

13 Jan 64

RAISING INSTRUCTION

4th BATTALION

THE ROYAL AUSTRALIAN REGIMENT

INTRODUCTION

1. 4 RAR is to be raised into its complete strength by 31 Mar 64. A major effort is required by all personnel to ensure that the raising is carried out in a planned and orderly fashion.
2. The raising involves considerable administrative effort if a firm basis for the future administration and training of the Battalion is to be established. The more efficient the raising, the less training time will be wasted on subsequent investigations of administrative oversights.
3. The provision of accommodation to the unit could be a problem. The plan promulgated in this instruction has been produced within the accommodation anticipated availability. The plan will be subject to alterations if Dept of Works Repair Programme is not maintained at its anticipated rate.

AIM

The aim of this instruction is to establish an **outline** plan for unit activities during the period 15 Jan - 31 Mar 64.

ORDER OF RAISING SUB-UNITS

5. The unit will be raised in the following priority.-
 - (a) Bn HQ and Adm Coy (Less Med Pl) to be completed by 10 Feb 64;
 - (b) Sp Coy to be raised on 10 Feb 64, to be completed 20 Feb 64;
 - (c) A Coy to be raised on 20 Feb 64, to be completed by 28 Feb 64;
 - (d) B Coy to be raised on 1 Mar 64, to be completed by 9 Mar 64;
 - (e) C Coy to be raised on 10 Mar 64; to be completed by 18 Mar 64;
 - (f) D Coy to be raised on 18 Mar 64, to be completed by 27 Mar 64.
6. HQ C Comd agree to this proposed programme of raising and have requested ARQ to make the necessary arrangements to build up the Battalion at a rate to meet the above requirements.
7. Coy Cadres consisting of Officers and NCOs will be received in the Battalion prior to the raising of their companies. These cadres will be administered by Adm Coy, and **until** their company is raised will be responsible for -
 - (a) Familiarisation with Unit Standing Orders;
 - (b) Production of Company Training Programmes;
 - (c) Familiarisation with training areas available;

- (f) Any other tasks as may be allotted by Bn HQ e.g., Production of Range Safety Orders, provision of personnel for extra regimental duties.

8. The date of raising is the date on which:-

- (a) The Company Roll Books are established and personnel held by Adm Coy for administration are marched into the Company;
- (b) The Coy Sub Account is established and the QM hands over the company stores to the sub-unit;
- (c) Parade States and other returns will be submitted to Bn HQ with effect from the day after raising.

9. It is intended by the date of completion of raising that :-

- (a) Sub unit sub-account or accounts to be fully established with both accommodation stores and TFP stores required immediately for training;
- (b) Coy Orderly Room and Records to be established in accordance with existing instructions;
- (c) Company areas of responsibilities for grounds improvement are established and thereafter properly maintained in accordance with unit policy;
- (d) The sub-unit is ready to commence training in all respects.

ALLOCATION OF ACCOMMODATION

GENERAL

10. Initially the AMC Area and the HQ Area of WOODSIDE Camp will provide the accommodation for the Battalion. As messing accommodation and SAL Blocks in Areas 1 and 2 are completed, the Battalion will extend into Areas 1 and 2. It is anticipated that troops will move into these areas on 10 Feb 64, however, messing will still be effected from the AMC area at this stage.

MESSING

11. Until 20 Feb 64 the Battalion can be supported by the kitchen in the AMC Area. After this date another kitchen will be required. Should the kitchen in Area 1 NOT be available by this date, it will be necessary to use a kitchen in Immigration Centre.

OFFICERS MESS

12. The Officers Mess will be located in the HQ Area. Hut 30 will be used as the Mess Interroom until Mar 64.

SERGEANTS MESS

When the Sergeants Mess in Area 2 is completed the following

- (b) Hut 58 AMC Area and Hut 15 HQ Area as Sgts living quarters;
- (c) As numbers in Sgts Mess increase it may be necessary to provide a marquee in the area of the Tennis Court in the AMC Area as a Sgts Mess Anteroom.

COY CADRE ACCOMMODATION

14. Until Coys are raised, Coy Cadres will be allocated office accommodation in Huts 31 and 32.

QUARTERMASTER

15. The Quartermaster will occupy the undermentioned accommodation:

- (a) HQ Area - Building 23 (to become unit theatre 20 Feb) and Building 19 (when handed over from 2 Pd Amb),
- (b) Area 1, Huts 30, 31, 32, 33, 47, 48 and also Hut 20 when available. It will be necessary for the QM to provide office accommodation for the Transport Officer until such time as the transport compound is taken over.

16. RMP will be located in AMC Area until at least 10 Feb 64. It will be eventually located in Area 2.

17. The allocation of accommodation depends on Department of Works progress in repair of existing buildings. This allocation will be kept constantly under review.

'Q' ACCOUNTANCY

18. 'Q' Sub Accounts will be established in accordance with the programme indicated below:

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| (a) Adm Coy | 15 Jan 64 |
| (b) Transport | 15 Jan 64 |
| (c) Officers Mess | 22 Jan 64 |
| (d) Sgts Mess | 22 Jan 64 |
| (e) Sp Coy | 10 Feb 64 |
| (f) Sig Pl | 10 Feb 64 |
| (g) RMO | 10 Feb 64 |
| (h) A Coy | 20 Feb 64 |
| (j) Regtl Institute | 20 Feb 64 |
| (k) Band | 20 Feb 64 |
| (l) B Coy | 1 Mar 64 |
| (m) C Coy | 10 Mar 64 |
| (n) D Coy | 19 Mar 64 |

19. As training of coys is to commence as soon as possible after raising, the TFM equipment required by sub-accounts for training will be provided to

20. Field kitchen equipment for use by coys in the field will be obtained by the QM, in sufficient quantity, to cater for two coys at one time. Initially this will be held centrally by the QM and issued to companies as required as a temporary loan. This equipment should be available in the Battalion by 10 Mar 64. Later these stores will be issued to each individual company, but NOT before Jul 64.

21. During the period of raising the Battalion, coordinated Battalion spot checks will NOT be practical. Sub-accounts will carry out spot checks of selected stores of equipment at the rate of at least two items per week during the period. The QM will carry out checks at the same rate of Battalion stores. These spot checks should be directed towards attractive items and will be recorded in a spot check register.

22. This is an important period for the unit from the point of view of 'Q' accountancy. All Officers and NCOs must become thoroughly conversant with the relevant portions of Standing Orders. A minor mistake made now could be magnified many times when it is finally revealed at the first stocktake. Please :-

- (a) Be CAREFUL;
- (b) Be ACCURATE;
- (c) Actively and constructively SUPERVISE your SUBORDINATES;
- (d) If in doubt on any point ASK;
- (e) Keep to the laid down SYSTEM.

DUTIES

23. Duties will be kept to an absolute minimum during the period. Essential duties will be notified in Routine Orders Part 1.

BN BIRTHDAY

24. The Bn Birthday will be celebrated by an Inauguration Parade and Church Service to be held at the CAMP SITE on 1 Feb 64. The Inspecting Officer for the Parade will be Lt Gen Sir Ragnar CARRETT, KBE, CB, The Honorary Colonel of The Royal Australian Regiment. Distinguished guests, both Service and Civilian, have been invited to the Parade. After the Parade, appropriate entertainment will be conducted in each mess.

25. Unit activities associated with the Parade will be as follows -

- (a) 20 Jan 64 - Selection of Guard, plus reserves for training;
- (b) Daily thereafter. Guard training and rehearsals at 0800 hrs (45 mins) and 1330 hrs (45 mins). BSM to coordinate;
- (c) Dress rehearsal will be held 28 Jan 64 at 0800 hrs;
- (d) Final rehearsals. C Comd Band required to attend 30 Jan 64.

26. Separate instructions will be issued for this Parade later.

CANTEEN

27. Canteen facilities will be provided for all other ranks at the KIBBY

TRANSPORT

28. All transport will be coordinated by the Transport Officer. Requests for transport will be passed to the Transport Officer as early as practical.

29. No courier vehicle will be provided to HQ C Comd until 3 Feb 64. Until that date the Transport Officer will be responsible for briefing drivers going on duty to ADELAIDE to report:

- (a) Before departure from WOODSIDE to Orderly Room Sgt at 4 RAR.
- (b) Before departure from ADELAIDE to OC C Comd Registry for any mail for 4 RAR.

30. C Comd are to arrange for drivers of their vehicles on duty at WOODSIDE to perform a similar task. All correspondence and other matter to be forwarded to a unit in ADELAIDE, will be forwarded to the Bn Orderly Room Sgt.

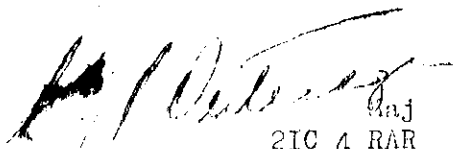
CONCLUSION

31. At Annex 'A' is a chronological forecast of major events.

32. This instruction will be read in conjunction with 4 RAR Standing Orders. It is NOT complete in itself, it merely establishes a plan for the raising of the unit.

33. During the period, daily coordinating conferences will be held in the Bn 2ICs Office at 1600 hrs. Attendance as follows;

- (a) All conferences OC Adm Coy, QM, Adj, TO and RSM;
- (b) To attend when required, Coy Comds, Transport Officer and RMO.


2IC 4 RAR

DISTRIBUTION:

- Adm Coy (4)
- Sp Coy (5)
- A Coy (4)
- B Coy (4)
- C Coy (4)
- D Coy (4)
- HQ C Comd (3)
- CO (1)
- etc (1)

4 RAR
FORECAST OF EVENTS
15 JAN - 31 MAR 64

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Action By</u>
<u>15 Jan 64</u>	1. Adm Coy Sub account opened	QM, OC Adm Coy
	2. Tpt Sub account opened	QM, TO
<u>20 Jan 64</u>	3. Selection of Guard for training	Adj, RSM
	4. Guard training from 28 Jan - 1 Feb at 0800 hrs and 1330 hrs	RSM
<u>24 Jan 64</u>	5. Offrs Mess sub account opened	2IC, QM
	6. Egts Mess sub account opened	QM, RSM
<u>28 Jan 64</u>	7. Dress rehearsal for Parade, 0800 hrs	2IC, Adj, RSM,
<u>30 Jan 64</u>	8. Final rehearsal for Inauguration Parade and C Comd Band required.	2IC, Adj, RSM
<u>31 Jan 64</u>	9. Honorary Col arrives Flt 328	Adj
<u>1 Feb 64</u>	10. Inauguration Parade 1130 hrs	All
<u>3 Feb 64</u>	11. Honorary Col departs Flt 221	Adj
<u>10 Feb 64</u>	12. Sp Coy sub account opened	QM, OC Sp Coy
	13. Sig Pl sub account opened	QM, Sig Offr
	14. Anticipated tps move into Area 2	QM, OC Adm Coy, OC Sp Coy
	15. 10 - 20 Feb Sp Coy raised	Adj, QM, OC Sp Coy
<u>20 Feb 64</u>	16. Anticipated kitchen in No 1 Area operative and tps move into this Area	QM, OC Adm Coy
	17. Building 23 becomes Unit Theatre	QM, Adj
	18. Regt Institute sub account opened	2IC, QM
	19. Band sub account opened	QM, OC Adm Coy, Bandaaster
	20. 20 Feb - 28 Feb A Coy raised	Adj, QM, OC A Coy
	21. Reassigned	
	22. A Coy sub account opened	QM, OC A Coy
<u>1 Mar 64</u>	23. B Coy sub account opened	QM, OC B Coy
	24. 1 - 9 Mar B Coy raised	Adj, QM, OC B Coy
<u>10 Mar 64</u>	25. C Coy sub account opened	QM, OC C Coy
	26. 10 - 18 Mar C Coy raised	Adj, QM, OC C Coy
<u>18 Mar 64</u>	27. 18 - 27 Mar D Coy raised	Adj, QM, OC D Coy
<u>19 Mar 64</u>	28. D Coy sub account opened	QM, OC D Coy
<u>20 Mar 64</u>	29. Ed kitchen eqpt for 2 coys in the field to be available	QM

NOTE: CO-ORDINATION CONFERENCE

- (a) Daily co-ordination conference will be held at 1700 hrs. To attend;

OO Adm Coy
Adjt
QM
TO
RSM

- (b) To attend when required by 2IC;

OC Coys
RMO

HISTORY AND POINTS OF INTEREST

4th BATTALION THE ROYAL AUSTRALIAN REGIMENT

REGIMENTAL MOTTO

"Duty First"

REGIMENTAL BATTLE HONOURS

KOREA 1950-53

KAPTONG

ALLIANCES

THE IRISH GUARDS

HONORARY COLONEL

Lieutenant General Sir Reginald Pollard, KBE CB DSO

REGIMENTAL COLONEL

Colonel WJ MORROW OBE

BATTALION COLOUR

Scarlet

OFFICIAL BIRTHDAY

On the 1st of February, 1964, 4th Battalion The Royal Australian Regiment was raised at an Inauguration Parade and Church Service at Woodside Barracks, South Australia. It became the first regular battalion to be raised on Australian soil. Original members of the unit were selected personnel from existing battalions of the Royal Australian Regiment and the Pacific Islands Regiment.

ORIGINAL STAFF

Below are listed the original officers of 4 RAR with the appointments they held as at 1 February 1964.

CO	Lt Col	D B	THOMSON
RIC	Maj	K P	OUTRIDGE
Adjt	Capt	JPA	DEIGHTON
IO	Capt	IJC	HEARN
Aast Adjt Lt		M O	BARICK
OC A Coy	Maj	I O	PORTER

<u>AFRI</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Initials</u>	<u>Name</u>
OC B Coy	Maj	G H	DUCKER MC
2IC B Coy	Capt	W J	REYNOLDS
OC 4 Pl	2Lt	E L	CHAETERMAINT
OC 5 Pl	2Lt	D R	WYNN
OC 6 Pl	Lt	J R	RAYBOD
OC C Coy	Maj	K J	McGIBB
2IC C Coy	Capt	W	McDONALD
OC 7 Pl	Lt	J H	IRISH
OC 8 Pl	2Lt	W	SCHESTOPALOW
OC 9 Pl	Lt	R G	CURTIS
OC D Coy	Maj	T R	SULLIVAN
2IC D Coy	Capt	K J	FARRELL
OC 10 Pl	Lt	N J	UNDERWOOD
OC 11 Pl	2Lt	R J	WICKHAM
OC 12 Pl	2Lt	M	VARANG
OC Sp Coy	Maj	F P	SCOTT
2IC Sp Coy	Capt	HDV	LINDSAY
OC Mor Pl	Capt	R F	SUTTON
OC Sig Pl	Capt	M C	MORRISON
OC Asstl Pnr Pl	Capt	B	BOND
OC Atk Pl	Lt	F M	KIDNIO
OC Adm Coy	Maj	B J	FALVEY
QM	Capt	R H	STANDLEY
Asst QM	Lt	D L	REACOTT
RMO	Capt	D M	SALMON
TO	Capt	F K	COLE
Edn Offr	Capt	J M	HILLAN
Dental Offr	Capt	D	RUCKLESS
C of E Padre	Chap	JAJ	DOUST
EC Padre	Br	G B	KENTNARE
OPD Padre	Chap	C	BADCOCK

AIR MOBILE CONCEPT

During its initial twenty months in Australia the unit undertook a number of large scale exercises. The first major exercise for the whole of the battalion was exercise "Ever Ready" conducted in South West Australia from 11-24 November '64. This exercise was unique in that it was designed to allow a force to operate entirely without vehicles. As a result of "Ever Ready's" success it was decided to test the techniques of the air mobile concept with a further major exercise, exercise "Downpour", conducted in the Mt Spec training area of North Queensland.

SPORTING ACHIEVEMENT

The unit combined with the local Woodside Australian Rules team to form the Woodside-Army team which won the Torrens Valley premiership in 1964. This was the first time that Woodside had won the competition for 38 years.

In Rugby Union the unit entered the South Australian A Grade competition in 1964 with a view to developing a team capable of extending the New Zealand unit during the Malaysian tour. The Battalion team finished fifth in the competition in 1964 and at present is in second place for 1965. The team which are the only unit team to compete in an A Grade State Rugby competition, is currently involved in the semi finals of the 1965 competition.

In basketball the unit team won the South Australian YMCA teams competition for 1965 and obtained a place in the Final Four of the South Australian competition.

COs ENTRY TO SERGEANTS MESS

Although the unit has achieved reasonable success in the sporting world there were few amenities initially. An example of this was the Sergeants Mess which was originally located in the Maternity Ward of the old Immigration Centre at Woodside. Even so, the mess entertained on a grand scale. Among the first guests were The Minister for the Army, The Premier of South Australia and the Lord Mayor of Adelaide.

The Regimental Sergeant Major WO1 LE BRENNAN, MBE since full of the fact that the surroundings were not conducive to mess entertainment adopted the practice of having a flog on the drum played whenever the Commanding Officer, Lieutenant Colonel DS THOMSON, MC visited the mess. Now, although in a far more comfortable location, the Sergeants have retained the tradition.

BATTALION LANYARD AND FLAG

The original colour allocated to 4 RAR was bronze and the flag unfurled by the then Honorary Colonel, Lieutenant General Sir Reginald Garrett, KBE, CB, on 1 Feb 64 was of that colour. When it came to the question of producing regimental signs and sporting pullovers incorporating the bronze colour it was found that the colour was both difficult to acquire and maintain. As a result, permission was requested to have scarlet as the unit colour. This was granted and to avoid confusion with the Infantry Corps, the scarlet lanyard of 4 RAR is worn on the left shoulder.

The Battalion Flag retains a centre circle of bronze to commemorate the original flag used on 1 Feb 64 but the remainder of the material is scarlet.

PRESSENTATION OF COLOURS

The greatest day in the life of the young battalion to date was on the 11th April 1965 when the Governor General of Australia, The Right Honourable Viscount De L'Isle VC, PC, GCMG, GCVO presented the unit with its colours on the Adelaide Cricket Ground. The occasion was unusual in that it was also attended by the Governor of South Australia, Lieutenant-General Sir Edric Bastyan, KCMG, KCVO, KBE, CB, who had requested that he attend also. The battalion this had two representatives of Her Majesty The Queen attending the Presentation of Colours Ceremony.

After the parade the 4 RAR Officers entertained their guests in a reception at the Adelaide City Hall.

PRESSENTATION BUGLE FROM 2/43 BATTALION

On 22 August 65 at a ceremony around the 2/43 Battalions Memorial plaque in the Woodside Barracks the president of the old AIF Battalions Returned Servicemens Club, Mr W Marlow presented 4 RAR with the bugle used by the 2/43 Battalion during the Second World War from Tobruk to Borneo. For the past 20 years the bugle has been treasured and cared for by a former bugler of the 2/43, Mr W Evans.

The instrument is in perfect condition and rather than being shelved as a museum piece it is now used daily by the duty bugler.

4 RAR TRACKER DOGS

The original platoon commander Lt JIM KUDRIG of the units Anti Tank Platoon suggested that a case existed for the use of tracker dogs in Malaysia. The idea was supported by the commanding officer but failed to gain initial approval from HQ.

The platoon however trained in tracking from June 64 onwards. In August 64 Lt Kudrig was introduced to the CGS, Lieutenant General J G N Wilton KBE DSO, as the OC of the Units Tracker Platoon. The CGS showed obvious interest in the subject and it was decided that the unit should have two tracker dogs. The dogs Hank and Toddie took part in the Presentation of Colours parade and major unit exercises where they showed their ability.

Approval has since been given for the purchase of an extra two dogs. All four dogs are now in Malaysia undergoing further training at the War Dog Training Unit.

TRADITION OF CHAMPAGNE FOR SPECIAL OCCASIONS OFFICERS MESS

After the inaugural parade on 9 Feb 64 the Battalion entertained their guests on the surrounding lawns and in passages as the messes were still to be completed. South Australia is renowned for its wines and there are, of course, a number of particularly good varieties of Champagne. During lunch on the 9 Feb 64 the new Battalion was toasted with South Australian Champagne, and it was decided that in future on all occasions such as promotions, births and engagements which effected an officer of 4 RAR he would buy the mess champagne to celebrate his good fortune. The champagne most commonly used is a particular companies "Brute" champagne. This is now referred to affectionately by the subalterns of 4 RAR as "The Brute". Visitors to our mess beware.

ADDRESS BY CO 4 RAR

General Garrett, Doctor Forbes, Mr Premier, Brigadier Wearne, Colonel Ochiltree, distinguished guests and officers and men of the 4th Bn The Royal Australian Regiment.

This is an historic day both for our Battalion and for the Army; for the Battalion because it is the day of our birth; for the Army because this is the first time that a regular infantry battalion has ever been formed in Australia. The other three battalions of the Royal Australian Regiment were all formed overseas in 1945. Each year from now on, we in this Battalion will celebrate with pride the anniversary of this day and we are grateful to all those who have come to join us in this our first celebration.

As yet, there are very few of us and most of us have been here only a few days; but we will always be able to say "I was there on the day the Battalion was ^{raised} formed".

Very soon, we will be up to strength and ready to train for any tasks we may be called upon to perform in these troubled times. We all have something to look forward to. Next year, we go to Malaysia to relieve the 3rd Bn of our Regiment. If you continue with the spirit, energy and enthusiasm which you have already shown, we will soon be ready to face anything that the future holds for us.

I would like to thank Brigadier Wearne and the staff of Central Command for all their help and also Colonel Ochiltree, our Regimental Colonel, who as Director of Infantry has done much to ease our path. I am sure, that all ranks would wish me to thank the Premier and the Government of South Australia for the houses they are providing for our families in Adelaide. This ^{will} ~~has~~ helped us to overcome one of the main hardships of army life - separation from our families.

Although we are a new Battalion, we inherit great traditions,

FILE

From: Capt I. J. HEARN

4 RAR

Woodside

Apr 65

PRESENTATION OF COLOURS

1. I have requested HQ C Comd Public Relations to forward direct to Mt Barker Courier some pictures that may be of use.

2. The following is a write up of the event.

" Last Sunday, His Excellency, the Governor General The Right Honourable Viscount De L'Isle presented the Queens and Regimental Colours to 4th Battalion The Royal Australian Regiment. The Presentation was made at a ceremonial parade at the Adelaide Oval.

The custom of carrying ~~many~~ colours dates back to Medieval times, and now are a symbol for the regiment, for on them are borne the battle honours granted in recognition of gallant deeds performed by its members. The battle honours emblazoned on the regimental colours presented to 4 RAR are KOREA 1950 - 1953, and KAPYONG.

After presenting the Colours to the Colour Ensigns, 2 Lt E. Quartermaine, and 2 Lt R. Wickham, the Governor General addressed the parade:

Colonel Thomson, and all ranks of 4th Battalion the Royal Australian Regiment. It is a great Honour for me to have been given the task of presenting today, to your battalion, their first Colours, solemnly consecrated and dedicated in our presence. These Colours represent to you your Faith in God, Your devotion to the Queen, whose uniform we are all proud to wear, your loyalty to Australia, of whom the Queen is Sovereign, and your pride in regiment and in your battalion.

However long and glorious the record of your battalion may become, remember you are the most important men who will ever journey, for you are not only forming a new unit in the Australian Army, you are founding a tradition, forging the first key link in a chain which will unite those who serve after you, to the battalion's history and to the achievements of their predecessors. I confide these colours to your keeping in the firm faith that your trust will be justified."

The ceremony was attended by an estimated crowd of 2,000. Official guests included the Governor of South Australia, (Lt Gen Sir Edric Bastyan) and Lady Bastyan, The Minister for the Army (Dr Forbes) and Mrs Forbes, the Chief Justice (Sir Mellis Napier) and the Premier (Mr Walsh) and Mrs Walsh.

After the ceremony, The Governor General and the Hon Anne Sidney, attended afternoon tea first with the soldiers and NCOs of the battalion, and later were entertained by officers ~~xxxxxx~~ of the battalion and their wives at the Adelaide Town Hall.

The Colours will be cared at Woodside and will travel with it now when they move to Malaya later this year

S/H
..... Capt

THE FORMATION

The planning of the first regular battalion to be raised in Australia, was in the main carried out by GSO 1, SD, AHQ, Lt Col D S Thomson HQ during ~~the~~ mid 1963. It was fitting when ~~X~~ names were placed alongside key appointments, that Lt Col Thomson was appointed the Commanding Officer.

One of the first problems, the selection and appointment of officers and senior NCOs, was quickly overcome, and a recruiting programme for soldiers from 1 RAR and 2 RAR to form the new unit was set into motion. There was early speculation on the location and the name. The location was a choice between Lang Warren, Vic, and Woodside, SA. After advantages and disadvantages had been considered, it was decided Woodside would be reopened as an infantry establishment and become our new home. Woodside had been used in National Service days to train infantrymen, however since 1959, it had been occupied by 2 Field Ambulance.

The honour and privilege of being the first soldier in the battalion went to S/Sgt B F Price, the Orderly Room sgt who arrived on 25 Oct 63 at Keswick Barracks, HQ C Comd. Maj F F Scott, OC Sp Coy arrived on 29 Oct 63, and was appointed OC Advance Party, as the Battalion 2 IC was not available until late December ~~ix~~. The adv party was established at Keswick Barracks, in the womens Services building. Capt R H Standley (QM), Capt J P Deighton (Adjt) WO1 L Jones (RQMS), Pte P W Hodson (dvr), WO 2 W Napp (WO 2 Peac Inor) and Sgt G H Lewis (sgt clerk GD) arrived in quick succession in that order. Once furniture and stationery were procured, the Adv Party commenced their tasks which required hard work and patience.

At the time of arrival of the advance party, HQ C Comd had completed a survey of the Woodside camp, and had commenced a rehabilitation programme costing about £150,000. 2 Fd Amb didn't vacate Woodside Camp until 15 Jan 64, when the official take over was performed. Housing initially presented a problem, but in addition to the 103 married quarters adjacent to the camp, The North Australian Housing Trust generously arranged for 220 houses to become progressively available in the Adelaide outer suburb of Athol Park by May 64. The first of these houses were completed in January 64, and occupied the same month.

The CO designate Lt Col Thomson, was unofficially directing operations from his chair in AHQ, and his contacts and efforts

of a change of name. This didn't eventuate, and finally the ~~XXXXXX~~ risk was taken that the name, 4th Battalion, The Royal Australian Regiment, would remain. The original battalion colour was Bronze. The choice of colour effected projects such as unit flag, signs, and letterhead paper, and red was adopted as an interim step. This was eventually to become the Battalion colour. Signs were produced with red lettering on a white background, as was the headed paper. The original flag was produced by buying raw material in Adelaide, having it dyed bronze in Victoria, and made up with the badge in Adelaide just a week before the inaugural parade on 1 Feb 64.

The Br 2IC, Maj R P Outridge

OFFICIAL GUESTS

Names	Details
The Honourable Miss Anne Sidney	Daughter of Governor General
His Excellency The Governor Lieutenant General Sir Eric Bastyan and Lady Bastyan	The Governor of South Australia
The Honourable A J Forbes and Mrs Forbes	Minister for the Army
The Honourable F H Walsh and Mrs Walsh	Premier of South Australia
Major General J W Harrison	Adjutant General
Brigadier and Mrs S J Blewett	Commander Central Command
Colonel W J Harrow	Regimental Colonel
The Honourable Sir Nellie Harper	The Chief Justice
The Honourable A J Shard and Mrs Shard	Chief Secretary
The Honourable R H Loveday and Mrs Loveday	Minister for Education in South Australia
The Honourable Sir Isidore and Lady McEwin	Leader of the Opposition (Legislative Council)
Senator and Mrs K A Lought	LOL Senator
Senator and Mrs C W Ridley	ALP representative from Senate
Mr and Mrs O O'Halloran-Gilho	MHR for ANGLIS
The Honourable C R Story and Mrs Story	LOL leader in South Australia
Major General and Mrs R H L Hopkins	Retired Officer
Alderman and Mrs W R Nicols	Acting Lord Mayor
Air Commodore and Mrs J Dowling	Senior RAAF Officer in South Australia
Commander and Mrs J Griffin	Senior Naval Officer in South Australia
Brigadier and Mrs J C McKinnon	Police Commissioner
Right Reverend T T Reed and Mrs Reed	Anglican Bishop
Right Reverend and Mrs W E Kay	Moderator Presbyterian Church
Mr and Mrs E Handson-Jones	State Director of Education
Mr and Mrs B H Bednall	Conservator of Forests
Mr J Dolan and Miss Jones	State Controller of Supplies
Mr and Mrs C Alexander	Department Head of Works
Brigadier and Mrs R L Johnston	C Command Unallotted List
Mr and Mrs A J Lee	Federal President R.S.L.
Brigadier and Mrs T C Kestick	State President R.S.L.
Brigadier and Mrs J H Thyer	Retired list
Colonel R A Blackburn	Commander 4 Royal South Australian Regt
Colonel and Mrs A F McDougall	Commander Command Staff Training Unit
Brigadier and Mrs H B Jaynes	Colonel Commander Dental Corps
Colonel and Mrs J H Harbour	Deputy Director Medical Services
Colonel and Mrs R A Dugstan	Commanding Officer 3 General Hospital
Doctor and Mrs W M Woods	Director Weapons Research Establishment
Brigadier and Mrs W C D Veale	Town Clerk
Lieutenant Colonel and Mrs D Bryant	General Staff Officer 4 Central Command

Lieutenant Colonel and Mrs D B Beard
Lieutenant Colonel and Mrs J B Day
Lieutenant Colonel and Mrs R J Kavanagh
Lieutenant Colonel and Mrs C Johnston
Lieutenant Colonel M S Douglas

Major and Mrs C Laybourne-Smith
Senior Chaplain Lenthall and Mrs Lenthall
Senior Chaplain T S Horgan
Senior Chaplain and Mrs E Coopers
Senior Chaplain and Mrs H Henderson
Senior Chaplain and Mrs J Hughes

Mr and Mrs V W Furbrick

Mr and Mrs O Geddes

Doctor and Mrs C Pedler

Mr and Mrs G Irvine

Capt and Mrs R Standley and Mr R Standley

Mr and Mrs R Rowling

Mr and Mrs T E Dew

Mr and Mrs W E Marlow

Mr and Mrs J W Hamley

Mr and Mrs H Plummeridge

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Mr and Mrs J G Brown

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Reverend and Mrs Shelton	Guest of Chap Doust
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Maj and Mrs T Sullivan ✓	OC Sp Coy
Maj and Mrs I Porteous ✓	OC A Coy
Maj and Mrs K Cole ✓	OC Adm Coy
Maj and Mrs McGhee ✓	OC C Coy
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Capt and Mrs R Sutton	Mer Fl Comd
Capt and Mrs J Whelan	Edn Offr
Capt and Mrs D Salmon ✓	RMO
Capt K Farrell	ZIC D Coy
Capt B McDonald	ZIC C Coy
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Capt M Barwick	ZIC A Coy
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Capt and Mrs J Innes	TO
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2Lt and Mrs A Mogridge	P1 Comd
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2Lt and Mrs R Wickham	P1 Comd
Lt and Mrs R Robinson	Edn Offr
Lt P Desmond ✓	P1 Comd
Lt J Rayward	P1 Comd
2Lt M Varang	P1 Comd
2Lt and Mrs W Schestopalow	P1 Comd
Lt R Curtis	P1 Comd
2Lt M Chambers	P1 Comd
Lt and Mrs Kudnig	Asst Adjt
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Capt and Mrs Burgesscott	QM

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4th BATTALION THE ROYAL AUSTRALIAN REGIMENT

ACTIVITIES 2 FEB 64 - 31 MAY 64

Key Appointments

1. Key appointments in the battalion are:-

CO	Lt Col D S Thomson MC
ZIC	Maj K P Outridge
Adjt	Capt JPA Leighton
OC A Coy	Maj I G Porteous
OC B Coy	Maj C H Lucker
OC C Coy	Maj J G McShee
OC D Coy	Maj T R Sullivan
OC Sp Coy	Maj P P Scott
OC Adm Coy	Maj B J Falvey

Organisation and Administration

2. All Companies have now been raised and we are practically up to strength.

3. The allocation of Married quarters is progressing very well. We have allocated 101 quarters in Inverbrackie Village Woodside and we have 130 quarters at Athol Park in Adelaide. A further 30 quarters at Athol Park will be allocated shortly.

Training

4. Exercise "Shakedown", a five day familiarisation exercise has been completed by all platoons. This exercise was designed to develop team work and esprit de Corps within each platoon and was conducted as soon as platoons were raised.

5. The unit training has consolidated individual skills on section and platoon level. The emphasis of all training has been on Counter Insurgency operations.

6. No suitable training areas for tropical warfare are available in South Australia and the Battalion has been fortunate in being able to use the facilities of JTC. Companies will do five weeks intensive training at JTC and they are

7. C Company is assisting B Company 1 RSAR in their annual CSF Camp which is held at Remark from the 23 May - 5 Jun.

8. Courses have been conducted on many subjects both from within the unit and by attendance of soldiers at AHQ and Comd Schools. These are :-

(a) Within the Unit

- (i) Two Courses for first promotion - 64 attended
- (ii) Intelligence duties - 22 attended
- (iii) Senior training - 17 attended
- (iv) Signal training for company signallers.

(b) Other Schools and Courses

- (i) Signals training for Regimental and Company Signallers at the Infantry Centre - 74 attended
- (ii) Driver Class 3 course at C Comd Trade Training Centre (RAASC) - 11 qualified
- (iii) Malay training which is being conducted by C Comd CSF Intelligence members for 150 soldiers each Monday evening. The purpose of this training is in preparation for our scheduled move to Malaysia in Aug 65.

9. Studies of South East Asia are being conducted regularly with a view to increasing the knowledge of these countries and ensuring that all ranks are conscious of Australia's economic and military commitments in this area.

Visits by Senior Officers

10. During the period 2 Feb 31 May 64 the following senior officers visited 4 RAR :-

- Lt Gen Sir Reginald Hewetson KCB, CBE, DSO 7 - GOC Farelf
- Maj Gen A J Clynne CBE - DMS
- Maj Gen J W Harrison CBE - AC
- Chap Gen C E H Vertigan - Chaplain General (OPD)
- Brig T F Cape DSO, MBE
- Brig J B Bowdy OBE - DPT (AHQ)
- Col J G Oshiltree OBE - D Inf

Ceremonial

11. On 2 May 64 The Commander C Comd, Brig W W Wearne OBE inspected a battalion parade at Woodside.
12. On 13 May 64, 4 RAR provided a Guard of Honour of 2 officers and 52 other ranks for His Excellency The Governor of South Australia, Lt Gen Sir Edric Montague Bastyrn, KCMG, KVOO, KBE, CB, on the occasion of the Adelaide Cup at the Morphettville racocourse.

Sporting and Social Events

13. The 4 RAR Rugby Union team which is playing in the 2nd division of the South Australian Rugby Union 1st grade competition, is in equal second place after 6 matches and promotion to 1st division appears certain.
14. Lt W G Warwick and 2Lt E Quartermaine, a converted Australian Rules footballer, were selected in the South Australian Rugby Union side to tour Tasmania for the Southern States Carnival.
15. Two Australian Rules teams which have been formed with the local Woodside club are playing in the local competition and are progressing satisfactorily.
16. A hockey team is competing the South Australian B Grade hockey competition.
17. A Combined Anzac Day Commemoration Service was held in the unit theatre on 24 Apr 64. The unit was also represented in services and functions held by local RSL Sub branches. A party of some 30 members of the unit on the invitation of the 2/27th Battalion, marched in the Anzac day parade through Adelaide.

Conclusion

18. We are in a rather isolated area at Woodside where visitors and sporting teams from other Infantry units in Australia would be made most welcome.

4RAR OFFICERS MESS HISTORY 1960.

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1. If one should sit down and endeavour to equate this last year's training time and the training activities done in that time plus time for functions for 4RAR OFFICERS MESS; and if one can still arrive at 365 days for the year then one could possibly, the perennial haggard look of the mess committee.
2. On 1 Feb 64 we set the ball rolling with not a bang but a clap of thunder. At that stage we did not have the bus fare to the bank to open an account let alone have a healthy credit. The Inauguration Parade, when we drank gallons of champagne and dined magnificently in the company of South Australia's most important and influential people together with senior guests from interstate, left us with heavy heads, emptier pockets and healthy red figures all over our overdraft.
3. February never even tried to settle down. On the 21st we had Gen. ANDERSON to lunch, followed that night by a dinner in honour of Col. PEARSON, then Commanding Officer 1RAR. Those that were present that night will probably remember it for some time to come.
4. The pace was still pretty trying when the Sergeants invited us on the 6th March for an evening down in the "hole-in-the-wall". The Director of Infantry, Col. Ochiltree was among the guests.
5. April passed quietly, "DEO GRATIAS". We enjoyed an informal evening with a Buffet Dinner on the 3rd and quietly soldiered on until our first Dining-In night on the 30th, when the horse took it in his head to bolt; and members woke up in the morning feeling that the horse had run into a telegraph pole. A very wonderful night for our first Dining-In.
6. May passed quietly as the rowdier element of the mess was being phased out to JTC.
7. June, poor girl, never stood a chance. On the 5th was the fabulous "ROARING TWENTIES" NIGHT. Moments of silence for the three subalterns who unfortunately had to catch the train to Sydney that night for a Counter-Subversion course. From all reports (from which you should gather that the writer was one of them) the "fronts" that operated in the mess that night, they would have been better employed back in the mess. Suppressed schizophreniacs and paranoids, came out under the guise of characters from the "Untouchable" period of history and after "Baby-Face" NELSON produced his beer gun, half the mess ended up paralytically "shot". The irony of the whole affair was that the Sergeants invited us down to play Aussie Rules on the 7th and we thrashed them soundly.
8. We were honoured to have the Governor Sir Eddic BASTYAN to lunch on the 20th.
9. Badminton Day with the ladies opened up our July account on the 12th, followed by a superb dinner on the 30th.
10. Expert grace was said on the 4th August when the Bishop of Adelaide

came to lunch. August the 6th surely saw one of our most interesting visitors to date when a soldier ally in Lt. Col. PHILINGHAM, Commanding Officer 2/10th GHURKA RIFLES, at the moment on their third tour of Borneo, flew down from JTC, at the invitation of the Commanding Officer, and really took the mess apart with his hair-raising stories, over an excellent dinner and a drink or two. The mess farewelled Capt. Greg Warland to 3RAR as I.O. on the 15 August. The ladies enjoyed themselves at a buffet dinner on the 20th.

11. The Quarter-Master General dropped in for lunch on the 8th September followed the next week by lunch with the Chief of the General Staff, Lt. Gen. Sir John WILTON, who addressed the officers in the mess after lunch. The town fathers of the Woodside village came in for a buffet dinner and presented us with the Businessmen's Shield for inter-coy sport.

~~was a subalterns mess~~ on the 18th and an extremely successful and enjoyable "First" subalterns party was held in the 4RAR Officers Mess. Then on the 23rd, September went out in a blaze of glory with another Dining-In night.

12. The ladies again honoured us for a mixed Dining-In night on the 9th Oct. C Comd Officers Mess Ball on the 31st, was enjoyed by a party from the mess.

13. Mr. & Mrs. John Hill-Smith invited the mess to an extremely enjoyable wine tasting afternoon in magnificent South Australian summer weather at the Yalumba winery at Angaston on 3 Dec. Sadly depleted private stocks were given an unexpected boost on return home.

14. A dining-in night on the 9th enabled us to wine and dine our friends civil and military who help us so much during the past 11 months.

A BRIEF OUTLINE & HIGHLIGHTS OF THE 4 RAR SGTS MESS

THE HOLE IN THE WALL

All members privileged to join the Unit in January & February 1964, Re-member with affection "The Hole in the Wall". This was the name given to a massive building, previously the Hospital, in the AMC area. It was in the area the members of the 4 RAR Sgts Mess, were introduced to a small opening in the wall from which Cpl Langford served South Australian Hospitality.

Our first meeting took place late in January & a policy was laid down. To this day the policy has not changed & the happy atmosphere arrested at the "Hole in the Wall" has not altered.

We remember with affection "The Glee Club" that performed to one & all. Sgt Jimmy Darby, WO2 Rod Nettlefold, Sgt John Smythe, S/Sgt Bill Neagle & other talented musicians ably conducted by the PMC WO1 Paddy Brennan.

The efforts of WO2 Jock Richardson & the "Sherriff" Sgt Curly Jones in placing the Mess on a firm footing will long be appreciated. As Treasurer & Secretary, the job they undertook & done well contributed greatly to the present well acted machine functioning west of the Bn Pde ground.

Reunions were many & as newly arrived members entered the door, The cry, of "Where did you come from", "You old Mug", "Where did I see you last", were many.

Feb 1st 1964, the day of days. A glance in the visitors book, presented by the Sgts Mess OCS, tells its own story. Lt Gen Sir Ragnor Garret, Lt Gen Hopkins Dr Forbes, Mr Irwin, Lord Mayor of Adelaide were amongst our first distinguished guests. It was a happy proud group of members who acted as hosts.

Who will forget the 5th March, the night that the 4 RAR Officers paid their initial visit to the Sgts Mess. The Commanding Officer, Lt Col Thompson being escorted in accompanied by a roll of drums. The Officers taking over the "Glee Club" & under expert tuition finally played a recognisable tune. The RMO Capt Salmon, really taking his job seriously, showed stamina in remaining until all had left, ensuring members were in first class condition on departure.

The next day, Mr Mick Moller of Woodside acted as guide for a magnificent trip to the Barossa Valley. It is not known if this was a publicity stunt but Orlando profits must have surely taken a rise. This is due no doubt to the amount of Starwine brought home (inside & out) & by Sgt "Geordie" Jamieson since.

All this time work on the new mess continued & late in March we had our last drinks at the "Hole in the Wall".

The new mess had a lot to offer, a polished floor for S/Sgt Bill Nagle to perform on, a corner for WO2 Les O'Keefe to hide in, a bar rail for S/Sgts Leech & Galvin to rest their TS's on, a Billiard table for experts S/Sgts Neville Dodds & Sgt Curly Jones. One comment overheard was, "Well what colour can you expect the carpet to be, an Irishman selected it".

Mid April saw 3 lucky members take a "swan" to Maralinga & have, by all accounts a wonderful weekend. In May 4 members from the desert paid us a visit & really told the story of the lost weekend enjoyed by the 4 RAR tourists.

On the 29 June we were privileged to have the Governor of South Australia visit us. Lady Bastyan was entertained by the wives of 4 RAR Members & Sir Edric enjoyed drinks in the afternoon.

Since May, when Spt Coy started the rush to Canungra, members had been making the trip North East. They gave an excellent excuse for one of those nights when members returned. Friday night became a "must" & still is.

The director of Inf Col Ocheltree was guest at our first formal dinner. Our Glee Club was in fine form & performed admirably for our guest.

A visit by the CGS Lt Gen Sir John Wilton & former member of South Australian AIF Battalions kept us on our toes.

With exercises such as WALKABOUT, FULLSCOPE, EVERREADY over, the mess combined & organised a magnificent Xmas Party held in the Unit Theatre. The dinning hall of the Officers mess was made available for a wonderful supper.

Highlights of this party were S/Sgt Bol Cains & wife dancing the Anniversary Waltz. S/Sgt Darcey Tillbrook doing a fox trot. The RQMS WO1 Lloyd Jones acting as Santa for the Xmas draw. Sgt Curly Jones winning his first hamper/(more later) Sgt Ossie Dawson in the dual role of photographer, MC.

In all it has been a hard year made easy by the wonderful conservability of the RAR Sgts Mess.

AMEN

4 RAR BAND HISTORY FEB 64 TO DEC 64

The history of the band commenced on the day of the Battalion Inauguration parade held at Woodside on 1 Feb 64. Cpl Evans (Ex Central Command Band) was used as right marker and the only other member of the band was employed as a steward in the OFFICERS MESS (Pte Strickland).

In the weeks that followed, three additional members arrived:-

Lep1 Hocking (Ex Southern Command Band)
Lep1 Cornwall (Ex Northern Command Band)
Pte Gay (Ex Northern Command Band)

The band now has five members, and because of this they were called upon to perform general Battalion duties.

Due to shortage of musicians, it was decided to form a Drum & Bugle Band as an interim measure, employing personnel from Rifle Coy's as drummers:-

Pte's Lumsden, Foust, Spencer, Hughes, Davidson, Latta, Lee, McRoslie, Whiddon, Morrison, Petrie & Bell.

Pte Strickland & Pte Gay transferred to Central Command Band in April, and Cpl Simpson & Pte Jones were posted to Woodside as replacements. (Ex Central).

Several engagements were undertaken with the Drum & Bugle Band, namely, Formal Guard Mounts & Battalion Drill Parades.

Cpl Carney (Ex Western Command Band) was posted to the band as stretcher bearer Sergeant, arriving in May. Although promoted to Sergeant, he elected to take his discharge in July.

In June, three new members arrived:-

Cpl Holcroft (Ex Engineers Band)
Pte Gratton & Pte Baker (Ex 1 RAR Band)

The sound of bugles had limited possibilities, so Cpl Hocking arranged several items of music, to enable a small combination of brass instruments to replace them.

Members participating in this were:-

Cpl Hocking, Cpl Cornwall, Cpl Simpson, Cpl Carney & Pte Jones.

In addition to these members, the personnel from rifle coy's paraded as drummers.

The period from March to June was spent training the drummers to be instrumentalists. This was done to enable them to be retained on band strength. Effort were in vain however, as every member had to attend a 5 weeks course at the Jungle Training Centre at CANUNGRA, QLD.

During July, the band master arrived from the Army School of Music. The bandmaster, S/Sgt R K Lerner had just completed a bandmasters course while on the school staff.

In September the band Sgt, Cpl D Lawrence arrived (EX 1 RAR Band).

During the closing stages of October the band performed at several function

On the 4th November, the band, along with the rest of the Bn went to Nelson Vic for exercise "EVERREADY".

During December 3 members marched in:-

Pte L M O'Carroll (Ex 1 RTB), Pte K Heavey (Ex 2 RAR), Pte Sims (Ex A Coy).

HISTORY OF 4 RAR BAND JAN 67-SEPT 67

Jan 67 once again saw the band in KUALA LUMPUR on the occasion of Australia Day. The band also took part on all Bn and Brigade Exercises in their other role as Stretcher Bearers, in the ensuing months.

In May the band were in Singapore for another month Long Tour as Duty Band. In all, 21 separate engagements were performed, varying from Officers Mess nights to school & crippled childrens concerts. The band were most popular with children & have since received many letters from children in Singapore, some rather humorous, with the basic message of thank you.

An appreciative audience such as many the band played for, make the bandsmen's job much brighter.

Formal guard mounts in the Battalion continued and time was always used to the fullest. The band turned out representatives for all sports and were responsible for much of Adm Coy's successes in the Battalion V Brigade Sports Meetings.

All members eagerly awaited posting orders for RTA due out in July, each hoping of course for a posting of one's own choice.

Congratulations are in order for Sgt Evans on his posting as D/Major C Comd, and subsequent promotion to S/Sgt. He has put much work in on parade & Ceremonial work with the band and achieved good results. All the band wish him well.

Congratulations also to Bandmaster Lerner on his posting to Armoured Corps Band Puckapunyal and subsequent promotion to WO1. The band wish him good luck and regrettfully say Bon Voyage. He has spent much of his own time, and energy to attaining a high standard - both Military and Musically, of the band. He has also arranged many tunes, which have been bright and most acceptable. Through his drive and efforts, the band has gained a good name for 4 RAR as a whole, and is without doubt one of the finest, if not, the best of Regimental Bands today. The band wish him well. With the approach of RTA for 4 RAR, the band finale was a farewell Pde on the 15th Sept with "BEATING THE RETREAT".

Reports from all quarters suggest it was a successful and fitting finale in Malaysia.

With the return to Australia the History of 4 RAR band must also cease. It is hoped the band will re-form sometime in the future and the History continued and recorded. It has been a short History for the band, beginning at Woodside in Jan 1964 and finishing in Malaysia Oct 1967, short, but we feel, a History to be proud of. To all members past, present, and we hope future, thank you and good luck.

AC SIMPSON CPL
4 RAR BAND HISTORIAN

BRIEF HISTORY OF A COY HQ 4 RAR

A Coy was officially raised on 13 Feb 64 when 3 Offrs and 82 OR's moved into the renovated lines at Woodside Camp. The area which was occupied in itself augured a good start for the Company as during the Second World War the 2/27th Bn of the AIF had been raised there, and a plaque to commemorate this was situated outside Coy HQ.

The Officers of the Coy on the day of inauguration were Maj I. G. Porteous as Coy Comd, Capt G. P. Warland as Coy 2IC and Lt P. J. Desmond who became Pl Comd of 1 Pl. Of the 82 OR's sixteen are still serving with the Company and three others have returned to the Coy from other postings.

The original A Coy HQ was manned by the following personnel:-

Coy Comd	Maj I. G. PORTEOUS
Coy 2IC	Capt G. P. WARLAND
CSM	WO2 R. T. NETTLEFOLD
QMS	SSgt. R. W. CAIRNS
Clerk GD	Cpl J. WILD
"	Pte T. J. CONNOLLY
Batman	Pte K. R. PARKES
"	Pte C. S. CLEWLEY
Storeman	Pte C. G. WOODHOUSE
Driver	Pte P. W. RYAN
Cook Sgt	Sgt R. E. HANDIE
Cook Cpl	Cpl R. SELWOOD
Cook Pte	Pte H. RAFFERTY
"	Pte P. VAN KRUYSSEN

The first few months were hectic for the Coy HQ element. Administrative had top priority and getting the orderly room functioning while handling personal and domestic problems was found to be a mammoth task. Gradually the "A" and "Q" side settled down and the Comp any moved on the "G" side of the ledger. Some items worthy of note in the first few months were:-

1. The A Coy Guard of Honour for the Governor of SA at Adelaide Cup Day at the race meeting at Morphettville.
2. The difficulty in finding suitable training areas in SA.
3. The Airlift to JTC in Jun for five weeks training. The five weeks spent there were of great value to the Coy in Jungle Warfare Training. The Coy HQ elements gained a lot from the final exercise at Wiangaree State Forest as this was the first it had had the opportunity to operate as a HQ in the field, in defence, offence and on the move.

For the remainder of 1964 the Coy seemed to be forever leaving or returning to its base at Woodside. During this period we lost our Coy 2IC Capt Warland who had joined 3 RAR in Malaysia. Capt M. G. Barwick replaced him on promotion from his job as A/Adjt 4 RAR. The last big exercise of the year was held in the Mt Gambier area in Nov. Exercise Everready was a great success and it was firmly believed by all that the Bn was at its peak. A point worthy of note was 1 RAR's contribution as the enemy for the Exercise.

In early 1965 the Bn commenced returning from leave. The first hurdle to overcome for the year was the Battalion Birthday on 1 Feb and the many hours prior to this training on the battalion parade ground. Our 1st birthday was a great success. The Minister for the Army Dr. Forbes taking the salute. We followed this by marching as a unit through Adelaide. This fortunately was met with apathy by the people of Adelaide and many soldiers of the Coy found it extremely difficult to keep in step when someone cuts through the ranks on his way to buy a pie across the street. The CGS Lt Gen Wilton took the salute.

Immediately following this we took of for perhaps our most testing exercise Ex "DOWNPOUR" in Nth Qld. Once again CHQ had a chance to function operationally and many valuable lessons were learnt. By the time this exercise finished CHQ felt it was once more a team capable of carrying out its role on operations.

Unfortunately this state of affairs was not to last as many changes within the Bn and Coy structure took place on completion. Maj Porteous left the Coy to become Bn 2IC, Capt Barwick went as 2IC B Coy and Capt Reynolds was posted as 2IC, Acting OC A Coy. Lt Hogarth OC 2 Pl was posted to 3 RAR. Sgt Burnett Pl Sgt of 2 Pl was posted to FETC and Sgt James had been promoted from D Coy and became Pl Sgt 3 Pl. Prior to this 2Lt Mogridge had left for B Coy, 2Lt Sheppard taking over as OC 3 Pl. Within the platoons the turn over of Junior NCO's and soldiers reached unrealistic heights. In fact, the coy in the early months of 1965 was back to square one, with a new command structure from top to bottom and platoons with new untried members. This was a great disappointment to those members who had worked hard for twelve months to make it otherwise.

Minor exercises continued until at last it was time to leave for Malaysia. A Coy departed early Oct 65 and spent an uneventful few hours until at last they were housed in Canberra Lines Terendak. Maj F. K. Cole meanwhile had become OC A Coy, Lt J. R. Weissel OC 2 Pl, Lt Desmond moved back as OC 1 Pl and Capt became 2IC.

Acclimitization immediately was tackled and this was quickly by exercises to shake our selves out. This was followed by Xmas Leave, and then we found out it was nearing birthday time. This year it was a birthday with a difference. We were to troop the Regimental Colour. A Coy was selected (?) to escort the Colour at Canberra Lines. The Governor of Malacca Tun Haji Abdul Malek Bin Yusuf took the salute. An interesting point was 9 Coy Irish Guard were guests at the parade. The first time we had had an opportunity to host our affiliated unit.

Es Following the parade training became top priority until on the 25 Apr 66 Anzac Day, A Coy departed for Borneo. We sailed on a coastal steamer the MV AUBY from Port Dickson landing at Kuching on the 28 Apr. We were then moved by road and helicopter to our base at Gumbang in the first division of Sarawak.

A COY - UNIT HISTORY

The Coy proceeded on leave over Christmas 1966 leaving behind a Rear Details of reinforcements from Australia who underwent a period of training in weapons and equipment peculiar to FARELF, and acclimatization.

The hierarchy of the Company at this stage was:-

OC	Maj F. K. COLE		
2IC	Capt B. J. AVERY		
CSM	WO2 R. J. NETTLEFOLD		
CQMS	SSgt H. H. BUSH		
1Pl	Lt W.	SHEPPARD	Sgt W. FIELD
2Pl	2Lt B.	THRIPP	Sgt L. WILMEN
3Pl	2Lt D.	STEWART	Sgt D. JAMES

Leave finished on the 3 Jan and A Coy departed for BATU ARANG training area on 5 Jan. our role on the exercise together with a platoon of 1 RNZIR was to portray a regional force of guerillas. During Ex JUNGLE JANUS. The Company did not take part in Ex FAST MOVE II, a unit mobilization exercise. During the period of this exercise, A Coy was preparing the ground for its role in Jungle Janus.

1 Pl under Lt Sheppard was engaged in watching role around the 4 RAR forward base. Deployed in "cells" of three or four "comrades" they very successfully reported the progress of 4 RAR's efforts.

Coy HQ 2 and 3 Pls meanwhile constructed a defensive position in front of which the Kiwi Pl provided a screen. Coy HQ dug in a regional HQ about 440 metres from the main position. This HQ position was located by 4 RAR. The exercise provided the Company with an ideal opportunity to train our newly arrived soldiers in patrolling and defence. To add to the atmosphere, black clothing was worn by all A Coy group, and much ingenuity was displayed in outwitting the friendly forces.

On arrival bak in Terendak the Company began preparation for the Bn Birthday parade, for which parade the escort to the Colour was from A Coy, an honour it had been given in 66 also.

Following a spell of training in Terendak, the Company prepared for a period of field firing at ASAHAN range. 3 Pl moved up to the range to set up a base and then the rains came! The following morning, the remainder of the Company were unable to get to the range due to floodwaters, and had to return to Terendak. This left our stores and 3 Pl marooned at Ashan., bemoaning their job. From 27 Feb to 3 Mar, the Coy less 2 Pl moved to Gemas for a valuable week of section training. This time the rain waited until we were established. 2 Pl returned the favour of 1 RNZIR by acting as enemy on their exercise.

Back at Terendak 1 and 3 Pl held their annual range practice on 6 Mar and then the Coy was duty Coy, until the start of Ex "CARNIVOROUS" held from 13 Mar to 23 Mar in the BATU PAHAT area.

Leave followed the exercise up to the 12 Apr, for most members of the Company. On the sporting field A Coy wound up 1966 with the Tennis and Volley Ball Trophies and third in the Swimming and Australian Rules. Pte HARBERS reached the finals of the lightweight divisional boxing championships. He also won the "beast" section of the Beauty and the Beast Competition held at the Junier Ranks Beach Culd Terendak.

1 PLATOON HISTORY

As every member, original or reinforcement, knows, 4 RAR was born on the 1st Feb 64. 1 Pl was the first platoon to be fully manned, on 20 Feb 64, and thus the first to commence training. At the present time there are of the original members still with us. These are Cpls CAIN and MELVIE, Leps BURNS, BRANDER and PUNCH, Ptes GRIFFITHS, SAUNDERS and SUTTON. One, Cpl Danny PATCH, died during 4 RAR's operational tour in SARAWAK, BORNEO. The others have flown to the four winds for reasons of promotion, discharge and an opportunity to try something different.

The first bit of training done by the platoon was Ex "SHAKEDOWN" on 24 Feb 64. This exercise was designed to be done by all the 4 RAR platoons as soon as full strength was achieved. Covering approximately 50 miles, and lasting four (4) days, it gave commanders at all levels an opportunity to get to know their men, do some section and platoon training, and to see some of the training areas that were to be their lot for the next eighteen months.

All the aims set down for the exercise were carried out by 1 Pl. Most of the natives encountered on the large circuit were friendly, with one exception, and some were a bit too familiar. The exception was a somewhat grossly overweight bull who tried to break his fence down to mix in with the soldiery. The too familiar natives, who had obviously heard of our "HEARTS and MINDS" campaign, and had decided to reap the benefits thereof, were four (4) goats which infiltrated the platoon perimeter and invaded the platoon CP, at some ungodly hour of the night, and demanded to be fed. The Pl Comd, Lt P. J. DESMOND, and the Pl Sgt, Sgt H. H. BUSH, took turns to entertain their uninvited guests for the remainder of the night. It is felt that these goats were hogs in disguise. They would not leave when the supply of apples ran out, would not accept forceful ejection, and only realized that the party was over when the platoon moved on in the morning.

The old classics of "FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED", and an "ARMY MARCHES ON ITS STOMACH" both proved correct for 1 Pl during this exercise. Although hot-box meals were supplied at various points 1 Pl lived on the abundance of fruit growing wild along the route. Apples, pears, oranges, plums, blackberries, walnuts and almonds were there for the taking. As all platoons of 4 RAR followed the same it is regrettable that some of the "YOUNGER" sub-units missed out on these delicacies.

Returning from this exercise well "shaken-down". 1Pl settled into the same routine of training as all the other subsequently formed platoons, with the main emphasis on physical training, weapon shooting and the recreation of 4 RAR "FIRSTS", we participated in all the numerous, and frequently occurring exercises.

Time was short and the unit had to be fused into a fighting force in preparation for MALAYSIA, thus all ranks appreciated the need for urgency.

Some of the memorable 1 Pl highlights of these exercises are listed below.

At CANUNGRA 1st Pl PATCH reversed the normal course of family traditions by making older brother HARRY following in HIS footsteps. The explanation for this is simple and deserves a mention. WO2 H. PATCH was at the time training at CANUNGRA in preparation for an AATTV posting, and was attached to "4 RAR FOR A FEW DAYS". On joining Danny PATCH's section he was placed as tail-end charlie and thus literally followed in his younger brothers footsteps. Asked for a comment on his brothers performance Danny remarked, "HE'S NOT TOO BAD - ONCE HE BRUSHES UP ON A FEW POINTS HE'LL BE OK!!".

During Ex "FULLSCOPE", at Cape JARVIS, some members of the platoon showed more than just a normal amount of enthusiasm in searching "enemy" and "suspects" in civilian cars. But when they attempted to search civilian females for "dog-tags" realism had to be stopped.

For Ex "DOWNPOUR", conducted in the INGHAM area of North Queensland, 1 Pl would like to claim either a record, or the recognition of an outstanding feat. Rumour has it that as leave trucks were returning from TOWNSVILLE, and INGHAM, in most other sub-units blank A4's were being handed out to the debussing members. The RP section spent most of the day picking up NCO's Chevrons around BEQ, and there was an abundance of vacancies for junior leaders. We are happy, in being able to boast, that no member of 1 Pl took part in this performance. It might have been because Cpls PATCH and VINKELDE decided to stay on the "HILL" rather than spending their time off amongst the local natives.

During the Infantry Tank Corp Co-op Ex at PUCKAPUNYAL, Victoria, Sgt Horrie BUSH showed his true colour as a camera-Bog. He was going to get his photo taken by a newspaper photographer if it killed him, and it nearly did. He spent most of one morning wandering amongst the newsmen pretending to be shaving with a machete. But such "he man" shows were apparently considered a bit too much for the general public. Thus Sgt BUSH ran the risk of cutting his throat for nothing. Pity was finally taken on him and he duly appeared in the Melbourne "SUN" drinking a brew with a balaclava covering most of his face. We are told this was done to ease the shock for civilians looking at that rugged face.

ANZAC Day 1965 gave 1 Pl another "FIRST" Mr. Trevor DEW, President of the 2/27th Association. known personally by some 1 Pl members asked for a volunteer Guard of Honour. The Commanding Officer, Lt Col D. S. THOMSON MC, remarked that it "can't be done", as all drill movements had to be performed with .303 rifles. It WAS done, and exceptionally well, by the following members:-

Cpl McKELVIE
Pte BAGGS
Pte TRICE
Pte ANNELLS.

1. The 10 Feb 64 was a day of great rejoicing amongst the minions of the regular army. On this day two platoon of the fourth Bn. was born. Under the gentle guidance of Lt R. HOGARTH, Sgt BELL, Cpl's SMITH, DEVUUX & HALL, the platoon took its first steps towards maturity at the end of march, with rest of the Bn. it took part in exercise "Shake Down". Although time intends to cloud the memory some whatSore feet & Apple Orshards seem to have been the main theme of the exercise.

From the end of the exercise "Shake Down" until the Bn. journeyed to Camungra the platoon engaged in intensive training in the Pines of Kuitpo, the Sands of Cultana and the Rain Forests of Humberg Scrub.

Our trip to Camungra in Jun - Jul 64 with our SISTER Coy by name BRAVO. had many highlights. For the first time regular troops flew by civil Air Lines in the heights of luxury. The memory is creuded with many pleasant thoughts such as early morning runs in the pitch darkness and rope work on muscle toughening course with the ice still clinging to the ropes. Gloves were the order of the day. It was during our five week stay at this charming holiday haven that we had another of our many firsts. "Combat Jackets" for all ranks and well recieved they were too. A typical A Coy party complete with bayonets, machettes and Massa Clarke climaxed our stay in that delightful tropical paradise.

During the period August to the benning of November the platoon was engaged in a number of small exercises, once again in the rain forests of Humberg Scrub.

Early November saw the platoon engaged in our first (just another of our many firsts) Bn. exercise at Nelson. Exercise "Everready" will be long remembered by the Bn. and the inhabitants of Oakbank and Balbanrahan. The Bn. will remember with great fondness the Snakes, Swamps and the truly first traveling accomadations provided by the M A railways and the locals their musical awakening on that fateful first morning as with drums playing the 4th Bn. marched off to War.

Christmas '64 brought to a close the first hectic 10 months of the platoons training. The child was no longer crawling but could walk with the best of them.

February '65 saw the platoon once again in the sunny north engaged in yet another Bn. exercise. Following another and widely publicised flight by civil air lines we found ourselves on exercise "Down Pour" and it did, for most of our stay. It was during this period that we first met our present CO Coy East. The towns of Ingham and Townsville will long remember the standdown period mid-way through the exercise. It was during this exercise that we lost Lt Hogarth to D Coy 3 RAR.

Organised water parties were a Sunday high light for all non-believers. After the first Sunday the Padra's never had it so good with church attendances almost doubled.

Our longest, wettest walk was climaxed by our over night stay deep with -in the wait - a - while, on Hexamine Hill." It was a sad and sorry platoon that trudged past our friends the enemy, E Coy 2 RAR, as warm and dry on the roadside with there bottles of rum. The exercise concluded with a desprite rush to Townsville in front of rising flood waters which threatened to cut off our line of retreat. It was a bitter blow to return to the bold of Woodside after our 5 weeks in Queensland.

After a short stay in Woodside we set forth for Puckapunyal with the rest of the Bn. to spend a week with the gentleman of the Armoured Corps.

For a Bn. scheduled to move to a tropical area of operation we seemed to spend a great deal of time doing arctic training for no sooner had we returned to our home in the south than we were off again to Cullinana for a field firing exercise. A very enjoyable break from training was the conducted tour of the BHP steel mill at Whyalla, followed by tea and bikkies with the Country Womans Assn.)

Late July found the platoon once again freezing this time in the mud of Thomas Hill on exercise "Last Chance". It was on this exercise that we first got to know our new pl commander, Lt Weisell. This exercise will long be remembered as the coldest one on record. The end of the exercise signalled the finale of the Bn. training in Australia.

August and September found the platoon frantically engaged in final preparations for its move to Malaysia. A crash programme to raise the standard of physical fitness of the platoon was implemented by our platoon commander and when we weren't packing, painting or stencilling, we were running, jumping and heaving.

By mid October the platoon was once again in our present home and actively engaged in getting acclimatised. Not long after our arrival we travelled to Kuantan to take part in exercise "Flying Buscuit". This will be remembered by those members who were fortunate enough to take part, as the best exercise ever. Living it up as mock casualties for the RAMC is definitely the best way of spending one's time on exercise.

Two more exercises one at Asahan for field firing and the other to Gemas Forest Reserve rounded off an eventful year.

The 10 Jan 66 found us once again in the jungle on exercise "Jungle Beat two", which was closely followed by "Lions Roar". With these two exercises behind us we concluded our training prior to leaving for Borneo.

Sandwiched in between our many field training exercises both here and in Australia were numerous ceremonial parades. The first parade in which selected members of two platoons took part was a march through Adelaide on Anzac Day 1964. The citizens of that fair city giving our representatives a rousing welcome, this of course was early in our history and the good people of Adelaide hadn't been exposed to our more riotous members in their lighter moments.)

Crossed the heels of Anzac Day came the 1964 Adelaide Cup. Two platoons were well represented at this festive occasion. The drill of the Guard of Honour was of a very high standard and the large crowd seemed to appreciate our humble efforts. The bookmakers were more than pleased with our effort after the parade as well.

From June to December ceremonial parades were forced into the limbo by training commitments. However, Feb 2nd 65 found the Bn. on the parade ground in full strength to celebrate our first Birthday. The spit and polish went back under the beds once more until April 25th when two platoons and the rest of the Bn. took part in the march through Adelaide. Without a doubt it was the best weather Adelaide had shown us during our short stay.

Our next parade without a doubt, our biggest took place in July. On Adelaide Oval Lord Whistle presented us with our colours. A very moving occasion and Adelaide once again turned in some of its real good weather. We of two platoons were very pleased that the rest of the Bn. could be with us on this momentous occasion.

Ceremonial parades faded in to the background until Feb this year. Another first took place in our sun-drenched parade ground when we trooped the colours. Members of the British Guards came across to give us their expert opinion on our performance and to join in the festivities that followed. Members of two platoons were once again magnificent. Providing most of the soldiers in the front rank of the escort to the colours.

During our short history, this platoon has bred many personalities who rate mention by name apart from those who have already been referred to.

Cpls Wild and Smith, now gracing the Sgts mess with thier sparkling personalities and gauranteed good humour.

Cpls Black and Cpl O'Neil successfully graduated from OCS or as a well known Sgt was overheard to say, "They squeezed the right orange and wound up with a pip per shoulder", and finally the many "platooned Gaurdsman Pranks" Terror of RSM'S , breaker of regulations and lover of Annie.

We were very pleased to find the smiling sunburnt faces of Chubby Hyslop (PF), Bean Bag Brown and Hot Rod Tank in waiting to greet us when we first arrived at this tropical paradise, When we first heard that we were going into action with 3 RAR, serious doubts as to thier future safety was held by all members. However true to the tradition of 2 Pl they kept out of trouble and did thier bit to add further to our already glorious heritage.

Just recently we have lost 6 of our old original members who returned to Australia, namely Pte's Walker, Tomkins, Parker, Nable, Schniedeir, and Mcullough who were sent off with a full tank of Tigers by those remaining.

Training continues at full thrattle while Christmas leave is slowly creeping up on us and will be celebrated in the usual free flowing manner- namely Tigers. With only 4 days left until the ninth we live in anticipation of the Coy party and a riotous leave, prior to the coming years many and as yet unknown activities.

Whispering Smith
D.A.D.E.A.

2 Pl HISTORY - BORNEO 66

Apart from the pl command Lt Weissel, left early by air to size the place up, 2 Pl sailed from Pt Dixon on the good ship Aulig on the 25 Apr 66 arriving in Kuching on the 29 Apr 66 after a slow but sure trip. The most memorable thing during the trip was the passing of the sir Launcelot just out of kushing & its decks filled with cheering "Highlanders" on their way home - bagpipers squawking - the works. Apart from the odd remark, the Aulig was quiet.

The afternoon of the 29th found us - after truck and heli lifts settling in at a "Kang Gumbang", our home (we thought) for the next few months. The platoon occupied the rear of the position near the heli-pad, much to the discomfort of 5 and 6 sections on ration days when their gear would be blown every which way not to mention the dust and wind that almost drove them from their bunkers. A little further up the hill 4 sect and Pl HQ - the said HQ in the smallest bunker on the hill. No doubt it was kept fit camp owing to the 1000 steps around the place and certainly few will remember the long climb up from the water point with sand bags full of wet gravel. The only good thing about having the runs whole in this camp was that it was down steps to get there.

The 30 Apr gave members of the platoon a glimpse of the PM of Australia Mr Holt who paid a visit to their area.

Two platoon scored the first patrol of five days out through Trienggus to Matang which proved to be a good trial run for the ones to come. However the Pl sgts and four others messed out on the truck back as they managed to get out on the one and only chopper lift. On the 17 May the platoon were first to have a section on API. Thereafter did everything but go under it - to us this became known as dua API. Other things of note while there were the trips to Kampong Gumbang, and the social drinks with the head man and not forgetting the great "Wall of Gumbang".

The platoon continued patrolling through May and the first of June, then on the 15th C Coy had a contact and the platoon was recalled from patrol to join the remainder of the Coy which then went out to form part of the battalion cordon, however, "C" Coy took care of things and all we did was hear the shooting. It was during this patrol that we were told that we would be moving to the camp at Baue, we would never see Gumbang again (20 June). The next incident to follow for the platoon was on the 24 June when we acted as a cut-off party when the Gurkhas bagged another six Indones but once again only close enough to hear the shooting. The 26 June found us on the move again and this time to the Bokih area with the remainder of the Coy and as another sighting had been made. Once again we were only to hear the shooting and this time from "D" Coy's area and this time with no results.

After this period things quietened down somewhat and although the platoon continued extensive patrolling along the Raya and over the Raya around the Raya but could not find the "lights" or the trucks reported. Then on the 5 Aug the platoon spent four days at the rest camp which will be remembered by one and all in many different ways. Also will be remembered - a climb to the top of "Slag Hill" to dry out the system and then to the end of August we spent most of our time back on the Raya, but saw nothing apart from the three locals who wandered into our position. On the completion of this our last patrol we were relieved by the rangers and returned to camp, just in time to be issued with two more days of those wonderful (C type rations will be unforgettable pork Bar etc).

However, at this stage even this could not dampen our spirits as we packed our gear and enjoyed farewell drinks at the lake prior to the moving to Kuching, and boarding that "happy" ship the sir Launcelot which had passed us that day so long ago. After a most enjoyable trip we arrived at Singapore on the fourth of September and by 5 the following day had arrived back at Ierendak, my only thoughts were the 14 days leave and plenty of money Borneo had slipped into the past.

5 PL A COY HISTORY

5 Pl A Coy was formed on the 10 Feb 1964 and the cleaning up of the Coy area began, the first time that the Pl worked together was on Ex Shakedown which lasted for 4 days and covered the area around Woodside Camp, we all remember well the introduction to SA Apples.

At this stage the Pl was commanded by 2 Lt Mockridge, with Sgt Wilman as Pl Sgt.

The remainder of the Pl consisted of ex members of 1 Bn and 2 Bn and SAS with a few from Inf Trg Centre. The Pl was not fully up to strength until Jul 64, we were then preparing for our initiation into the JTC. We left Woodside by transport, which took us to Adelaide Air Base, we departed from there by ~~some~~ civil air transport. At JTC the Pl reached a very high standard of jungle training. It was during this era of our training that both L Cpl Cheney and Pte Moffatt were appointed to the exultant ranks respectively Cpl and L Cpl and beer was 6 pence a pot. Return to Woodside for various exercises? One of these that comes to mind? Was a certain exercise in the Kiepe training area. The Pl had to dig in, in allround defence, preparing for a Coy attack.

In front of the machine - gun post, as we always do we placed a sentry, the said sentry then being Pte Hore. An hour after being placed it was time for the relief of the sentry. L Cpl Moffatt took one of his men out so that the position where he had previously placed Pte Hore. No Pte Hore! It turned out Pte Hore had been captured by the enemy. But having been trained in the Pl Pte Hore made good, somehow he managed to escape, bringing back vital information about the enemy hah. From then up until November we did various Coy Trg. Early in November the Pl left for exercise Eveready, in the Nelson Area. The first week that we arrived there we carried on with normal Pl Trg. During this first week L Cpl Wilson was given some icecream to hand out to his section, as in all sections and Pl's there always seem to be a 'regular smart character' in this case it was a certain (Pte Stone). When L Cpl Wilson handed him his icecream he asked the proverbial question, "whats this for", L Cpl Wilson then answered "this is your emergency ration, and is not to be opened, unless you really need it". Then quite seriously Pte Stone asked, "how will I keep it cold". During the exercise the Pl received a 4 Pte's from Inf Centre.

Two of them I think everyone remembers well, there are names Pte's Dillon and Pte Blanchard, I am sure we will hear more of these names as we go further into the history. Not long after the exercise the Pl proceeded on to leave. In February 65 the Pl moved with the Battalion to Ingham to train in the jungle in the Mt Spec Area, on an exercise called Down Pour. The exercise was to last 5 weeks. During the second week there the Pl was allowed two days stand down. As you can well guess, most of them went touring and sight'seeing, but the minority decided to do a pub crawl in Ingham. A few of these stayed at one of Ingham's more noted Hotels called the "Station" which had a mascot they called Big Red. What a beauty. The few poor underprivileged Pte's who visited this notable Hotel, didn't stand a chance with the local talent, as our leader the handsome debonaire Mr. Mockridge, was lodging there. As with all leave it has to end some time, even so, few, or few more than a few, decided to take a slight extension and as you well may know there were repercussions.

I went delve into the exercise, but it was a great success and I think that we all learned a lot from this experience. After returning to Woodside after Ingham, we had a change in Pl Sgts. The new Sgt being Sgt James who is still among us. Not long after this we went to 'Pucka' on a tank exercise where poor Pte Stone after a friendly discussion, broke his leg. It wasn't long after this that we had a change in Pl Commanders, the new one being Lt Sheppard.

Who stayed with us long enough to take us on a hunting trip, well supposedly a hunting trip, actually it was to map and trace the whereabouts of the rare hairy nose wombat in the Gawler Ranges area. And for the next week it sounded like a small war raging in the Gawler Ranges, local inhabitants dug in deep. "Just as well". But those poor Kangaroos !! From the Gawler Ranges we went to a field firing exercise at Caltana. Return to Woodside, lose our Pl Commander Mr. Sheppard. "Another one gone".

Not long after this 3 Pl's star footballer (Aust rules) Cpl Marlew. Tom Burke hurt his leg, poor old Tom. From then on Tom had one nightmare after another. "Kapeocka", "Kapeocka", "Kapeocka". But he pulled through. It was a round about then that our new Pl Commander joined us was 2 Lt Marks.

He really started off well, for weeks on end our huts were the cleanest in the Coy and our "razors". From then till exercise "last chance" we carried on with normal Pl training. On last chance I think we proved something, it is easier to fill holes in, than digging them.

Preparations for Malaya filled in our time for the next few weeks, decorating trunks, undercoating them and redecorating, well anyway that's Army life for you, just one mixed up family, drunks, Alchos, etc etc. Then came pre-embarkation leave, the fellows went home to say farewell to their mothers, fathers, brothers & sisters and a defacto here and there. Then after all was said and done, we set sail or rather joined the jet-set for paradise.

MALAYSIA

On arriving in Singapore the fellows stumbled, walked and some were carried off the Plane, I guess it must have been the high altitude or something. On arriving at Terendak Camp, we were surprised to see an Army establishment, so well laid out, but the Army is full of surprises! To our dismay we were not allowed out on leave at this stage, something about 7 days climatization, well anyway for health reasons we were restricted to Camp until further notice. The time sure flew for us after that, before we knew it Christmas had come and gone. ~~It~~ On February we had our first Battalion Parade overseas, the trooping of the colours on the Battalion's birthday, as A Company is the finest company in the Battalion, we have the job of escort to the colours. As is the custom in the Regiment the youngest and the most inexperienced officer is always the ensign, this then being our leader Mr. Marks "No offence meant Sir". Not long after this 3 Pl won the "Cock of the Walk". Of course we all knew that this was a great privilidge that was bestowed upon us, but still it came as no surprise as we always knew we were the best. Once we were conceited now we're perfect?

Then tragety struck us again, we lost our Pl Commander. (another one). On April 25, Anzac Day we set sail for Borneo, on the good ship Auby. Now the Pl for the first time would have their chance to work together against a real enemy.

We docked at Kaching docks on the 29th of April, where we were supplied with front line ammunition, from there we went to Perjiuera by transport convoy, then straight onto Gumbang by chopper. On arriving at Gumbang the Pl was met by Sgt James, who had been there for some 3 weeks previous. The Pl was split up into the three sections and allotted bunkers. 3 Pl's first patrol was a 4 day climatization patrol around local villages in the area. We found the heat somewhat different to Malaysia, especially in the Lalang areas, where the Pl suffered our first casualties when Pte's, Gray, Roberts and Wilson suffered from heat exhaustion. Our next main patrol was in the Tringns village area, where 3 Pl captured the first live enemy, a suspected high ranking officer in the CCO. We were relieved by 2 Pl after 10 days of active patrolling. From then till early June the Pl carried on with normal patrolling of the Coy's laid

down area. On the 6th June we received our new Pl Commander 2 Lt Stewart. It was on this same day a section of 3 Pl went up to Api to relieve Cpl Dales section who had been up there for 7 days. Api is a prominent feature looking over Gumbang Camp and was used as a relay station for Pl's on patrol. It was while 8 section of 3 Pl were up on relay station that the Coy moved out from Gumbang area to act as a reserve for the Battalion when the enemy infiltrated into Sarawak. We were informed that C Coy had a clash with the enemy and had one man killed and one seriously wounded. 3 Pl were out on active patrolling and ambushes a total of 18 days. We then were brought back to Old Bau Camp where we were to act as Battalion reserve.

While we were there the Pl patrolled local villages and Kampongs. One thing that I forgot to mention that previously whilst we were up on Api, the Pl had suffered another casualty, L Cpl Moffatt being a fine soldier he is, went about sharpening up the pansies that protected likely enemy approaches on the relay station. Early in the afternoon on the 3rd day L Cpl Moffatt and Pte Mark went down the hill to re supply our water. On the way back L Cpl Moffatt slipped and struck his leg on a pansie, a sharpened pansie.

We stayed at Old Bau for a period of about 6 to 8 weeks, when we weren't in the jungle we had all forms of recreation. Volly ball being then our major sport at which good old 3 were and still are unbeaten. Early in September we were preparing to go back to Terendak. When the day finally came we were ready and willing. Once on board the ship the Pl settled in to the new routine which lasted just over 2 days. The ship docked at Singapore and from there we went to Sampin by train. When we arrived at Terendak we handed in weapons and proceeded on leave. After leave up till now we carried on with normal Pl training, except for 1 exercise that lasted for 7 days, I think 3 Pl realise the need composite on this. Well Christmas is almost here again. One thing I almost forgot to mention 2 weeks ago we lost 5 of our prominent members, Cpl Bourke, and Pte's Whitney, Marsh, Bealer, and Harris. And today Tuesday 6th December, 66 we are awaiting the arrival of 4 new members.

Duffieunt 2 Lt

3 PL HISTORY

Formation:

The last Pl of A Coy to be complete was 8 Pl and was to strength in May 64. The Pl was commanded by 2 Lt Mockridge and administered by Sgt Wilson. The members of the Pl from all of our sister battalions combined well on our first exercise shakedown. For most of the members this was their first time in the state of South Australia. The training soon got underway and all members set about preparing themselves for the tour of Malaya and Borneo. By this time personalities of the Pl were beginning to show through, the big W, Thomas Marlow Bourke, Blue Jackson, Mac McKensly to name a few more. JTC proved to be no trouble to the members and all gained experience there. Whilst back at Wodside Camp the Pl supplied many to the Coy Sports teams and all gave their willing best.

Other exercises were tackled by the Pl with good spirit. Ingham brought out the best in each man. The leave to Townsville turned out to be rather expensive to such members as Bob Wilson, Reggy Ince, Harry Hore and quite a few others.

In August 64 a few changes were taking place within the Pl, Sgt Wilson was transferred to 2 Pl and replaced by Sgt James and after the exercise at Pucka, Mr. Mockridge was replaced by Lt Sheppard, who commands the Pl on our famous safari. The Wombat Hunt, which was to assist the experts of Adelaide Museum. Shortly after this excursion Lt Sheppard was posted as Asst Adjt and Lt Marks came to the command Pl and remained in this posting during the move of the Pl to Malaya. The majority of the Pl arrived on the last draft and after elimination period began what seemed to be a never ending run of exercises, but these were all tackled with one object in mind the tour of Borneo.

In late February Lt Marks was admitted to Hospital and was subsequently returned to Australia leaving Sgt James to command the Pl. In early April the advance party of the Pl departed for Borneo and the main body of the Pl sailed on the SS Auby on Anzac Day arriving at Keliching on the 28 April 66. The Pl was choppered into the Coy base camp of Gumbang and after a short period of familiarisation, began to carry out major operational patrols, all of the training the Pl had received was now paying dividends. Every member of the Pl did his best. The camp life at Gumbang will always remain in the minds of the members of the Pl. Lt Stewart joined the Pl on the 11 June 66 and commanded the Pl for the rest of the tour of Borneo, the strength of the Pl towards the latter stages of the tour was cut to almost half, sickness and injury taking their toll. Pte Whilney has the honour of never missing a patrol during this tour. Towards the latter part of July the Pl received their first reinforcements two NS boys, Joseph and Dean who were seen in the swing of things.

The tour of Borneo was cut short and after a relaxing cruise on the Sir Lancelot and a Lecktic train we all arrived at Trendack Camp after the usual clearing up we were all granted 14 days leave which was well deserved.

Duffieunt 2 Lt