

ADMINISTRATION COMPANY

It has been a busy year for Administration Company this year, but who hasn't had one. To list the comings and goings of members of the Company would fill the page, so suffice to say there are many new faces; and we welcome them all and for those who have left or are leaving, all the best.



Company Headquarters only has SSGT Kent, PTE Mackie and CAPT Irwin left from the starting lineup, with three of our number making it onto the great African bush bash.

We are considering changing our motto after this year from "We Supply" to "We do anything any time" or "Maximus Fixus" or perhaps changing our emblem to a crystal ball.

The Company has performed well in competitions as well as performing its role, with the most surprising achievement being beating six Platoons in the military skills competition and only missing out on beating two others by the barest margin. That's the last time CAPT Irwin will offer a beer incentive!

Although not a high profile Company, it is surprising to see how many soldiers are not only beating a path to our door, but some have been found desperately banging on the door demanding entry, especially as exercises approach. Its not all fun, but a second class ride beats a first class walk any day. For anybody looking for a new career the Administration Company Career Referral Centre (Orderly Room) is open for business "You name them, we'll claim them". No guarantees are offered, some people are **only** employable as Riflemen. It is

also relatively important to try fixing problems through your own orderly room first.

As the end of the year approaches it is a fair comment to say Administration Company is all over the place, in more

ways than one. We will have members deployed in four countries; Australia, Malaysia, Rwanda, and Papua New Guinea (Bougainville). We will also be supporting the usual array of courses and exercises that occur during the year. A wife recognition course is to be conducted late in the year; anyone who still recognises their wife hasn't been away enough and will be sent on a five week excuses and evaluation course conducted by the Defence Committee for Conditions of Employment.

For all those considering changing to Clerk Administration stream you should be aware that it may become an Ordnance Corps job in the future, no more reading that "Duty First" hat badge? The number of "Roaches" in the Battalion will double as CPL Brownlow transfers to Ordnance with his Tech Support Storeman job. That makes two, the take over has commenced! We now have Ordnance, Pay Corps, RAEME, Medical, Catering, Padres, Transport and even the Salvation Army. If we follow the Kiwi example it could get even worse, with Signals and Engineers! Not that we want to start nasty rumours.

Finally we would like to thank all of you for your assistance throughout the year, and for those who chose to make life difficult.....Thanks for the challenge!



The Operation Tamar crew from