

BATTALION ANNIVERSARY PARADE

15 AUGUST 1981

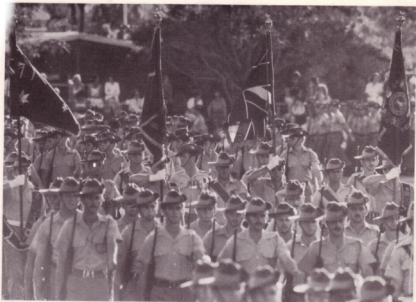
BY CAPT MCPARSONS

As the Commanding Officer has often been heard to say, the battalion has turned its hand to many and various things this year. Shouting and stomping of feet being one of the most successful efforts. It produced a well polished and spectacular parade to mark the battalion's eighth birthday.

All credit goes, of course, to the RSM for the concept of a battalion in mass parade, incorporating the beating of retreat ceremony.



The Reviewing Officer, General Sir Arthur MacDonal, KBE, CB was well pleased with the performance.



The march past was not without its moments, which fortunately the bulk of spectators did not notice. Any fault however, was paled into insignificance by the overall impact of 18 platoons on the move.



The Pipes and Drums at last at full strength and ceremonially kitted lent further impact to the spectacle. Beating the retreat went without a hitch and focussed the spot light on their professional ability and showmanship.





The culmination of the parade was the firing of volleys, followed by the memorable flag lowering ceremony. The sun set was fitting finale to the parade.

Mention must also be made of the units which so able supported us, namely, B Sqn. 3 Cav. Regt. for providing APCs to hold ground and 108 Fd. Bty., 4 Fd. Regt. for firing of volleys. Both, together with the Pipes and Drums added greater colour, and interest, complementing well the efforts of the platoons on parade.

