

PIONEERS

"WE CAN DIG IT"



"With no apologies to the original author"

We're calling this year the "Year of the Enemy". What, with fighting for "Musoria" so many times we had almost defected, until we offered a trip to Mackay to undertake some rifle shooting. The one trip we weren't "enemy" for!

That particular trip was doomed to result in a bus crash. The moment we climbed into the bus the driver didn't know how to close the door or start the motor! We knew we were in trouble and the inevitable crash occurred. Luckily no-one was hurt.

Our best trip away this year was to Puckapunyal, where, together with Reconnaissance Platoon we had to put the Officer Cadets through their paces. As usual in Victoria it was cold — Hey Snags? We were the enemy — of course. We even managed to fit in a game of rugby against Monash University and although we lost we enjoyed assisting them down a few coldies afterwards. SGT "Jock" Kaminski learnt that you never go into a room full of CS gas if you have a beard.

Our trip to Cairns sounded appealing until we discovered that we'd actually be doing some pioneering. We were required to assist the Army Reserve by digging a bunker system. Our efforts were appreciated. We managed to do some more

pioneering when, early in the year we were required to assist the Divisional Battle School in construction of their ranges. We've also been required to maintain the unit obstacle course. The way you rifle companies are using it will continue to result in breakages! We're not sure we can keep up with the repair bill.

Unfortunately, although we built their ranges for them, TTC still wanted us to do their course. Naturally the weather was terrible but we passed the course. We were also there to supervise Reconnaissance Platoon.

On all major unit exercises we were required to exercise our "special" skills of digging holes as well as display that admirable infantry skill — walking. To those engineers who did our demolitions for us on Third Burst; give us a yell when you want help with your digging.

The pioneer course during October should produce some new recruits to replace those who have left throughout the year and those soon to go.

We've unofficially adopted a new name and motto. The name is "Regimental Combat Construction and Assault Demolition Technical Experts". The motto "We can dig it" sums up our work really well.

See you in 1981!