

ROAD RUNNER NEWS

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With the increase to the Operational Deployment Force (ODF) establishment D Company came out of 'wrappers' and was officially raised on 1 September 80.

The Company strength consists of 80% of soldiers posted in direct from Infantry Centre on completion of Corps training and the remainder from southern based battalions and a 'selected' few from within 2/4 RAR.

Since 1 September the Company has been kept very active. 10 Platoon demonstrated their skills as enemy at Daly River in the Northern Territory as enemy in an 7 Independant Rifle Company exercise. The exercise was not without incident as 2LT Meek found a unique way to feed crocodiles — by throwing rifles at them. The commandoes, who were also participating in the exercise, were impressed with



the way assault boats were used as submarines. More watermanship training boys!

11 Platoon 'bloodied' themselves as enemy on Exercise KING COBRA and repeated their performance as enemy for 51 Independent Rifle Company in Cairns from 24 to 26 September 80.

Other tasks have included the enviable task of dixie bashing at TTC Tully and Lavarack Barracks as well as the occasional guard mount. Rumour has it dixie bashing at TTC will qualify members in underwater panel beating.

The company patrolling Exercise FLAMING FEET I was a screaming success: The company 21C did most of the screaming while the company medic was successful in repairing 1000 burning toes. By popular demand, FLAMING FEET II takes place shortly.

Ready reaction tasks form part of company training. The bikini clad tourist at the Ross River Dam

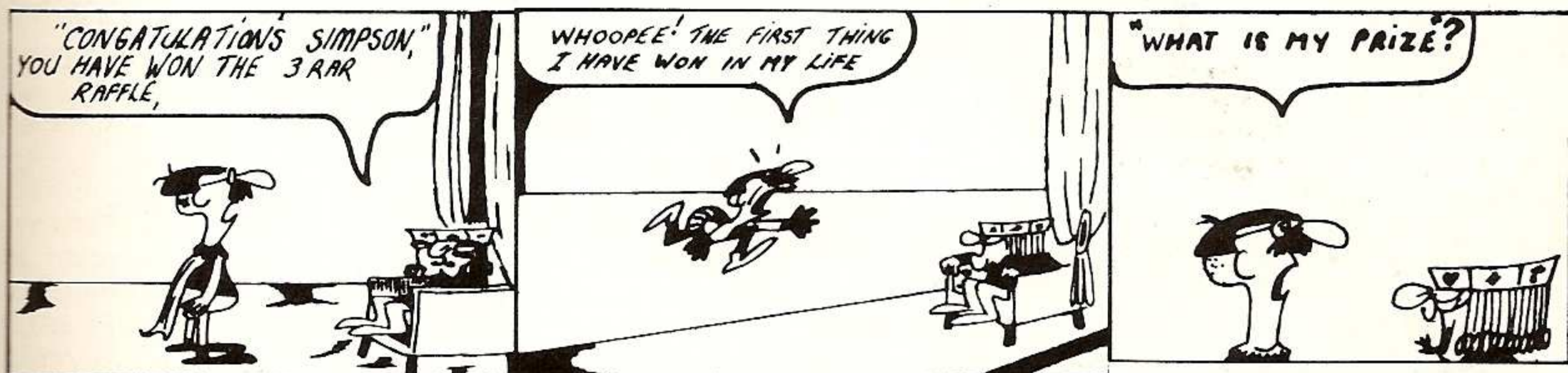
was impressed by her sixty man escort. The dirty old man in the bushes next to her was really the enemy.

The reconnaissance to Cowley Beach for our proposed survival exercise was rough — we only had one knife to open the oysters.

Our groups going through TTC did well and in fact won several cartons of a popular amber fluid.

There is absolutely no truth in the rumour that our 'Tug-o-War' team 'took a dive' on the Battalion Sports Day. Anyone wishing to dispute the fact can visit them in their private suites at the Hotel Townsville.

Pistol shooting, APC Hunting, Orienteering and Range Practices are keeping us busy while another of our enemy groups is in WA showing SASR how its done. 10 Platoon will sign autographs after their recruiting film is released — Tickets for the Gala Premiere are on sale now.

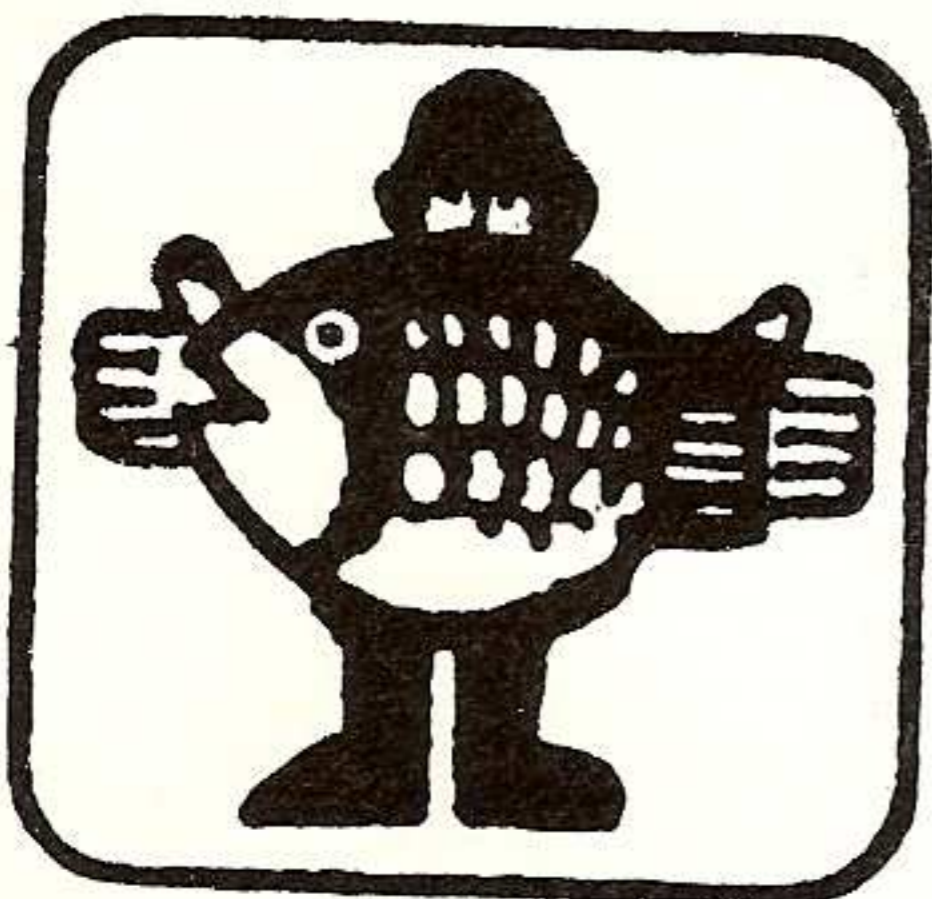




Road Runner in action.



Our recruiter 'centre fold' Pte Robert Holmes.



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