



FAREWELL TO THE OLD 2 RAR COLOURS

A BIG DAY

The 17th of September, 1976, saw the presentation of the new 2 RAR Queens and Regimental Colours to the 2/4th Battalion.

Described by some as the best ever witnessed in Australia, the parade began at 0938 hrs and terminated at 1145 hrs.

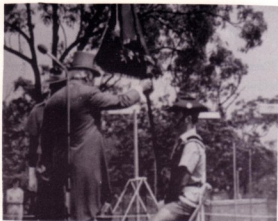
During the period on the square, the battalion trooped and marched off the old 2 RAR Colours and accepted and marched past the new 2 RAR Colours.

A spectator force of some 1500 assorted military and civilian people watched the presentation by the Governor General with appreciation and respect for the traditions of the ceremony.

Following a flawless exhibition of drill, the Battalion marched off to join their friends and families at luncheons held in all three messes.

The conclusion of the luncheon at 1400 hrs allowed everyone six hours preparation for the Battalion Ball, which began at 2000 hrs and proceeded with life and vigour into the early hours of the morning.

All in all, it was certainly a big day, and it would be impossible to name all those who made it such a success. However, for those who wish to know, a list appears under the heading of "Pay List" in this journal. "WELL DONE" to you all.



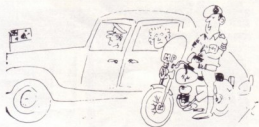
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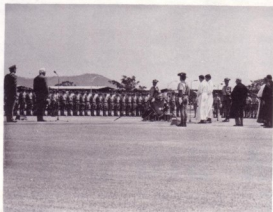
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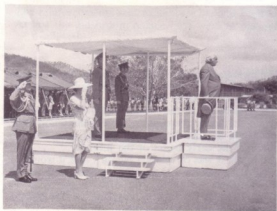
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"And what's the new 'Colours'?"



STAFF CHAPLAIN E. HARLEY CONSECRATES
THE COLOURS ON BEHALF OF THE ROMAN
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