



'Jock' pretending to be in the Highlands.



Cpl. Polese and Sgt. Diment — 'Bait Laying'

COOK'S LAMENT

We sit here in the kitchen and wait for all the Rovers,
For we know when they rock up our job is nearly over.
We sit and wait for A Coy for it's always worth a joke,
To see their CO, such a bald little bloke.

For Otto is the man who always takes the knocks,
About how short he is and his lack of flowing locks.
But he takes it like a man, without much concern,
Shut your bloody mouth, I want me bloody urn.
And then comes Bravo with a man they call JD,
He hasn't showered for twelve days and I think he fancies me.
But we treat them all the same, with all due respect,
For everyone's hot box is packed, sealed and checked.

For JD is the man who likes his men well fed,
If there isn't 18 in each, "I'll break your bloody head".
And then we have Charlie who only drink the tea,
I'm sick and tired of making it, why is it always me?
But we put up with all the nonsense for our patience it all but takes,
But where DID you get the indent for a packet of lolly snakes?

And then we have the Deltones where Slim is the man
You'll sometimes hear him say, God I wish I was still in the band!
Of course don't forget Spt Coy at all,

With Staff Webber, the funniest of them all.
For he's a good old chap who carries a bit of weight,
But if you ever mention it for the reply don't ever wait.
He also has his back which pains him like a fire,
The general comment is I think he should retire.

And then we have Jock Gall a rank above the rest,
Who keeps strangling someones cat, some say that he's a pest.
But I think that he's alright, or at least he is to me.
But I'm not making any more sandwiches for his stupid morning tea.
I'll tell no more stories for I couldn't if I tried,
For after all these insults I only have God on my side.

ADMIN COMPANY

1984 commenced with its usual fervour and excitement within Admin Coy. Rumours of a new CSM with an over zealous lust for physical activity had run rife through the Coy towards the end of '83, to be replaced by the comment, "who's the guy sitting out in front of the Coy making all the noise?"

The Coy has lived up to its motto "We Supply" by providing the normal routine logistics requirements of the Bn throughout the year and it is anticipated that there will be no change in the future. Apart from the normal logistics support the Coy has managed to assist with the education of the NCO's and Officers of the Bn, proving that logistics is not the bogeyman that people think it is, by deploying A Echelon into the field and then conducting a TEWT over the period 20 May '84 to 24 May '84.

During the period 16 Mar '84 to 25 May '84, the Coy assisted the Rifle Companies of the Bn and a Company of 1 RAR by providing an administrative party at Mt. Vince Rifle Range, Mackay. Two CPX were conducted during the periods 10 Apr to 12 Apr '84 and 10 May to 12 May '84. Noticeable by his absence at 95A was Captain (Seldom) Richards. A real turn up for the books after 1983 when it was 99 who could never be pinned down in one spot. Major Lewien obviously left the 6' star picquet and 40' chain that he used to tie down the Coy 2IC, at Roebourne, Western Australia.

Inter Company sport this year has shown a remarkable improvement in Admin Coy prowess. Perhaps the CSM's physical fitness fanaticism has paid dividends. The Coy managed to sneak in a first place in Squash, a second place in Badminton, a third place in Basketball (a tall RMO jockstrapper) and a fourth in Swimming. RAEME elements are good for something other than repairing equipment, thanks go to Cfn Gilot.

The Pipes and Drums again this year have been active and successful. In April they participated in the NQ Highland Games Pipe Band Competition. Their achievements in this competition included:

- a. Best Dressed and Drill,
- b. Most Improved Band,
- c. Best Basic Section (congratulations to Pte's Leedie, Price and Smith), and
- d. Three first and seven third placings in sections of the Street Marching and Standing Selections.

In addition the band took part in the re-enactment of Cooktown from 9 Jun to 11 Jun, the NQ Games from 19 Apr to 23 Apr, and the annual Apex Charity Concert.

Farewells from the Coy included the march out on discharge of the Caterer WO2 Fred Brendecke and the ASM WO2 Steve Wood. Others on posting were:

- a. Lt Kehoe,
- b. Chaplain Woodward,
- c. WO1 Gamble,
- d. Capt Miller,
- e. Cpl Liebeck,
- f. Cpl Foureur
- g. Cpl McHugh,
- h. Cfn Cusack,
- i. Cfn Stone,
- j. Pte Keegan,
- k. Pte Waring, and
- l. Pte Cochrane.

There were numerous internal postings, to each of those members, we thank them for their support, as we do those that have departed the Unit. New march ins to the Coy are also numerous and to each and every one of them we extend a welcome.



Pte Neaylon, Pte Grovenor, Pte Baxter and Pte Ellis take lunch orders in the bush.

MED PLATOON

Considering that we handed the ODF responsibility over to 1 RAR in April we have still managed to keep quite busy and sustain a hectic schedule. A trip to Hawaii started things off for Cpl Newlands. Ex Winton Run occupied Cpl Finn for a while, whilst a trip with Mortars and Signals kept Sgt Palmblad happy for a few weeks, and everyone was delighted with "Ex Spartan Challenge" and those lovely, meandering bush-walks. Next came "Ex Northern Warrior" and finally Cpl Bryan looks like finishing off the year with an almost all expense paid trip to Malaysia. Of course all this was interspersed with our normal trips to High Range, Mackay, Paluma and Bluewater.

The RMO, Capt Keith McNeil, (a man who we look up to), started with us at the beginning of the year and settled right into the swing of things with dazzling displays in Rugby, Basketball, Volleyball and most other sports, much to the chagrin of SSgt McDonald WHO INSISTS that the doctor conduct the occasional sick parade.

Speaking of Staff, he's still anxiously waiting for more word on his long awaited posting. Of course we're all hoping that he gets to spend another 12 months here but he tends to violently disagree with us. In fact, he's planning a ceremonial burning of all his bush gear, not that it's been used all that much!

Sgt Palmblad, who is still missing his flying hours, is in the grip of mental anguish trying to give up smoking and cope with all the pressures of the job at the same time. He is still trying to quash the rumour that there are no fish in North Queensland.

Unfortunately, Cpl Dei-Rossi was injured in a car accident early this year and has left us for the rigours of 4 Camp Hosp. Who knows who will make the coffee now!

Cpl Rodney Finn has become a proud father. We knew that the baby was close because everytime the phone rang Finney rushed to answer it. Finney looks like leaving at the end of the year and we are sure the place will not be the same without him.

Cpl Newlands seems to be always on the spot whenever a camera is produced, and PR66 time saw an over abundance of brews for the RAP staff. Pig as he aptly likes to be called, has visions of wearing a sandy beret in the near future.

Three months in Tully was just what Cpl Wall needed for a pleasant change from the CSM's duty NCO list. Mick started with us this year and his value as an instructor has been fully utilised.

Cpl Bryan seems to think it is quite an achievement to get to and from work with his car in one piece. Barry's wit keeps everyone smiling and his effort to emulate the doctors jock strapping achievements have been noticed.

Cpl McGufficke started the rumour that there are no fish in North Queensland. Blue has had a fairly busy year with a promotion course, minute writing and Rugby.

Postings Out: Capt Rod Miller to 7 Camp Hosp on promotion.

Cpl Mick Leibbeck to 7 Camp Hosp on promotion.

Postings In: Capt Keith McNeil from training, Cpl Mick Wall from SOAH, and Cpl Barry Bryan from 1 Mil Hosp.



The 'Doc' at Mt. Spec

TECHNICAL SUPPORT PLATOON

It happened on March in to the Unit at the Guard Room:

"Where is Tech Support mate?"

"What's Tech Support?"

"You know, RAEME."

"No RAEME here mate, this is 2/4 RAR, you know, Infantry, no RAEME here."

So begins life in 2/4 RAR for another year. There is a RAEME Technical Support Platoon (TSP) alive and well, occupying that wire compound up the back well, you usually put wire between you and the enemy).

The TSP is thirteen members strong, consisting of the ASM, five fitter armourers, five vehicle mechanics, a radio mechanic and a storeman. The role of the platoon is to provide first line or initial minor repair to the Battalion's equipment. This involves maintenance and inspection programmes to keep the unit's equipment serviceable and the provision of advice to unit personnel.

This year has been busy for TSP, with deployments to Mt. Vince Range to support Coy range activities, deployment to Shans Dam in May for the A Ech TEWT, completion of the annual Equipment Inspection Service (EIS), and annual stocktake. The

latter has the effect of sending the most level headed people into mild panic.

This was followed by the mad rush to get vehicles, weapons and equipment ready for the great coming, "Exercise Northern Warrior" and support A Coy's adventure training, "Exercise Bold Catcher".

Exercise Northern Warrior proved to be an experience for the eight members of the platoon who deployed. For many it was their first deployment with Infantry. All were unanimous that it doesn't differ much from Artillery, Armour or any other arm.

With Northern Warrior over it was back to the depths of repair that follow all exercises.

During the year, members of the platoon participated in unit sport with enthusiasm. CFN Ian Gillott represented the Battalion in swimming, Cpl Jeff Gittos took out the high jump in athletics and represented North Queensland in inter-service volleyball. Other members such as Jeff Biddle and John Buscher also starred in some of the better known body sports. Indeed the sporting prowess of some is not confined to daylight games but include the odd dart being thrown.

So much for the year gone, we look forward to 1985.



A Coy Bullbar constructed by Tech Spt Enterprises.