

Bravo Company

The sharks returned from Malaysia with what could be described as a big anchor-la hangover. Due to the old tour rule "what happens on tour stays on tour" nothing further can be said about the Malaysian tour. Anyway the sharks arrived safely back and set about proving that 1991 was to be the year of the shark.

The first competition contested and won by the sharks was the summer sports competition, this set us on our winning way. Overall, we won the summer and winter sports competitions, the cross country, the athletics and the Rifle Shooting. Finished second in the Mil Skills and Machine Gun Shoot and third in the orienteering and gladiator week.

For the second year in a row, the Sharks finished second in the Schlyder Shield. Congratulations to Support Company on winning and providing us with some opposition. The narrow margin at the conclusion of the competition showed the competitiveness between the two companies.

Since the return from Malaysia, the Sharks have been involved in many activities, ranging from the Mil Skills, sport, battalion exercises, support to other units, courses and everyone's favourite, duties. For all activities, the Sharks have lived up to their motto of "HOOK IN".

No year would be complete without the postings in and out of the company. Among those who left the company were:

LCPL Boyle to SASR;

CPL's Hicks, Hungerford and PTE's Bailey and Johnson to Spt Coy;

LT Moody to exercise Long Look and the Assistant Adjutant;

LCPL's Nelson and Dunne on Promotion to CPL to C Coy;

LCPL Rudeforth on Promotion to D Coy;

WO2 O'Donnell to Melbourne;

PTE Wilkinson on promotion to D Coy.

Members who rejoined or joined the Sharks for the



2IC Bravo, calls in helos during "MAXI BEAGLE"

first time included:

30 IETS from Singleton;

LT Blake from RMC via flying school;

LCPL Marthick from Spt Coy;

WO2 Price from Bindoon.

Sharks who were promoted and remained with the Company were LCPL's Batty, Farren-Price and Bielleman. Congratulations too and well done to all. Notable achievements by the Sharks in 1991 were:

4 Section under the Command of CPL "Wee Wee" Watts, winning the Mil Skills Competition;

5 Pl under the command of LT "Sudi" Moody, being named Champion Platoon;

CPL Brown, CAPT Horn and LT Blake, finishing 1, 2 and 3 respectively in the Battalion and Brigade Competition.

PTE Darryl Egen, on winning the Rugby Team Best and Fairest;

PTE George Akee, on winning the Aust. Rules Best and Fairest.

1991 would not be complete without the usual end of year postings in and out of the company. At the time of printing, only Key postings out are known. Amongst those departing the company for greener, if not colder pastures are:

The OC-la MAJ Griffin to Canberra;
The CQMS-La SSGT Jear to Perth; and
Sunray Minor 5 Pl SGT Freeman to 1 RTB;
Coy Signaller PTE Horne for OCS Perth.

Those leaving but remaining in the battalion include:
The 2IC CAPT Horn to 10;
Sunray Minor 4 Pl SGT Hinchey to Mortars; and
Sunray Minor 6 Pl SGT Mills to Int SGT.

Well it is the end of another era for the sharks, with our more prominent personalities on short time. We wish them good luck for the future as Bravo heads into 1992 and if one sentence could sum up the year:

"Winners are Grinners and Losers don't Count" (Edited version).

HOOK IN!



B Coy training in Malaysia

Four Platoon

The end of 1990 saw some new editions to the 4 Pl line up — Rocket, Jacko, Smithy, Bowy, Slam, Richo, Fish, and the Maggot Brothers — Scooter and R-Hodes. With this new crew on board, the Heatseekers went in search of trouble in Malaysia.

It didn't take long before the boys left their own indelible mark on South East Asia. The Bungers of Singapore, the annexing of the Hong Kong Bar, Bob and the Taxi and *The Boss* and *That Woman in Phuket* — is it any wonder that the Thai Government wants us back (hmmmm).



Tully, October '91

It wasn't all play though. The lads worked hard and showed one and all that there is real talent here (have a look at the Batu Teggor body count fellas!!) However, all good things must come to an end, even Anchor Beer hangovers, and back we came early March.

MIL SKILLS was a bit of a disappointment, only grabbing 5th place. But with Rocket on leave and George away, being edu-ma-cated, we can only ponder what might have been (well done Jacko — 11th and only 3 weeks after promotion).

The rest of the year was for the most part, fairly quiet, except for Posum's little holiday and Collector's hall-way dumping and construction work. "MAXI BEAGLE" was another highlight, with us covering two-thirds of the ground to be cleared, killing three-quarters of the Company's enemy and still doing it wrong — you tell me?

So that ends 1991, with the exception of "EX DUSTY TOWERS" (or was that "FAULTY TOWERS", but we aren't going to mention that). But thanks, congratulations and good luck must go to the following:

— SGT Mick "Fish Eyes" Hinchey — enjoy your sleep-in Mor Pl.

— CPL Robert "George" Wear — off to disrupt the airwaves in Sigs.

— Blue & Trace — on their retirement.

— Gonzo, Pils and their respective wives — best of luck in married life.

— Richo — for those photos.

— Slam, Scooter, Bowy and R-Hodes — for conspicuous service under considerable drinking pressure.

— CPL Hungers & LCPL Johno — have fun in Recon.

— Goz Gorrige RACMP — oink!

— CPL's "Rocket" Rootham & "Jacko" Malone — all the best for Cadre.

— H, Cracker & Macca — enjoy your licence to bludge.

— Skinns — all the best to you and Wendy for the birth of your first.

— Smithy — good luck with the hair fusion.

— Pearso, Hoppy, Fish & Bretty — the Thai visas are on their way.

— Poss & Hunter — doin' time.

— Sammo — good luck finding your ethnic heritage.

— Shiry — Hail, the King of Crisis Management and Flexibility.

— The Lids — welcome.

— Bob — well, ah, just good luck.

— LT O'Leary — back for a third smash year — Lord help him.

Five Platoon

Well the year started early for the PI, with a supposedly swan trip to Malaysia (what a joke!) Highlights of the trip were the innocent minded young boys being introduced to the finer things in life.

The PI showing all the other so-called Hard PI's of the Coy how to enjoy themselves on New Year's Eve. Shot gunning Anchor cans does upset the stomach doesn't it Beattle. After arriving back from Malaysia, we went on a well earned break. After returning, the PI competed in the Mil Skills Comp.



Roof party at Butterworth

It was a really close Comp, with CPL "Wee Wee" Watts' Section winning MIL SKILLS and CPL "I love running" Brown, coming a close 4th place, which gave us the Champion Platoon. Well done

to the members of the PI who made it into the DOG SQUAD, but was one week's swanning it at the Whitsundays worth all the pain and suffering.

We hope LT Sooty "Moody" enjoys his swan trip to England. To the members who couldn't back the pace in 5 PI and went to other Coys, we hope you enjoy yourselves (even though you left the best PI behind you.)

Welcome to all of the new members of the PI, including the Platoon Commander, LT Blake. So far the PI has done well

in all the exercises we've done this year. So keep up the good work fellas and have a good Leave and come back ready to start a fresh New Year — Thank You.

Six Platoon

6 PI began the last 12 months on it's tour of South East Asia. We quickly found out CPL Begessner's Malaysian experiences after his 400th tour were a load of rubbish.

After only 5 days "in country", the platoon went back on a non-tac exercise to begin our re-training. Davo the intrepid old timer was eaten by a monkey one day and attacked by a bat the next. The nights at Kulim were so dark, Aaron didn't even shine when he smiled, let alone the night scopes working on ambushes.

With most of the fun now out the way, 6 PI decided to go bush and kick butt in the platoon vs platoon exercise, sport and Mil Skills. We eventually left Malaysia after gaining some new experiences and new medical facts.

The rest of '91 fell into insignificance after Malaysia. The high points have been:

- Parkin in trouble
- Ruddy leaving
- Sarge coming back
- The jubes turning up
- Whittos' arse becoming air tight again
- Parkin in trouble again
- Leave
- Munn!
- Parkin done for drugs
- Parkin goes awol
- Parkin busted by Civies
- Bn exercise (yeah, really!)
- Parkin gets discharged