



FOREWORD

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1983 is nearly gone — the Battalion has undertaken an extremely wide range of activities during the year and it hardly seems 12 months since we were reading the 1982 Magazine.

The year was dominated by Exercise MAXI BEAGLE (Bluewater — May), Exercise NORTHERN RUN (Coen — July) and Exercise KANGAROO 83 (The Pilbara — September/October). We were lucky to have so many opportunities to work as a Battalion and I believe we made the most of them. In addition to these major activities, C Company completed a successful tour of Butterworth and our tenth birthday

celebrations in August provided a number of highlights. In between times, we participated in every Brigade competition and I was particularly pleased when we won the Rifle Shooting Competition.

I have admired and appreciated the efforts made by all ranks to uphold and improve our standards in 1983. 1984 will inevitably provide new challenges for the Battalion and I have no doubt that we can meet them.

May I offer you, the members of 2/4 RAR, and your families and friends, every good wish for Christmas and the New Year.