

TECHNICAL SUPPORT PLATOON

WO2 P.B. Willmette, CPL P.E. Coliero, CPL D. Fedorniak, CPL K. Trimble, CFN R.S. Campey, CFN A.C. Coney, CFN B.W. Dawes, CFN R.J. Fuller, CFN W.J. Lynch, CFN D.L. Poulsen, CFN C. Smith, CFN B.D. Southey, CFN D.C. Szczecinski, CFN D.M. Wegener

As usual the year started off with new members marching into the unit. These were WO2 Willmette, CFN Fuller, CFN Lynch and CFN Smith. This time also saw the farewell of WO2 Hughes, CFN Larkin and CFN Murdock.

CPL Coleiro has been in charge of General Engineering Section along with his tireless team of fitters consisting of CFN Southey, CFN Dawes, CFN Campey and CFN Coney. The fitters have been busy with modifications to the Steyr and Minimi and the never ending repairs to the units small arms. The fabrication work being legitimate or bodgery is also carried out.

CPL Fedorniak is in charge of the motor mechanics, or greasers as the humans call them. His team consists of CFN Poulsen, CFN Wegener, CFN Lynch, CFN Fuller and towards the end of the year PTE Clausen. Vehicle mechanics look after all the units vehicles and trailers, they also carry out never ending modifications to keep the unit vehicles up to date, so the infantry soldiers do not have to walk everywhere.

The last section we have is the Electrical Section or scaly boffins as we know them. CPL Trimble is the illustrious leader of his one man team - CFN Smith. They are responsible for maintaining the units radio equipment, night vision gear, compasses and sight units. This allows the Battalions communications to be open at all times, also CPL Trimble has been heavily involved in setting up and operating the lighting for the Birthday Week celebrations.

One of the most highly underrated jobs in the platoon is that of the storeman. This task is carried out by the one and only, CFN Szczecinski. This job is so tough that he doesn't know whether he should be a storeman, policeman, or a naval medic. He is

a tireless worker who runs around looking for and ordering the parts required to keep the unit equipment serviceable.

The ASM, WO2 Willmette, commands the platoon, he guides with his knowledge of the trade and his vast experiences from throughout his many years in the service. We had only one real opportunity to deploy as a platoon into the field as a platoon - Ex Eagle Flight. The ASM made a few much needed changes to the running of the workshop in the field. These changes will greatly enhance the productivity of the platoon in the field.

The platoon has also been tasked with the job of maintaining the sports oval, which we are proud to say is probably the only green oval in the Brigade.

As the year draws to a close the platoon will see the exit of two members CPL Coleiro and CFN Southey who are both being posted. We wish them well in their new units.

Remember if anyone has any technical related problems all you need to do is come up and ask any of the tradesman and they will be happy to answer the problem.

Well that is all from Technical Support Platoon - see you all in 1994.



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QUARTERMASTER PLATOON

CAPT R. Clayton, WO1 T.A. Davis, WO2 S.F. Hanley, SGT C.G. Bell, SGT R.P. Canhan,
CPL B.L. Langabeer, CPL C.H. Lees, CPL M.W. Titley, LCPL S.J. Boyle, PTE D.R. Comben,
PTE G.I. Griffith, PTE C.B. Kingston, PTE K.A. McLeod, PTE D.A. Sievers,
PTE R.L. Thompson, PTE N.W. Wishart

The platoon started the year as we normally do - flat out. Firstly we had to support 1 RAR in their preparation for deployment to Somalia, and as usual they took all our stores but no diggers, maybe next time.

At the same time we welcomed the new boys to the elite (R.E.M.F.) Platoon, including; SGT Bell from 2/17 RNSWR, LCPL Boyle from 5/7 RAR, CPL Lees from Sig Platoon, PTE Kingston from D Coy, PTE Marsh from D Coy and PTE Wishart from C Coy. Thanks fellas, we could not do without you - but there were other members we could have used; PTE Griffith who was swanning in Malaysia with A Coy, PTE Warren who scored a trip to Cambodia, PTE Danielowski who elected to take discharge, and SGT Kent who won the raffle as CQ Admin Coy.

The platoon purchased new T-Shirts this year and for the first time was really noticed, sorry Recon - or is it Q Platoon?

Next on our busy schedule the platoon was deployed to High Range Training Area to support the Battalion during air operations. It was led to believe that the boys were really flat out during this time, however, it was also noted that our fearless leader of A Ech Q was giving a running commentary of enemy movements from his farter. Who needs a K Phone?

Then CPL Lees took his fearless section out to compete in the Battalion Mil Skills. Well done Ted and the rest of the boys who entered the competition with true Admin Coy determination.

We certainly showed the rifle companies what we can do in our spare time.

Then we lost SGT Bell, who was detached to B Coy, only to find out that he would have to deploy on a free, sunny, all expenses paid trip to Hawaii!@#

The platoon Defensive Driving course has been postponed due to a certain instructor who failed his course - no mention of the dais.

During the Battalion Birthday, the platoon was quite busy collecting stores for the coming celebrations - a lot of hard work and tears - but we certainly made up for it at the Battalion Ball!!

Then it was off to sunny Shoalwater Bay for Exercise Eagle Flight, which allowed us the opportunity to move dirt the old fashion way - the hard way. On the exercise the RQMS gained a new position in the CP, and the Drum Major has been in hiding ever since.

The platoon then looked forward to Bde S/Down, allowing us the option for the first time this year to put our feet up, with the full knowledge that upon returning we will venture into stocktake mode to complete the year.

Finally we would like to farewell a few members; CAPT Clayton to OCS, WO1 Davis to OCS, PTE Sievers to PNR PL, PTE Marsh to DFSW PL, PTE Wishart to LWC Canungra, and LCPL Boyle to TPT PL.

PS: Quote of the year "Sir, you won't believe this"
"WHAT NOW TED"

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CPL Ferguson tuning PTE Buss!



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