



FOREWORD

By LTCOL M.J. KEATING

1982 has been a full and varied year — the contents of this magazine demonstrate that. Much of the emphasis was placed on individual training, but Exercise BRAZEN BANDICOOT in September saw the Battalion deployed at near full strength under the control of Brigade Headquarters, and operating for an extended period in both open and close country. Sport was again a major adjunct to training, with fierce inter-company competition and successful performances by Battalion teams.

1983 promises to be an even busier year. In April we again take over as priority ODF battalion and therefore in the early part of the year there is much for the old hands to pass on to the new. July '83 will see us deployed to COEN in the North and in October '83 we will be deployed to the West as part of Exercise Kangaroo '83. In between these major activities we will aim at bettering our 1982 sporting and shooting record.

On behalf of the previous Commanding Officer, LTCOL Rowe, and myself I wish you, the members of 2/4 RAR, and your families all the best for the Christmas season. Well done in 1982 — enjoy a well deserved break and return in 1983 ready to apply full effort to the new challenges ahead.



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