

# SUMAN WARRIOR

Exercise Suman Warrior in 1994 was hosted by the Singaporean Armed Forces for the nations of the Five Power Defence Arrangement (FPDA) at Jurong Camp in the west of Singapore. The Australian Contingent was primarily drawn from 2/4RAR supported by 108 Battery and an element from 5 Aviation Regiment.

The contingent led by our new Commanding Officer, LTCOL Wilson, deployed to Singapore on 10 October via Darwin (the less said the better!). Our hosts: the 2nd Singaporean Infantry Brigade (2SIB), initially treated us to a couple of days of sightseeing. Some of the contingent enjoyed this much more than local cuisine and preferred to eat at McDonalds.

The Wargame Exercise was conducted at a leisurely pace with plenty of time for morning tea, lunch and

afternoon tea. A Command Field Exercise culminating in a 'demonstration' attack for the assembled Chiefs of the Defence Forces (all five of them!) was piped onward by CPL Ferguson with a spirited display of lung capacity.

Upon returning from the field the five contingents contributed to the International night which was duly won by the Singaporean Armed Forces Musical and Drama Company (it is on their order of battle) with their special one hour episode of Young Talent Time. If you don't believe me ask the boys about SGT Jacqui!

After such a rigorous timetable the contingent had one last chance to "shop 'till they dropped" before returning to Australia on a two day C130 Hercules flight via Butterworth and Darwin (again the less said the better.....).

