

# EXERCISE MAXI BEAGLE

The Battalion, and attached sub units, were tested on Exercise Maxi Beagle, which had a distinctly central African UN humanitarian flavour. The Battalion's battle preparations was tested with a thorough readiness check prior to deployment. This initial test enabled the Battalion group to deploy by air and road over 48 hours.

The exercise proper saw 2/4 RAR in a peacekeeping role amongst feuding tribes and local government and militia forces. Blue forces faced the realistic problems of refugee handling and processing, convoy escort and patrolling whilst under constant threat from the unstable and armed local tribesmen and organised opposing forces.

This UN humanitarian style scenario proved to be of excellent and realistic training value to all

soldiers. To highlight the realism of the training, A Company, currently in Rwanda, is now faced with many of the situations and tasks they confronted on Exercise Maxi Beagle.

Incorporated into the exercise was a family open day. Wives and children were invited into the training area for a day to see how the soldiers of the Battalion lived and worked in the field. This activity proved to be highly successful and rewarding for the soldiers, spouses and children who had the opportunity to deploy around the area in Blackhawks and Caribou.

Exercise Maxi Beagle 94 allowed 2/4 RAR to exercise as a Battalion group in the realistic UN peacekeeping role whilst testing the Battalion groups operational readiness capability.



*Gronk taking up a fire position*



*Intelligence Briefing*



*"Hurry up and wait" for the Echelon*



*Snipers*