

RIFLE SHOOTING

Rifle shooting finished on a high note for the Battalion in 1983. As predicted by Capt Sherrin in last years magazine, the Battalion took out the Army Wide Australasian Training Aids Challenge Shield. We came second in the RUR, and but for a technicality, would have cleaned up. Our Queens Medal finalists had mixed fortunes, but two, Cpl Skaines and Sgt Grasby, managed a spot in the top 10.

To start the shooting year we sent a squad to the Australian Army Skill at Arms Meeting at Sydney, in May. The squad brought home a modest share of the booty, and considering near freezing temperatures, howling wind and drenching rain, accounted for themselves well.

Because of an on-going clash with Company sport, shooting training saw only a small band of regulars participating. However, the advent of the Army Rifle Association Monthly Medal Shoots in June saw attendances pick up. Our shooters have been on the pace for this competition from the start. What we need are a few more B-graders (non marksmen) to give the pogoos a bit of a shake in that grade.

From late July we began conducting shoots and submitting entries in the various competitions. A summary is as follows:

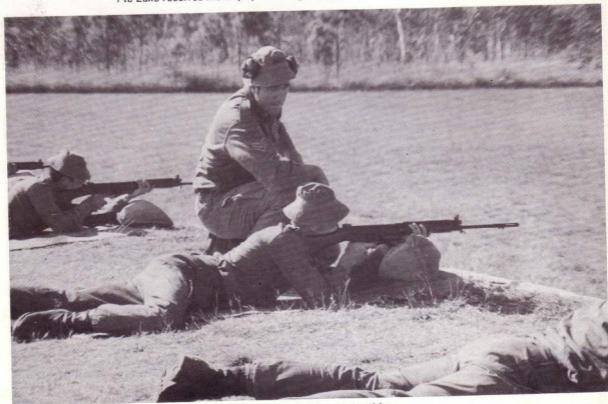
BN RIFLE SHOOTING TEAM



Front Row L-R: Lt. Jensen, Cpl Phillippi, Pte Lake, Sgt Thompson, Cpl Dzienisz, Pte Baker.
Back Row L-R: Sgt Cowell, Lcpl Grant, Lcpl Holmes, Lcpl Hinds, Sgt Howells, Pte Rawlings, Cpl Skaines,
Pte Hite, Capt Larkins.



Pte Lake receives his trophy for being Top Shot in the Brigade Competition.



Sgt Gillman does some coaching.