penang to shove his 10 Ringitt then hopping on a Tri-Shaw and 'Surfing' past him.

Anon

The Net
Listening to the other C/S taking a beating from CHQ for their mistakes.

Mozza

Make-an-Mend
Getting pers admin time from the Boss and just going to Penny's room and playing on his play station.

2 Section

Discipline
Catching up on gonk time in an ambush and waking

What's not

Meryla
Lying in Ambush all night and freezing your ass off because someone didn't challenge the en.

The Serg

Respect
Getting push ups off the Boss for laughing at Parko.

The Platoon

P.T.
Doing sprints on the soccer oval at Butterworth in 39 Degrees with a gut full of piss from the night before.

PTE Bell and PTE Onn

Gangs
Buying some of the local heavies a couple of beers at the 20/20 then copping a machete in the head. That's not Aussie.

Rufus

29er NO!
Doing an all night picquet in CHQ because the radio battery ran out.

The Boss

Family Ties
Getting woken up by your son for picquet.

Johnny Farnham

A's Royal Family
Thinking that you picked up a stunner at A's and waking up to find Fat Shaz and Princess making breakfast for you.

Mozzy and Onny