

# MAIN Q STORE

There were a few new arrivals over the Christmas break. When we returned from our much needed holiday we found we had been issued with WO1 Tilker, WO1 Fripp, CPL Mason, CPL Unsworth and LCPL Taggart. We tried to return CPL Mason as damaged stock, but they merely made him up to SGT and told us he was no longer damaged: we knew better.

The QM decided that it would be good fun to update the AUTOQ catalogue from the microfiche....he was wrong! His other fun idea was to delete a whole heap of items from AUTOQ.....he was still wrong! We all put in a few extra hours that month, thank goodness for the new 26 hour day. In the end we had to grudgingly admit it was worth it.

WO1 (cyclone) Fripp decided that cleanliness was next to Godliness and started cleaning up anything not locked behind glass and marked secret. This included six moves of the ledger room (possibly so that he could get to every hidden cranny) and the clothing store and stock was banished out to the back as too messy. This now created room for the not so messy barracks office and change room. Feeling rather nomadic at this time, we couldn't let the opportunity go by without moving B Echelon stores outside and expense stores into their bay.

By mid year we had done so much moving that LCPL Griffith decided he would move less in Transport Platoon. SSGT Canhan and SSGT Keynes swapped and we felt the wrath of the angry little ant until he discovered a valium stockpile and settled in.

After such a joyous and quiet year all we needed was an operational deployment of part of the Battalion along with the CO; and hey presto it happened! Just to make things better they decided a great place to take up residence would be the 2/4 RAR Q Store, "Hey they are only trying to support us and bring the stocktake forward due to the CO leaving early, they would be great guys to stuff around". A quick check on the lead level in the paint in the Q Store quickly convinced our brave warriors to depart for places more willing to be stuffed around (and safer). Unfortunately they took a large portion of our stores with them.

We did manage to pull a few guernseys on the Rwanda trip; all our best to WO1 Tilker, SGT Mason, PTE MacKenzie and PTE Nelson.

Maxi Beagle proved to be a relatively quiet exercise livened up by the wonderful opportunity to wear flack jackets, helmets, and dig in! I bet you're disappointed if you missed that one. The true highlight was probably watching the bait layers charge up the hill armed with two machine guns because some mongrel enemy was up there keeping us up.

With the end of the year we will farewell WO1 Fripp, WO2 Hanley, SGT Bell, CPL Gibbs and PTE Kingston on posting. We also wish PTE McLeod all the best in his new life as a civilian.

Just remember, there is no sense pointing at it if the computer says we haven't got it.



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Large Function Room  
Available Upstairs

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Disco bar Downstairs

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Pub Bar with Pokies

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Chef prepared Meals

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*The Party Place*

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