

BATTALION 21ST BIRTHDAY

On the 15th August 1994 the Battalion celebrated the 21st Anniversary of the linking of the 2nd and 4th Battalions.

The Battalion's parade was reviewed by the Colonel Commandant of The Royal Australian Regiment, MAJ GEN Clunies-Ross AO, MBE.

In addition to the acknowledgement of the Battalion's birthday, the parade presented an opportunity to farewell those 130 members of the Battalion deploying to Rwanda as part of the United Nations Medical Support Force. In particular, the men of 2/4 RAR farewelled their CO, LTCOL McIntosh, who has been posted to the position of Deputy Commander of the Medical Support Force UNAMIR II.

Well the ball went out the window as soon as the "R Word" was heard floating through the air on the ever accurate rumour net. Much to the disappointment of the Ball Committee we then became a Cabaret Committee at the height of Exercise Maxi Beagle. DON'T PANIC!!!! Uncancel the cancellations, adjust the food orders and spend,

spend, spend! This is a free bash with subsidised alcohol, I'm sure the lads will behave.

So we managed to over spend the money for the Ball, the parade, and the church service and you managed to spend very little; aim achieved.

As a bonus our sponsors also stuck by us in our hour of need and provided you with more door prizes than most of the winners knew what to do with. Some of these were quite appropriate, such as accommodation for some going to Rwanda, and sheets and munchies for the visiting US soldiers.

The Ball would not survive without the sponsors so we do ask you for your own sake to support them whenever you can. If we don't you can kiss the door prizes goodbye. To demonstrate the effectiveness of our support, we already have a competing resort ready to offer sponsorship next year!

For next year we are toying with many ideas ranging from a B & S style function to a fully formal function at the Casino. As it is your celebration we would be happy to hear your ideas.



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