

# THE DUKE OF GLOUCESTER - (DOG) CUP 1993

The DOG Cup was instituted on 15 July 1946 by the then Governor General, His Royal Highness the Duke of Gloucester, for competition between the Permanent Military Forces battalions that would become The Royal Australian Regiment. On 1 December 1993 we won the DOG Cup, and McDonald Cup (which is awarded for night skills).

Under new procedures laid down by the Directorate of Infantry, to ensure a true and fair representation of a battalion, one Platoon was chosen at random to provide the DOG Squad. 8 Platoon, Charlie Company, were given the honour of representing the Battalion. Lieutenant Tim Curtis and Warrant Officer Leon Helmrich implemented a hectic training programme for the squad. Weapon drills were practised ad nauseam, along with rappelling, infantry minor tactics and of course the ever popular route march.

The Directorate kept details of the competition a closely guarded secret. Needless to say the competition covered the infantry basics of patrolling, weapons handling, employment of fire support and the new doctrinal centre of effort - Low Level Operations. However, it was probably the 800 metre obstacle course, involving live-firing that will stick in people's minds. The layout and sequencing (as the final activity) of this activity made it particularly physically taxing.

Flushed with victory the squad relieved the CO of his mobile phone and proceeded to let the world know the good news. Meanwhile, back in Samichon Lines, Tim Curtis lived up to his promise to the men and donated all his hair to CSM Helmrich.

The victorious DOG Squad were:

CPL S Murrells  
LCPL A Porter  
PTE A Thompson  
PTE B Lee  
PTE B Fawcett  
PTE C Leavitt  
PTE S Ozegevic  
PTE B Hooker  
PTE S O'Meara.

As we go to press the 1994 DOG Squad are in training (or actually competing), so we cannot give any results. Suffice to say Bravo Company scored a chance at glory this year. 'Skull' Helmrich was called back from retirement to train the squad, in the absence of CSM Bravo. Once more he is employing his methods. Methods that work.

Best of luck to the 1994 squad:

CPL M P Blake  
LCPL D P Hopgood  
PTE P C Barker  
PTE S Britnell  
PTE D W Caswell  
PTE B J Collins  
PTE R D G Deasers  
PTE K A Eddington  
PTE J J Saint

Thanks must go to the many members of the Battalion who organised and supported the training. There were so many who made significant contributions that to name some, and omit others, would be improper. It was a true Battalion effort.



Rear L to R: PTE D Ozegevic, CPL S. J. Murrells, LCPL A.D. Porter, PTE B.N. Lees, PTE A.R. Thompson, PTE B.D. Hooker  
Front Rank: PTE S.N. Leavitt, PTE S.L. O'Meara, PTE B.F. Fawcett