

# Rifle & Pistol Shooting

The major event for the Rifle Shooting Team in a year is the participation in the Australian Army Skill at Arms Meeting (AASAM). This year was no exception, when we entered a team of 20 firers to travel to Sydney (Malabar Rifle Range) 12-19th May '87.

The team spent five days at Mt Vince for practice. In that time we also fired the Army Inter Unit Rifle Shooting Competition which is effectively the RUR practice format. In the open competition we came seventh (team 1) and eighteenth (team 2) and in the major unit competition we finished seventh out of eighteen units who entered. Notable results were achieved by Lt Chard and Sgt O'Donnell who scored 127 out of 140. This score won them a bronze badge each and earned places 29 and 30 respectively in the Army '50' Club.

At AASAM, we did not achieve as many trophies as in 1986. However, we distinguished ourselves highly as individuals with almost everyone winning one or more medals. Successes included first (LCpl Cameron, Pte Toohey) and fourth (Cpl O'Connor, Cpl Mau) in the Sniper Pair. We also came fourth in the Obstacle Cse Competition (Capt Hasson, Sgt Dzienisz, Cpl O'Connor, Pte Breen). Sgt O'Donnell qualified again as a marksman whilst there.

We broadened the spectrum of events that we could enter this year by taking F1 SMG's down with us. We again took our pistols.

The team consisted of:

Capt Hasson	Lt Burns
Lt Chard	Sgt Smith
Sgt O'Donnell	Sgt Skaines
Sgt Dzienisz	Cpl Holmes
Cpl Hart	Cpl Ratcliffe
Cpl O'Connor	Cpl Mau
LCpl Bryde	LCpl Cameron
Pte Tweedie	Pte Toohey
Pte Breen	Pte Eckert
Pte Coombes	Pte Lloyd

The team is now training for the approaching N.Q. Area Rifle Shooting Competition. Difficulty getting 20 firers is being experienced due to courses and other activities but the resolve is there, to this year, win the competition.



The Inter Company Rifle Shoot was competed for vigorously with Spt Coy winning and D, B, A, C and Admin following notable performances were turned in by Sgt Daly, Sgt Symons, Sgt O'Donnell and Cpl Holmes.

The Inter Coy Pistol Shoot was won by D Coy followed by A, Spt, Admin, B and C. Top shot on the day was Sgt Symons. There were many examples of good shooting which augers well for the Brigade Competition in November. Again, requiring 20 firers, the resolve to do well is there and the shooters are still being found.

Due to Sgt Daly's performance at AASAM '86 he earned a position in the Australian Team to compete in Brunei in 1987. Well done to Sgt Daly who performed and represented the Battalion creditably overseas, while gaining enormous experience to pass on to other shooters.

