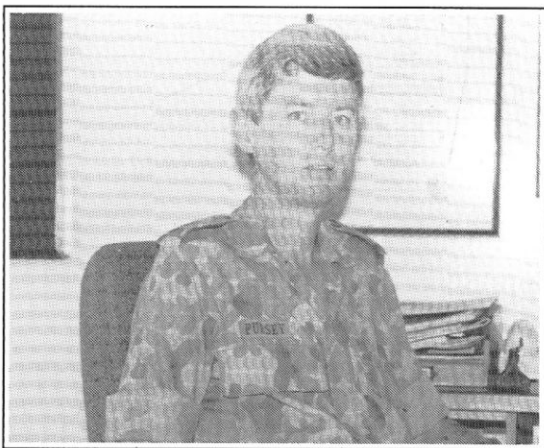


Foreword



Commanding Officer Lieutenant Colonel P.L. Pursey

The 18th year of the 2nd/4th Battalion is drawing to a close. On reflection it has been characterised by company deployments to Butterworth and New Zealand with the majority of training being conducted at company level or below. From an operational viewpoint, our unit took over 'on line' battalion responsibilities for the ODF in August and remains ready for whatever contingencies might come our way.

Major training activities for the Battalion this year included the Military Skills Competition, a more challenging LFX at High Range and a short Battalion Exercise in the close country around Paluma. There was no Brigade exercise in 1991, although "Exercise Kangaroo 92" and "Exercise Swift Eagle 92" will provide two major outings for the battalion next year. Congratulations to Support Company for winning the Champion Company Schlyder Shield and to Bravo Company for being the leading rifle company in the competition.

The Battalion's 18th Birthday Parade recognised all the specialists in the Battalion as well as highlighting the

unique role of the infantryman. I was particularly pleased with the outdoor Church Service and believe that an outdoor setting complements our role as infantrymen.

On the sports field, the Battalion acquitted itself quite well and remained competitive in almost every sport or competition. This year's results are most encouraging and I am confident that even better results are within our reach for 1992.

Throughout 1991, the South West Pacific region has continued to provide a climate for change in our region. Should an operational task come our way, I am confident that the training standard achieved in the Battalion will allow us to acquaint ourselves well.

In conclusion, I trust that you have enjoyed your soldiering in 1991 and that you are ready to make your contribution to the challenges that 1992 will bring. I extend my best wishes to all soldiers of the 2nd/4th Battalion and their families and friends for Christmas and hope to see you all back at work safely in January 1992.