

Battalion Birthday Week

As many readers are aware, the Battalion celebrates its birthday annually on the 15th of August. This year however, due to *Kangaroo '89*, it was celebrated early, during the week 17-23 July '89 and featured a family open day, boxing night, games night, church parade, a Beating the Retreat, and culminated with the Battalion Ball.

The Battalion open day was a family affair featuring a number of display and demonstrations. These were both static and mobile in nature and were aimed at showing families the many roles the Battalion is called upon to perform.

The boxing night was one of the highlights of the year. Eighteen soldiers fought on the evening, these included exhibition matches with Scorpio Lodge, a reputable local boxing club. The highlight of the evening was LCpl Edelman's win in the final bout over his more fancied Scorpio Lodge opponent.

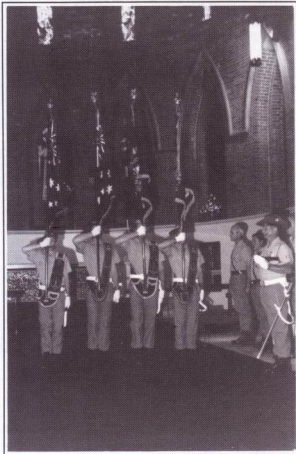
The third activity of the week was a games night held in the Edgar Towner VC Club. All three messes within the Battalion competed against one another. More social than competitive in nature, the night was won by the soldiers and generally was enjoyed by all.

The week also included a Church Parade, with the Colours present, at the Saint James Anglican Cathedral.

The culmination of the week was the Beating the Retreat and Battalion Ball. The parade was reviewed by Maj-Gen A.L. Morrison AO, DSO, MBE. This also featured the presentation of the Defence Force Service Medal to WO2 DePass and saw WO2 Morgan receive his warrant. This

was followed by the ball which was held in the OR's Mess and it would be fair to say a good time was had by all.

Overall the week was extremely busy, with not only birthday events taking place, but also the battalion preparing for deployment to *K89*.



Colours on the Church parade



The Pipes & Drums on the Battalion Birthday Parade



Cpl Davis, Rhonda Hansen, WO2 Jock Gall and Marg Smith at the Bn Church Parade

Games Night in the ETVCC

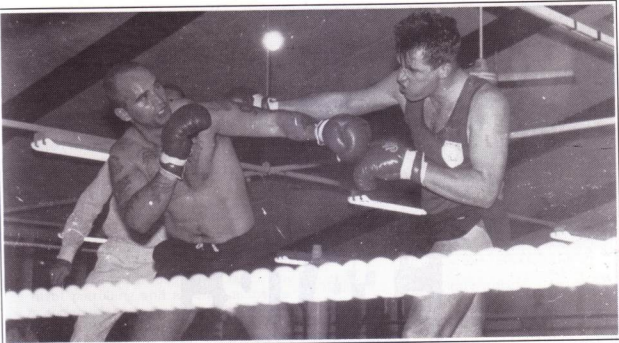


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RSM - "These financial
cutbacks are causing havoc."

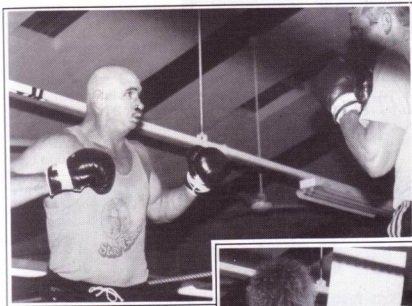


Harry (the Pom) fraternizing with the locals





Pte David & Cpl Drayton - "Go ahead make my day!"



Pte's McKeller & Morrow mix it up

Pte Bowen losing concentration

