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Bravo Company

This year has been as intense and demanding as any other. We trained hard to fulfil our commitment to the role assigned to the ODF. By participation in exercises and the building of team spirit, we have enhanced our competence and reliability. There have been many new faces appearing in the company and many old friends have left, but the company is always there. To old and new soliders alike the company has never been so strong as when they were there. This is the power of any rifle company in the Regiment. It will go on just as efficiently after

any one of us has left. New teams form together to overcome problems common to each soldier. In our line of work, the team that is a team will always succeed.

B Coy has proved to be a successful team in 1989. After the dramatic influx of new talent at the start of the year, we have finally learnt to understand the strengths and weaknesses of each other. Many will leave next year and new talent will once again appear but the company will go on, reforming a new team. I wish you all the best of luck.

Remember – Bravo never sleeps!



OC B Coy, Maj P. Standen with his signaller



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5 Platoon

As the year draws to an end the soldiers of the fighting five reflect on a year of thrills, spills and great adventure. The year held many great treks into the boonies. Trips included Bluewater, Tully, Bn LFX, Enemy 1RAR, *Scorpion Sting* and the Grand Daddy of them all — K89.

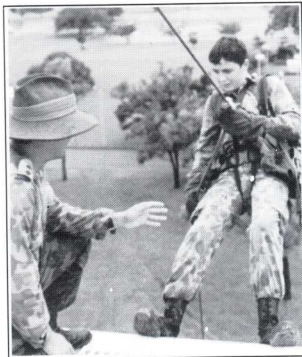
With all great expeditions and adventures, there were hardships suffered by men, who carried on without complaint. Well, almost without complaint, alright we whinged all the time, but enjoyed ourselves. There were also lighthearted moments with great speeches and remarks coming from the scholars in the Platoon. Max's brief but exciting appearance throughout the year and Pete's reluctance in getting into an automobile anymore. No one will ever forget that infamous comment, "The reason why I'm plump is because my lungs are lower than everyone else's", and never ever task LCpl Nelson to clear a fire lane. Johnno's version of PR with a reporter became renowned and the boss' motivation was increased by hurling boulders at a certain Sect Comd. The fatherly guidance given by Grand Pappy Hicks and periodic appearances of that great shackle

will bring nightmares back to Slam and Friend's.

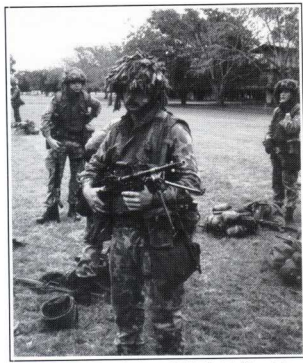
There were great accomplishments during the year for the BIG 5. The first must go to "I feel no pain", T.J. Brown, who dominated the distance running this year. Secondly, just how much weight can Scotty put on in one week? Finally the brave efforts of Boxy being able to carry on regardless of his massive hangovers should not go unnoticed.

The year saw many entrances and exits of members in the Platoon, with Pete Punchard heading to Sect Comd of the Zoot Suit Boys. Jolly returning to R.P.'s after his brief appearance and Rhodes' going to Mortars so he could complain to someone else. Lt Horn to Pnr Pl; Sgt Brooks transferring to Ops; and Dunny to Spt Sect. But with the losses we gained many: Big Jim, Akee, "I'm keeping my moe" Callow, Mark, Cpl Watts, Lt Moody and numerous others. With courses coming up and the year drawing to a close, the new year holds many hidden adventures for the men of 5 Platoon who will live by their motto.

FIGHTERS BY DAY
LOVERS BY NIGHT
DRUNKARDS BY CHOICE
SOLDIERS BY ACCIDENT.



Pte Duncan — what do you mean jump!



Pte Callow ready to deploy on ODF Callout to Hispaniola

6 Platoon

With three newly promoted section commanders and lance corporals, and a brand new platoon commander, the platoon made a keen start to the year. 6 Platoon marked this by excelling in the *company inter section military skills competition*.

Undoubtedly the most interesting activity of the year for the Platoon would have to have been the trip to New Britain on *Exercise Night Falcon*. With the addition of a number of new members just prior to the trip, the exercise worked well to get the sections and platoon together. The different culture of East New Britain provided an interesting and educational experience, both in working with the PNGDF, as well as in the civil and tribal community. The exercise provided members with an insight into an area of historical and strategic interest to Australia, while the operations in an unfamiliar and different physical environment broadened the skills and knowledge of the members involved. After spending a month in the jungle of New Britain, together with bouts of gastro, the lads from 6 Platoon let go a sigh of relief when the RAAF Hercules finally

took off on the return journey to Townsville. Some members of the platoon certainly left some interesting friends behind. The OC welcomed our return to Garbutt with the news of an intercompany rugby match the next morning against Support Company.

Sgt Chester marched into 6 Platoon replacing Sgt Eylward during *Exercise Scorpion Sting*. The highlight of this rather different exercise would have to have been the platoon contact involving a pursuit by truck, similar to that out of a gangster movie, before launching into the main assault. On our return to Samichon Lines we embarked on the Company Obstacle Course Competition. 9 section proved to be the winners before the next event on the military calendar.... K89.

K89 provided every member with not only the opportunity to be practised in the art of being a sun dial, but also showed us how the Army operates at Divisional level.

As the year draws to a close, we look forward to success for those lucky enough to be on a course. One particular hope by all members of the platoon is that the bouts of malaria that have been taking their toll will finally cease.



8 Sect 6Pl "The Pepsi Boys" - Life's a Beach in New Britain.