

MAIN Q STORE

What a year of logistic stability this has been! Just when we thought we had a feel for the future and that our plans were a going thing the ground rules seem to have changed. But as in all situations there are good points, and the most obvious one being the oncoming smorgasbord of equipment and goodies to become available, as those who are less fortunate than us move on. This will fill the Unit scroungers with joy and anticipation for the new year.

Throughout 1996 we received a few new faces as well as losing some of our founding members. We lost WO2 Brad Wolfe to Tasmania, who did an excellent job in the interim raising of the Unit, most notably in the area of facilities. We lost SSGT Gary Stanworth on promotion to 4/3 RNSWR. Gary performed that all important roll as three different storemen, on different occasions as required, and we wish him well and ask the question could he be back in the new stream lined 4RAR? The last member to relocate was LCPL Mackie who decided to change Corps and pursue a different future. Mack will do well and will most likely miss those layed back days in A Coy.

The most notable new face this year is that of the RQMS(W) WO1 Kim Porter. It is always good to see the older members join the Battalion and it has not taken him long to establish his style of management. It is believed however that the RQMS may be branching out into a video side business with another new arrival Pol Lee, however, we will have to await until Pol's return from RCB. We also received WO2 Paul Cadet who after only one year of intensive barracks training is leaving us on promotion to Tasmania. (I can't explain what it is about our barracks staff, they all seem to move to Tasmania?). Then SGT Poly Farmer arrived and took over as the PL SGT. I can honestly say that we have never met a SGT quite like Poly and with his interests. It wasn't until the return road party from SE96 that we realised just how unique he is. The only other new member is that man who has the annoying ability to ask questions, even underwater, PTE Webb. It could be said that as a storeman he is developing his own unique style.

The same old faces are still here. Staff Tutty with scabby feet, SGT Bedding and his strangled bag of cats and CPL John Rabe who has become one with the telephone and financial budgets. Lets not forget CPL Rodney Bourgonjen who set a new record on the SUB 2 for SGT Course and has built a solid working relationship with the RQMS. Let us also not forget (Limpy) CPL Baker who has controlled the Radio side of life and (I can't find home) CPL Murdoch who is now in the transportation business. And of course it would be amiss of me to forget PTE Hogget who has developed a real sense of urgency this year and LCPL Munson who is truly enjoying the world of ammunition accounting. We would also take the opportunity to congratulate both the Murdoch and Munson families on their new arrivals.

All up this has been another hectic but certainly rewarding year, but probably not as challenging as the year to come. The efforts put in by all storemen has been highly commendable over the past year and culminated in the successful support to Exercise SE 96. The flexibility and determination by all to achieve the aims as layed down has to be commended. I wish all the current members and those members that are leaving us an enjoyable and safe Christmas break and all the best for 1997.

