

1989 saw the introduction of the Battalion's own newspaper, "The Samichon". What a newspaper it turned out to be, providing instant comedy relief to all readers. Unfortunately censorship has restricted what can be printed in this publication, however, here are just a few to take you back....

HARDKNUCKLE CAPTURED — BUT NO BEER FOR CAPTORS

Sat 17 Jun at approx. 1930 hrs, Hardknuckle received a phone call in Townsville where he was staying with his Australian mistress Ria. The phone call made by C Coy Pl Comds (took two to operate the phone), enticed him to go to an RV early Sun morning. C Coy Pl Comds had set an ambush at the appointed RV in Lavarack Barracks.

Hardknuckle was sucked in and left his mistress early only to be captured, tied and beaten. (He received the same treatment from Ria the night before, but this was the real thing and he loved it). He was driven to HRTA and was presented to the CO like a trophy. It was a poor attempt by the Pl Comds to win a carton of beer. As out of Exercise foul play was involved, no carton of beer was awarded to the Lts.

Now Lt and Lt have a choice to make. They can take seven extras each or can each offer a carton to the next real captives.

The Mega Plex.
The Big Tent.

SAMICHON BOOK OF RECORDS

1. Longest serving soldier in the Battalion — John Twomey, who has been with the 2nd/4th Battalion since its inception in 1973, he was previously with the 4th Battalion.
2. Longest serving soldier without promotion — Trevor Kerr, has been in the Army for 16 years. Pte Kerr currently works in BHQ as a clerk.
3. Tallest Officer — obviously Major Mark Webb.
4. Shortest Officer — obviously
5. Happiest SNCO — RP Sgt Sergeant Young
6. Greyest hair — none other than our own white pointer OC B Coy, Major Peter Standen.
7. Most Controversial Book — Battalion S.O.P.'s
8. Longest hair — The RSM WO1 Hansen
9. Best Sun tan — RSO Captain Ron Baumgart
10. Best Listening Devices — CSM Charlie WO2 Graham
11. Battalion's Most DUI's — Unknown due to discharge
12. Battalion's Largest Foot — Pte Joe Peters for seven charges at one time, however, it is understood that a certain platoon in D Coy managed 17 charges in one hit.
13. Battalion's Biggest Drinker — Major Steve Hollings. Maj Hollings managed to drink 26 Poppers in one day.
14. Battalion's most unusual sex life — Sgt Mick Downing. Sergeant Downing seemed to take a fancy to a young goat on Maxi Beagle last year. Even to this day it still brings a twinkle to his eye when the mention of the word daaad is heard.
15. Battalion's most Accurate Mine Detector — none other than Lt Marshal Shaw. This record still hasn't been broken to this day.
16. Battalion Caffeine Kid (coke kid) Co's Sig. Pte John Kelly who successfully knocked off, at last Sunday's Church Parade, 8 cans. He hasn't slept since.
17. Battalion's most indecisive man — Well actually we're not too sure.