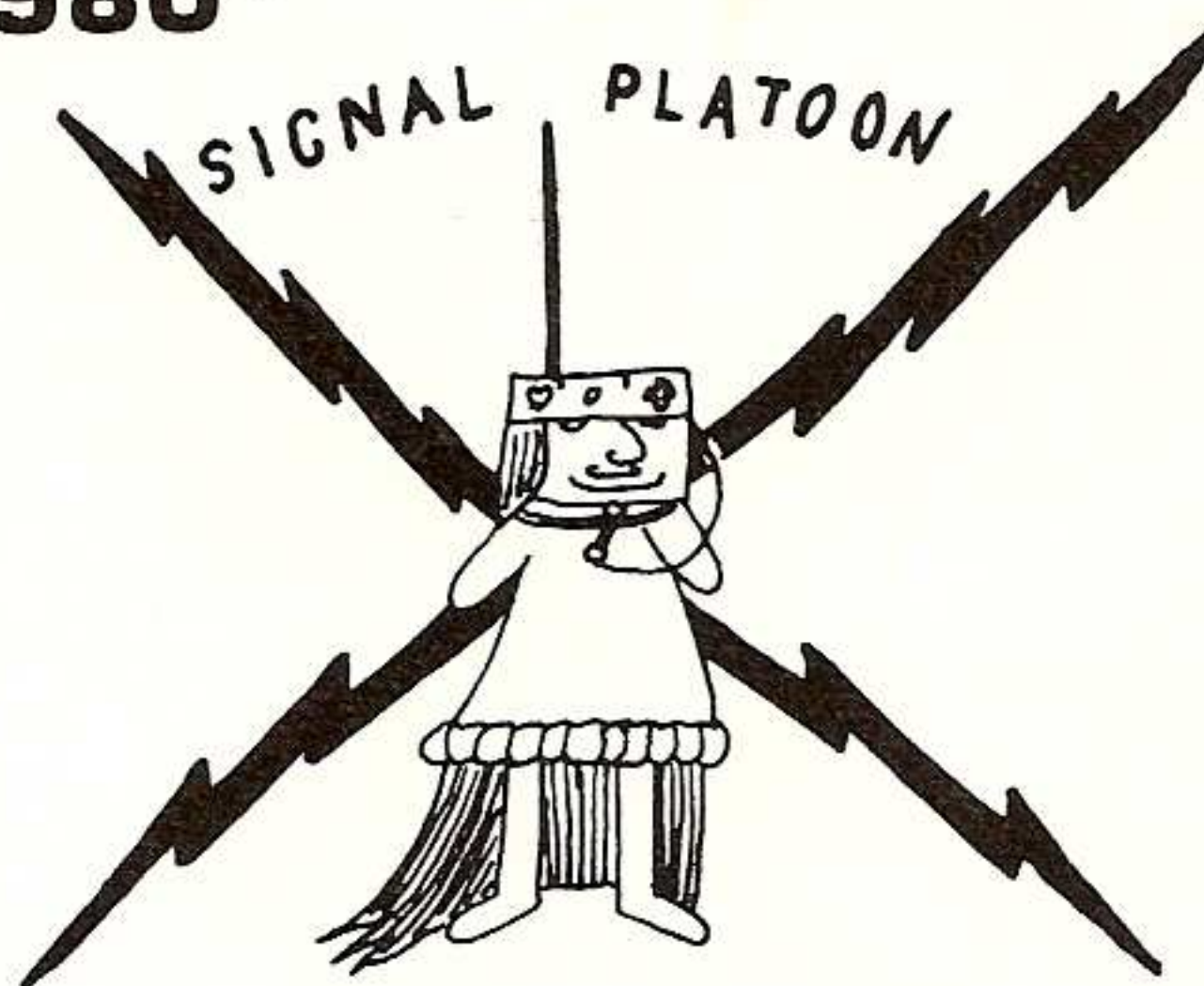
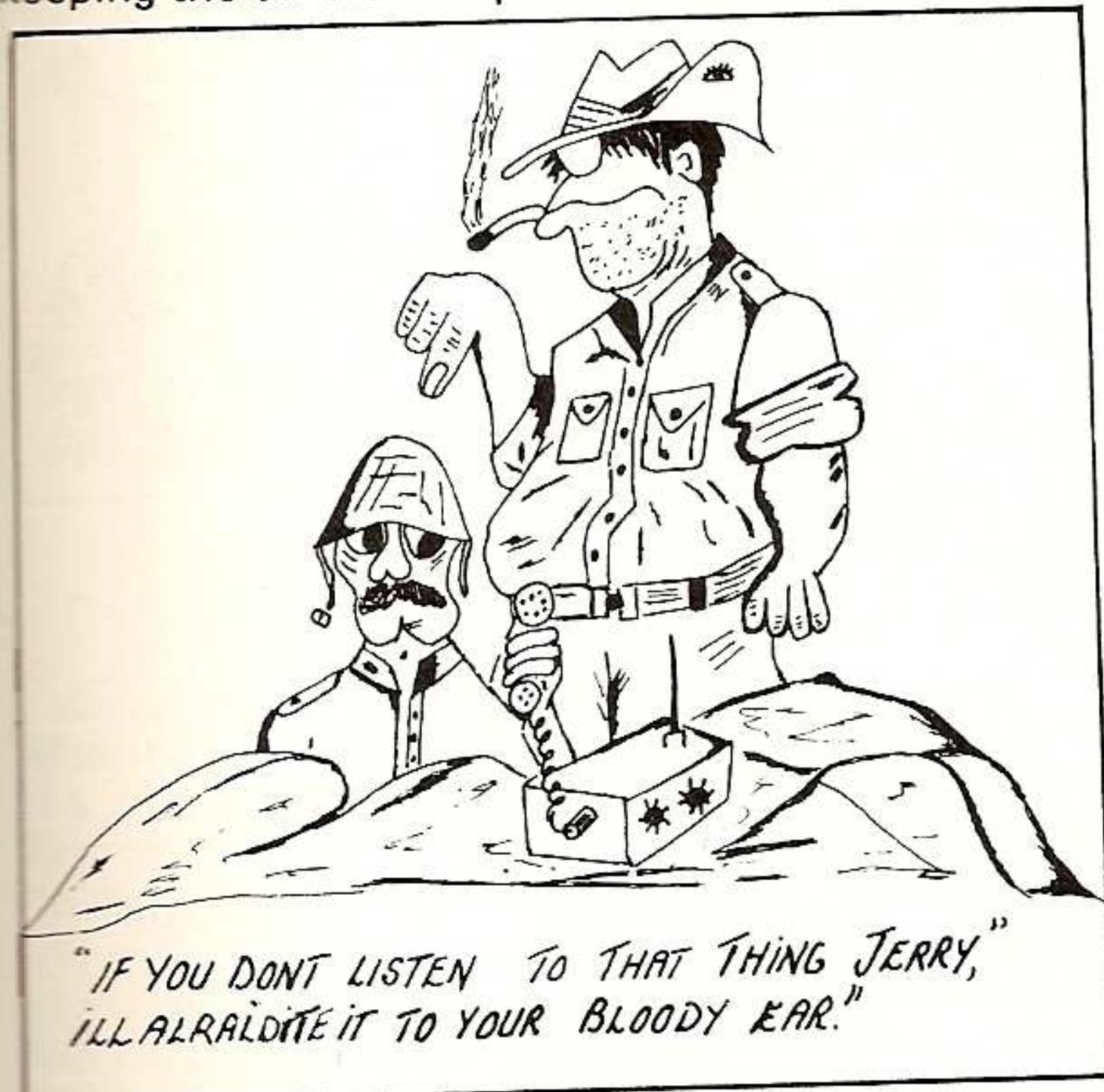


"SIGNALS 1980"

Harassed, abused, overused and confused. The Sigs life; but smiling always at the end.

1980 a fairly quiet year for the Platoon, three major campaigns and many smaller skirmishes fought keeping the air waves open. The characters haven't

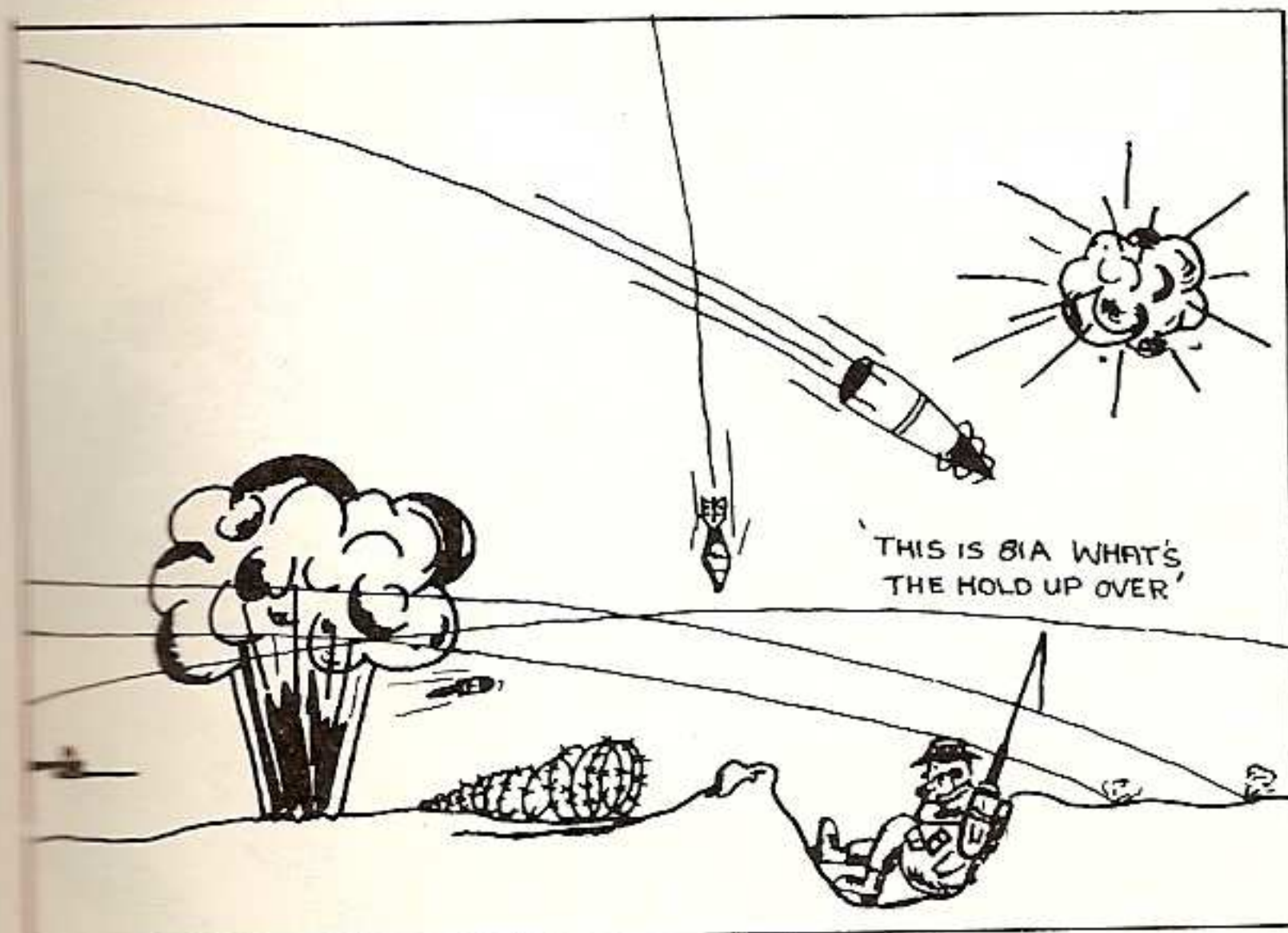


changed. Tassie has graduated to Signal Sergeant, JJ to the Command Post to keep them laughing, and Sharpie to C Company trying to keep them honest. Thomas who we have not seen all year, moves on to greener pastures at 1 Recruit Training Battalion, could not be bribed to stay. The boys have not changed much, Willie managed to get married at his second attempt, Clarkie flies to Canberra every standdown (love?), Trevor Krenke writes off his car after the Platoon party. The Platoon excelled on the sports field with representatives in all company sports teams helping us on our winning way.

A good year with a job done to the best of ability.

MORTAR NOTES 1980

1980 was another good year for Mortar Platoon as they continued in their tradition of being the most relaxed platoon in the battalion without sacrificing their professional standards. This was recognised by the Army when earlier this year they sent Mortar Platoon to 'Pucka' for the Combined Services Demonstration. Somehow Mortar Platoon always seemed to finish work much earlier than B Company during the rehearsals and yet still give a superlative demonstration. The Jacka Club at 1 Armoured Regiment will never forget the Mortar Platoon visit.



After Pucka the platoon participated in all the normal battalion activities for the year including a trip to Tully as a rifle platoon where they won the carton of 4XXXX resting on which section had the best rifle shooting scores. Other platoon activities included a very successful Fire Controlling practice for the RMC Cadets at HRTA.

Finally to close we have a couple of personal notes. Which red headed member of Mortar Platoon left a note claiming he was "of sound mind and body" before going AWOL? Which short member of the platoon is infamous for the question of "What's the holdup? Over" on the MFC net during live firing.