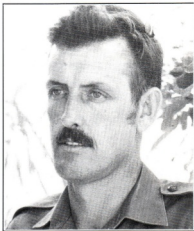


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Support Company

1987 has been an interesting year for Support Company. It has been difficult to get the Company together, the best opportunity being missed when a cyclone bypassed Normanston in March, but many of the Company's older hands seemed pleased not to revisit that area.

1987 has brought to CHQ a large turnover of staff. Shorty Davis was seen heading towards Broome, it was understood that he was wearing a smile and a sheet. Cpl Marsh disappeared on a jobex with Cpl Astbury. They tell me that Ballarat is a lovely spot in June. D.B. is planning an expedition to the wilds of the South Australian public service, just as soon as he can find out where to do the test.

SSgt Tilker and LCpl Crabbe have had a good year in the store, on retirement both are planning to open a small milk bar, with a sideline in weapons and CES.

CSM Hingston has organised a posting to Cairns, which has made him the envy of many.

The Company 2IC Capt Warren (Polly) Farmer is our resident freedom fighter and Egyptian look a like. His intellectual discussions with Capt Mal Clarke of Mortars has left the OC with perpetual wax build up. Both are leaving, it's a shame they are not going to the same place.

Mortars have shot well this year, the platoon is losing Sgt Rasmus to Singleton, Sgt Smith to Kapooka and Sgts O'Donnell and Skaines to Alpha and Charlie Coys.

Signals have communicated well this year, especially on Eager Eaglet. The RSO, Capt Rhodes is off to Singleton and Sgt Eylward to Bravo Company. Cpl Cameron, our "Long Looker" was well looked after by the platoon, and it is likely that his suntan will never recover.

Recon have been suitably difficult to find in '87, the platoon has performed well this year, Lt Dechow and Sgt Dow are both leaving the unit and Sgt Arnold makes the trip to Admin Company.

PNR PL have had a very busy year, they too have performed well, Lt Lowes is to try his luck in a University Regiment and Sgt Nash is rumored only to be interested in recruiting bearded Aussie Rulers.

Thanks to all for a good year in '87. To all ranks and their families, well done and all the best in '88



"No change.... over"



Pte Toohy and Pte Proctor of Recon Platoon discussing the fall of the Australian Stock Market.

Mortar Platoon

Return from leave saw us very eager to rid those precious pounds, to fire the new SABOT round, to drive in our new vehicles and doing all this in our cams. As it was, all we got were PT periods and weight reducing routines. Next year we promise not to put on any weight over leave and therefore we will receive all our other wishes.

The characteristics of the Mortar Platoon are:

- Mobility
- Firepower
- Vulnerability, and
- Flexibility

In the mobility stakes we developed a new skill by having some of us qualify as APC drivers. It is not true that when Wazza is driving the safest place is on the road. (Don't have picnics next to bridges!!) As Buggy was consistently breaking our vehicles we were continually breaking in GPs practising our other form of mobility.

Firepower demonstrations reached new heights in '87. Firefighting was a more apt term; D Coy discovered illumination; Longer's rifle lost in a duel with an APC and the Officer/NCO Mortar Course (as did the publicans) benefited by a visit from one of our Sections to Singleton during July/August.



Mortars Platoon Sgt Bernie Rasmus and LCpl Jim Bowen in the CP

Again Mortar's were shown vulnerable in efforts to locate MFCs that:

- can be found, and
- when found made to work.

In addition, Tinny is still posted as missing and the golf skills of the Platoon Commander couldn't be improved by the professional assistance of Bernie.

Mortar's showed flexibility by not even blinking when our shooters sometimes showed up for work, by adapting to weekly section changes and by not becoming accustomed to movements into and out of Mortars.

Mortar's have welcomed Lt Bartlett, Sgt Smith, Sgt Lewis, Cpl Birt, Cpl "Long Look" Hart, Cpl McKenzie, Cpl Murphy Pte's Dudley, Bowen, Donaldson, Schiltz, Atkinson, Pinkstone, Wilcox, Pope, Oreagen and Williams.

Promotions included Sgt Skaines, LCpl Bowen, LCpl Grace, LCpl Devine, LCpl Galvin and Cpl Stephens. Departures included Lt Caughey, Sgt Megyesi, Sgt Symons, Cpl Elliott, Cpl Stephens, LCpl Grace, LCpl Devine, LCpl Galvin, Pte Bolton, Pte Haynes, Pte Crabbe, Pte O'Reagan, Pte Bugg and Pte Kestel.

Further losses at the end of the year will include Capt Clarke, Sgt Rasmus, Sgt Smith, Sgt Skaines, Sgt O'Donnell, Cpl Heron, Cpl Birt and Pte Wilcox.

Congratulations to Sol on his marriage and Trumbs is now looking for another drinking partner.

Anyway to everyone from Mortars (the Senior Platoon) good luck and best wishes in '88.



FIRE!

Assault Pioneer

1987 brought a few new faces and structural changes to the platoon and began quite feverishly with the construction of a new Nathan Bridge in High Range (and the sceptics said it couldn't be done — we even went home early!).

Little has been done different to last year in the way of training along the way. Our first demolition week was novel with the Brigade RSM reclaiming most of our detcord (in fact all of it), so it was short and sweet, but we had a good one in June and an exceptional flame practice for the 1/86 Basic Course.

Various jobs around the battalion have kept the platoon busy, perhaps the most busy were Pte's Hicks and Robillard who spent a great deal of their own time doing jobs for various trophies and the ETVCC. Thanks fellas.

A few farewells through the year. It is commonly believed that we wait for the next farewell for a good bash. Away from us has gone Cpl Mark Riddle, off to become an Ammo Tech, which wouldn't be so bad if you didn't have to become a roach. Also gone is Pte Chris Snell, off to Adelaide to enjoy the Barossa Valley and Great Whites.

Then "Barbs" or Pte Graeme Barber got his wish and went off to RAEME to enhance his mechanical training from a previous life. "Same as it ever was" eh Barbo?

This year's exercises proved interesting with "Exercise Dam Buster" being called off at the last minute, because the choppers lifting our boats to Paluma Dam were a bit worried about the cloud over the hills. To Recon Platoon, thanks very much fellas, and ah, sorry about the wet bodies. Thanks also to the flyboys of 35 Sqn RAAF who were as keen as we were. Better luck next time.

EAGER EAGLET was to say the very least — mobile. The highlight was rapelling in, carrying our fuel and chainsaws deep inside enemy territory. It would've been better still, if the whole

call sign could've moved up to clear the LZ at Paluma. Not impressed with the trials boats though.

SWIFT EAGLE was a Brigade exercise and as such was a little slow at times, until the Battalion hit HRTA and the bulrings. Instructing by day, enemy by night.

Then it was stand down and courses and the platoon was scattered to the four winds. Our own course got caught up in the logistics system or rather the lack of it when we had to fight tooth and nail to get our boats but they tricked us and kept the motors.

The end of the year came quickly — and with it new faces. A few fellows have applied for other jobs and found they require other qualifications, don't let that hold you back. Go for it guys!

Sgt Nash is off to Recruiting in Melbourne (clean shaven) and he is being replaced by Sgt (ex PNR Cpl) Daly from B Coy (now not clean shaven).

Lt Lowes goes as Adj to Western Australia University Regiment in East Fremantle (what a blow!). He is being replaced by Lt Shaw from C Coy.

To the whole platoon, good luck to all, enjoy your work and keep it up in the same high standards we've achieved.

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Pioneer at rest



Lt Lowes



Sgt Nash



LCpl "Smiley" Schwartz