

BATTALION SHOOTING TEAM

The red and black shooting team used 1990 to achieve their best results for many years. Much of this has been due to the consistent weekly shooting practise many team members have persevered with. First blood was drawn in the Champion Shot of the Army elimination practice held on 11 March 1990 at MT Stuart Rifle Range. 2/4 RAR filled five of the top ten scorers:

SGT R. HOLMES	1st place
CPL R. PLATT	4th place
PTE N. TRUMBLE	5th place
WO2 P. ORTH	7th place
SGT M. CHESTER	9th place

The inter company shooting competition provided a good team selection basis for 2/4 RAR participation in the NQ Area Inter Unit Shooting competition. This competition began with pistol shooting on 21 May 1990 in which 2/4 RAR secured third place. Successful individual pistol shooters were:

WO2 P. ORTH	4th place
PTE A. VOGEL	5th place

Rifle shooting was competed for 23-25 May 90. Being handicapped in having to supply such a large team compared to other Brigade units, 2/4 RAR performed well, achieving a close second to 16 Field Dental Unit in the Overall Champion Shooting Unit trophy and convincingly securing the Major Units Shooting trophy and the Falling Plate trophy. Again, individual performances were outstanding:

OVERALL SHOOTING RESULTS

SGT R. HOLMES	1st place
CPL R. PLATT	3rd place

MONTHLY MEDAL PRACTICE

SGT PHILLIPI	3rd place
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ELEMENTARY APPLICATION PRACTICE

CPL R. PLATT	1st place
SGT R. HOLMES	2nd place

SMR ADVANCED APPLICATION PRACTICE

CPL K. WEIR	1st place
LCPL RUDEFORTH	2nd place

APPLIED MARKSMAN PRACTICE (MODIFIED)

SGT HOLMES	3rd place
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The results of the NQ Area Inter Unit Shooting competition contributed directly to 2/4 RAR winning the Commanders Trophy for 1990. Consistent shooting by all team members and some excellent individual per-

formances caused these good results. Attention then switched to AASAM 90 and the team conducted a short training camp at Atherton Rifle Range prior to deployment to Brisbane on 3 June 1990. This year saw the deployment of one of the largest teams from 2/4 RAR to AASAM.

Team results from AASAM were:

RAR ASSOCIATION FALLING PLATE 2/4 RAR	1st place
NARRA OBSTACLE COURSE COMP 2/4 RAR	2nd place

Individual results at AASAM were:

TOP 100 ARMY SHOOTERS

SGT R. HOLMES	6th place
CPL R. PLATT	13th place

CHAMPION SHOT OF THE ARMY

CPL R. PLATT	6th place
SGT R. HOLMES	15th place

WEST AUSTRALIA MATCH

CPL R. PLATT	1st place
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NORTH QUEENSLAND MATCH

CPL R. PLATT	1st place
SMG MATCH WO2 P. ORTH	5th place
PISTOL MATCH WO2 P. ORTH	4th place

THE SNIPER COMP

PTE TORRENS/CPL YOUNG	4th place
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Following successful participation in AASAM, SGT Holmes joined the Aust Defence Force Shooting Team to compete at Bisley in UK, and WO2 ORTH, SGT Holmes and CPL Weir were selected to trial for the Aust Army Team Brunel 91.

The end of 90 has seen continued achievement by 2/4 RAR shooters with several members representing the Army in the NQ Inter Service Shooting competition at MT Stuart on 19 October 1990. Individual results saw the Army team victorious:

THE RIFLE MATCH

WO2 P. ORTH	1st place
CPL K. WEIR	2nd place

THE PISTOL MATCH

LCPL M. REGAN	3rd place
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1990 will be the final year that 2/4 RAR uses the SLR. With continued training and significant effort by individuals the future of shooting in the Battalion rests well. Well done to all shooters and those that have assisted the team this year.