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Exercise Swift Eagle

It began with a journey into the past. The battalion was indeed honoured, to have endured 14 hours slowly rolling along in one of the majestic old antiques of the Queensland Railways. It was even whispered that the "old lady" had been carefully preserved in mothballs, since last serving as a troop train during the American Civil War. 1030 hours, 13th October 1988 - "Made it at last!" - Glen Geddes Railhead: Gateway to Shoalwater Bay Training Area. After "marrying up" with Leopard Tanks, APC's, TCV's and the Artillery; the battalion became "tactical" for the Exercise. Going "tactical" was an inconvenience to Delta Company and interrupted their intense programme of swimming, fishing, bush walking through the mountain and spinning yarns around the bonfires at night.

Our first task was to clear "AO FISKE" to Samuel Hill Airfield, which was achieved within 48 hours. After handing back the "Weimar Bliss", we became experts in air and foot movement. With the aim of ridding the Clinton sector of those dreaded musorians, the Battalion launched into the Peninsula Campaign.

The CO skillfully achieved success with intelligent use of air assets to deploy company block forces behind enemy position, while the remainder of the Battalion advanced along the main axis of the peninsula.

Our "air assets" included "Hornets", "Blackhawks", "Chinooks", "Troquois" and "Kowas". The Peninsula Campaign saw the introduction into service of the enemy's latest offensive aircraft. Utilizing the latest developments in "space avionics", the MAF Mark One, "Sandfly", was deployed at low level and in such numbers as to create a great deal of discomfort and frustration to our troops. The "sandfly" on a number of occasions, broke through our front line and struck deep into our echelon

areas. (OC Admin Coy will testify to that.) Night raids did not abate until large quantities of chemical counter measures were applied to the body.

The Peninsula Campaign won. The Battalion was deployed by air to "Eianora", where we conducted trench warfare for a couple of days in preparation for the air mobile assault on the suspected enemy position in vicinity of the "Raspberry Vale" area.

The CO's plan was implemented without a hitch. This involved eighteen helicopters of various types. Deploying some 500 troops 15km in 64 minutes. On arrival of the LZ, the CO commanded his men on a battalion level fighting patrol, to once and for all "finish off" the last remnants of the enemy force - well, that is, until Exercise "Kangaroo 89" - but that's another story.

Who will forget...

- The CO's last orders group in the bush.
- The brink of "Condor" (OC A Coy).
- B Coy motto - "march or die!"
- B Coy lost patrol - "We will keep shouting - someone is sure to find us - (transmission heard over Battalion Command radio net).
- D Coy - Lost and found.
- D Coy - "Late again".
- BHQ's filing system - "Now what was the number of that Transreq? Thanks Dave!!
- The CO's response to BHQ's filing system.
- "Seagulls" last swan song.
- Message over the insecure gunner radio net: "We are commencing our deception fire plan NOW!!!"
- "Niners" attitude towards status of command of helicopters - "possession is nine tenths of the law".
- Most "popular" CO at Brigade HQ - LtCol Ballantyne.



Pat Richardson



Dave did you bring the map?



Dave what did you do on Surf 1 Eagle?



I ate heaps of oysters son



Pat Barrett Egles finding the pistol he misplaced on Mout Deagle



Thank God for the Salces