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# 2/4 RAR SHOOTING

## THE DREAM TEAM

1993 has been superb a year for the 2/4 RAR Shooting Team with significant achievements in Brigade, Army and International Competitions. A team nucleus of 13 firers has propelled 2/4 RAR into the limelight as the premier shooting unit of the Australian Army and has also formed the major component of the Australian Army Shooting Team.

The Battalion sent 10 firers to AASAM in Brisbane in May and performed brilliantly as a team and as individuals. PTE Marchment, PTE Munn and CFN Campey also fired as part of the Australian Army Team of 10 at the competition. Results from AASAM for two teams of four firers were:

- ❖ Close Quarter Battle Teams - 1st and 5th
- ❖ Gurkha Machine Gun Trophy - 2nd
- ❖ Applied Marksmanship Teams - 1st and 3rd
- ❖ Obstacle Course Teams - 2nd and 4th
- ❖ Snap Practice - 1st and 2nd
- ❖ 3.2km Section March - 1st
- ❖ Falling Plate - 1st (24.5 secs)
- ❖ Sniper Pairs - 12th
- ❖ Pistol Teams - 11th and 31st
- ❖ Service Rifle Aggregate Day 1 - 1st and 5th
- ❖ CGS Trophy Aggregate Day 1 and 2 - 1st and 9th
- ❖ Champion Infantry Battalion The RUR Trophy - 2/4 RAR
- ❖ King George Whiskey Shield major Unit Trophy for Champion Shooting Unit - 2/4 RAR

Individual results were equally impressive at both the AASAM competition and subsequent Champion Shot of the Army Competition. Out of 500 firers at AASAM and 100 firers at the Championship competition our team achieved the following results:

- ❖ PTE Munn SPT Coy - AASAM - 2nd, - Champion Shot of the Army - 2nd, - Applied Marksman Score - 273

- ❖ PTE Marchment SPT Coy - AASAM - 24th, - Champion Shot of the Army - 3rd, - Applied Marksman Score - 278
- ❖ CPL Regan SPT Coy - AASAM - 5th, - Champion Shot of the Army - 8th
- ❖ CFN Campey Admin Coy - AASAM - 17th, - Champion Shot of the Army - 11th, - Applied Marksman Score - 271
- ❖ LCPL Davey B Coy - AASAM - 20th, - Champion Shot of the Army - 39th, - Applied Marksman Score - 258
- ❖ PTE Zimmerman SPT Coy - AASAM - 39th, - Champion Shot of the Army - 26th, - Applied Marksman Score - 253
- ❖ LCPL Lawson A Coy - AASAM - 61st, - Champion Shot of the Army 44th
- ❖ PTE Nitschke SPT Coy - AASAM - 63rd, - Champion Shot of the Army - 30th
- ❖ PTE Vinson SPT Coy - AASAM - 104th, - Applied Marksman Score - 252
- ❖ MAJ Jensen B Coy - AASAM - 176th, - Applied Marksman Score - 257

PTE Munn, PTE Marchment and CFN Campey were selected to compete with the Australian Army Team at Bisley in the UK where they performed very well and gained valuable experience in competing under pressure at an international level.

CPL Regan, LCPL Davey, PTE Munn, PTE Marchment and CFN Campey were then part of the Australian Army BISAM team competing in Brunei. PTE Marchment achieved magnificent recognition by being placed first in the competition and CFN Campey distinguished himself as being an excellent consistent shooter by being placed fourth.

The final competition for the year was the 3 Bde Inter Unit Shooting Competition in October and the result was a foregone conclusion. The team

thrashed any opposition by setting a 10 firer average of 160.7 out of 180 (LF9) to win the major unit trophy and overall champion unit trophy. 2/4 RAR also won the Falling Plate Trophy with a time of 24.35 seconds which was faster than their record winning time at AASAM of 24.5 seconds.

CPL Blake, B Coy, took out the trophy for the best shot of the Brigade competition with a score of 171. PTE Zimmerman SPT Coy came sixth, PTE Munn SPT Coy seventh, LCPL Carmichael D Coy eighth and CFN Campey Admin Coy came tenth.

Upon reflection, the exceptional standard set by 2/4 RAR in shooting throughout 1993 has been due to the dedication and talent of a group of

soldiers who have worked very hard to achieve a standard of excellence both as a team and as individuals. They have spent many weeks on the range refining techniques and practicing their marksmanship skills, skills which are required not only of them but each individual within 2/4 RAR. They may not have been seen during Battalion activities because of shooting commitments and their absence has been a burden for others to share. However, their achievements have been done for the battalion and their effort should not be taken for granted. Well done to all members of the teams, you have certainly been the quiet achievers for 2/4 RAR in 1993.

