

TRANSPORT PLATOON

Where are they now?

Transport Platoon at the beginning of 1996 had a strength of 13 members they were as follows:

- a. WO2 J.P. Harris;
- b. CPL you want me to do what 'WORK' King;
- c. LCPL how far can I spit the dummy Dunn;
- d. LCPL I am getting transferred to C Coy Timmerman;
- e. PTE can't you give that job to a living in member Buckley;
- f. PTE who do you want me to knuckle now Davis;
- g. PTE how big is my brown nose Claydon;
- h. PTE I've had a gut full of this place Glashoff;
- i. PTE my ex is ripping me off and my defacto is pregnant Hockley;
- j. PTE why is the OC always picking on me Scott;
- k. PTE I don't want to do this job anymore Stringer;
- l. PTE O.K. boss I don't mind doing that job Townson; and
- m. PTE every time that I get a duty I am always sick and can't take it any more Sycz.

Out of the above members PTE Scott and Hockley have been discharged, PTE Glashoff is in the process of Corps transferring, LCPL Timmerman got his wish and is now with C Coy. PTE Claydon got his brown nose trip to Malaysia, CPL King is sitting in the DPR1 store and PTE Sycz is missing in action. In April 1996 PTE Dodd marched into 4RAR from 5/7RAR, PTE Joe Hobden arrived in May and CPLs Overton and Murdoch arrived in August.

In Feb 96, Transport Platoon conducted a T109 Drivers course for 13 students. The field phase of the course was conducted in North Eastern Victoria where the terrain put all their cross driving skills to the test.

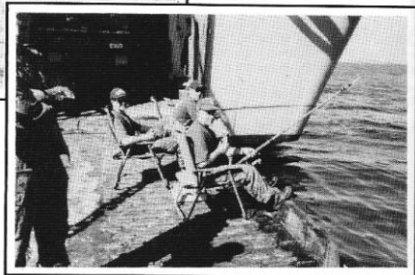
Another Drivers course was conducted in May/June for C Coy members and during this course they gained the following licence codes B3, B5 and B7, and the special course for the over indulgence of Armidale's Pizzas. During the field phase on this course we went North to Armidale and made our way home through the Oxley Wild Rivers National Park to Kempsey then back to Holsworthy. There was also a special award presented to PTE Swindale of C Coy who was presented with the perpetual Dip Stick award.

During the first part of 1996 Admin Company was involved in Exercise First Try but it has also been given additional names. During this exercise PTE watch me do a back flip off the top of this truck Dodd scored an eight out of ten for his dismount, a six out of ten for presentation and ten days off work for being a pain in the back. This was also the exercise where there were a lot of ricocheting dummies being spat.

The last exercise that Transport Platoon was involved with was Ex 'I thought 3 BDE were supporting us' Swift Eagle. I am pleased to say that if it had not been for 4RAR being fully prepared and way over strength for this exercise with vehicles and equipment that the exercise would have suffered severely.

This exercise also brought to light how good 4RAR's vehicles were compared to the rest of 3 BDE's units. As far as mechanically sound and presentation goes we are looking good with the efforts that RAEME have put into our vehicles throughout the year.

To finish off all the members of Transport Platoon wish to thank all those members of 4RAR that have assisted us throughout the year, and wish them the best for the coming year.



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