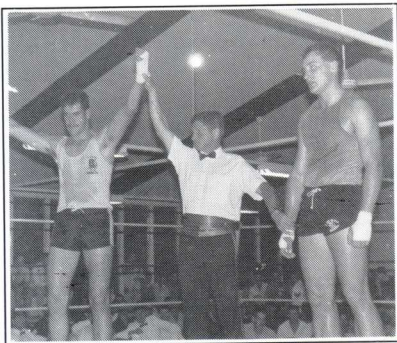
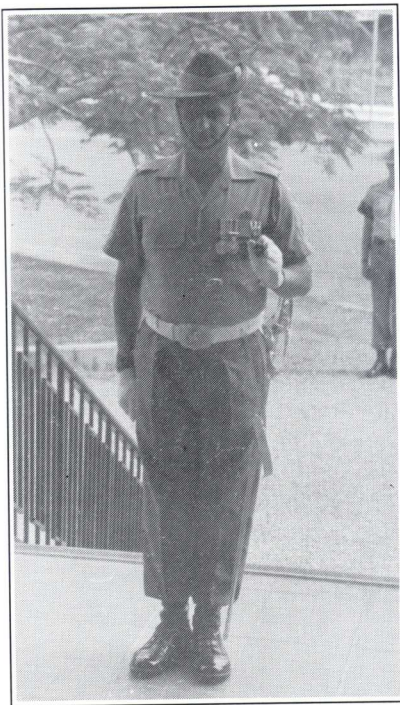


# **Regimental Sergeant Major**

**Warrant Officer Class I**

**G.R. Hansen**



During 1989 the members of 2/4 RAR have brought further credit to this fine unit by carrying out their many and varied tasks (both collectively and individually) in a most professional manner. I take great pride in all of our achievements, too various to mention for the fear of missing some worthy person.

To the junior NCO's I say thank you for your efforts. Everybody knows that your task is the hardest. Most of you have direct command of eight men on a 24 hour basis and you are responsible not only to train your men during normal working hours, but also to guide, discipline and set the professional standards for the rest of the day. Make no mistake your rank and your job is most important and that you are a very valuable commodity. History has shown that wars are won and lost at your level.

To the SNCO's, I urge you to continue to set and maintain the standards that all of your juniors should aspire to, and to continue to offer the correct advice to the junior officers in a professional and tactful manner.

This has been the most gratifying two years of my 24 years of service life. It is the culminating point of any soldier's career to be appointed as the RSM of a Battalion of the Royal Australian Regiment, but to be the senior soldier of 2/4 RAR has been far more rewarding than I could have imagined. I am now moving to Canberra as the RSM of the Royal Military College, from where I will continue to look to 2/4 RAR to provide the yard stick by which the standards, professionalism and enthusiasm can be measured for the remainder of the Regiment.

I wish you all good soldiering and hope that your families will continue to understand your lot and support your career and efforts.

Enjoy your leave and return safely and refreshed ready for 1990. Above all, drive safely, your country needs you back. Finally, I bid you all goodbye and wonder when I will see your likes again.

**G. HANSEN**

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