of troops. At the end the company's strength was 1-24 with LT Stockley as the OC and the MFC as the CSM.

After returning from the exercise the platoon had a busy week of sports, athletics and swimming. The platoon then stood down for a well deserved 2 week standdown period.

The coming weeks will also be busy with company sport to catch up on, Bn sports finals and a week of adventure training. The company must do well in order to be the Champion Company. No doubt 11 Platoon will be putting in 100%. The year will end with a final exercise for the company in November.

At the end of the year a number of people will be leaving the unit or going to other platoons. On behalf of the 'Chosen Ones' I would like to thank the following for their efforts throughout the year:

❖LT Stockley NORFORCE

SGT Lampard Singleton

*CPL Green Pioneers

♦CPL Smith Mortars
♦LCPL Roberts Pioneers

♦PTE Watene Recon

❖PTE Davis DFSW

*PTE Wood DFSW

PTE Lawler in a well prepared gun pit.



12 PLATOON

LT T Biedermann, SGT K J Weir, CPL P C Malone, CPL A K Reilly, CPL M Rudeforth, CPL M J Williams, LCPL B Pollick, LCPL C S Smith, LCPL D M Vasich, PTE J P Crozier, PTE N H Ellerton, PTE K A Gill, PTE P K Goff, PTE L C Gotch, PTE C A Keeling, PTE A J Kerr, PTE S A Kisch, PTE T A Kitt, PTE J M Lawler, PTE S J McLean, PTE M G Palmer, PTE A J Paradies, PTE A D Payne, PTE S W Pinder, PTE S M Powell, PTE L A Shelley, PTE J D Stacey, PTE D J Webb

The Dirty Dozen has had an outstanding 1993 both in barracks and in the field with notable achievements in sport and courses. 12 Platoon was also deployed on Operation Gemini in Cambodia between May and July of this year and operated well as protection for B SQN, 5AVN REGT, during the Cambodian election period. Some particular events express the characters behind the men who make up the Dirty Dozen:

- PTE Craig Keeling's Student of Merit on Subject 1 CPL Cse and subsequent nomination for Soldier's Medallion
- PTE Lewis Shelley and his tourism award from a motel in Ayr on the Burdekin Sevens weekend
- At least seven members of the Dozen playing Battalion level sport at any time
- PTE David Webb winning a TKO over PTE Nigel Ellerton in a Platoon boxing match

- PTE Paul Goff winning the Delta Company Champion Soldier
- PTE Justin Lawler's oral expression and experiences "under fire"
- SGT Ken Weir's tolerance of diggers and sporties
- LT Tom Biedermann and CPL Martin Rudeforth going to SPT Coy to raise to DFSW Platoon.

In amongst this high flying group, one must congratulate the platoon on their efforts in Cambodia during Operation Gemini. The Dozen was deployed as a mixture of 10, 11 and "the originals" 12 Platoon to protect the assets of B SQN, 5 AVN REGT. In trying heat, pressure, sniping and fighting tiredness as a result of up to 18 hour picquet and flying duties a day, the Dozen achieved its mission. For a motley collection of individuals at the start of the operation, the Dozen welded itself into a tough and resourceful unit with high levels of achievement operationally.

Thuringowa City Council congratulates the 2nd/4th Battalion on its 20th Anniversary

The Thuringowa City Council is also pleased to support the publication of the Annual Yearbook for the 2nd/4th Battalion.

Thuringowa has a long history of involvement with the Defence Forces and today is proud to acknowledge those

members of the 2nd/4th Battalion who are citizens of the City.

Council wishes those on transfer a safe journey and a happy resettlement, and welcomes those arriving in the north on posting to a long and happy stay.



12 PL ready to deploy on Op Gemini.

CPL Williams manning the gun during Op Gemini.



A sign which was found outside one of the schools which was turned into a prison/interrogation centre by the Khmer Rouge.



LCPL Carmichael looking in awe at one of the many mass graves in Cambodia.



LT Biedermann receiving his Australian Service Medal from Brigadier Abigail.

