

# SHOOTING TEAM

The Bn shooting team kicked off in Jan 96 with about 20 people. From the beginning everyone knew it would be a different sort of team. For starters the CO actually supported shooting as a military sport, which for everyone who has served in other units was a pleasant change. Next was our ammunition allocation, which was something to make any serious shooter drool. With the guidance of 'bring back something from ASSAM or else' WO2 Wootton set off to train the soldiers, many of whom are very good shots. The proof of the pudding is in the eating and at ASSAM individual team members did very well with WO2 Wootton and WO2 Keam scoring a chest full of medals as did LCPL Farthing and several others. Unfortunately the Queensland weather and the competition got to some of the competitors who blew their chances but still did OK. After ASSAM WO2 Wootton retired and handed over the team to CAPT Gough. The Bn is indeed fortunate to have at its disposal the Firearms Training System (FATS) at 3RAR. This has led to hours of useful shooting practice on sport training mornings and the results on the range are proving its worth. Also the Dart ranges at Holsworthy certainly make shooting a more enjoyable activity. Our sights are firmly set on AASAM 97 and with the talent we have available to the team we should again score well for the Battalion.



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