

# 6 PLATOON

## *The Roosters 'Ruling the Roost'*

After officially forming in November of 1995, 6 PL soon strongly united to become a high spirited, well disciplined and respected fighting unit within the awesome 4th Bn RAR.

'The Roosters' first commenced their Pl training on EX SWIFT CANOPY in early Feb 1996, whilst playing enemy against 3RAR. An all night ambush proved to be an initial test of discipline for the men and was deemed successful as no one ran off from mosquito irritation or to relieve the pain or cold.

With mostly new soldiers, two first year section commanders, a first year Pl SGT and Pl Comd, the Pl was often a target for tasking. However, no task was too difficult and with level headed and flexible members of the Pl, the Roosters soon were recognised as the quiet achievers within the Company.

With no need to boast or gob off like 4 Pl and having a good identity and spirit unlike 5 Pl, the Roosters clearly 'ruled the roost'.

6 Platoon's training year, although rushed, produced fine up and coming young soldiers. Their skills were constantly worked on by SGT Schwizler who had a firm but friendly approach to the soldiers, drilling them when necessary but always doing the best by them. The year was concluded with a three month tour in Malaysia which gave all the guys the opportunity to get to know themselves and their mates a lot better, thus the identity of the Roosters was announced after a Pl guard in Terradak.

## **Level of Experience**

Within the Pl are several well experienced soldiers. With CPL McKay and CPL Gasson coming from 1RAR with time spent in Somalia they provided a wealth of knowledge and wisdom for the Pl. LCPL Lobb brought valuable experience from 5/7RAR, with his motivated and highly enthusiastic approach has been a vital asset for the Pl. PTE Forestier who migrated from 2/4RAR also brought a wealth of experience after serving in Rwanda. PTE Astbury (1RAR), Blenkin and D'Cunha (2/4RAR) played vital roles as senior soldiers within the Pl.

## **Memorable Moments**

1. The first Pl piss up;
- 2., The second Pl piss up;
3. The Wookie earning his new name 'Jav' (short for Javelin);
4. PTE Yates diving for a grass hopper (or something) down an embankment whilst on exercise Harangaroo;
5. PTE Muller with a woman.

## Memorable Quotes

1. 'I want you to clean every cam kit mirror within the PI and as you do take a good look at yourself. Now #@\$& off.' (LCPL Lobb - Pulada);
- 2., 'Got a durry.' (SGT Schwizler);
3. 'We are what we are, we do what we do.' (9 Section);
4. 'She isn't a whore.' (PTE Bahur);
5. 'My hair.' (PTE McGrath).

## Things We Would Like To See More Of

1. PTE Muller 'the Battle Chassy' head butting a mony drain;
- 2., PTE Kennedy having a Coke, cigarette and a gumpy;
3. PTE Crofts flapping his silver tongue;
4. PTE Lee happy and pissed;
5. PTE Crellin give advice for a good price of drinks & PTE Crellin actually staying awake at the bar;
6. LCPL Lobb with a moe hawk;
7. SGT Schwizler giving a face rip;
8. LT Crisp standing naked in a public area.





**PTE MICK LEE'S - MACHINE GUNNER - 6PI**



**6 PI CANUNGRA B COY - LIVE FIRE**