



A cultural exchange

Meanwhile the enemy continued to harass and annoy as the exercise built up to it's peak of military frenzy. On the night of the 21st of September the long awaited Commando raids occurred combined with strong regular force attacks.



*Falling out of a CH-47 is one thing we can do!
The Commandos in action.*

The first sighting reported was by the Pioneers in their assault boat, "we are following an unlit canoe - no it's a zodiac - no it's a patrol boat - we are moving in to intercept!" Meanwhile HMAS Adroit quickly moved on.

The enemy assaulted the export wharf with great loss of men and equipment; the plant in a daring truck borne raid; and the power house with more conventional tactics. All this provided considerable melodrama and entertainment for some hours. Highlights were undoubtedly CSM 'A' Coy, having his Land Rover captured by his commando captive, and the Porter pilot uttering a shrill cry as he flew his plane unerringly at one of our Mortar Sections, only to be stopped by a ditch.



A commando achieves a reasonable exit - too bad about the arrival.

All in all the night was one of remarkable feats of human military endeavor that probably would have resulted in one more resounding victory over the dreaded "Orangefinders."

As the pack up and move back to Lavanack began all agreed it was an interesting exercise which had given practice and food for thought to all levels of the Battalion in how a job such as securing a mine operation would be done.



Loading the resupply vehicle.

As this point our thanks to the entire staff of Comalco and the people of Weipa must be expressed. Without the tremendous support they gave to the exercise at all levels, nothing would have been possible.

As in all exercises, interest began to wane as thoughts of home entered peoples minds, but was soon quickly revived by a brilliant and stimulating demonstration of the gliding characteristics of the Kiowa helicopter, an event that Private Dyke will never forget.



Our influence on Weipa was universal.

Weipa, in far North Queensland, was an interesting place to visit and an enjoyable place to exercise in. The town of Weipa will undoubtedly remember 2/4 RAR for some time to come.



Jean Lambert shows us how it's done - DC Admin. Coy and the boy scouts didn't know.



WEIPA TOP TEN

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| 1. What's Your Unit. | By Int. Sect. |
| 2. O.P. Blues | By Recon. Pl. |
| 3. Black & White Minstrel Show | By C. Coy. |
| 4. No More Hot Showers | By Otto |
| 5. Untold Confusion | By SHQ |
| 6. Who Owns That Chinook? | By A. Coy. |
| 7. Board That Boat | By Pres. |
| 8. How Low Can She Go | By 162 Recce |
| 9. Jump In My Landrover | By R.P.'s |
| 10. North To The Cape. | By A. Ech |

*Chart Buster



"The only way to go!"