

**Series: AWM95**  
Australian Army commanders' diaries

Royal Australian Infantry

**Item number: 7/7/32**

**Item: 7 Battalion Royal Australian  
Regiment**

Narrative, Annexes

1-31 January 1970

COVERING LETTER

Reference No.....

To: OIC, Military History Section, AHQ.

1. I enclose Commanders Diary (AF C 2118) (Adapted) as indicated at Part 2.

2. Please return receipt below.

(Signature) *M. J. ...* Lt

Appointment ..... Int. Offr  
(OC Unit or senior staff officer)

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DUPLICATE } not applicable

**COMMANDERS DIARY**

OF

Unit or Formation ..... Seventh Battalion, Royal Australian Regiment

From 1 January 1970 To 31 January 1970

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Narrative (AF C 2118)

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\* Only to be included during operations.  
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PART 3

**COMMANDERS DIARIES  
INSTRUCTIONS**

**AIM**

1. The aim of a Commanders Diary is to provide data on which to base future improvements in Army training, equipment, organization and administration, and to furnish historians with a record of the activities of units and formations in operational and non-operational periods in peace and in war.

**GENERAL**

2. Entries are to be made daily on AF C 2118 (Adapted) each entry being initialled by the officer detailed to keep it.

3. Commanders Diaries will conform with the rules for drafting orders given in "Staff Duties (Australia)" Chapter 2, Section 12.

**RESPONSIBILITY**

**During Non-operational Periods**

4. A Commanders Diary is to be compiled by commanders of all formations.

**During Operational Periods (1)**

- 5. A Commanders Diary is to be compiled in duplicate by:
  - a. Commanders of all formations.
  - b. Each branch of the staff at formation headquarters commanded by a brigadier or above.
  - c. Heads of services not below the rank of lieutenant colonel.
  - d. Personal staffs and officers holding special appointments.
  - e. Unit commanders.
  - f. Commanders of a detachment of a unit when so ordered.

**COMPILATION**

- 6. Both original and duplicate copies are to consist of:
  - a. Cover (AF C 2119) (Adapted).
  - b. Index as printed on cover.
  - c. Narrative (AF C 2118) (Adapted).
  - d. Annexes as shown in the Index.

7. All details of the unit or formation (if a detachment is concerned, the name of the parent unit), period covered and enclosure numbers of the annexes are to be shown on the cover. If there has been a change of command since the last report, the date of assumption by the new commanding officer is to be included.

8. The annexes are to be assembled in the groups shown on the cover. If there are no enclosures for an annex entered on the cover. If additional annexes are convenient for a particular headquarters, starting at B.

for operations form Annex "Z", "TOP SECRET" the document. It is to be prepared and disposed of as

**ANNEXES**

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Commander with regard to equipment, tactics, organization

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and to save work as much information as possible is to  
uments issued and received, routine returns, etc. All  
and the time of receipt or despatch is to be given.

the annexes, but need not give a precis of any of them.

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**DISPOSAL**

13. **Original Commander's Diary.** This is to be forwarded monthly, unless otherwise ordered, by the seventh day of the succeeding month direct to AHQ.

14. **Duplicate Commander's Diary.** This must be clearly marked as a duplicate. It is to be sent separately from the original to AHQ one month after the original has been despatched but not before the former has been acknowledged.

15. When overseas, both copies of diaries are to be sent through the Army Records organization in the overseas theatre but at different times.

16. **TOP SECRET Supplementary Diaries.**

a. The documents referred to in Paragraph 9 together with a list of them made out on AF C 2118 (Adapted) must be placed in separate cover (AF C 2119) (Adapted). All details must be filled in and the cover clearly marked in red: "ANNEX Z — OFFICER ONLY". It may be convenient to group the papers by appendices.

b. Supplementary diaries must be forwarded under the normal rules for TOP SECRET correspondence, to AHQ. The inner envelope must be plainly marked:

TOP SECRET

ANNEX Z to

Commanders Diary of.....(Formation or Unit)

From.....to.....(Dates)

The duplicate supplementary diaries must be despatched as shown in Paragraph 14 as soon as receipt of the original has been acknowledged.

This form is to be enclosed with the annexes in AF-C2119 (Adapted).

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

AF-C2118 (Adapted)  
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# COMMANDER'S DIARY NARRATIVE

MONTH and YEAR Jan 70

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REFERENCE MAP Edition 1 - AAS 1:50,000

UNIT ~~FORMATION~~ 7th Battalion  
Royal Australian Regiment  
COMMANDING OFFICER Lt Col R.A. Grey

Serial	Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or Information	Reference to annex letter and/or enclosure No.
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)
	Finschhafen Lines HOLSWORTHY (112393)	9 Jan	0900 K	Sgt R.A. Anderson, MM (Pl Sgt 12 Pl D Coy) died of injuries sustained in a motor accident on 22 Dec 69. A military funeral was held for the late Sgt Anderson. The burial took place at the Field of Mars Cemetery. The official mourner was the OC D Coy, Maj A. Robb and the 7 RAR escort was commanded by 2 Lt J. Burrows (Pl Comd 12 Pl).	N1
				Routine Orders Part One Serial One.	N2
				7 RAR Weekly Trg Programme 12 - 18 Jan 70.	N3
		13 Jan		7 RAR Admin Instr 7/70 issued dealing with checking of Next of Kin.	H1
		14 Jan		The 7 RAR Soldiers' Field Handbook was distributed to each soldier to provide further information about service in South Vietnam.	N4
		14 Jan		Admin Instr issued dealing with the closure of the 7 RAR "Q" account in Aust.	H2
		16 Jan		Admin Instr on 7 RAR Advance Parties.	H3
				Admin Instr dealing with the battalion barbecue after the farewell parade.	H4
		19 Jan		Q Instr on packing of stores for movement overseas.	H5
		19 Jan		WO 1 O'Keefe, a warrant officer instructor at the Infantry Centre, gave a lecture in the Mil Instr block dealing with his experiences in South Vietnam with AQ operations.	N6

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## COMMANDER'S DIARY NARRATIVE

UNIT/FORMATION.....

MONTH and YEAR Jan 70

REFERENCE MAP.....

COMMANDING OFFICER.....

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(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)
				First issue of 7 RAR newspaper - "Grey's Gazette".	N7
				Training Programme 19 - 26 Jan	N7A
		20 Jan		A visiting team of lecturers from the Air Support Unit, Williamtown visited 7 RAR. The team members were Sqn Ldr Dirou, Maj Power, Lt Commander Hargreaves RAN and Sqn Ldr Moore. The purpose of the visit was to lecture all ranks of 7 RAR on Air Support in SVN.	N8
		20 Jan		Regimental Funds Committee Meeting.	N9
		21 Jan		The radio operators of the battalion were given a brief on communication security by Mr Allen West, Department of Defence. Mr West later spoke to the officers of the battalion.	N10
		22 Jan		Routine Orders Part One Serial 2.	N11
		23 Jan		Admin Instr for Movement of 7 RAR Rear Party to SVN.	H6
		23 Jan		The battalion swimming carnival was held at the Sir John Northcott Pool which is adjacent to Finschhafen Barracks. The inter-coy competition was won by C Coy from B Coy by a margin of one point, decided by the results of the last event.	N12, N13
		26 Jan		Training Programme 26 Jan.	N13A

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7th Battalion  
Royal Australian Regiment  
Finschhafen Lines  
Holsworthy  
NSW 2173

13 Jan 70

Distribution: List D

7 RAR ADMINISTRATION INSTRUCTION 7/70  
CHECKING AND RECORDING OF NOK

1. The following procedure is to be adopted for checking and recording of members NOK. The first check to be conducted on the payday 15 Jan 70.
2. On each payday the Paying Officer is to check all members NOK and additional NOK shown in his paybook by asking the soldier who his NOK is and where they reside. Any discrepancies are to be altered immediately.
3. On completion of the pay the paying officer is to sign the certificate shown at Annex A.
4. The company clerk is then to check the paybook against the members' AAB 83 and any discrepancies resolved immediately. The company clerk is to sign the certificate shown as Annex B, and forward to Bn HQ with the paying officer certificate and adjusting POR.
5. It is stressed that all members are to be made aware that any changes in NOK and addresses are to be notified to Bn HQ immediately they occur.

*R.A. Grey*  
(R.A. GREY)  
Lt Col  
CO



ANNEX A TO  
7 RAR ADMIN INSTR 7/70  
DATED 13 JAN 70

Bn HQ

CERTIFICATE BY PAYING OFFICER

..... Coy .....(Date)

1. I ..... (rank, name) have physically checked the NOK shown in each members paybook by asking the member.

2. All variations have been altered.

.....  
(Signature, rank)

ANNEX B TO  
7 RAR ADMIN INSTR 7/70  
DATED 13 JAN 70

Bn HQ (Attention Records)

CERTIFICATE BY ..... COY CLERK

1. I ..... (rank, name) have checked all members AAB 83 against the WF5 and all variations have been adjusted.
2. The following PORs are attached.

.....  
(Date)

.....  
(Coy clerk)

NOTE: To be forwarded to Bn HQ by 1600 hrs each payday

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602 4444  
Extn

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7th Battalion  
Royal Australian Regiment  
Finschhafen Lines  
HOLSWORTHY  
NSW 2173

13 Jan 70

Distribution: See below

RESPONSIBILITIES AND PROCEDURES FOR THE CLOSURE OF  
7 RAR "Q" ACCOUNT

Reference: A. 7 RAR Op Readiness Instr 3/69 Annex G.

General

1. The following responsibilities, procedures and the timetable detailed is to be adopted to ensure a timely and orderly closure of the 7 RAR Q Accounts prior to departure overseas.

Event, Responsibilities and Timings Schedule

2. See Annex A attached.

Detailed Timings of Return of Stores

3. See Annex B attached

Internal Checks

4. The personnel nominated as responsible for the closure of any account is to liaise with the QM for an internal checker before submitting the account to the QM.

Assistance

5. Company 2ICs and CQMS' may be allotted to assist the QM as required.

Conclusion

6. It is stressed that this instruction is supplementary to and in no way replaces Annex G to 7 RAR Operational Readiness Instruction 3/69.

*R. A. Grey*  
(R.A. GREY)  
Lt Col  
CO

Distribution:

List D  
HQ E Comd (2)  
HQ 10 TF (2)  
HQ Liverpool Area (2)  
2 BOD (2)

ANNEX A TO  
7 RAR CLOSURE OF  
ACCOUNT PROCEDURES  
DATED 13 JAN 70

EVENT, RESPONSIBILITIES AND TIMINGS SCHEDULE

Serial (.)	Event (b)	Responsibility (c)	Date Action to be Completed (d)	Remarks (e)
1	Part 1 and Part 2 Stores Account Phase 1: Return of all general and controlled stores to 2 BOD less essential trg stores. Phase 2: Return of all remaining essential stores as detailed by 2IC. Phase 3: Return of all remaining vehicles less rear party requirements. Phase 4: Acquittance of vouchers and closure of ledgers.	QM/RQMS QM/RQMS QM QM	26 Jan 70 4 Feb 70 13 Feb 70 15 Feb 70	To be assisted by Coy Q personnel on as required basis. Incl closure of ammunition account. Cpl Collins to liaise with the RQMS. Incl closure of RAP account to 2 Med and Dent Stores. Cpl Medcraft to liaise with the QM.
2	Stocktake of Bulk Barracks Stores in main Q Store	AQM/Pte Hodge	4 Feb 70	To be assisted by Coy Q personnel as detailed.
3	a. Issue one set of greens as one part of SVN entitlement. b. Issue greens on an as required basis by I and D action after unit trg Shoalwater Bay. c. Change of unserviceable equipment on a one for one basis.	Cpl Donovan Cpl Donovan Cpl Donovan	22 Jan 70 22 Jan 70 22 Jan 70	a. To be assisted by Coy Q personnel as detailed. b. All remaining equipment to be returned to 2 BOD by 23 Jan 70. Ledgers cleared by 30 Jan 70.

4.	Clearance and closure of expense ledger:			
a.	Block Scale 3104	Pte Hodge	26 Jan 70	Liaise with RQMS
b.	Armourers' ledger	Cpl Hardacre	26 Jan 70	Liaise with RQMS
c.	Signal equipment ledger	Cfn Bolton	26 Jan 70	Liaise with RQMS
5.	a. Closure of the Ration Account	WO2 Grant/Cpl Shipton	5 Feb 70	Liaise with QM
	b. Closure of Accountable Containers Account		5 Feb 70	Liaise with QM
	c. Closure of Supplementary Ration Account		5 Feb 70	Liaise with QM
6.	a. The organising, acceptance and receipt of stores for overseas.	2Lt Chamarette	27 Jan 70	Close liaison with 10 MC is essential regarding packaging, marking and despatching.
	b. The despatch of all stores for overseas to Dept of Supply or as directed.	2Lt Chamarette	2 Feb 70	All receipt and despatch records are to be handed to the QM on completion of the dispatch of stores.
7.	a. The organising, acceptance and receipt of all unit stores and personal kit for storage at 2 BOD or personal kit for forwarding to the soldiers home address.	Capt Press	27 Jan 70	The units' stores to include Regi- mental property. Sgt Kenney to liaise. NB: Only one crate or trunk to be accepted to be stored or forwarded to home address.
8.	The checking of all keys for:			2Lt Wilson is to liaise with the QM regarding the key situation. All CQMSs are to be available to assist.
a.	Buildings/rooms.			
b.	Barrack room wardrobes.	2Lt Wilson	30 Jan 70 and again as at 13 Feb 70	a. Incl electricity boxes.
c.	All safes less those fitted with combinations.			b. Less those with Hasp and Staple.

<p>d. Cabinets storage steel/wood.  e. Desks flat top.  f. Filing cabinet 2/4 drawer.  g. Cupboards misc eg., RAP.</p>	Coy 2ICs	<p>Fri 24 Jan 70  Fri 31 Jan 70  Fri 13 Feb 70</p>	<p>For serial 8 d, 8e, 8f and 8g .  liaison is to be made with Bn 2IC  for the purchase of those keys  deficient from Regimental funds.</p>
9. Sub Account check of barrack stores.	Capt Sykes	27 Jan 70	<p>Coys to submit normal end of month  return on:</p> <p>Fri 24 Jan 70  Fri 31 Jan 70  Fri 13 Feb 70</p>
10 Minor repairs/barrack damages.	Coy 2ICs	30 Jan 70	<p>To organise a 100% physical check  of chairs (all types) on inventory.  Liaise with QM.</p> <p>Carry out minor repairs on a self-  help basis. The purchase of minor  expense items eg., resins nails etc  can be obtained through Sgt Kenney  Regimental funds on authorisation  from the Bn 2IC.</p>
11 Fire equipment check.	2Lt Cham- arette	<p>23 Jan 70  3 Feb 70</p>	Results to QM.
12 POL Account closed.	L cpl Neale	29 Jan 70	
13 The procedure to be observed regarding combination safes.	Coy 2ICs	13 Feb 70	<p>All combination safes must be left  opened on the makers issue  combination of 40-50-60.  The key for and the instructions  on how to open each safe is to be  tied to the exterior of the safe  door.</p>

14	Return of bulk barrack stores from coys ie., sheets, pillow slips and pillows.	Coy 2ICs	12 Feb 70	Personnel to use lightweight sleeping gear after this date.
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Reference7th Battalion  
Royal Australian Regiment  
Finschhafen Lines  
HOLSWORTHY NSW 2173

16 Jan 70

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Distribution: See below.

7 RAR ADMIN INSTR 8/70  
ADVANCE PARTIESReference: A. 7 RAR Operational Readiness Instruction 3/69 dated 31 Jul 69.  
B. 7 RAR Admin Instr 6/70 dated 30 Oct 69.General

1. The 7 RAR advance party is to move in two groups as follows:-
  - a. 10 Feb 70 - 100.
  - b. 17 Feb 70 - 50.

Composition

2. Nominal roll is attached as Annex A. Bn 2IC is to be notified immediately should any member be unable to travel or it becomes known a soldier may be unable to travel.

Appointments

3. 335091 Maj N.R. Smethurst is nominated as OC 7 RAR Advance Party and granted power of discipline of a Commanding Officer during the period 10 Feb 70 until the arrival of the Commanding Officer at Nui Dat.
4. Additional appointments are:-
 

a. DCO	10 Feb 70 2 /Lt Pauza, 17 Feb 70 Maj Thompson.
b. Baggage Offr (Wpns and Hy baggage).	10 Feb 70 2/Lt Chamarette. 17 Feb 70 2/Lt Dunn.
c. Clerk	10 Feb 70 S/Sgt Mc Guinness 17 Feb 70 L/Cpl O Dowd
5. All soldiers are to wear Polyesters with ties. Officers and WOs are to wear caps; OR to wear hats.

Baggage

6. Equipment listed in Appendix 1 to Annex A of reference A is to be packed into travelling bags and field packs OD. Weight of personal equipment and private belongings is not to exceed a total of 88 lbs including 10 lbs cabin baggage.
7. Cabin baggage can be an overnight bag, eg airline bag or field pack combat. This should include basic toilet items and must include a civilian shirt for wear at deplaning and during the stop in Singapore. No additional items of military or personal equipment are to be worn or carried which could identify soldiers as servicemen, eg hats, whilst deplaned in Singapore.
8. Provided the limit of 88 lbs is not exceeded private items such as photos, radios etc, may be carried. A trial pack indicates there should be room for approx 20 lbs weight of small private items. Where additional items cannot be carried they are to be carried on the HMAS Sydney under sub unit arrangements.

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9. The following heavy baggage is authorised for air movement on 10 Feb 70:

	Item	Content	Size	Wt(lb.)
a.	CO	Box	13" x 17" x 27"	40
		Trunk	20" x 12" x 34"	90
b.	2IC	Trunk	20" x 12" x 34"	75
		Box	30" x 14" x 18"	90
c.	Ops Offr	Trunk	20" x 12" x 34"	80
d.	Chief Clerk	Trunk	Adv Pty Pers Docs	20" x 12" x 34" 110
e.	A/Adjt	Trunk	Office Intercom Set	20" x 12" x 34" 95
		Trunk	Essential files	144
f.	PRI Sgt	Trunk	Books of Account DPRI, Offrs Sgts Mess	20" x 12" x 34" 97
g.	OC Admin Coy	Trunk	Admin AQ Docs	20" x 12" x 34" 90
	TOTAL	8 Trunks 2 Boxes		<u>911</u>

- h. All items are to be labelled name if applicable, sub-unit 7 RAR

10. The following heavy baggage is authorised for air movement on 17 Feb 70:

	Item	Contents	Size	Wt(lb.)
a.	L Cpl O'Dowd	Trunk	Adv Party pers docs	20" x 12" x 34" 144
		2 trunks	Bn HQ Files	20" x 12" x 34" 144 ea.
b.	RSM	Trunk	Pamphlets	20" x 12" x 34" 90
	TOTAL	4 Trunks		522 lb.

#### Weapons

11. Weapons are to be packed under sub-unit arrangements in bundles of five. Each bundle is to be wrapped in hessian and securely tied and labelled with sub-unit 7 RAR Nui Dat. Officers entitled to pistols are to ensure that the rifle as well as the pistol is despatched in the ac hold.

#### Documents

12. Sub-units are to forward the following documents to Bn HQ by 1200 hrs on 9 Feb 70 and by 1200 hrs on 13 Feb 70 for soldiers departing on 17 Feb 70.

- a. ID Card.
- b. IHC.
- c. Outgoing Passenger Card (to be issued later).
- d. WF 5.
- e. Personal Particular Proformas complete except for signature. (See Annex B).
- f. AAB 83 complete.
- g. F Med 4 and 5.

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h. Envelope of any other personal documents including undertaking to Preserve Official Secrets.

13. DCOs are to ensure that each soldier is issued with his ID Card, IHC and outgoing passenger card prior to departure from Holsworthy.

Timings

14. Draft departing 10 Feb 70.

<u>Serial</u>	<u>Date/Time(local)</u>	<u>Action</u>
1.	091200 hrs	Documents to Bn HQ as per para 12.
2.	101030 hrs	a. Draft parades Bn parade ground, with all baggage except cabin bag.  b. Check and sign Personal Particulars Proforma retained by clerk for AFV on arrival Siagon.  c. Issue Paludrine.  d. Heavy baggage as per para 9 weighed and loaded.
3.	101100 hrs	Weapon bundles collected from sub unit armouries.
4.	101800 hrs	Baggage vehicle departs to deliver baggage and weapons to Cpl Bartlett (RAAF) QANTAS Hanger 11 by 2000 hrs.
5.	101845 hrs	Draft parades Bn Parade ground. ID Card, IHC and outgoing passenger cards issued. Issue Paludrine.
6.	101915 hrs	Depart 7 RAR.
7.	102115 hrs	Depart Mascot.
8.	102300 hrs	QF 177 Departs.
9.	110500 hrs	ETA Singapore (May refuel Darwin). Breakfast at Singapore Terminal Cafe.
10.	110815 hrs	ETD Singapore.
11.	111030 hrs	ETA Siagon.
15.	Draft departing 17 Feb 70.	As for para 14 on 16 - 17 Feb 70 except:
a.	Serial 1 131200 hrs.	
b.	4 - 8 incl	may be brought forward approx two hours as this flight (QF 177) is via Perth. ETA Singapore and subsequent timings remain as per para 14. Departed timings will be advised.

/Transport

Transport

16. On 10 Feb 70.

3 x TCVs report Bn HQs at 1015 hrs for baggage uplift.. Buses for 150 report Bn HQs at 1800 hrs.

17. On 17 Feb 70.

2 x TCVs report Bn HQs at 1015 hrs for baggage uplift. Buses for 100 report Bn HQs PM as advised.

18. Additional seats have been reserved for relatives and friends of advance party soldiers. On 10 Feb 70 one bus will call at the ASCO stores in Anzac and Holsworthy Village at 1830 hrs and return to Bn HQ by 1845 hrs. Friends and relatives from outlying areas can board the bus at Bn HQ. Two buses will be held at Mascot Airport for the return of dependants etc to Holsworthy after the departure of the aircraft. 2/Lt Wilson is to arrange a guide to remain with these buses during pick up and until return to Holsworthy. Similar arrangements will be made for 17 Feb 70 except that only one bus is to remain at Mascot Airport.

19. All soldiers on the advance party are to move by bus. Movement by private car is forbidden.

Work Parties

20. A workparty of four soldiers is to report to the baggage officer at Bn HQs at 1000 hrs as follows:-

- a. 10 Feb 70 from A Coy.
- b. 17 Feb 70 from Rear Party.

21. A junior NCO is to report to 2/Lt Wilson in the A/Adjts office for briefing on dependant guide duties at 1330 hrs.

Roll Books

22. Until the arrival of the main body a central roll book is to be maintained by the Chief Clerk. Entries are to commence wef 11 and 13 Feb 70 for respective drafts.

Anti-Malarial Precautions

23. Sub-units are to maintain records in accordance with reference B. Paludrine issues are to commence on 10 Feb 70 and 17 Feb 70 for respective drafts. All soldiers are to take two paludrine tablets prior to departure from Holsworthy. Issue of Dapsone will commence in theatre.

Currency

24. It is an offence to carry in excess of \$100 when leaving the country. On arrival in theatre up to \$50 can be converted to US Military Payment Certificates (MPC) and the remainder credited to pay books. Australian coins will not be accepted.

Distribution:

List D		Baggage Officer (2)
5 RAR	(10)	Draft Clerks (2)
10 MC	(6)	Vide AMQ Admin Instr No 3 (14)
O & M Team	(3)	
FLO Holsworthy	(4)	
Unit DCOs	(2)	

*N.R. Smith*  
A.R.A. GREY)  
Lt Col  
CO

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ADVANCE PARTY

DEPART 10 FEB 70

Serial	Appt	No	Rank	Name
<u>Bn HQ</u>				
1	Bn 2IC	335091	Maj	N.R. SMETHURST
2	Ops Offr	235109	Maj	F.K. COLE
3	A/Adjt	215001	2Lt	I. PAUZA
4	IO	235353	Lt	M.P. O'BRIEN
5	Int Cpl	54805	Cpl	K.J. GILLETT
6	Int Pte	43565	Cpl	S.N. SMITH
7	Ops Sgt	17886	Sgt	F.V. McLEAN
8	Ops Cpl	1202358	Cpl	R.J. PALMER
9	Clerk G	2791634	Pte	R.A. COOK
10	Ammo RP	156346	Cpl	R.N. TIPPO
11	Chief Clerk	2411916	SSgt	A.E. McGUINNESS
12	Clerk A	3794172	Cpl	G. WATERMAN
13	Clerk A	1201154	Cpl	S.A. JEFFRIES
14	Typist A	6709376	Pte	G. PARSONS
15	Pay Sgt	213900	Sgt	J.L. TAYLOR
16	2IC Batman	4720862	Pte	A.J. THOMPSON
17	Ops Offr's Batman	3796018	Pte	V. SPANO
<u>A Coy</u>				
18	CQMS	15229	SSgt	R.D. ALLAN DCM
19	Cook Sgt	215360	Sgt	P.J. AMOS
20	Cook Pte	217148	Pte	J.R. JEPSON
21	Sect Comd 2IC	2790896	Cpl	M.R. POWELL
22	" " "	217920	Cpl	G.R. BATEMAN
23	" " "	3411887	Cpl	G. TURRA
24	Canteen Rep/ 2nd Clerk	3794312	Cpl	B.A. WHITE
<u>B Coy</u>				
25	CQMS	214154	SSgt	J.L. HEAD
26	Cook Sgt	36753	Sgt	A.H. CLARK
27	Cook Pte	61894	Pte	B.L. HERBERT
28	Sect Comd 2IC	2781764	Cpl	S.J. HEAD
29	" " "	218748	Cpl	C.J. PHILP
30	" " "	3796426	Cpl	J.W. LAWSON
31	Canteen Rep/ 2nd Clerk	5716702	Pte	R.A. LAMONT

Serial	Appt	No	Rank	Name
<u>C Coy</u>				
32	CQMS	311383	SSgt	T.H. CRAIG
33	Cook Sgt	215480	Sgt	J.L. SAXBY
34	Sect Comd 2IC	4720345	Cpl	J.R. KLAR
35	" " "	2791327	Cpl	G.J. MASTERS
36	" " "	2243016	Cpl	D.M. ROBERTSON
37	Canteen Rep/ Coy Clerk	4720380	Cpl	B.K. MORRISET
<u>D Coy</u>				
38	CQMS	15757	SSgt	M.J. EZZY
39	Cook Sgt	214891	Sgt	K.P. CLAYDON
40	Cook Pte	312844	Pte	R.P. SMITH
41	Sect Comd 2IC	3794652	Cpl	D.C. LAW
42	" " "	5411391	Cpl	M.J. PAINTER
43	" " "	312867	Cpl	F.W. KILLICK
44	Canteen Rep/ Coy Clerk	3794995	LCpl	R.G. MERRIT
<u>Admin Coy</u>				
45	OC	23860	Maj	R.A. O'BRIEN
46	2IC	52612	Capt	B.S. HICKS
47	CSI	11448	WO2	D.J. NEVILLE DCM
48	Canteen Rep/ Coy Clerk	2790542	Cpl	B.P. FOLKES
49	CQMS	38137	SSgt	C. ROWLEY
50	A/QM	55560	2Lt	S.G. CHAMARETTE
51	RQMS	22870	WO2	D.S. WHITE
52	Cpl Stmn	3411846	Cpl	D. DONOVAN
53	Cpl Stmn	1200801	LCpl	E.P. STEWART
54	Q Clerk	2791464	Pte	M.J. MOSSOP
55	Ration Stmn	217046	Cpl	R.C. SHIPTON
56	WO Caterer	310496	WO2	G.H. GRANT
57	Tpt Sgt	42764	Sgt	I.W. JOHNSTON
58	Cpl Veh Mech	18675	Cpl	D. GRAY
59	DPRI Sgt	216126	Sgt	W.F. KENNEY
60	DPRI Asst	3795179	Pte	R.C. COOK
61	Armourer Sgt	2412148	Cpl	L.F. HARDACRE
62	Pad Master	214001	Sgt	R. HORDER
63	Postal Cpl	218257	Cpl	D.A. DUCKWORTH
64	Offrs Mess Sgt	5773	Sgt	M.K. HALLS
65	Sgts Mess Cpl	2789324	LCpl	J.E. SPENCER
66	Cook Cpl	215460	Cpl	W.T. O'BRIEN
67	Cook Cpl	39751	Cpl	J.B. ELLIS

Serial	Appt	No	Rank	Name
68	Cook Pte	218741	Pte	M.A. GILLETT
69	Dvr	216956	Cpl	D.L. WILLIS
70	Dvr	37675	LCpl	W.K. LEADBETTER
71	Dvr	5716073	Pte	M.J. KENNEDY
72	Dvr	3794497	Pte	P.J. PEDDIE
73	Carpenter	1734378	Pte	G.J. WINDOW
<u>SP Coy - MOR PL</u>				
74	Pl Sgt	214812	Sgt	J.L. BATEMAN
75	Stmn	312537	LCpl	M.G. PIPPETT
76	MFC	216300	Sgt	P.C. DIAMOND
77	MFC	19954	Sgt	B.R. LAURENCESON
<u>SIG PL</u>				
78	RSO	14381	Capt	K.R. RYAN
79	Radio Sgt	37012	Sgt	F. CURPHEY
80	FWD Con OP	311284	Cpl	A.C. MOON
81	FWD Con OP	44919	Pte	D.W. LOCKWOOD
82	AQ OP	3794340	LCpl	A.G. FLEMING
83	Line Cpl	61685	Cpl	M.F. AUSTIN
84	Linesman	2790485	Pte	J.L. MIDDLETON
85	Linesman	218241	Pte	R. RIMMRODT
86	Linesman	218855	Pte	R.A. MAXWELL
87	Linesman	39882	T/Cpl	R.J. BOAST
<u>RECCE PL</u>				
88	PL Cpl	5716066	Cpl	C.J. GREVILLE
89	Cpl A/TK	4718587	Cpl	A.J. HUGHES
90	Dog Handler	217940	Pte	T.A. TAYLOR
<u>ASLT PNR</u>				
91	LCpl Stmn	218327	LCpl	J.R. KENNEDY
92	Pte	519806	Pte	G.J. EDWARDS
<u>COY HQ</u>				
93	OC	33723	Capt	A.P. THOMPSON MBE
94	CQMS	36185	SSgt	R.M. HYLARD
95	RMO	2792387	Capt	R.K. PORTER
96	Cook Sgt	311411	Sgt	G. MANSON
97	Cook Pte	44655	Pte	R.J. BARRY
98	Canteen Rep	2791928	Pte	N.E. MOODIE
99	Armourer	312905	Cfn	P. HILEY
100	RP Sgt	311574	Sgt	T.D. SLANEY

ADVANCE PARTYDEPART 17 FEB 70

Serial	Appt	No	Rank	Name
1	OC A Coy	311591	Maj	C.F. THOMSON
2	OC B Coy	29067	Maj	G.P. WARLAND
3	OC C Coy	212824	Maj	G.C. SKARDON
4	OC D Coy	311461	Maj	A.M. ROBB
5	Pl Comd 1 PL	311605	2Lt	C. JOHNSON
6	Pl Comd 2 PL	3173832	2Lt	I.M. DUNN
7	Pl Comd 3 PL	1733361	2Lt	I.D. McNEE
8	Pl Comd 4 PL	38877	2Lt	K. METCALF
9	Pl Comd 5 PL	214160	Lt	P.D. GIBBONS
10	Pl Comd 6 PL	4717601	2Lt	P.J. WINTER
11	Pl Comd 7 PL	235348	Lt	M.M. HUGHES
12	Pl Comd 8 PL	2788071	2Lt	G. LINDSAY
13	Pl Comd 9 PL	235354	Lt	R.C. POTHOF
14	Pl Comd 10 PL	3791321	2Lt	D.R. CHITTY
15	Pl Comd 11 PL	217213	2Lt	J.J. HEYDON
16	Pl Comd 12 PL	55462	2Lt	J.D. BURROWS
17	Coy Sig	3793579	L/Cpl	T.J. NEWTON
18	Cpl Op	44735	Cpl	P.D. LUTLEY
19	Coy Op	218884	Pte	P.V. ZANNINO
20	Coy Sig	6709275	Pte	L.E. HARRIS
21	Sect Comd/2IC ACoy	4720476	Cpl	C.L. TAPLIN
22	Sect Comd/2IC ACoy	55794	Cpl	C.D. READ
23	Sect Comd/2IC ACoy	3786943	Cpl	B. TURNER
24	Sect Comd/2IC ACoy	2189975	LCpl	R.A. LYONS
25	Sect Comd/2IC ACoy	2791316	LCpl	R.F. PRICE
26	Sect Comd/2IC ACoy	218685	LCpl	N.J. SUTTON
27	Sect Comd/2IC BCoy	4720261	Cpl	A. ALDENHOVEN
28	Sect Comd/2IC BCoy	4720416	Pte	I.M. RUSSELL
29	Sect Comd/2IC BCoy	3770	Cpl	L.J. FISCHER
30	Sect Comd/2IC BCoy	215504	Cpl	P.J. RIDDEPT
31	Sect Comd/2IC BCoy	39191	Cpl	B.M. DEFRETAS
32	Sect Comd/2IC BCoy	4410621	Cpl	D.W. CRUSE
33	Sect Comd/2IC CCoy	2790224	Cpl	T.J. HALCROFT
34	Sect Comd/2IC CCoy	2791532	Cpl	P.J. HEDGES
35	Sect Comd/2IC CCoy	218600	Cpl	C. SYDOR
36	Sect Comd/2IC CCoy	218450	LCpl	A.J. GIBSON



Serial	Appt	No	Rank	Name
37	Sect Comd/2IC C Coy	55818	LCpl	M.J. SCHUTS
38	Sect Comd/2IC C Coy	1735243	LCpl	P.W. SEARLES
39	Sect Comd/2IC D Coy	2178448	Cpl	J.D. JOHNSTONE
40	Sect Comd/2IC D Coy	55731	LCpl	T.J. DILLON
41	Sect Comd/2IC D Coy	39109	Cpl	P.J. DALTON
42	Sect Comd/2IC D Coy	4720440	LCpl	C. WEBB
43	Sect Comd/2IC D Coy	312643	Cpl	R.J. JONES
44	Sect Comd/2IC D Coy	2791514	LCpl	C.L. COWAN
45	RSM	5284	WO1	R.A. BANDY
46	Cpl Med Asst	216212	Cpl	R.F. ELLERY
47	CO's Batman	2183954	LCpl	R.B. CAMERON
48	CO's Dvr	2784851	Cpl	J. MURRELL
49	RP LCpl	39869	LCpl	J.K. O'DOWD
50	CO	57011	Lt Col	R.A. GREY



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16 Jan 70

Distribution: See below.

7 RAR ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTION 9/70  
BATTALION BARBECUE : 4 FEB 70

General

1. Immediately after the Farewell Parade a battalion barbecue luncheon will be held in Sub-unit groups. All soldiers are to attend and are not to leave the barbecue area before 1400 hrs.

Location

2. Sub-units have been allocated shaded areas in 23 Constr Sqn lines directly across the road from the 7 RAR guard room. In the event of inclement weather sub-units are to be prepared to hold their barbecue in the Maxwell Club based on locations used at the last battalion barbecue.

Responsibilities

3. DPRI will meet the cost of all food and ice. The WO2 caterer is to co-ordinate menus and supply of food through sub-unit cooks. Initial estimates indicate that there will be an average of one guest per soldier. To avoid waste, sub-units are to provide firm figures to the WO2 caterer by 1600 hrs 31 Jan 70. The WO2 caterer is authorised to expend up to 50c per person attending. This is to include the E Comd Band who are to be provided with a meal at 1400 hrs.

4. OC Admin Coy is to arrange to have both the barbecue and battalion area cut by Barracks Staff on 31 Jan 70.

5. Sub-units are responsible for:

a. Providing beer and soft drinks. 2ICs are authorised to deal direct with the ASCO manager. Accounts with ASCO are to be settled not later than 1200 hrs 9 Feb 70.

b. Detailed setting up of areas. This is to include:

- final trimming of grass and collection of rubbish.
- provision of barbecue.
- provision of bar.
- provision of tables and chairs from soldiers mess on authority of WO2 Caterer.
- provision of "painted" garbage cans.
- erection of climbing ropes, swings etc for children.
- provision of fuel for barbecue.

c. Cleaning up of area and return of all stores immediately the barbecue ends.

/Bar facilities

Bar Facilities

6. Sub units are to draw the following from the ASCO manager:
- a. Baby boozers and 10 lb gas cylinder (There are 3 spares).
  - b. 40 Glass Jugs.
  - c. 200 glasses -- Sp Coy 350.

Baby boozers should be checked prior to 31 Jan 70 to ensure efficient operation.

Timings

7. Commence approx 1300 hrs  
Conclude approx 1415 hrs

Toilets

8. 2IC Admin Coy is to arrange with the National Service Discharge Centre and the Mackie Club for use of their toilets for ladies and children. These are to be clearly indicated from the barbecue area.

Band

9. 2IC A Coy is to provide 30 chairs for the E Comd Band. These are to be placed centrally in the barbecue area.

Inspection of Area by Dependents

10. Dependents and friends may be shown through the unit lines. To allow hospitality to be continued the games room area has been reserved and set up as a lounge for the sole use of 7 RAR soldiers who are accompanied by friends or relatives. All visitors are to be clear of the Bn lines and Maxwell Club by 1700 hrs.

*NR Some time in May*  
/s/ (R.A. GREY)  
Lt Col  
CO

Distribution:

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23 Constr Sqn (3)  
Maxwell Club Supervisor (DAQMG 10TF)  
Maxwell Club Manager  
Mackie Club Manager  
Secretary 23 Constr Officers Mess

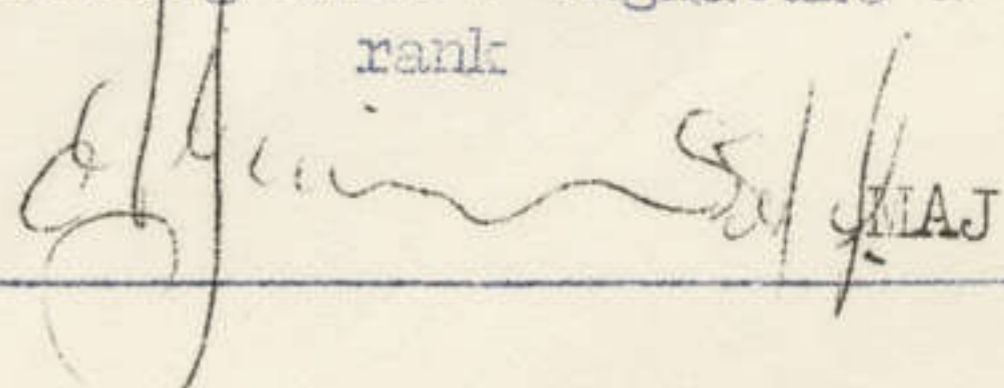
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From 7 RAR		Prefix	GR
To LIST B		Security Classification UNCLAS	
Info		Originator's Number A 059	

LECTURE ON AQ OPS BY WO1 O'KEEFE 1330 HRS 19 JAN 70 IN LECTURE ROOM 3 (.) FOLLOWING TO ATTEND (.) ALL COY 2ICS CMM OC ADMIN COY CMM ADMIN OFFER SP COY CMM ALL CQMS CMM SGT HORDER CMM TPT SGT CMM WO2 CATERER CMM AMMO STOREMAN CMM A/QM (.) SGT HORDER TO MEET WO1 O'KEEFE AT BN 2IC OFFICE AT 1130 HRS AND TAKE HIM TO LUNCH

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19 Jan 70

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Q MINUTE 1/70

ACCEPTANCE & RECEIPT OF SUB UNIT  
& UNIT STORES FOR OVERSEAS

Reference:A. Annex B to 7 RAR  
OP Readiness Instr 3/69  
Dated 31 Jul 69

1. All sub unit stores are to be positioned ready for palletization in the Main Q by 27 Jan 70.
2. Information regarding sub unit requirements for the under mentioned is found in Reference A.
  - a. Packaging material for sub unit and unit stores.
  - b. Preparation of Stores for movement.
  - c. Dangerous cargo.
  - d. Marking of sub unit and unit stores.
  - e. Documentation. AAF-F14 available from A/QM.
3. The only addition is that sub units are to mark next to sub unit colour bar case and consignment numbers.

e.g.



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colour bar

3 would indicate the third case or trunk in a total sub unit consignment of 10 pieces.

4. The QM, Offr Mess, Int Sect, Bn HQ Stores are to be marked as such in lieu of the colour bar but in the same position.
5. Sub units are urged to limit stores to trunks allocated. Approval for extra wooden cases are to be submitted to QM stating number and reason by 20 Jan 70.

6. Sub units should note that stores that are palletized will not be available until arrival at Nui Dat. Stores required for sub unit function on the Sydney e.g. Orderly Rooms are to be limited to one metal trunk and will be delivered to the QM at a date to be specified.

*H. A. Grey*  
(H.A. GREY)  
Lt Col  
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23 Jan 70

Distribution: See below.

7 RAR ADMIN INSTR 10/70  
REAR PARTY MOVEMENT TO SOUTH VIETNAM

- References: A. 7 RAR Operational Readiness Instruction  
3/69 dated 31 Jul 69.  
B. 7 RAR Admin Instr 6/70 dated 30 Oct 69.  
C. 7 RAR Admin Instr 8/70 Advance Parties  
dated 16 Jan 70.

General

1. The 7 RAR rear party is to move on 24 Feb 70. Should accounts not be finalised on that date the QM 7 RAR is to delay his movement until clearance is obtained.

Composition

2. Nominal roll is attached as Annex A.

Appointments

3. 1404 Capt C.J. Nord is nominated as OC 7 RAR Rear Party and granted the powers of discipline of a detachment commander from 17 Feb 70 until the arrival of the rear party at Nui Dat.

4. Additional appointments are:
- a. DCO - 2Lt Wilson.
  - b. Baggage Officer - Lt Brown.
  - c. Clerk - Cpl Symon.

Dress/Baggage

5. In accordance with reference C.  
6. The following heavy baggage is authorised:

	ITEM	CONTENT	SIZE	WEIGHT
QM	6 trunks	Q records, etc.	20"x12"x34"	600 lb.

Weapons

7. On 17 Feb 70 rear party weapons are to be lodged in the Admin Coy armoury under the control of L cpl Sharpe. These weapons are to be prepared for movement in accordance with reference C.

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Documents

8. Sub-units are to forward documents in accordance with Reference C para 12 to Cpl Symon at Bn HQ by 1200 hrs 13 Feb 70.

Roll Books

9. The rear party roll book is to be opened wef 0600 hrs 14 Feb 70.

Timings

10. As per Reference C para 14 serials 4 to 11 incl. Serials 1 to 3 incl at QM's discretion.

Transport 24 Feb 70

11. Two TCVs are to report to Bn HQ for baggage uplift at 1130 hrs. Buses for 63 are to report to Bn HQ at 1800 hrs.

12. Should transport for dependants be required the QM is to liaise with 10 MC as discussed with Bn 2IC.

Work Parties

13. Rear party is to provide work parties for baggage delivery.

Anti Malarial Precautions

14. As per Reference C. Records in accordance with Reference B.

Accommodation

15. Wef 17 Feb 70 all soldiers are to be accommodated in B13.

Messing

16. From and including lunch on 16 Feb 70 the second Advance Party departing on 17 Feb 70 and the Rear Party are to use the appropriate messes arranged by the fostering unit in 12 Fd Regt lines.

*W R Smeeth Mjg*  
(R.A. GREY)  
Lt Col  
CO

Distribution:

List D	FLO Holsworthy (4)
5 RAR (10)	Unit DCOs (2)
10 MC (6)	Baggage Officer
Fostering Unit (6)	Draft clerk
O and M Team (3)	Vide AHQ Admin Instr No 3 (14)

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REAR PARTY

Serial	Appt	No.	Rank	Name
1.	Stmn A Coy	6709215	L/Cpl	M. P. CONNORS
2.	Stmn B Coy	3794971	L/Cpl	P. J. WIGHT
3.	Stmn C Coy	2791373	L/Cpl	M. TOLNAY
4.	Stmn D. Coy	2790964	L/Cpl	A. F. SARA
5.	Stmn Sp Coy	1200947	L/Cpl	K. J. KELLY
6.	Admin Offr Sp Coy	2189838	Lt	G. C. BROWN
7.	Clerk(Bn HQ)	2790404	Cpl	R. B. SYMON
8.	Stmn Sigs	217416	L/Cpl	N. M. ROBERTSON
9.	Drum Major	271758	Sgt	T. D. WALKER
10.	MFC	14623	Sgt	D. J. FIELDHOUSE
11.	FCC	216300	Sgt	P. C. DIAMOND
12.	QM	1404	Capt	C. J. NORD
13.	Med Asst	15324	Sgt	R. HARVEY
14.	Tech Sgt	213807	Sgt	I. L. SINCLAIR
15.	Hygiene NCO	2785175	Cpl	A. J. EADE
16.	Veh Mech	42323	Cpl	J. V. McNAMARA
17.	Med Asst	39860	Cpl	G. C. REISSIG
18.	Dvr	2790384	LCpl	A. R. PENFOLD
19.	Admin Coy Stmn	4720206	LCpl	K. M. SHARPE
20.	Dvr	284062	LCpl	D. G. YOUNG
21.	Dvr	2790739	Pte	A. A. ACKERMAN
22.	Dvr	1202002	Pte	R. N. ADAMS
23.	Dvr	218877	Pte	W. ADAMSKI
24.	QM Stmn	1201980	Pte	N. L. ANDERSON
25.	QM Clerk	2791585	Pte	S. P. BARRETT
26.	Offrs Mess Stwd	397796	Pte	I. A. BAXTER
27.	RMO Batman	2791494	Pte	I. R. BEAL
28.	Carpenter	2792356	Pte	J. A. BRIDGER
29.	Dvr	2790762	Pte	C. J. BROADHEAD
30.	Coy Clerk	218673	Pte	W. M. BROWN
31.	Sgts Mess Stwd	218369	Pte	G. I. CALDWELL
32.	Dvr	4720091	Pte	T. M. DEAN
33.	Dvr	61729	Pte	P. J. EDSON
34.	Sgts Mess Stwd	3794609	Pte	M. J. ELLIS
35.	Veh Mech	243416	Cfn	G. ELSTON
36.	Armourer	243442	Cfn	K. L. ENNIS
37.	Tailor	1202607	Pte	R. D. ERNST
38.	Sgts Mess Stwd	2788294	Pte	M. S. EVERILL
39.	QM Clerk	3795300	Pte	J. FAIRWAY
40.	Dvr	216944	Pte	J.D. FINLAY

41.	OC Batman	3794376	Pte	V.	FRANCO
42.	Signwriter	55994	Pte	S.G.	HARRIS
43.	QM Stmn	2790423	Pte	R.C.	HODGE
44.	Dvr	218433	Pte	K.J.	HONEYBROOK
45.	Dvr	217338	Pte	D.H.	HORTON
46.	QM Stmn	2792458	Pte	B.R.	HUDSON
47.	Butcher	55801	Pte	B.S.	HUNTER
48.	Offrs Mess Stwd	3794226	Pte	K.W.	JAMES
49.	QM Stmn	6708993	Pte	R.W.	JONES
50.	Dvr	2790380	Pte	A.D.	KEYS
51.	Ration Stmn	38772	Pte	W.B.	KRIEWALDT
52.	Veh Mech	342975	Cfn	R.J.	LEWIS
53.	Dvr	3793573	Pte	W.G.	MATTEY
54.	Dvr	4720177	Pte	J.	MILLER
55.	Everyman's Asst	218869	Pte	S.F.	O'BRIEN
56.	QM Stmn	2790278	Pte	A.R.	POUNDS
57.	Dvr	39110	Pte	B.J.	ROMEO
58.	Offrs Mess Stwd	2791318	Pte	K.	ROWLAND
59.	Dvr	4720200	Pte	R.S.	RYGUCKI
60.	Padres Batman	2792556	Pte	B.	SAMPSON
61.	Dvr	4720255	Pte	R.C.	VANDERVEEN
62.	Dvr	518946	Pte	R.J.	WALKER
63.	QM Stmn	4720700	Pte	A.F.	WHITEWAY
64.	Tpt Offr	111586	2Lt	L.H.	WILSON

Summary:    3 Offrs            5 Sgts            56 ORs

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27 Jan 70

Distribution: List B.

ALLOCATION OF RADIO SETS  
AN/PRC 25 SVN

1. An/PRC 25 sets are to be allotted on the following scales:

a. FSPB

(1) Bn CP.

One CP Gp 1.  
One CP Gp 2.  
One monitor.  
Two spares for allocation to LO's or MFC's  
to Sp Coy platoons. Total: 5.

(2) AQ Cell.

One Bn Comd net.  
One Bn Air/Admin net (control).  
One FSPB helipad. Total: 3.

(3) Sp Coy.

One Bn Comd net.  
One FSPB defence net (control).  
One Pnr Pl.  
One Recce Pl.  
One spare. Total: 5.

(4) Mor Pl.

(a) Base Plate FSPB.

One MFC Mor net.  
One FSPB defence net.  
One Bn Comd net.  
One spare. (Required if sections deployed  
separately).

(b) FCC.

One MFC Mor net.  
One spare (multiple mission if sections  
deployed separately).

(c) Nui Dat.

One base def.  
One MFC mor net.

Total: 8.

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b. Rifle Coys

One Bn Comd net.  
One Bn Air/Admin net.  
Four Coy fwd net.  
One MFC.  
One base def net Nui Dat.

Total: 8.

c. Nui Dat

(1) Admin CP.

One Bn Comd net.  
One Air/Admin net.  
One TF Comd net.  
One base def Nui Dat (control).  
One helipad.  
One spare.

Total: 6.

(2) Admin Coy (Local Def).

Three sets for local def.

Total: 3.

(3) Sig Store.

Six spares for allocation to  
LO's, 2IC and other tasks when  
required. Spares required also  
to replace faulty sets within  
the Bn.

Total: 6.

2. Total allocation of radio sets is 68.

*R. A. Grey*  
(R.A. GREY)  
Lt Col  
CO

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29 Jan 70

Distribution: List D

7 RAR ADMIN INSTR 11/70

ISSUE OF IDENTITY CARDS / BLOOD SAMPLES

General

1. The O and M will issue ID Cards on 2 and 3 Feb 70. At the same time blood samples are to be taken by 2 Mil Hosp to assist tropical medical research.

Location

2. a. ID card issue : LR 1  
b. Blood samples : LR 4

Assistance

3. A/Adjt is to arrange for the following staff:
- a. To assist the O and M team:
- Cpl Clerk
  - Typiste (standard typewriter with new ribbon)
  - Three soldiers (operate embossing machine and camera)
  - Q Clerk (enter ID card issue in AAB 83's)
- b. To assist medical team:
- RMO
  - Two Med Ords
  - Four soldiers from duty coy
4. O and M staff will be briefed in LR 1 at 1000 hrs 2 Feb 70. Screen for slide projection is to be available. Projector etc provided by O and M team. Med staff to report to RMO at the RAP at 1030 hrs.

Timings

5. Sub units are to arrange for 20 soldiers per 15 minutes to report to the O & M team at LR 1. All soldiers are to be in possession of the Q portion of their AAB 83.

6. Sub units are allocated block times as follows:

2 Feb 70	1100 - 1230	D Coy
	1330 - 1500	C Coy
	1500 - 1630	B Coy
3 Feb 70	0800 - 1030	Admin Coy
	1030 - 1230	A Coy
	1330 - 1600	Sp Coy
	1600 - 1700	Soldiers missed above. Sub units to provide rep to issue and withdraw

Documentation / Security

7. The ID card will issue via the AAB 83. Sub units are to maintain an ID card register and are to withdraw ID cards immediately after issue and will reissue on signature as detailed in the relevant movement instructions. ID cards are controlled documents and as such their loss is to be reported immediately to Bn HQ. Sub units are to secure ID cards in locked containers and issue only on as required basis. In Vietnam this applies when a soldier leaves 1 ATF base other than for operations

Blood Samples

8. When soldiers have been issued ID cards they are to report to LR 4 to have a blood sample taken.

Control

9. In addition to soldiers to make AAB83 issues and compile coy ID card registers, a senior NCO is to be present to liaise with O and M and the medical teams. On completion of the parade the names of soldiers not issued with ID cards, and those who did not report for blood sampling, are to be given to the Bn HQ clerk with reasons for non attendance.

*N.R. Smethurst*  
(N.R. SMETHURST)

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MILITARY FUNERAL OF 4410450 SGT R.R. ANDERSON<sup>mm</sup> D COY

General

1. A Military Funeral will be accorded to the late Sgt Richard Roy Anderson<sup>mm</sup> of 12 Pl, D Coy, on 12 Jan 70 who died in RGH Concord at 0900 hrs 9 Jan 70, as a result of injuries received in a car accident on 22 Dec 69.
2. The Funeral Service will commence at 1330 hrs and the cortege will depart from the Boronia Park Methodist Church, Pittwater Road (between Thompson St and Ryde Rd), Boronia Park and proceed to the Field of Mars Cemetery.

Funeral Parties

3. D Coy is to provide Funeral Parties comprising the following:
  - a. Escort  
2Lt J.D. Burrows  
21 ORs
  - b. Firing Party  
1 Sgt  
1 Cpl  
12 ORs
  - c. Bearer Party  
(1) OC - 1 WO  
(2) Bearers - 6 Sgts  
(3) Orderlies - 2 ORs
  - d. Official Mourner Maj A. Robb
4. Other Funeral Parties have been organized by HQ E Comd with the RSM.

Dress

5. The following orders of dress are to be worn:
  - a. Funeral Parties - Summer Dress Ceremonial.
  - b. Official Mourner - Summer Dress Ceremonial.
  - c. Other Service Personnel Attending - Polyesters with tie, shoes and ribbons and cap or hat KFF.

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Personnel to Attend

6. a. All senior NCOs may attend.
- b. Excepting D Coy at least 2 Offrs per coy are to remain in barracks unless a minimum of 2 senior NCOs do not wish to attend.

Transport

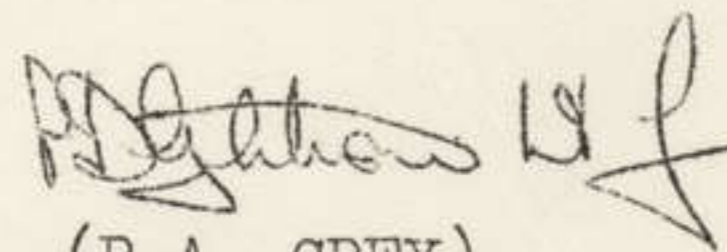
7. a. 3 buses are provided for the Funeral Parties and other members of 7 RAR, departing at 1130 hrs from D Coy HQ.
- b. Offrs and senior NCOs may use own cars.

Lunch

8. Cut lunches for all D Coy plus sufficient extra for 40 Offrs and senior NCOs will be available from D Coy CQMS at 1100 hrs.

Route for Cortege

9. Pittwater Road - Ryde Road - Monash Road - to entrance of The Field of Mars Cemetery. Distance is approx  $\frac{3}{4}$  mile.



(R.A. GREY)  
Lt Col  
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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1

BY

LT COL R.A. GREY  
COMMANDING OFFICER

7th BATTALION  
ROYAL AUSTRALIAN REGIMENT

Serial 1

12 Jan 70

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Last RO issued 1969 was serial 47 number 452.

1. 7 RAR DUTY OFFICER ROSTER

<u>Mounting Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Time of Mount</u>
Mon 12 Jan 70	2Lt I. Dunn	1700 hrs
Tue 13 Jan 70	Lt M. Hughes	1600 hrs
Wed 14 Jan 70	2Lt G. Lindsay	1600 hrs
Thu 15 Jan 70	2Lt J. Heydon	1600 hrs
Fri 16 Jan 70	2Lt L. Wilson	1600 hrs
Sat 17 Jan 70	2Lt L. Wilson	
Sun 18 Jan 70	2Lt L. Wilson	
Mon 19 Jan 70	2Lt G. Wenhlowskyj	0800 hrs
Tue 20 Jan 70	Lt G. Brown	1600 hrs
Wed 21 Jan 70	2Lt C Johnson	1600 hrs
Thu 22 Jan 70	2Lt I. McNee	1600 hrs
Fri 23 Jan 70	2Lt I. Burrows	1600 hrs
Sat 24 Jan 70	2Lt I. Burrows	(Dismount 250800K)
Sun 25 Jan 70	Lt R. Pothof	250800K
Mon 26 Jan 70	Lt R. Pothof	(Dismount 271600K)
Tue 27 Jan 70	2Lt K. Metcalf	1600 hrs
Wed 28 Jan 70	2Lt P. Winter	1600 hrs
Thu 29 Jan 70	2Lt D. Chitty	1600 hrs

2. 7 RAR ORDERLY SERGEANT ROSTER

1. The following are to mount duty on dates shown:

Mon 12 Jan 70	Sgt M.R. Hemmens	(Mount 1700 hrs)
Tue 13 Jan 70	Sgt T.M. Bourke	Mount 0800 hrs
Wed 14 Jan 70	Sgt V. Nicholson	Mount 0800 hrs
Thu 15 Jan 70	Sgt P.C. Diamond	Mount 0800 hrs

3. TRADING HOURS WEI CANTEEN - MAXWELL CLUB

Monday - Friday	1630 - 2200
Saturday	1000 - 1200 1430 - 1700 1830 - 2200
Sunday	1100 - 1200 1430 - 1700 1830 - 2200

4. GAMBLING, SALE OF INTOXICATING LIQUOR

1. The provisions of AMR & O 322 expressly forbid gambling in Army establishments, irrespective of whether certain forms of gambling may be permitted by existing State or Territory law.

2. Section 123A of the Defence Act permits the sale of intoxicating liquor in Army establishments, notwithstanding State or Territory laws, subject to such conditions as the Military Board determine. Appropriate action will be taken against unauthorised persons availing themselves of this privilege.

5. 7 RAR DUTY VEHICLE

1. The duty vehicle is controlled by Bn HQ and as such all requirements will go through Ord Offr, Ord Sgt or in their absence A/Adjt or Chief Clerk.

2. The courier is controlled by A/Adjt and all requirements are to go through A/Adjt. Any member wishing to travel by courier will be at Bn HQ 15 mins prior to departure (0900 hrs and 1330 hrs daily).

6. LEGAL SERVICE BUREAU - CHANGE OF ADDRESS

1. The above service is now located at:

King York House  
32/34 York Street  
Sydney.

Telephone 297202

7. RISING SUN BADGES

1. Rising Sun badges are not be worn on shirts.

8. RETURN OF TRUNKS CABIN METAL

1. Soldiers who have no equipment to store at their home or with the QM may return their trunks cabin metal to the QM by not later than 15 Jan 70. Packing cases are not to be issued to soldiers for storage of equipment unless they have already used their trunks cabin metal.

9. WARNED IN FOR RATIONS

1. The following are warned in for rations on dates shown:

All personnel on strength 7 RAR - 12 Jan 70 until further notice.

WO2 White 9 - 11 Jan 70 (incl).

10. APPROVAL TO LIVE IN


1. The following have approval to live in on dates shown:

1404	Capt	C.J.R.	NORD	from	23 Dec 69	to	23 Mar 70
111586	2Lt	L.H.C.	WILSON	from	15 Dec 69	to	15 Mar 70
38137	Sgt	C.	ROWLEY	from	14 Jan 70	to	14 Apr 70
215713	Cpl	B.F.	COBLE	from	12 Jan 70	to	12 Apr 70
39109	Cpl	P.J.	DALTON	from	21 Jan 70	to	21 Apr 70
4720430	L cpl	M.R.	STRONG	from	12 Jan 70	to	12 Apr 70
3794995	L cpl	R.G.	MERRITT	from	21 Dec 69	to	21 Mar 70
3794559	Pte	J.	GREENOUGH	from	28 Dec 69	to	28 Mar 70
3794228	Pte	B.J.	FURNESS	from	4 Nov 69	to	4 Feb 70
519806	Pte	G.J.	EDWARDS	from	22 Nov 69	to	22 Feb 70
2792101	Pte	W.E.	POCKETT	from	11 Jan 70	to	11 Apr 70
44659	Pte	G.J.	KALEMBA	from	11 Jan 70	to	11 Apr 70
44659	Pte	G.J.	KALEMBA	from	11 Oct 69	to	11 Jan 70
218848	Pte	S.A.	KING	from	18 Nov 69	to	18 Feb 70
2790451	Pte	B.C.	MAUGER	from	11 Nov 69	to	11 Feb 70

11. 7 RAR DUTY OFFICER ROSTER - HQ 10 TF

Fri 16 Jan 70	2Lt	S.	Chamarette	Mount	161600K
Sat 17 Jan 70	2Lt	S.	Chamarette	Dismount	180800K
Mon 26 Jan 70	Lt	O.	Cairns	Mount	260800K
				Dismount	270800K

Next for weekend duty - 2Lt I. McNee.



(R.A. GREY)  
Lt Col  
CO

Amendment No 1 to 7 RAR Routine Order 2/70. Add:

The following will mount duty at 0800 hrs on the dates shown:

Fri 16 Jan 70	Sgt J. Crowther
Sat 17 Jan 70	Sgt J. Crowther
Sun 18 Jan 70	Sgt J. Crowther
Mon 19 Jan 70	Sgt R. Savage
Tue 20 Jan 70	Sgt R.J. Horder
Wed 21 Jan 70	Sgt T.D. Slaney
Thu 22 Jan 70	Sgt F.G. Henderson
Fri 23 Jan 70	Sgt J.L. Bateman
Sat 24 Jan 70	Sgt J.L. Bateman
Sun 25 Jan 70	Sgt J.L. Bateman
Mon 26 Jan 70	Sgt D. Edmonds
Tue 27 Jan 70	Sgt I.W. Johnstone
Wed 28 Jan 70	Sgt F.V. McLean
Thu 29 Jan 70	Sgt F. Curphey
Fri 30 Jan 70	Sgt T. Walker
Sat 31 Jan 70	Sgt T. Walker
Sun 1 Feb 70	Sgt T. Walker

Next for weekend duty - Sgt T.S. Bourke.

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35 Dental Unit*IO* ✓

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7 RAR WEEKLY TRAINING PROGRAMME WEEK ENDING 18 Jan 70

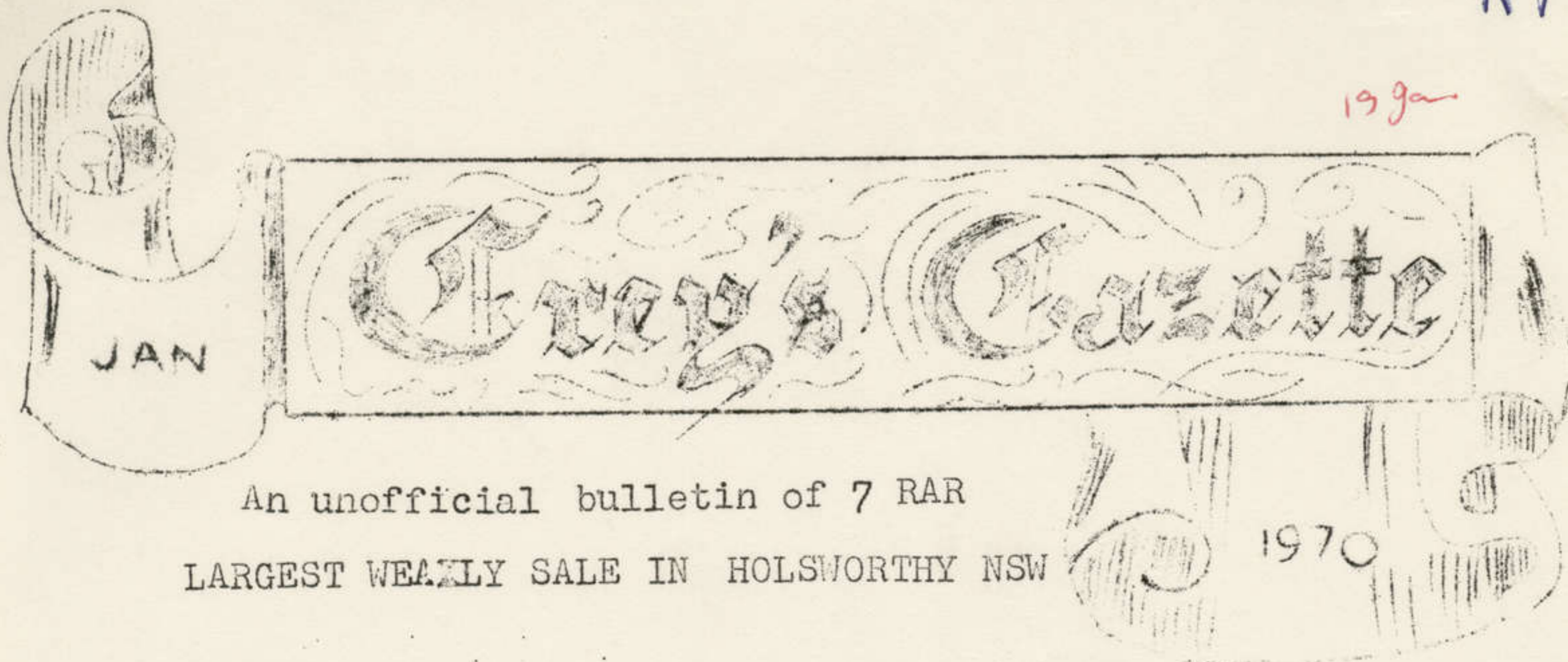
Serial	Day	Date	Time	Sub Unit	Activity	Remarks
1	Mon	12 Jan 70	0730 - 1630	All	Kit Check and Admin	
2	Tue	13 Jan 70	0730 - 1230	A Coy	Range Practice - SLR, M60, M16	Greenhills Small Arms Complex.
3	Wed	14 Jan 70	0600 - 2400		Field Firing - SLR, M60, M16	FPR "E"
4	Thu	15 Jan 70	0730 - 1230		Med Docu Check and PFI	
5			1330 - 1630		Range Practice - SLR, M60, M16	Anzac Range
6	Fri	16 Jan 70	0730 - 1230		Q Issues	
7			1330 - 1630		Lectures - Security Legal	MI Lec Room 2
8	Tue	13 Jan 70	1330 - 1630	B Coy	Range Practice - SLR, M60, M16	Greenhills Small Arms Complex
9	Wed	14 Jan 70	1330 - 1630		Range Practice - SLR, M60, M16	Anzac Range
10	Thu	15 Jan 70	0600 - 2400		Field Firing - SLR, M60, M16	FPR "E"
11	Fri	16 Jan 70	0730 - 1230		Lectures - Security : Legal	MI Lec Room 2
12			1330 - 1630		Q Issues	
13	Tue	13 Jan 70	0730 - 1230	C Coy	Zeroing	10 TF 25 m Range
14	Wed	14 Jan 70	0730 - 1230		Range Practice - SLR, M60, M16	Anzac Range
15	Thu	15 Jan 70	0730 - 1230		Range Practice - SLR, M60, M16	Greenhills Small Arms Complex
16			1330 - 1630		Med Docu Check and PFI	
17	Fri	16 Jan 70	0730 - 1230		Security Lecture	MI Lec Room 2

*Sh. Roy*

Serial	Day	Date	Time	Sub Unit	Activity	Remarks
18	Tue	13 Jan 70	0730 - 1230	B Coy	Range Practice - SLR, M60, M16	Anzac Range
19	Wed	14 Jan 70	0730 - 1230		Range Practice - SLR, M60, M16	Greenhills Small Arms Complex
20	Thu	15 Jan 70	0730 - 1230		Q Issues	
21			1330 - 1630		Range Practice - SLR, M60, M16, M79, M26	Greenhills Small Arms Complex
22	Fri	16 Jan 70	0730 - 1230		Security Lecture	MI Lec Room 2
23	Tue	13 Jan 70	1230 - 1630	Sp Coy	Range Practice - SLR, M60, M16	Anzac Range
24	Wed	14 Jan 70	1230 - 1630		Range Practice - M72, M79, M26	Greenhills Small Arms Complex
25	Thu	15 Jan 70	0730 - 1230		Range Practice - Zeroing SLR	Anzac Range
26	Fri	16 Jan 70	0730 - 1230		Med Docu Check and FPI	
27			1330 - 1630		Security Lecture	MI Lec Room 2
28	Tue Thu	13 Jan - 15 Jan 70		Admin Coy	Range Practices	1/3 of Coy with Rifle Coys each day.
29	Fri	16 Jan 70	1330 - 1630		Security Lecture	MI Lec Room 2
30	Sat Sun	17 Jan - 18 Jan 70		ALL	Bn Standown	

*Ch. Kelly Maj*  
 (MAA. GRAY)  
 Lt Col  
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An unofficial bulletin of 7 RAR  
LARGEST WEEKLY SALE IN HOLSWORTHY NSW

### EDITORIAL

Hi! For quite some time now we have been toying with the idea of producing Grey's Gazette on a weekly or fortnightly basis. Due to various commitments we have been unable to do so until now but can promise you better and brighter editions during 1970. To do so, we require your support. During the unit's last tour a similar paper was produced and proved to be very popular. Much of the success was due to the excellent response from the diggers who were passing on to the editorial staff any stories, jokes etc., which they considered might be of interest to others. If you have anything for us please pass it on to your company orderly room.

### WEATHER REPORT

Due to the lack of prior warning there will be no weather for the next week.

- "Hughie"

### TIDAL INFORMATION

High tide at the battalion command post will be at 1100 hrs at 5'6". Low at 1900 hrs at 2".

- "Ima Swimmer"

### SPORTING NEWS

BRISBANE - Australian champion spearfishman, Ben Dropp, bagged one of his biggest fish yet at Southport yesterday. Dropp has recently taken over as manager of the fish bagging section of the Southport Fish Bar.

HOLSWORTHY - It was rumoured that 7 RAR will have a sports afternoon in June 1972.

Sign outside liquor store: "Order for Xmas now. Don't be quart short".

Sign on bumper of truck on the Hume Highway:  
"Drive Carefully - Don't insist on your rites."

1969 TRAINING HIGHLIGHTS - ADMIN COY

1. Admin Coy commenced the year's training at First Flush with zeal and enthusiasm that remained prevalent in all their efforts. Untiringly we strove to master helicopter emplaning and deplaning drills - simulated by Landrovers. This early training has probably been the reason why drivers have often been seen low flying around the area but stumbling off an Albatross. Noted also were highly "calmed" clerkies, posties, pay reps and numerous other pogoos moving stealthily through the "j" observing their arcs of responsibility with pistols at the "instant".
2. Exercise Gaspers again saw Admin Coy first in and last out. Exercise proved most educational - one member, who shall remain anonymous to save the 'Q' store from any further embarrassment, even learned that you don't approach "niner" to ask "Where can I find your batman?" On return journey, drivers at last earned their Gp 6. On the last mighty "yahma" it was observed that the 'in' colour adopted was "a white shade of pale" except for the real old "dig" Cpl Stewart who realised that "discretion is the better part of valour", lost faith in Ace's ability and proceeded on foot.
3. Nowra saw the CSM and Tpt Sgt, with a slightly less "starch and iron", lead Mc Hales Navy to another stunning defeat. Any confidence in naval ability was further shattered when pilot gave grid reference to enemy position 100 miles into the Pacific.
4. JTC proved a lesson in how to complete BE courses and partake in helping the rest of the Bn through JTC. We had members coming or returning to Holsworthy, starting or finishing courses or being on duty - which, if you were a medic meant sleeping in the little RAP hut and attending to the care and needs of the tomato plants. The snappy broom and rake drill produced by Sgt Taylor under the close supervision of CSM (alias the subaltern's friend) would be a credit to any unit. Nothing stirred the heart of "one tall blue headed and his 'mad dog'" than to see the squad march off to another dreaded battle to the tune of "When Autumn Leaves Start to Fall". Taking over from the CSM at Surfers was the RQMS who, with the 2IC - congenial tpt arranged by AQM - spent a "quiet" night at Bicy's - the haunt of the Wombat pl. RQMS also enjoyed VIP treatment supplied by 6 beautiful ANA Hosties on flight back - couldn't miss as he was the only passenger on board.
5. Shoalwater Bay. Admin Coy dug in with bunkers, wire etc, and had to withstand numerous mortar and enemy attacks. However, enemy infiltration was quickly halted by the ever watchful CSM who apprehended 6 enemy who, on interrogation broke down when told movies had been cancelled for that night due to a malfunction in the projector.

- Anonymous

Thought for the week.

"When the going gets tough the tough get going".

- A. Weakling

When I read a newspaper, I turn first to the sports section, where are recorded the accomplishments of man. The front page records only his failures.

**Prayer** of the modern man: I pray for patience and I want it right now.

The best safety "belt" in the world is the one you don't take for the road.



OVERHEARD

She : Beautiful Moon.

He : So what!

She : How can you say that? I'm a girl and your a boy. Doesn't that mean anything to you?

He : Yeah. You can't be called up.

TEEPEE OR NOT TEEPEE

Any man who thinks the Government is going to take good care of him should take a good, long look at the American indian.

QUARTERMASTER'S CALENDAR

<u>FRI</u>	<u>MON</u>	<u>TUE</u>	<u>WED</u>	<u>THU</u>	<u>MON</u>	<u>SAME DAY</u>
7	6	5	4	3	2	1
14	13	12	11	10	9	8
21	20	19	18	17	16	15
28	27	26	25	24	23	22
35	34	33	32	31	30	29

- a. Everyone wants everything yesterday, so with this calendar the CO asks for something on the 7th and gets it on the 3rd.
- b. Most things are wanted on a Monday so there are two Mondays in each week.
- c. There are several extra days at the end of the month to meet the end of month rush and to help finish those returns required by the end of the month.
- d. There are no non production Saturdays or Sundays.
- e. There is a new day each week known as "same day". On this day "while you wait" and "same day" jobs may be handled without interruption to the normal schedule of promises.

This calendar has been designed in the hope that it keeps everyone happy and we continue to have ulcer free quartermasters.

- A devoted pogo.

UNQUOTE?

Happened to notice whilst proofreading an amendment to Standing Orders recently.

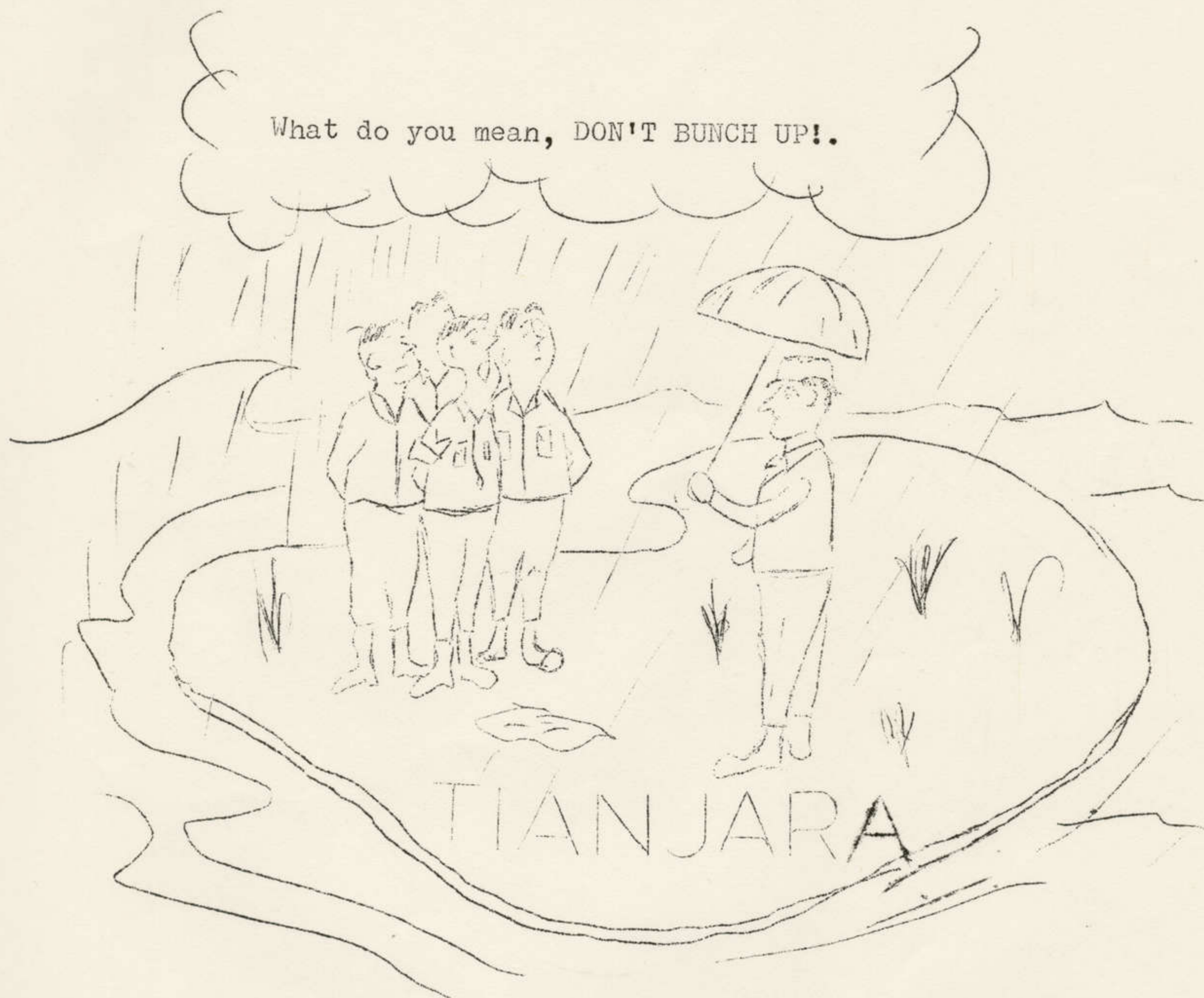
- c. Ensure that all officers in Bn HQ are properly cleaned, dusted and tidy at all times.

ED's Comments : You can bet your sweet ~~bippy~~ pippy!

A father called upstairs to his daughter, "Tell that soldier to get out of your bedroom".

His daughter called back, "Tell him yourself, Pa, he's a total stranger to me."

What do you mean, DON'T BUNCH UP!.



OVERHEARD

One tin of paint to another:  
"Honey, I think I'm pigment."

STRAIGHT ANSWER

Asked by his teacher to spell "straight", the third grade boy did so without error. "Now, said the teacher. What does it mean"?

"Without water", was his reply.

The following is an article as it appeared in the Asbury Park Evening Press, Monmouth, N.J. on Mon, 31 Jul, 1967:

VIETNAM REPORT

RAR IS AT BEST IN BUSH

By Robert Stokes  
Press Staff Writer

NUI DAT, South Vietnam - They move like a pack of jungle cats **stalking** their prey.

They have probably forgotten more about jungle fighting than many other armies have experienced. They received prep school training in the wilds of Malaya and Borneo. When they go into the bush, they carry everything they need on their backs. They do not count on a helicopter unless they take a casualty.

They have seen less action in Vietnam than any other unit, but are saddled with an area they pacified in the first few months of **duty**. Because of the sensitive political issue of using conscripted troops for the first time since World War II, they cannot afford to take casualties.

Real Professionals.

Despite the lack of action, the men of the 2nd and 7th Battalions, Royal Australian Regiment (RAR) are a showcase of professional soldiers and are the finest group of jungle fighters in Vietnam today. They form the core of the Australian Task Force that numbers nearly 7,600 men.

Although the Australian Army is using draftees, the rigid discipline and fighting ability of the "digger" has remained the same.

"The national service soldier is absolutely no different than the regular Army man", said Maj Graeme Chapman, CO of Charlie Company, 7th Bn, RAR.

"In fact, the standards of these soldiers have achieved now are higher than some regular army units I've served with" he says.

Regular Army Officer.

Chapman, a 32 year old regular Army officer reflects the unflappable quality of the typical Australian unit commander - quiet confidence blended with demanding attention to discipline and an untiring ability to move mountains in order to accomplish the mission.

Before Chapman receives his privates, they go through an extensive combat preparation, at least two months longer than their US counterpart. They receive three months of basic training, another three months of advanced individual training and an additional month of tutelage at the Australian Army's jungle training centre in Canungra, Queensland.

From there, the privates are assigned to a battalion that continues to go on field maneuvers up until the day their unit is assigned to Vietnam for a 12 month tour of duty.

## Infantry Trained

The individual soldier in the Australian Army is the hub around which their infantry tactics revolve.

"We rely much more on men than material", explained Chapman.

Due to the relatively small size of their Army (42,000 men), infantry is the main branch and company commanders like Chapman are given a great deal more individual responsibility than their American company counterparts. The authorized rank of Australian company commander is a major with several years of infantry experience behind him as opposed to the US unit commander who is normally a captain.

The idea of responsibility extends all the way down to the line soldier.

## Individual Execution

"When we have a mission", said Chapman. "I give my platoon commanders a broad directive. The way they carry it out is entirely up to them".

The Australian soldier lives an austere life in the field. He lives strictly on C rations and gets his water from streams or monsoon showers. They are authorized to get a daily rum ration of two ounces per man at the discretion of the commander.

"Resupply in the field," said Chapman, "can compromise your position to the enemy. We'd rather rough it for a few days than go asking for trouble."

Chapman's unit, like most of the Australian units, are itching for the chance to get a scrap with the VC. Since C Company arrived with the battalion in April, they have had only two brief engagements with the guerrillas. The result was five enemy killed, one wounded and no friendly casualties.

## Consistently High Morale.

"The men are certainly disappointed that we haven't had a bash at Charlie," said Chapman. "But their morale is constantly high. They keep that way just hoping for the opportunity."

The cool professionalism of the Australian soldier is most exemplified in their tactics on sweep and destroy operations. They move in company strength as quickly as other units move on a small patrol. Every order is given with hand signals and not a word is spoken above a whisper.

"This comes natural to us," said Pte Anthony Phillips, "but sometimes I wish we weren't so bloody quiet. Then, we might get a chance at them."

Setting up a perimeter and digging in is performed much the same as American units, but the Australian pays particular attention to overhead cover and concealment. They carry picks, shovels and two-man saws for cutting heavy lumber for bunkers.

## Armed with SLR's

Equipped with the SLR, a semi-automatic rifle similar to the US M-14 in size and weight the Australian is taught to fire his weapon only when he has an actual target. Ammunition is at a premium for the "digger" and he makes every shot count.

"I still have some ammunition left over from Malaya." quipped Maj. Jack MacDonald, Bravo Company commander.

The American soldier is reportedly expending more than 100 million rounds of ammunition a month.

The Australian soldier's care and maintenance for his weapon are typically thorough. They will normally give their weapon a complete cleaning before breakfast and then two or three more cursory cleanings before nightfall.

#### Successfully Used M-16

Charle Company recently used 30 US M-16 rifles on a 10 day operation and did not have a single malfunction.

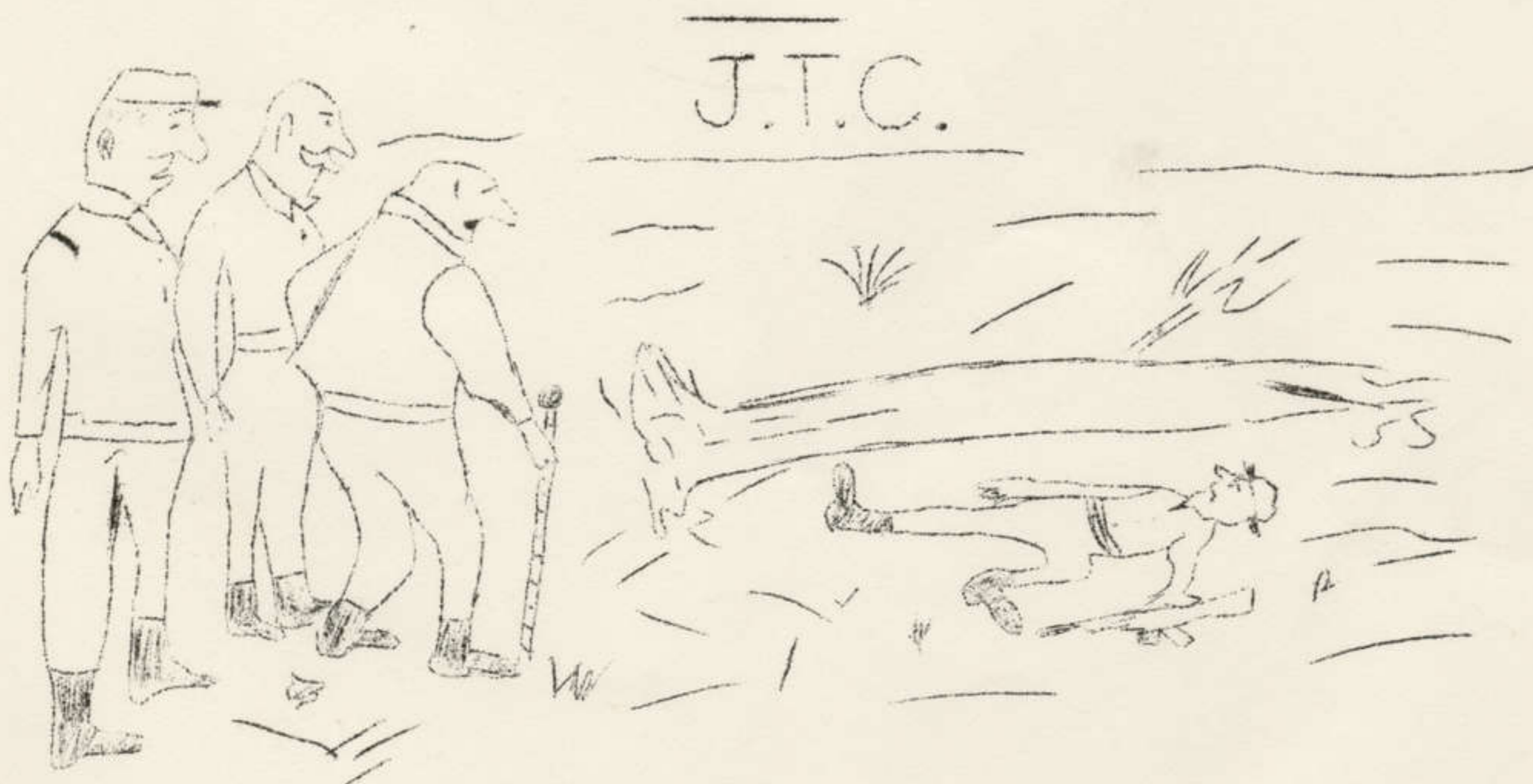
"We did not fire a shot in anger with the M-16s." said Chapman "but we test-fired them all after returning from the field. Not one malfunctioned. If you keep a weapon clean, it will not malfunction. The weapon holds a place of affection in everyone's heart."

Light and sound discipline at night are another mark of their training. No cigarettes or flashlights after 7 p.m. When they leave an area, their waste is buried and the sumps are heavily camouflaged.

Before the soldiers get into their holes for the night, small clearing patrols sweep the area 200 yards to their front as an extra precaution.

On Operation Paddington, a joint sweep and destroy mission involving 15,000 troops of the Australian Task Force, Vietnamese Marines and more than a brigade of U.S. troops, the 7th Bn RAR, got the job of blocking the southern escape route of a VC battalion reportedly trapped. It turned out to be another walk in the sun for the "diggers", but their chance will come.

"When it comes," said Chapman, "we'll be bloody well ready for them."



"And you will stay dead until you remember FIRE POSITION!"



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AIR SUPPORT - THEATRE ORIENTATION

General

1. During the period 20-21 Jan a team of four RAAF Officers will visit 7 RAR to lecture on various aspects of air support in SVN.
2. The lectures will take the form of 1 hour lecture/talk to all ranks of each rifle company followed by an informal discussion period, mainly on question and answer basis, with only the officers of the company.

Location

3. All lectures will take place in lecture room 3 of Military Instructional Block.
4. The Int Sgt is responsible for arranging seating for 120 personnel in lecture room 3 by 0830 hrs 20 Jan 70.

Dress

5. Dress of day.

Timings

6.	Serial	Time	Sub Unit	Remarks
	1	201030K to 201130K	A Coy	% Sp Coy
	2	201130K to 201230	A Coy Officers	Plus Sp Coy Offr
	3	201330K- 201430K	B Coy	% Sp Coy
	4	201430K- 201530K	B Coy Officers	Plus Admin Coy Offrs
	5	201530K to 201630K	C Coy	% Sp Coy
	6	201630K to 201730K	C Coy Officers	

Serial	Time	Sub Unit	Remarks
7	210800K to 210900K	D Coy	Admin Coy OR as avail to attend
8	210900K to 211000K	D Coy Officers	

*R. A. Grey*

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Present:	Maj	N.R.	SMETHURST	President
	Sgt	W.F.	KENNEY	Sec/Treas
	WO1	R.A.	BANDY	Member
	WO2	D.S.	WHITE	Member
	WO2	R.F.	SIGG	Sp Coy
	Sgt	B.F.	COBLE	D Coy
	Cpl	L.J.	FISHER	B Coy
	Cpl	M.R.	POWELL	A Coy
	Cpl	B.	WALLER	C Coy

Action By

Meeting declared open at 1140 hrs.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were read.

Moved by Cpl Waller

That the Minutes of the previous Meeting be accepted.

Seconded by Sgt Coble

Carried

ITEM 1 - EXPENDITURE

Moved by WO2 Sigg

That the following items be purchased and paid for:-

- |     |   |        |
|-----|---|--------|
| 1.  | Plastic spoons, cups and plates for functions held within the unit. | 19.60  |
| 2.  | Typewriter Hire Service : Hire of Micro Typewriter.                 | 8.00   |
| 3.  | Repairs to PA System.   | 5.14   |
| 4.  | Wreaths for Sgt Anderson and Pte Burns.                             | 40.00  |
| 5.  | Bn barbecue exercise 'Clarion Call'.                                | 445.50 |
| 6.  | Repairs to unit masonry drill.                                      | 16.88  |
| 7.  | Hire of films exercise 'Clarion Call'.                              | 28.00  |
| 8.  | Modifications to A Coy's Transceivere.                              | 48.00  |
| 9.  | Newspapers while on exercise 'Clarion Call'.                        | 84.90  |
| 10. | Extra messing for Rear Details Xmas Dinner.                         | 10.68  |
| 11. | Subscription to Infantry Magazine.                                  | 13.50  |

Seconded by Cpl Fisher

Carried

DPRI  
SGT

ITEM 2 - ADDITIONAL ITEMS VIETNAM

Action  
By

Moved by WO1 Bandy

That another \$100 be set aside to purchase items needed in SVN.

Seconded by Cpl Powell

Carried

DPRI Sgt

ITEM 3 - SUPPLEMENTARY RATIONS VIETNAM

Moved by WO2 White

That supplementary rations be purchased to the value of \$200.

Seconded by Sgt Coble

Carried

DPRI Sgt  
WO2 Caterer

ITEM 4 - CAMOUFLAGE PAINT

Moved by Cpl Fisher

That \$60 be set aside for the purchase of metal paint to be used to camouflage the metalwork on weapons.

Seconded by WO1 Bandy

Carried

QM

ITEM 5 - BN BARBECUE

Moved by Cpl Powell

That \$750 be set aside to buy food and ice for a Bn Barbecue to be held on 4 Feb 70.

Seconded by WO2 Sigg

Carried

WO2 Caterer

ITEM 6 - SALE OF BONDS

Moved by Sgt Coble

That the \$8000 worth of Government Bonds be sold to enable sufficient operating funds to be available in Vietnam.

Seconded by Cpl Fisher

Carried

DPRI Sgt

ITEM 7 - PAINTING UNIT AREA

Moved by Cpl Powell

That the Committee commission Mrs Bunting to paint a picture of the unit lines at a cost of \$50.00

Seconded by Cpl Waller

Carried

Bn 2IC

There being no further business the meeting closed at 1200 hrs.

.....Sgt  
Sec/Treas

.....Maj  
President

Comments

APPROVED  
~~NOT APPROVED~~

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(R.A. GREY)  
Lt Col  
CO

CD  
R852/20/2

7th Battalion  
Royal Australian Regiment  
Finschhafen Lines  
HOLSWORTHY NSW 2173

20 Jan 70

Distribution: List B

COMSEC BRIEFING AND OFFICER  
TRAINING 21 JAN 70

Reference: A. 7 RAR R852/20/2 of 14 Jan 70.

1. Paragraph 3 of reference A is cancelled and new timings are:-

- |    |             |                                     |
|----|-------------|-------------------------------------|
| a. | 1000 hrs    | Mr West arrives 7 RAR.              |
| b. | 1000 - 1030 | Morning tea and discussion with CO. |
| c. | 1035 - 1130 | Brief all 7 RAR radio operators.    |
| d. | 1135 - 1200 | Brief all officers.                 |

2. To allow officer training to commence at 1300 hours the lunch period to be observed by officers on 21 Jan is 1200 - 1300 hours. Officer training to take place in Officers mess is:-

- |    |             |   |
|----|-------------|---|
| a. | 1300 - 1430 | Brief by Maj A. Perring 5 RAR on current operational trends in SVN. |
| b. | 1430 - 1500 | Brief by Capt P. O'Brien, 171 Air Cav, or 161 Recce Flt ops in SVN. |

*R.A. Grey*  
(R.A. GREY)  
Lt Col  
CO

R810-5-4

HQ 10 TF (2)  
35 Dental Unit

IO ✓

N7A

7th Battalion  
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HOLSWORTHY NSW 2173

✓ Jan 70

7 RAR WEEKLY TRAINING PROGRAMME WEEK ENDING 26 JAN 70

Serial	Day	Date	Time	Sub Unit	Activity	Remarks
1	Mon	19 Jan 70	1330 - 1630	A Coy	Range Practice - SLR, M60, M16	Greenhills Small Arms Complex
2	Wed	21 Jan 70	0730 - 1230		Range Practice - SLR, M60, M16	Anzac Range
3	Thu	22 Jan 70	0730 - 1230		Range Practice - SLR, M60, M16	Greenhills Small Arms Complex
4			1330 - 1630		Admin - Pack pers equip for sea movement	
5	Mon	19 Jan 70	0730 - 1230	B Coy	Range Practice - SLR, M60, M16	Greenhills Small Arms Complex
6			1330 - 1630		Med Docu Check and FPI	
7	Wed	21 Jan 70	1330 - 1630		Range Practice - SLR, M60, M16	Anzac Range
8	Thu	22 Jan 70	0730 - 1230		Range Practice - SLR, M60, M16	Anzac Range
9			1330 - 1630		Admin - Pack pers equip for sea movement	
10	Mon	19 Jan 70	0730 - 1230	C Coy	Q Issues	
11			1330 - 1630		Range Practice - SLR, M60, M16	Anzac Range
12	Tue	20 Jan 70	0730 - 1230		Legal Lecture	MI Lec Room 2
13	Wed	21 Jan 70	0600 - 2400		Field Firing	FPR "E"
14	Thu	22 Jan 70	0730 - 1230		Admin - Pack pers equip for sea movement	
15			1330 - 1630		Range Practice - SLR, M60, M16	Greenhills Small Arms Complex

Serial	Day	Date	Time	Sub Unit	Activity	Remarks
16	Mon	19 Jan 70	0730 - 1230	D Coy	Range Practice - SLR, M60, M16	Anzac Range
17			1330 - 1630		Med Docu Check and FFI	
18	Tue	20 Jan 70	1330 - 1630		Legal Lecture	MI Lec Room 2
19	Wed	21 Jan 70	1330 - 1630		Range Practice - SLR, M60, M16	Greenhills Small Arms Complex
20	Thu	22 Jan 70	0700 - 0800		Admin - Pack pers equip for overseas movement	
21			0800 - 2400		Field Firing - SLR, M60, M16	FFR "S"
22	Mon	19 Jan 70	0730 - 1230	SP COY	Range Practice - Quick Kill	10 TF 25 n Range
23			1330 - 1630		Legal Lecture	MI Lec Room 2
24	Tue	20 Jan 70	0730 - 1230		Q Issues	
25	Wed	21 Jan 70	0730 - 1230		Range Practice - M72, M79, Carl Gustav, Flamethrower	Greenhills Small Arms Complex
26	Thu	22 Jan 70	0730 - 1230		Admin - Pack pers equip for overseas movement	
27			1330 - 1630		Range Practice - M60 Zeroing	Anzac Range
28	Mon	19 Jan 70	0730 - 1230	Admin Coy	Legal Lecture	MI Lec Room 2
29			1330 - 1630		Q Issues	
30	Tue	20 Jan 70	0730 - 1230		Med Docu Check and FFI	
31	Thu	22 Jan 70	0730 - 1230		Pack pers equip for overseas movement	

Serial	Day Date	Time	Sub Unit	Activity	Remarks
32	Fri 23 Jan 70		All	Bn Swimming Carnival	Sir John Northcott Memorial Pool
33	Sat Sun 24 Jan - 25 Jan 70		All	Bn Stand down	
34	Mon 26 Jan 70		All	Australia Day	

*Ash Haj*  
(A A GREY)  
Lt Col  
CO



AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1

BY

LT COL R.A. GREY  
COMMANDING OFFICER

7th BATTALION  
ROYAL AUSTRALIAN REGIMENT

*N/A*  
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Serial 2

22 Jan 70

Numbers 12 - 18

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- 12. 7 RAR DUTY OFFICER ROSTER
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- 16. ANNUAL TOET'S
- 17. SPEED LIMITS
- 18. APPROVAL TO LIVE IN/LIVE OUT

12. 7 RAR DUTY OFFICER ROSTER

1. The following will mount duty on dates shown:

29 Jan 70	-	Delete 2Lt D. CHITTY	
		Replacement to be advised.	
30 Jan 70	2Lt	D. CHITTY	(Mount 0800 hrs)
31 Jan 70	2Lt	J. BURROWS	(Mount 0800 hrs)
1 Feb 70	2Lt	J. HEYDON	(Mount 0800 hrs)
2 Feb 70	2Lt	I. McNEE	(Mount 0800 hrs)
3 Feb 70	Lt	O.N. CAIRNS	(Mount 1600 hrs)
4 Feb 70	2Lt	C. JOHNSON	
5 Feb 70	Lt	W. COX	(Mount 0800 hrs)
6 Feb 70	Lt	W. COX	
7 Feb 70	2Lt	K. WINTERS	(Mount 0800 hrs)
8 Feb 70	2Lt	K. WINTERS	
9 Feb 70	2Lt	I. McNEE	(Mount 0800 hrs)
10 Feb 70	2Lt	J. HEYDON	(Mount 1600 hrs)
11 Feb 70	Lt	G. BROWN	
12 Feb 70	Lt	P. GIBBONS	
13/15 Feb 70	2Lt	L. WILSON	
16 Feb 70	2Lt	G. LINDSAY	

13. 7 RAR DUTY SERGEANT ROSTER

1. Routine Order 2/70 is amended as follows:

23 Jan 70	Sgt	J. BATEMAN
24 Jan 70	Sgt	D. EDMONDS
25 Jan 70	Sgt	T.S. BOURKE
26 Jan 70	Sgt	G. COLLINS
27 Jan 70	Sgt	B. COBLE
28 Jan 70	Sgt	C. MILLEN
29 Jan 70	Sgt	F. McLEAN
30 Jan 70	Sgt	W. NICHOLSON
31 Jan 70	Sgt	T. WALKER
1 Feb 70	Sgt	I. JOHNSTON
2 Feb 70	Sgt	F. CURPHEY
3 Feb 70	Sgt	I. SINCLAIR
4 Feb 70	Sgt	D. FIELDHOUSE
5 Feb 70	Sgt	S. HIGGINS
6 Feb 70	Sgt	J. KELLY
7 Feb 70	Sgt	R. DEAN
8 Feb 70	Sgt	R. BAILEY
9 Feb 70	Sgt	J. CAIN
10 Feb 70	Sgt	R. WILLIAMS
11 Feb 70	Sgt	R. NORTHCOTT
12 Feb 70	Sgt	H. KING
13 Feb 70	Sgt	T. BOURKE
14 Feb 70	Sgt	L. HIGGINS
15 Feb 70	Sgt	J. KELLY
16 Feb 70	Sgt	R. DEAN

14. DUTY COMPANY

The following companies will mount duty on the dates shown:

Fri	23 Jan 70	D Coy	Tue	27 Jan 70	C Coy
Sat	24 Jan 70	Sp Coy	Wed	28 Jan 70	D Coy
Sun	25 Jan 70	A Coy	Thu	29 Jan 70	Sp Coy
Mon	26 Jan 70	B Coy	Fri	30 Jan 70	A Coy
			Sat	31 Jan 70	B Coy

15. POWERS OF OC

1. 37943 Capt T.W. Howard has been granted powers of OC for all non-commissioned officers and private strength of A Coy from 12 Jan 70 to 25 Jan 70 vide AMR 238 (8).

16. ANNUAL TOETs

1. The following B Company members have qualified for their annual TOETs for the year 1969/70.

29067	Maj	G.P.	Warland
214460	Lt	O.N.	Cairns
57089	Lt	P.D.	Gibbons
38877	2Lt	K.	Metcalf
4717601	2Lt	P.J.	Winter
213824	WO2	A.B.	Keech
214154	S sgt	J.L.	Head
215227	Sgt	J.A.	Crowther
35944	Sgt	F.G.	Henderson
38127	Sgt	C.	Rowley
4720261	Cpl	A.	Aldenhoven
4720081	Cpl	G.G.	Chandler
4419621	Cpl	D.W.	Cruse
39191	Cpl	B.M.	DeFreitas
37770	Cpl	L.J.	Fischer
2781624	Cpl	S.J.	Head
3796426	Cpl	J.W.	Lawson
218748	Cpl	D.J.	Philp
215504	Cpl	P.J.	Riddett
156346	Cpl	R.V.	Tippo
61876	L cpl	R.D.	Burge
519319	L cpl	R.B.	Copeland
1735157	L cpl	G.J.	Gilbert
3790824	L cpl	P.M.	Hartigan
3789903	L cpl	W.R.	Hollings
2792546	L cpl	N.F.	Mintorn
321509	L cpl	B.R.	Noble
5716757	L cpl	G.J.	Roberts
5616347	L cpl	G.A.	Rodie
3794971	L cpl	P.J.	Wight
3794971	L cpl	P.J.	Young
5716460	Pte	R.T.	Aly
3796168	Pte	D.	Best
1201969	Pte	R.J.	Bigby
5716578	Pte	S.M.	Bradford
39979	Pte	J.A.	Brain
3796017	Pte	A.D.	Brown
218635	Pte	G.E.	Brown
5716619	Pte	D.	Burnet
3796302	Pte	D.A.	Burrows
218258	Pte	R.J.	Bye
2792306	Pte	B.	Cameron
2791630	Pte	B.W.	Cox
2791510	Pte	K.G.	Connell
2784528	Pte	P.D.	Cook
3796363	Pte	R.C.	Coote
5716412	Pte	R.J.	Cusack
6709496	Pte	A.J.	Dobson
2791894	Pte	J.F.	Donnelly

/.Epskamp

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5716651	Pte	C.J.	Epskamp
1202655	Pte	R.	Evans
358895	Pte	J.A.	Flynn
5716243	Pte	D.	Gates
6709497	Pte	J.	Gilewicz
2791895	Pte	D.J.	Goy
2791899	Pte	G.G.	Green
2735172	Pte	D.M.	Hooker
44897	Pte	R.E.	Hughes
5716685	Pte	W.R.	Hunter
5716686	Pte	D.W.	Ingles
438425	Pte	G.I.	Jacka
5716701	Pte	W.	Kleszcz
3795474	Pte	D.M.	Laird
5716702	Pte	R.A.	Lamont
313471	Pte	H.C.	Latrobe
5716408	Pte	G.M.	Lawson
6709464	Pte	D.H.	Lockley
5716707	Pte	P.	Lusk
2790304	Pte	R.A.	MacDonnell
218181	Pte	P.M.	McGrath
3794346	Pte	H.W.	McLean
3796023	Pte	R.J.	McNair
1201881	Pte	C.J.	Montford
3796219	Pte	A.F.	Morcom
3794976	Pte	K.J.	Morrison
38799	Pte	C.J.	Patena
218672	Pte	R.B.	Ravenscroft
4720416	Pte	I.M.	Russell
3795105	Pte	F.A.	Rutherford
4720835	Pte	B.J.	Ryan
2791564	Pte	R.K.	Schofield
535586	Pte	D.R.	Scott
3795858	Pte	R.G.	Scott
3796023	Pte	A.R.	Smith
44645	Pte	J.J.	Smith
44614	Pte	P.A.	Sochacki
4720431	Pte	A.W.	Taylor
3794172	Pte	J.C.	Thomas
4720142	Pte	C.	Tilmouth
3795701	Pte	J.W.	Turner
4720660	Pte	H.C.	Vermeeren
4720463	Pte	S.C.	Ward
3795178	Pte	T.A.	Watts
130419	Pte	K.M.	Wiegthman
3796154	Pte	L.H.	Whatmore
6709489	Pte	G.J.	Wheldon
1735099	Pte	R.J.	Whittaker
55953	Pte	D.A.	Wright

17. SPEED LIMITS

1. Speed limit signs are displayed throughout the Liverpool/Holsworthy area including all village areas. These limits are to be strictly observed by both Military and civilian vehicles.

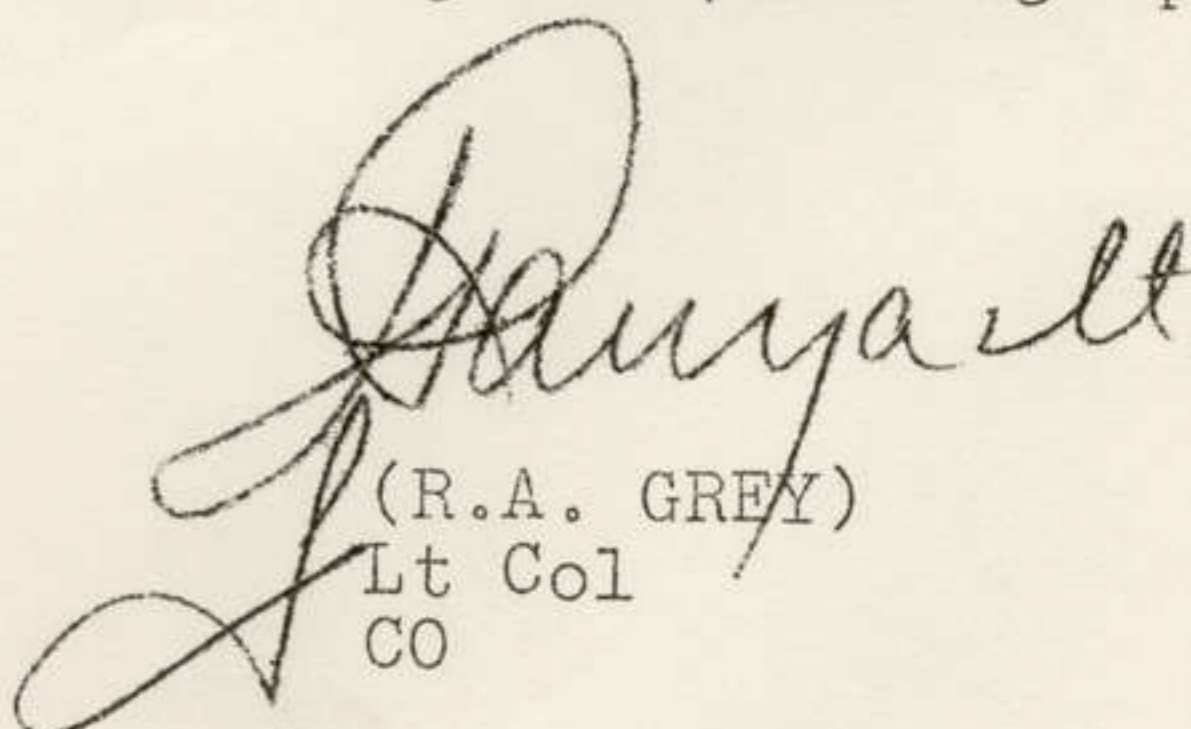
18. APPROVAL TO LIVE IN/LIVE OUT

1. The following have approval to live in on dates shown:

235109	Maj	F.K. Cole	21 Jan 70	to	21 Apr 70
1410128	Ssgt	I.J. Delahoy	14 Jan 70	to	14 Apr 70
5773	Sgt	M.K. Halls	8 Jan 70	to	8 Apr 70
17886	Sgt	F.V. McLean	28 Jan 70	to	28 Apr 70
44128	Cpl	J.E. Davies	4 Feb 70	to	4 May 70
6709208	L cpl	C.B. Kelly	12 Jan 70	to	12 Apr 70
2791894	Pte	J.F. Donnelly	12 Jan 70	to	12 Apr 70
535586	Pte	D.R. Scott	11 Jan 70	to	11 Apr 70
3794920	Pte	B.K. Griffiths	11 Jan 70	to	17 Apr 70
6709545	Pte	V.P. O'Toole	12 Jan 70	to	12 Apr 70
3796030	Pte	R.A. Spivey	12 Jan 70	to	12 Apr 70
5716742	Pte	E.J. Paleske	12 Jan 70	to	12 Apr 70
6708993	Pte	R.W. Jones	17 Jan 70	to	17 Apr 70
3792946	Pte	D. Harrison	20 Jan 70	to	19 Mar 70
3796393	Pte	D.J. Fairweather	2 Jan 70	to	1 Mar 70
5716726	Pte	E.L. McDorman	11 Jan 70	to	11 Apr 70
2790480	Pte	H.W. Krauthiem	11 Jan 70	to	11 Apr 70
397796	Pte	I.A. Baxter	14 Jan 70	to	14 Apr 70
2790451	Pte	B.C. Mauger	12 Feb 70	to	12 May 70
2791456	Pte	T.E. Watson	11 Jan 70	to	11 Apr 70
5716239	Pte	N.V. Crouch	12 Jan 70	to	12 Apr 70
358943	Pte	L. Christie	12 Jan 70	to	12 Apr 70
55893	Pte	G.W. Roberts	12 Jan 70	to	12 Apr 70
218600	Cpl	C. Sydor	12 Jan 70	to	12 Apr 70
3794477	Cpl	K.D. Kneebone	12 Jan 70	to	12 Apr 70
3796246	L cpl	T.W. Quirk	12 Jan 70	to	12 Apr 70
4720583	Pte	S.G. Larsson	12 Jan 70	to	12 Apr 70
5716624	Pte	G.R. Williams	12 Jan 70	to	12 Apr 70
5716736	Pte	R.M. O'H lloran	12 Jan 70	to	12 Apr 70
519319	Cpl	R.B. Copiland	12 Jan 70	to	1 May 70
2791514	Cpl	C.L. Cowan	12 Jan 70	to	1 May 70
6709314	Pte	M.K. Hinwood	12 Jan 70	to	1 May 70
218834	Pte	V.E. Bartley	12 Jan 70	to	1 May 70
5716702	Pte	R.A. Lamont	12 Jan 70	to	1 May 70
67188	Pte	J.C. Beiboer	12 Jan 70	to	1 May 70
3794971	L cpl	P.J. Wright	12 Jan 70	to	1 May 70

2. The following have approval to live out on dates shown:

2782298	Cpl	T.H. Roberts	23 Jan 70	to	23 Apr 70
2792531	Pte	M.C. Bourke	23 Jan 70	to	23 Apr 70

  
(R.A. GREY)  
Lt Col  
CO

7 Battalion,  
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21 Nov 69

List D

7RAR SWIMMING CARNIVAL 23 Jan 70

General

1. The 7RAR Swimming Carnival is to be held at the Sir John Northcott Swimming Pool on the 23 Jan 70 commencing at 1030 hrs and concluding at 1500 hrs. Annexures will be issued at the conference as detailed in para 2.

Briefing

2. All sub units are to appoint a representative to attend an initial briefing conference at 0900 hrs 15 Dec 69. The conference is to be held in the B Company conference room.

3. A final conference which will include officials will be held at the same location at 0900 hrs 20 Jan 70. ALL competitors are to be briefed by sub unit representatives after this conference.

Dress

4. The dress for officials and non competitors is to be dress of the day. Dress for competitors when moving to or from the pool area will be given at the the conference.

Trophies

5. Trophies will be presented at the conclusion of events and will include trophies for individual events.

Safety

6. Lifesavers are to be provided as detailed in Annex C (to be issued). Sub units are to ensure that all competitors in novelty events can swim.

7. An ambulance or safety vehicle will be positioned at the pool and the Regimental Medical Officer will be in attendance.

Training

8. The swimming pool has been blocked booked for the period 12-23 Jan 70. Allocation of training periods will be discussed in the initial briefing conference and allocations notified by signal.

Out of Bounds Areas

9. The side of the pool nearest the changing rooms is out of bounds to those not employed as officials. The changing room is out of bounds to those not competing.

Marshalling.

10. Marshalling will play a large part in the success of the carnival. Competitors for the various events are to be in the marshalling area ten minutes prior to the event in which they are to participate and will be called forward by the Chief Marshaller as required.

Recording.

11. Upon gaining a place in an event the competitor will be handed a slip of paper indicating the placing he obtained. The competitor is to then hand this slip to the recorder or his assistant and will give his details as required.

12. The recorder's assistant is to be responsible to maintain a running total of sub unit scores on the black board provided.

Spectators.

13. The areas to be occupied are shown at Annex D (to be issued). All spectators are to be seated by 1020 hrs and movement within areas is to be controlled by sub units.

Teams.

14. Sub unit teams are to be advised to the Unit Swimming Officer by 1630 hrs 21 Jan 70.

*M Cairns*  
(O.N. CAIRNS)  
LT  
UNIT SWIMMING OFFICER

- Annexures:
- A. Events.
  - B. Rules.
  - C. Officials.
  - D. Sub Unit Areas.
  - E. Stores.

EVENTS AND TIMINGS

<u>Timing</u>	<u>Event</u>
1035	100 Metre Freestyle
1042	100 Metre Backstroke
1050	Command Relay (30 Metres)
1105	Water Polo Final
1150	Rifle Stripping Event
1155	3 Metres Diving
1240 - 1330	Lunch
1330	100 Metre Broaststroke
1340	200 Metre Freestyle
1400	4 x 50 Metre Medly Relay
1415	50 Metre Lie Low Race
1430	50 Metre Egg and Spoon Race
1440	50 Metre Butterfly
1445	Greasy Pole
1500	4 x 50 Metre Freestyle Relay
1510	Presentation of Trophies



RULES

General.

1. The following rules are not necessarily those of the Australian Amateur Swimming Association. They are, however, the rules governing the 7 RAR Swimming Carnival.
2. The placings in straight races will be governed by timing each individual member. No correspondence concerning decisions will be entered into.
3. Distance Races.
  - a. Competitors will be started from the Eastern end of the Pool by the sequence of - "Take your mark" - "Set" - and the starters pistol fired to denote "Go". There will be at least a two second pause between each command.
  - b. Each competitor will be allowed two false starts, on the third he will be disqualified.
  - c. Placing will be determined by the sequence of touching at the end of the distance to be covered.
  - d. Any interference with any other competitor will result in automatic disqualification. Talking on the starting blocks is considered as interference.
4. Diving Event.
  - a. Each diver is to make three dives a standing dive and two of his own choice.
  - b. Competitors will be judged by their approach, the technical proficiency of the dive and their entry into the water.
5. Water Polo.
  - a. The event is to be divided into quarters each of five minutes duration with a two minute rest period between each quarter.
  - b. Wilful interference will result in the disqualification of the offending player for the remainder of that quarter.
  - c. The remaining rules are to be as normal for the game of Water Polo.
6. Relays.
  - a. The rules for starting, interference and placing will be the same as for distance races.

6. Relays Cont.

b. The continuing competitor is not to start until his predecessor has completed his portion of the distance, failure to observe this rule will result in automatic disqualification of the team concerned.

7. Novelty Events.

a. Greasy Pole. Due to local rules no grease can be used on the pole, however, to counter this the following rules are to be observed:

(1) Once in position the competitors are not to touch the pole with their hands.

(2) Once a competitor slips below the horizontal he is judged to be beaten.

(3) The event is to be decided on knockout competition basis.

b. Rifle Stripping Event. Ten competitors are to strip one piece each of a weapon. The event is judged as finished when the weapon is completely stripped. The distance to be covered by each entrant is thirty metres.

c. Command Relay. The distance to be covered by each competitor is thirty metres, the relay is to include the OC, Pl Comds, CSM and Section Comds. Interference will not result in disqualification.

d. Egg and Spoon Race. The competitors are to cover a distance of fifty metres with the egg balanced in the spoon. The spoon may be carried in any manner desired. The race will be started with all competitors in the water.

e. Lie - Low Race. Each sub - unit is to provide a team of three members and a lie - low. One member is to float on the lie - low, the other two members may assist him in any manner desired.

8. General Rules.

a. The Chief Judge is to be the final authority on any disputes. No approach to the Chief Judge is to be made by anyone except the sub-unit representatives.

b. Novelty events are not to score, placings are to be worth the following points:

1st - 6 Points  
2nd - 4 Points  
3rd - 2 Points

c. Competitors not being in the Marshalling area at the time of call forward will result in the disqualification of that member from competing.

9. Competitors.

a. The numbers to compete are as follows:

(1) Distance Races - 1 Member per sub-unit.

(2) Diving - 2 Members per sub-unit.

(3) Relays - Freestyle - 4 Members per sub-unit  
Medly - 4 Members per sub-unit  
(ie. 1 Backstroke, 1 Butterfly,  
1 Freestyle and 1 Breaststroke.)  
Command Relay - as detailed in para  
7 e.

(4) Novelty Events - as detailed in paragraph 7  
with the exception of the Greasy Pole event which  
is to be one competitor from each sub-unit.

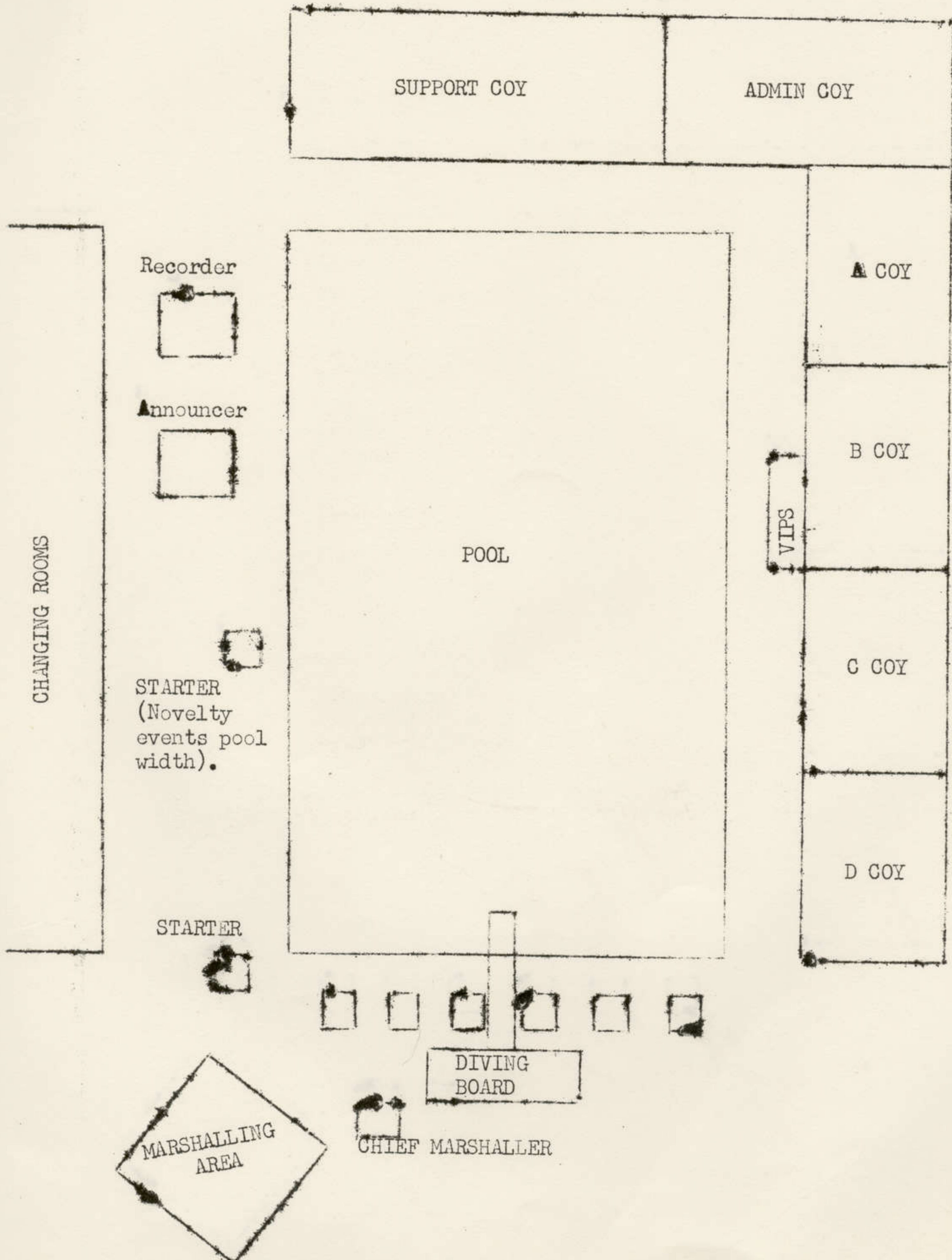
OFFICIALS

1. The following officials are to be provided by the sub - units nominated:

- a. A Company  
Diving Judge      Lifesaver  
Place Judge
- b. B Company  
Starter              Chief Judge  
Diving Judge  
Place Judge
- c. C Company  
Water Polo Umpire  
Place Judge  
Diving Judge
- d. D Company  
Place Judge  
Starters Assistant  
Assistant Recorder
- e. Sp Company  
Place Judge  
Chief Marshaller  
Recorder
- f. Admin Company  
Place Judge  
Announcer  
Water Polo Umpires Assistants (2)

2. The above officials are to be nominated by name to the Unit Swimming Officer by 1600 hrs 17 Dec 69.

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STORES

- 3 11 x 11 ft Shelter.
- 1 PA System.
- 3 Tables FS Large.
- 2 Tables FS Small.
- 20 Chairs reclining.
- 3 Loud Hailers.
- 8 Stop watches.
- 1 Starters' Pistol
- 50 4ft Star Pickets.
- 1 Blackboard & Chalk.
- 300 Metres Rope or Twine.
- 5 Lane dividers.

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List D

7 RAR SWIMMING CARNIVAL 23 JAN 70

Reference A. 7 RAR Swimming Carnival Instruction of 21 Nov 69.

1. Amend Reference A as follows.

Paragraph 1 line 3, "and concluding at 1530 hrs"

2. Amend as addition to Annex A.

<u>Timing</u>	<u>Event</u>
1035	100 metre Freestyle 1st Division
1038	100 metre Freestyle 2nd Division
1042	100 metre Backstroke 1st Division
1046	100 metre Backstroke 2nd Division
1330	100 metre Breaststroke 1st Division
1335	100 metre Breaststroke 2nd Division
1440	50 metre Butterfly 1st Division
1443	50 metre Butterfly 2nd Division

3. Amend Annex B Paragraph 8, sub-paragraph b to read:

b. (1) "Novelty events are not to score, placings are to be worth the following points."

For First Division:

1st	6 points
2nd	5 points
3rd	4 points
4th	3 points
5th	2 points
6th	1 point

For Second Division:

1st	3 points
2nd	2 points
3rd	1 point

Relay events are to score double.

- (2) The Water Polo competition is to score as follows:

1st	12 points
2nd	10 points
3rd	8 points

The points normally awarded to 4th, 5th and 6th places are to be shared on an equal basis between the remaining three teams.

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4. Amend as addition to Annex C Paragraph 1 sub-paragraph e.

"Chief Timekeeper"

5. Amend Annex E with the following as additions:

1 Loudhailer  
2 Whistles

Amend 1 Blackboard and chalk to read 6 Blackboards and chalk.

6. The swimming pool has been allocated as follows:

Sp Coy	-	0900 - 1000
Admin Coy	-	1000 - 1100
D Coy	-	1100 - 1200
C Coy	-	1330 - 1430
B Coy	-	1430 - 1530
A Coy	-	1530 - 1630

These timings apply to the period 12 - 22 Jan 69. Any sub-unit unable to comply with the above may attempt to work a change with other sub units.

7. a. The Water Polo knockout competition for the first round will be as follows:

<u>Match</u>	<u>Date/Time</u>	<u>Umpire</u>
1. C Coy V Admin Coy	1400 hrs 15 Jan 70	Sp Coy
2. B Coy V D Coy	1400 hrs 16 Jan 70	C Coy
3. A Coy V Sp Coy	1000 hrs 16 Jan 70	Admin Coy

b. The winner of match 1 then goes straight to the final, the winners of matches 2 and 3 then play off. The winner then meets either C Coy or Admin Coy in the final, the loser assuming 3rd place in the event.

c. Those teams defeated in the first round will score points as detailed in the above paragraph 3.

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LT  
UNIT SWIMMING OFFICER



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HQ 10 TF (2)  
35 Dental Unit

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7 RAR WEEKLY TRAINING PROGRAMME WEEK ENDING 1 FEB 70

Serial	Day	Date	Time	Sub Unit	Activity	Remarks
1.	MON	26 Jan 70		All	Australia Day	
2.	TUE	27 Jan 70	1330 - 1630	A Coy	Range Practice - SLR, M60 M16	Anzac Range
3.	WED	28 Jan 70	1330 - 1630		Drill	Bn Parade Ground
4.	THU	29 Jan 70	0800 - 1230		Drill	
5.	FRI	30 Jan 70	0600 - 2400		Field Firing	FFR"E"
6.	TUE	27 Jan 70	0800 - 1230	B Coy	Zeroing	10 TF 25m Range
7.	WED	28 Jan 70	0800 - 1230		Range Practice - SLR, M60 M16	Greenhills Small Arms Complex.
8.			1330 - 1630		Drill	Bn Parade Ground
9.	THU	29 Jan 70	0800 - 1230		Drill	
10.			1330 - 1630		Range Practice - SLR, M60 M16	Anzac Range
11.	FRI	30 Jan 70	1330 - 1630		Range Practice - SLR, M60 M16	Greenhills Small Arms Complex.
12.	TUE	27 Jan 70	0800 - 1230	C Coy	Range Practice - SLR, M60 M16	Greenhills Small Arms Complex.
13.	WED	28 Jan 70	1330 - 1630		Drill	Bn Parade Ground

Serial	Day Date	Time	Sub Unit	Activity	Remarks
14.	THU	29 Jan 70		Drill	
15.				Range Practice including NI Firing	Greenhills Small Arms Complex.
16.	FRI	30 Jan 70		Range Practice - SLR M60 M16	Anzac Range.
17.	TUE	27 Jan 70	D Coy	Range Practice - SLR M60 M16	Anzac Range.
18.				Coy Admin	
19.				2 Mile Run	
20.	WED	28 Jan 70		Range Practice - Shoot to kill	10 TF 25 m Range.
21.				Drill	Bn Parade Ground.
22.	THU	29 Jan 70		Drill	
23.				Coy Admin	
24.				2 Mile Run	
25.	FRI	30 Jan 70		Final DP 1 Check	
26.				Range Practice - SLR M60 M16	Anzac Range.
27.	TUE	27 Jan 70	Sp Coy	Mor F1 Shoot	FPR"E"
28.				Range Practice - NI Firing	Greenhills Small Arms Complex.
29.	WED	28 Jan 70		Range Practice - M60	Anzac Range
30.				Drill	Bn Parade Ground.

Serial	Day Date	Time	Sub Unit	Activity	Remarks
31.	THU 29 Jan 70	0800 - 1230		Drill	
32.	FRI 30 Jan 70	0730 - 1200		Range Practice - M79, M72, Carl-Gustaf	Greenhills Small Arms complex.
33	TUE FRI 27 Jan - 30 Jan 70		Admin	Normal Admin Activities	1 Coy Range Practices Rifle Coys daily
34.	SAT SUN 31 Jan - 1 FEB 70		All	Stand down	

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27 Jan 70

Distribution: See below.

ADVANCE PARTY  
G AND AQ RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Annexes A and B give an outline of the G and AQ responsibilities of the 7 RAR advance party. This is a guide only and does not include many aspects which are a normal responsibility of the appointment.

2. The outline timetable for the handover stocktake is:

- a. 19 Feb 70 - stocktake conference.
- b. 20-21 Feb 70 - count.
- c. 22 Feb 70 - reconciliation.
- d. 23 Feb 70 - recount.
- e. 25 Feb 70 - handover complete.

Prior to the commencement date matters not connected with the stocktake should be finalised by the AQ staff.

3. The AQ orders group will consist of OC Admin Coy, CSM Admin Coy, W02 caterer, A/Adjt, RQMS, Chief Clerk, Coy CQMS's. A regular conference time will be laid down after arrival.

4. The following soldiers are to be ready to move to the FSB on 12 Feb 70: Maj Cole, Capt Thomson (remain until base closed), Ops Sgt, Capt Porter, IO, A/QM

5. Accommodation etc will be allocated by 5 RAR on arrival.

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CO

Annexes: A. G Responsibilities.  
B. AQ Responsibilities.

Distribution:

List D  
5 RAR (10)  
Spare (6)

ADVANCE PARTY  
G RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Additional responsibilities will be added to this list after arrival in country.

Posting	Responsibilities
Ops Offr	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Liaison with all G staff officers HQ 1 ATF.</li><li>2. Arranging air and ground recce of province for coy/pl comds.</li><li>3. Liaison with 9 Sqn RAAF.</li><li>4. Arrangement of FAC flights for coy/pl comds.</li><li>5. Discussion with sp arms.</li><li>6. Preparation of unit initial training programme.</li><li>7. Visit, where possible, FSB of other battalions.</li></ol>
IO	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Liaison with TF Int staff.</li><li>2. Liaison with Topo Sig Svy</li><li>3. Take over all classified documents and maintain necessary security registers.</li></ol>
RSO and Sig Pl	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Line facilities within base and base communications generally.</li><li>2. RSO to visit FSB as directed by Ops Offr.</li><li>3. Other tasks as given by Ops Offr.</li></ol>
OC Sp Coy	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Move to FSB PAT and remain until 5 RAR return to Nui Dat.</li><li>2. Concentrate on stores management/requirement/control and defence within FSB.</li><li>3. Visit FSB as directed by Ops Offr.</li></ol>
Ops Sgt	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Liaise with 5 RAR Cpl Ops Clerk.</li><li>2. Check CP stores.</li><li>3. Prepare CP load manifests.</li><li>4. Trial pack CP stores.</li><li>5. Visit FSB as directed by Ops Offr.</li></ol>
Ops Cpl	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Assist Ops Sgt.</li><li>2. Prepare range booking register.</li></ol>
Ops Clerk	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Liaise with Ops Clerk 5 RAR.</li><li>2. Estb methods used for handling ops paperwork.</li><li>3. Prepare list of ops return requirements.</li></ol>
Int NCOs	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Liaise with 5 RAR counterparts.</li><li>2. Take over of Int stores.</li><li>3. Check and maintain, after handover:<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. Map Register.</li><li>b. Air photo cover</li><li>c. En info</li></ol>held by 5 RAR.</li><li>4. Check and maintain register of training publications.</li></ol>

ANNEX B. TO  
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DATED 27 JAN 70

ADVANCE PARTY  
AQ RESPONSIBILITIES

<u>Offr Responsible</u>	<u>Assisted By</u>	<u>Responsibilities</u>
A/Adjt	Chief Clerk 2 x Clerks A 1 x typist 6 x Coy Clerks Postal Cpl	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. A systems.</li><li>2. Produce supplementary Instr or amendments to existing Admin Instrs 1970.</li><li>3. Noticas system.</li><li>4. Liaison SC A 1 ATF.</li><li>5. Petty cash.</li><li>6. Stamp account.</li><li>7. Visit R &amp; C centre VT.</li><li>8. Visit Hosp centre VT.</li><li>9. Plan office intercom system for approval by Bn 2IC.</li><li>10. Plan hospital visiting system and ensure following do recce prior to handover: Sgt Halls, Sgt Kenney, Pte Cook, WO2 Caterer.</li><li>11. Postal system, customs procedures.</li><li>12. Arrange to get copies Admin Instr etc issued by 5 RAR throughout year.</li><li>13. Take over theatre files 5 RAR.</li><li>14. Prepare PX cards.</li><li>15. Obtain leave addresses of 5 RAR.</li><li>16. Film Account with DPRI Sgt.</li><li>17. Prepare amendments to security orders and in particular handling and storage of classified documents.</li></ol>
PRI Sgt	Pte Cook Coy canteen reps	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Open books of account for PRI, Offrs Mess, SgtsMess.</li><li>2. Instruct all canteen reps in procedures to be followed.</li><li>3. Check and allocate amenities items - TV, tape recorders, refrigerators etc in conjunction with Bn 2 IC.</li><li>4. Serve as DPRI committee until arrival main body.</li><li>5. Liaison with ASCO.</li><li>6. Visit main ASCO store VT.</li><li>7. Visit amenities offr VT.</li><li>8. Visit R and C centre.</li><li>9. Visit 1 Fd Hosp.</li><li>10. Open film account.</li></ol>

OC Admin Coy

1. Unit stocktaking officer.
2. Liaison with 1 ATF staff.
3. Inspect appropriate facilities at VT.
4. Base Def procedure with Bn 2IC.
5. Patrol requirements and procedures with Bn 2IC and CSM Admin Coy.
6. Detailed allocation facilities Admin Coy.
7. Issue fire orders.

2IC Admin Coy Admin CP  
Base Sigs/  
Linesmen

1. Take over Admin CP and plan for any changes to 7 RAR system on departure 5 RAR.
2. Resup system.
3. Visit FSB and see AQ cell in field with A/QM.
4. Liaison SC A and Q 1 ATF.
5. General visit facilities VT.
6. Take over officers mess stocks and open accounts assisted by DPRI Sgt.
7. Ammo resup with RQMS and ammo RP.
8. Water resup.

WO2 Caterer Rat storeman  
Sgt Cooks

1. Take over ration store kitchen facilities.
2. Liaison 1 ATF caterer.
3. Visit appropriate resup depots.

Sgt Horder

1. Study helipad systems.
2. Resup system with 2IC Admin Coy. Liaison with hel sqn.
3. Visit 9 Sqn RAAF with unit armourer.

CSM Admin Coy 2 x carpenters

1. Def layout. Base with Bn 2IC.
2. Establish works priority with Bn 2IC OC Admin Coy.
3. Patrol systems.
4. Admin CP procedures.
5. CSM of advance party.
6. Prepare sentries' orders for issue to all sentry posts in accordance with 7 RAR Standing Orders for Nui Dat base, Annex B.

RQMS

All Bn and Coy  
Q staff.  
Ammo RP.  
Armourer.

1. Q procedures.
2. Location/condition stores prior to handover stocktake.
3. Liaison with SC Q.
4. Disposal effects deceased and wounded soldiers.
5. Liaison services.
6. RQMS visit VT.
7. Ammo resup procedures.
8. Resup in field.
9. Locks and keys.

CQMS	Coy pers incl atts	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Assist RQMS.</li> <li>2. Prepare for takeover coy areas.</li> <li>3. Study coy base def layout and procedures.</li> <li>4. Coy AQ systems incl laundry</li> <li>5. Supervise coy canteens</li> <li>6. Resup in field.</li> </ol>
Tpt Sgt	Dvrs Veh Mechs	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Tpt system.</li> <li>2. Preparation rd convoys</li> <li>3. Power supply</li> <li>4. Familiarisation of dvrs with area.</li> </ol>
Pay Sgt		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Pay procedures.</li> <li>2. Liaison with cash office.</li> <li>3. Visit VT and Saigon if necessary.</li> </ol>
Sgt Halls	Offrs Sgts Mess staff	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Takeover of messes.</li> <li>2. Mess systems.</li> <li>3. Assist 5 RAR.</li> <li>4. Sgt Halls to visit hosp <b>at VT.</b></li> </ol>
RP Sgt	RP's	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Visit R and C centre at VT.</li> <li>2. Liaison pro Nui Dat/Vung Tau.</li> <li>3. Preparation charge sheets.</li> </ol>
A/QM		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. AQ aspects resup in field with 2IC Admin Coy, Sgt Horder and CQMS's.</li> <li>2. Visit FSB.</li> <li>3. Liaison with ord, incl VT.</li> <li>4. Property Officer for officers mess.</li> <li>5. Other duties as for RQMS.</li> </ol>
RMO	Med Asst	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Takeover med facilities.</li> <li>2. Liaison with other med installations incl Fd Amb at VT</li> <li>3. Visit FSB.</li> </ol>



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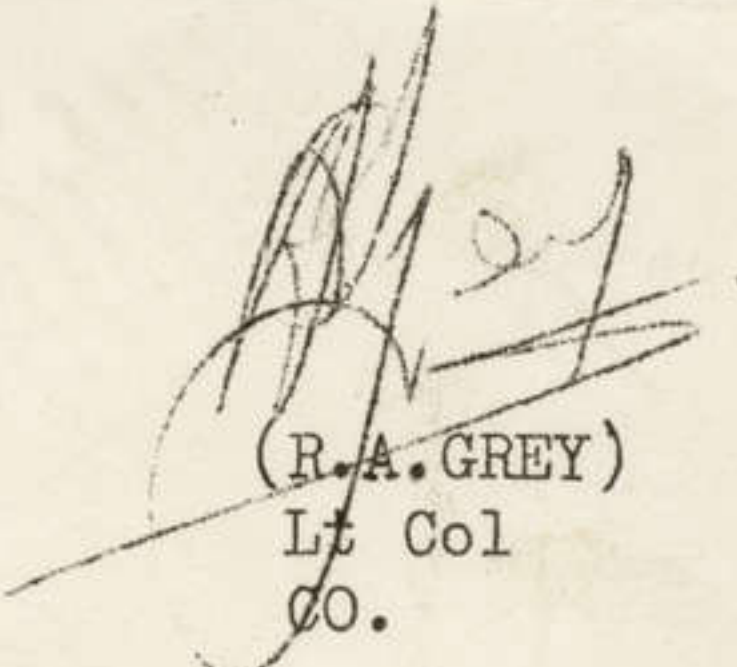
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All Officers

COMMAND AND LEADERSHIP

1. The attached notes are extracts from American publications dealing with the relationship of NCOs to Officers, and command and leadership in Vietnam.
2. Although the extracts refer in part to US Army procedures, they are of value and I want all officers to read them.

  
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## THE NCO MEETS HIS JUNIOR OFFICER

The conscientious young officer, who has new and awesome responsibilities thrust upon him overnight, wants to do the right thing, but more often than not he flounders in a sea of uncertainty. Consequently, the noncommissioned officer does not get everything he should get in officer performance. Just what should the NCO expect of his junior officer?

First, an officer is expected to be mentally awake and morally straight. He must be mindful that the needs of his men come before his own. He must have a high degree of physical and moral courage.

Many young men feel that earthy speech is a mark of manhood. Nothing could be farther from the truth. No one enjoys a steady flow of four-letter words, especially from a man wearing the uniform of an officer. Sloppy dress is out; the foxhole and slept-in looks are strictly for combat.

An officer pays his way. The cheapskate is always held in contempt. Frugality is respected, freeloading is not.

No enlisted soldier likes to hear an officer belittle another officer. Gossip and slander have no place among soldiers, and those engaging in these merely betray their boorish ways. An NCO knows that an officer who speaks contemptuously about his equals cannot possibly have respect for his subordinates. From experience the old soldier knows that usually this officer is trying to conceal his own inferiority and shortcomings by belittling others. The officer who talks against an enlisted man is even more despicable, because the latter is almost defenseless.

The good leader does his job and lets his subordinate do his. The most important professional attribute is knowing the job. Usually the officer is well educated, and so is expected to improve himself. The noncom knows his new leader is inexperienced and will make mistakes. It is part of the NCO's job to teach him his trade; it is up to the officer to let the noncom do it. He must learn to listen to good advice and suggestions. However, the officer must remember that the decision and the responsibility are his.

Intellectual honesty marks the good leader. As the age-old warning so aptly says, never bluff. The new officer is not expected to know everything. If you don't know a particular subject, why not admit it? It's much better to admit ignorance of a matter than to be dishonest. As someone has said, if you are honest enough to admit you don't know, you will be believed when you say you do know. ..

An officer is expected to be a man, not a griper or a whiner. Loyalty goes both upward and downward. When unpleasant tasks are handed out the weak sister will say, "This is the Old Man's idea, not mine." An officer must be truthful to his subordinates - to their faces - and as we said earlier, not talk behind their backs. Counseling subordinates periodically and pointing out their strong points and weaknesses are important. A wise practice is to say nothing about a noncom that you wouldn't say to him. A subordinate should be the first to learn about his shortcomings, not the last. If you remember to praise in public, to punish in private, and to deal honestly, you will gain the confidence and respect of your command. The surest way to lose an NCO forever is to belittle him before his fellows, or to chew him out in public.

During his career, an officer's subordinates will sometimes come to him for advice and guidance. He must never refuse to listen to a soldier's personal troubles. To you the burden may seem trivial, but to the soldier it is heavy. Often a five minute talk will solve a minor matter that if not treated immediately might mushroom. A noncommissioned officer will approach his commander for two reasons; one is that the officer is not his associate and is remote from his personal life. The other is that the officer is better educated and should be able to offer insights about his NCO's problem. If he can't, he must refer him to someone who can. He must at all times respect the non-com's confidence and not gossip about his affairs.

Formally or informally, an officer will sit in judgment on many complaints and grievances of soldiers about their noncommissioned officers. A word of caution, before you take action, hear both sides. A sharply honed sense of justice is an invaluable attribute. It may not make you popular, but it will make you respected.

Encouragement and support of noncommissioned officers can be won by insisting that soldiers go through the chain of command. You can't afford to be inaccessible, but insist that the soldier start with his immediate superior. This proves to noncoms that the officer respects their abilities. It also solves many problems at the proper level.

Junior officers find it hard to place their faith and trust in subordinates. The officer must guide his subordinates, answer their questions, and supervise them. But oversupervision indicates a basic distrust and creates undue friction. The officer must learn when it is wise to be present and when to be absent. A non-commissioned officer must be told what you want done, but not how to do it. If your directions are unclear, questions will be asked.

An officer never pulls rank on subordinates, never takes advantage of them, nor allows his family to do so. An officer's rank is his, not his wife's or family's. Proper conduct and a favourable attitude on the part of an officer's family will enhance efficiency as well as reputations.

I would remind officers that three attributes are common in all good military leaders; they know and do their jobs; they see to the welfare of their men; they stand up for what is right. The junior officer must be professional in all his dealings, guard his charges against harassment, and himself be beyond reproach. The true spirit of a unit springs from a corresponding spirit in the breast of its commander - whether that command be an army or a platoon.

First, know your position as an officer. The lowest-ranking second lieutenant outranks a sergeant major with 87 years of service and 60 years in grade. Far too often, I have seen young officers buffaloed by an old noncom.

Learn everything you can about your job, because sometimes a noncommissioned officer will do it for you if he sees that you are not trying to learn.

Bickering among officers about knowing the job is sometimes evident but you should never belittle another officer, especially in the presence of noncommissioned officers.

Don't drink, gamble or chase women off duty with noncommissioned officers and expect to be able to successfully lecture your men on morals and VD a few days later. This happens sometimes, and mostly among young officers. When it does the officer stands the good chance of losing the respect of subordinates and superiors alike. Attendance at unit parties and picnics is fine, but limit your activities to paying your respects to the enlisted men and their families, engaging in games and so on. Far too many officers think they are expected to booze it up with the non-commissioned officers during company parties. Be pleasant and approachable, but forget about being a good Joe. You'll be considered a good Joe if you accomplish your mission and look to the welfare of your men. I might add that a church-going officer gains a favourable image among enlisted men, regardless of what a few noncoms may say about it.

NCO's don't want to hear about what happens at the officers' club. What goes on there is officer business. On the other hand, what goes on at the noncommissioned officers' club is NCO business unless it involves a serious matter of concern to the command. We noncoms try to iron out trouble, before officers become involved. We have heard of noncoms being run-down in conversation at the officers' club. No one likes this, nor should they. Were it not for the free-talking young officers, we noncommissioned officers would never have had the experience of seeing a noncom raked over the coals by free-wheeling critics.

Let the NCO be the NCO, and you be the officer. Far too many times, as noncoms, we have seen a company commander trying to do the duties of his squad leaders, and the practice gets carried down the chain of command to the platoon leader. The real platoon leader does not try to imitate his superior; he uses his own initiative in running his platoon.

Find out what makes a private tick. For the more fortunate or less fortunate officer - depending on your point of view - who has had some enlisted experience, it's easy to know what makes a private tick, having been one himself. Those who have no enlisted experience must, by all means, find out how a private thinks, feels, and why he behaves as he does. Some will think one way, some another, and some not at all.

Let your noncommissioned officers handle the problems of the platoon, but be sure they keep you informed. When the noncom has exhausted all means in trying to right these problems, step in and help. On the other hand, noncoms cannot possibly solve all the problems that arise within a platoon, so the officer must make them aware that he recognizes a problem or a deficiency and how to correct it. Sometimes intestinal fortitude is lacking here, because the young officer is unsure of himself.

The young officer must strive to learn the knack of hiring and firing noncommissioned officers, which is an art in itself. Hiring is easy; firing is another thing. A certain degree of loyalty is involved; loyalty to the officer's subordinates and to his superiors. Whether to reassign the soldier, along with all his stripes or shorn of one or more, is a serious problem.

Look like an officer. Only a thin line separates the appearance of an NCO and that of an officer. I might get shot down by a lot of sharp-looking noncoms, but I am not talking about presenting the appearance of a soldier. We all have to do that. I am talking about the officer looking every inch an officer, not only in dress, proper haircut, spit-shined shoes, but having the stamp of a quality product. By this I mean a well-educated person with more than average intelligence, with good taste, proud of our Army's traditions. Elegance. That's it, Lieutenant: elegance - like a Cadillac. Someone who stands out among men, not only in physical appearance but by mature behaviour and intelligent language. Don't offer the image of a hotrod teenager in a TR-3 with four on the floor. I mention this because during the past few years I have seen newly commissioned officers use their first pay for a bomb with four on the floor. If you are going to be our leader we expect you to show maturity.

#### BAPTISM TO COMMAND

There is not a more demanding or tougher job in the Army than commanding a rifle platoon in Vietnam. For there, the leader has one of the most challenging jobs ever faced by a platoon leader in our Army in combat.

Sure he has help: fire team and squad leaders of various experience and ability, plus his strong right arm - his platoon sergeant. But in combat the platoon leader cannot always load up his outfit with the best soldiers. He must do for better or worse with what he's been given.

So the platoon leader's task is to mould subordinates into a hardcharging, professional outfit. It is ironic that this assignment falls normally to the most inexperienced commander in the Army. Thus, the hardest job goes to the guy who is least prepared to cope with it.

Like most seemingly unsolvable problems, though, this one, too, can be solved, solved by leadership. It won't be licked easily, and the leader must prepare himself for this task early. A lot of work, sweat, and patience will be required, and the job will never be completely done: there will always be a few rough edges that need smoothing. But the main thing is that the job can be done, Done, right on the battlefield, by the commander.

I am convinced that the US soldier is potentially the finest soldier ever to pack a rifle. He can be damn good, or painfully sorry. It all depends upon his commander. The commander trains and motivates him; instills ideas and standards; and sets the example which the soldier will follow to the hilt if the commander is good.

It is well to remember that a good combat commander just doesn't rise from the dust of the battlefield. Rather, he has methodically prepared himself for his role as combat leader. He has memorized the basic fundamentals which are the life's blood of his business: he has studied small unit infantry operations and read such books as: "Pork Chop Hill." "The Clay Pigeons of St. LO.". General Clarke's "Guidelines for a Commander," and "Men Against Fire." Through this preparation the commander will have climbed the first rung of the ladder which leads to success as a combat leader.

### Sharpen Skills

Another thing, too. The soldiers in the platoon that are waiting for you can tell in a minute if you know your stuff. They will study you with the same attention that a patient uses to analyze the qualifications of his surgeon. They'll ask each other: "Does he know his job? Will he get us in a jam?" and "Is he a good man?".

When you take over your first platoon in combat, walk softly. Remember, every soldier is looking at you, and will probably resent you initially because of loyalty to your predecessor. Also, you are green- not battle tested. The youngest combat-seasoned riflemen feels superior to you because he's had his moment of destiny and you haven't. So walk easy.

It is a normal reaction to want to shape up the platoon. But don't, unless its organization has disintegrated and it just isn't functioning. Don't make any fast or thoughtless changes, even if you are convinced that the change may be for the better. Let things rock along until you have your feet on the ground. Combat soldiers are a clammy group and they resent an outsider coming on strong. After you have been accepted, then gradually make your changes.

### Know your men

Get to know your men, and visit with them as much as you can. But simply talk to the soldiers to find out where <sup>they</sup> are from and what's bothering them. Let them know that they are important and that you are vitally interested in them and their welfare. Let them talk! You just listen! They know all about you from the grapevine anyway, and can probably tell you exactly how you stood academically at Benning, The Point, or in college.

Stay away from the other platoon leaders. The men resent this, for they don't know that your training hasn't prepared you to live day in and day out with enlisted men. Suddenly you are no longer in your sheltered work of BOQs, Officers' Messes, and Clubs, but thrust into the enlisted man's world. If you're always dashing over to another platoon to seek the company of a platoon leader, the men will conclude that you are too good to associate with the troops. I'm not suggesting that you become Gordon Goodguy. Over familiarity is just as damaging to the leader as over-aloofness. This is a thin line that the leader must carefully tight-walk.

Do not ask for any special privileges. Fill your own canteen; dig your own hole; get your own chow; clean your own weapon. No soldier is your servant. And soldiers dislike doing such flunky tasks. You'll have bootlickers who seek such chores. Tell them to get lost. Great respect comes to the commander who can take care of himself.

If the platoon sergeant has been running the platoon and in the judgment of the company commander is a good man, let him continue to run things . Establish good rapport with this fellow: You and he are going to walk hand in hand down some pretty rocky roads together. In the majority of cases, you'll find he has been in a rifle platoon for a decade or so and knows what it is all about. If he is an "Old Pro" like the one who trained me, he has spoonfed literally dozens of young shave-tails. He can teach you more in one day that you've learned to date in the Army.

Don't be ashamed to ask for help. Let him know that you value his judgment and experience, and make the point that you and he are going to be a team. Remember when you're a lieutenant colonel sitting in the Pentagon, this guy will probably still be pushing a platoon around. Discuss everything with him - operations, personnel problems, and so on. The average platoon sergeant has been through it all, and what is a sticky problem to you is duck soup to him. I've seen more good rifle platoons ripped to shreds only because a young lieutenant and his platoon sergeant were at each other's throats.

The platoon sergeant and platoon leader relationship is unique. It is analogous to a husband and wife - give and take - relationship. The wise lieutenant will listen to the "Old Pro" and learn through osmosis his great wealth of knowledge.

#### Old Pro

After you've been together for a while and you have both feet planted firmly on the ground, the "Old Pro" will give you more rope. As he sees you develop he will give you more head until you're running free. Once you're running free a good technique to employ is the good guy/bad guy approach. Either the platoon sergeant or you play the role of the good guy and the other the bad guy. This way one of you is the demanding martinet who allows no slack while the other is the perfect, sympathetic and understanding leader. This technique allows the men to blow off steam and to identify positively with one of their leaders. It is the old whip and carrot approach.

#### Patience

On most battlefields these are the attributes which produce victory. But in Vietnam these same qualities more often than not lead a platoon down a primrose ambushed path, for there the enemy exploits this aggressiveness with subtle traps. Do not fall victim to his wily tricks and ruses by making rash moves. Rashness is akin to recklessness, and in Vietnam, recklessness means men killed unnecessarily. Think before you act. Be patient. Never rush headlong into a tactical situation.

I don't want to demean aggressiveness. But as I said earlier, in Vietnam overacting to a tactical situation leads to deep trouble. Stress caution. Be careful. Don't go on any operation half cocked. The finest small unit leaders I have known were also the most careful. Any leader who has had men killed through a careless or reckless act never forgets it. It haunts him for years. "Why didn't I double check the fire plan?" or "If only I had had the scouts check that hill out."

Myth has it that gifted combat leaders are guided by a mystical sixth sense and operate only on snap decisions. I say this is hogwash created by fiction writers who know nothing of war. The great leaders that I have been privileged to observe in battle have had one thing in common: deliberateness, the ability to think out the problem calmly, to weigh the pros and cons and arrive at sound solutions. No guesswork was used by these leaders, and excuses were not necessary for snap decisions that went awry.

Start developing this technique now. Form the habit of decision making early so when you're in a fight you can react by instinct and automatically wargame your courses of action: "Should I maneuver across the paddy - good control, good fields of fire and observation, no cover or concealment? Or would it be better to go through the bamboo patch - slower, more noise, less control, better concealment?" Think it out! I've never been in a fight where I didn't have time to sit down, catch my breath, collect my wits and think out the problem.

When dealing with your platoons, be yourself. Your men are not expecting John Wayne, so there is no need to try to act like him. Treat your soldiers fairly and honestly. Justice is the hallmark of the successful leader and injustice the companion of the mediocre.

Always be considerate and polite. Never use obscenity. A filthy vocabulary repulses and disgusts soldiers. On the other side of the coin, a colorful phrase dotted by a rich word is enjoyed by all hands. But there's a whale of difference between obscenity and profanity. Make your manner of speech fit you. What sounds good coming from a seasoned and scarred old sergeant may sound like a 33 rpm record being played at 78 rpm coming from you.

### Dignity

Don't yell because you think loudness is effective. It isn't. The soft-spoken leader normally gets everyone's ear, and yelling detracts from your dignity and strips you of respect. Treat all men with dignity and if a man is due a chewing out, give him a private session.

When you see a way to improve a soldiers' lot - do it. Some examples: always try to use three man foxholes so your men can get sleep at night (one up - two asleep); you and your subordinate leaders should check the men's feet and keep a sharp eye out for jungle rot; set up a fool-proof system to insure that malaria pills are taken and water is purified. When the men see that their welfare is your vital concern, you're home safe.

Watch other leaders to see what leadership techniques work for them; Then borrow what fits your personality and start using it. Keep doing this. Reject what doesn't work and hang on to what is effective. By this time-tested method you'll soon develop your own leadership personality. I have learned more about handling men and dealing with human relations through this procedure than all of the books I have read on the subject of leadership.

Develop gimmicks which make you and your platoon stand out from the herd. Showmanship is vital to the successful leader. Soldiers love a colorful leader. But be sure the image you're trying to portray fits you.

Don't complain about an order or requirement in front of your men and accept undesirable missions cheerfully and enthusiastically. Pass on these requirements to your subordinates as if they are your orders. Don't ever say: "The Old Man wants us to dig in here." Say, "Men, I want the platoon to dig here." Also make certain that your squad leaders issue your orders as if they come from them. Be enthusiastic when issuing orders. Enthusiasm is contagious. If you're bubbling over with it you'll find that it will have a tremendous effect on your platoon.

Too many young leaders have the "hell for leather, let's go get the bad guys" attitude. This attitude is part of our American heritage and there's nothing wrong with it when taken in small dosages. But you must remember you are the platoon commander. The leaders who lead by personal example are the fire team and squad. They lead with the point of a bayonet. You lead by commanding.

Command

You're a mobile control centre, and through your radio you can unleash on the enemy unbelievable devastation with artillery and air fires. Your command can be massed at the critical point at the decisive time. Far more damage can be done by commanding than dashing wildly forward with a blazing rifle.

When a platoon leader becomes a rifleman, he has abrogated his responsibility to command, and has taken the easy way out. Remember, you're not getting paid to charge. Your job is to command.

Once the commander is knocked out things go to hell in a hurry. The leaderless platoon will wash up on the rocks and be smashed to pieces. You can only lead so many attacks before the law of averages catches up with you.

While in Vietnam, I saw a rifle company commander dash all over the battlefield knocking out bunkers, charging enemy positions alone, and performing valiant acts of heroism. His inert company watched behind the rice paddy walls. No one moved. No one fired. Sure this guy was brave - but he couldn't command. A company sat and watched the performance while its skipper played cops and robbers. How much more damage could have been done to the enemy if his company would have been attacking and the captain commanding?

There will be times that you will have to go to the fore and lead the attack. But it will not be an everyday occurrence when you have to call out "Follow Me."

In Vietnam, the most common complaint of seasoned battalion commanders is this: "The average young officer doesn't know how to supervise. He's got the idea he's some kind of royalty and if he wills it, it will be done."

With the soldier, nothing gets done by willing it. You've got to issue an order and then follow up by checking. As a platoon leader, I wrote every order I issued - big or small - down on a checklist. And it didn't get scratched out until I checked it. The men knew I'd check. If it wasn't done within the assigned time the men knew there would be a minor crisis in someone's life.

You must constantly be checking - twenty-four hours a day. Never issue an order that's not checked. Never issue an order that cannot be enforced. If it can't be backed up and stand on its own weight, forget it.

Demand that your men do what is required to be done to stay alive on the battlefield. In combat some men will not even do the bare essentials - digging in, or cleaning their weapon - without being told. I have found men asleep on a Korean outpost within an hour after being told to watch out for an attack. In Korea, I had a soldier fall asleep on a raid less than ten feet from an occupied enemy position. In Vietnam, I had two men killed who were openly smoking on an advanced listening post at night - even though we had been in constant contact with the enemy for two days. When the relief force got to them their cigarettes were still aflame next to their crushed bodies.

Stay Alive

Tell your men that your only purpose in life is to lead them in battle and to watch out for their welfare. And you are going to do just that! No man in your platoon is going to kill himself if you can help it.



To do this you're going to have to be ruthless and demanding. As General Bruce Clarke put it: "You owe a responsibility to your men to require them to do the things which are for their own benefit - and for the benefit of the command as a whole - even though the requirements are not popular." Popularity is the ambition of the vote seeker - not the commander. The combat platoon leader who is firm and tolerates no nonsense is the one that's bragged about once he's gone.

One of the biggest problems you're going to have is in the area of communications. I'm not talking about radio failure; I am talking about human failure - about people not understanding people.

Miscommunications can be a problem between two brilliant scholars in an academic atmosphere. Imagine the confusion on the battlefield with forty men from different communities and with varying degrees of education, all scared to death and preoccupied with staying alive.

The roots of misunderstanding at the rifle company level are haste and a colloquial style of speaking resulting in double meanings, exhaustion, and stress.

Misunderstanding can be reduced by deliberately thinking out the simplest way to issue the order. Then, issue the order slowly and methodically. Use sketches or draw on the ground. Even better, if possible, point out on the ground where you want the element to go.

Have each leader backbrief you, a technique used in airborne units, where the briefer explains to his commander exactly what his unit will do. How elaborate the backbriefing is depends on the time available. It can run from a formal briefing with a sandtable to the squad leader merely reading back his part.

Establish simple SOPs for routine tasks. Next make sure that all hands follow the SOPs to the letter. Then things will start getting done automatically without words to foul them up.

Live by the proposition "That if the task can get fouled up, one of your geniuses will do just that." Then set up preventive safeguards. But still be a complete pessimist and have a plan ready to expect the unexpected.

History reports that U.S. Grant kept a captain not known for his steeltrap mind with his command entourage. Before Grant would issue an order he'd try it on the captain. If the captain understood the order, Grant figured that it would be clear to his generals. So, get a Grant's captain.

Follow Benning's time-tested and proven troop leading procedures. Give your order by the book - all five paragraphs. There are no short cuts on the battlefield. Use the Ranger Command's troop leading card as a guide when issuing your orders.

Keep your soldiers informed. Tell them everything you know about the immediate battlefield. Fight to get the dope from your skipper. Don't operate in a vacuum; informed soldiers perform better in combat and they deserve to know what's happening.

A weakness common among platoon leaders is the inaccurate reporting of the estimate of the situation. Estimates are many times either so greatly exaggerated or so watered-down that they are not meaningful to the company commander who must make critical decisions as to troop employment and allocation of combat power. The confusion and noise of the battlefield are two reasons why faulty estimates are made; overemotionalism and the sense of the drama are others. These factors, coupled with the judgment of an impulsive commander who feels that he must say something on the radio - even if it is wrong - are the crux of the problem. Commanders must report the facts as they see them on the battlefield. If they don't know the situation, they must say just that.

Napoleon once said: "If I had enough ribbon, I could conquer the world." My battlefield experience supports this assertion. Soldiers want to be recognized for their acts of heroism.

You, the leader, must make certain that your soldiers are recognized. Don't overlook heroic acts. When one of your men performs heroically, don't let the act go unnoticed. Outline the deed briefly in your notebook. Have the witnesses sign it. Too often a soldier has lost out on a decoration because the witness was killed the next day.

### Recognition

Tell the soldier in front of his comrades that you've put him in for an award. When things slow down, get the statement back to the CO for final processing. Follow up on your decorations. Keep a checklist. Harass the devil out of the battalion awards people. It has been my experience that the handling of awards at battalion level leaves much to be desired. The only way is for you to stay on top of your awards.

In the average rifle platoon you'll find about ten natural fighters. These are the Daniel Boone, Davy Crockett and Alvin York type characters, and are the real backbone of a platoon, the hard core. These men will set the example, and their dash and bravery will cause the other soldiers to charge a little harder. Courage rubs off these men like chalk from a blackboard, and soon, if carefully handled, your platoon will come alive with this spirit.

Treat them well. Let the platoon know who they are and that you're proud of them. Fight to get them quick promotions and see that they get the awards they deserve.

Tell the men they're damn good. Before you know it they'll start believing you and their performance will become amazing. It's all a matter of mental attitude. If you think you're good, you'll soon start believing yourself.

Always conduct an after-action interview when the tactical situation allows the assembly of your platoons. Heroic acts which have been overlooked will come out during the interview and through the interview the heroic members of your unit will receive their well-deserved recognition.

In Vietnam a new lieutenant on his first combat operation became deathly ill. The medic wanted to evacuate him for possible malaria. I took the lieutenant aside and said: "The only thing that's wrong with you is fear. It's normal. Get up and command your platoon. If you're evacuated now, you'll be running scared for the rest of your life and will never be able to command in battle." The young platoon leader rejoined his unit and within that same day he became a legend in his unit. Today he is a highly decorated, confident leader.

In combat the shaking hands, butterflies in the pit of the stomach, and dry mouth are from fear. Fear is a normal reaction; it comes from stress. One has the same symptoms after a near automobile accident, standing in the door on a parachute jump, or before a big examination in school.

### Fear

Fear can never be reduced to zero, but it can be made marginal by preparing yourself as a combat leader. Know your job and be tactically proficient. If you feel secure in the knowledge that you are competent, then you'll get over your first hurdle, the baptism of fire. After your first fight, things become a little easier. You'll take subsequent hurdles in stride.

Every man who has led soldiers in battle has asked himself: Can I do it? Am I capable? Is my plan sound?" We all feel inadequate on the battlefield. Don't let it bother you. The feeling of inadequacy is a Ghost that haunts all warriors.

Start now. Form the habit of not becoming unglued. Control your emotions; talk slowly and deliberately; fight against becoming excited. Your soldiers will really study you in combat, looking for a sign of weakness. It's hard to be Mr. Cool when slugs are snapping about, but it can be done. Thousands of lieutenants before you have done it.

Don't be afraid to stand up and be counted. No commander worth his green tabs can stomach a yes man. The soldier is even more repulsed by an obsequious phony who nods at every word the Old Man says.

A skipper who is mature will pick his soldier's minds for the right answer. He realizes that his is not the only brain in the group. This technique is not command by committee or collective bargaining, but just good sense.

Don't be reluctant to state your views to the boss. If you disagree with him sound off - but exercise tact. Defend your point of view until proven wrong or a decision is made.

If the decision runs counter to your solution, so be it. Get on with the show. Don't pout like a loser. It takes fine judgment to know when to stop fighting your case and start supporting the decision. A few of the finest soldiers I have known couldn't master this. One magnificent soldier admits this alone cost him his stars.

Loyalty is a two way street - the men and the boss - the boss and the men. One doesn't get a grubby slice and the other the whole loaf. Each deserves loyalty in equal shares. Don't go overboard either way.

Don't become a martyr by becoming an overprotective, mother hen with your platoon. It is easy to lose sight of your perspective when your men bleed and die at your calling. Shock yourself back into focus by asking, "Am I commanding this platoon or is it commanding me?"

NO MAGIC FORMULA

Day after day, on every combat operation in which my Battalion participated, we carefully studied and analyzed our mistakes. This review became the basis for improving our performance on the battlefield and resulted in more professional units, fewer casualties, and a tremendous increase in our ability to find the enemy, hang on to him, and hurt him.

The mistakes we made were neither new nor startling. They were not something we could blame on the mysteries of Vietnam, No, they were the same problems that have been haunting small unit commanders since before Caesar. The mistakes I'm talking of do not cause a unit to lose the battle, but they do cause needless casualties. In peace or war these errors spell the difference between professionalism and mediocrity.

Many young leaders, hypnotized by the Hollywood image of war, approach combat with the good guy versus the bad guy attitude. But there is no similarity between what John Wayne gets away with on the screen and what the cold, hard facts of battle are. A small unit leader in combat cannot have the Hollywood hero's devil-may-care attitude about training, discipline and basic soldiering.

To win in battle, superbly trained and disciplined soldiers are the vital ingredient, soldiers who have been conditioned by thorough training to react by habit when confronted with the cruel, harsh conditions of battle. The habits learned in training - good or bad - are the same habits the soldier will use in combat. A leader, then, must insure that each of his soldiers is well trained and has developed good habits - habits so deeply ingrained through correct teaching and intensive practice that even under the strain of battle each soldier, automatically, will do the right thing.

There is no magic formula, no sweatless solution, by which one can achieve this goal. Leaders can only approach training for combat with intense dedication, accepting the timeless truth that better trained men live longer on the battlefield.

Remember, too, that a unit is never completely trained. There will always be a weak area that will require additional time and effort. Use every available second to train your unit - never relax. In Vietnam you can train constantly - in the assembly area, reserve position, and during the execution of the mission. Leaders must accept the old but absolute maxim that "The more sweat on the training field, the less blood on the battlefield."

An alert leader constantly stresses essential battlefield arts and skills - fire and maneuver; marksmanship; camouflage and concealment; communication; maintenance; noise, light and fire discipline; scouting and patrolling; woodcraft; mines and booby traps; and field sanitation. And he makes on-the-spot corrections with the same precision as he does in dismounted drill.

If a soldier is firing from the wrong side of a tree, the leader tells him what he is doing wrong, and why. If the soldier is wandering around without his weapon, the leader tells him he is being fired on by an enemy sniper. When the soldier looks at him dumbfoundly and says he "can't because his rifle is over there," then the leader tells him he's "dead" and makes him lie where he "killed" him for a couple of hours.

The leader cannot ignore obvious mistakes - he must correct them as he sees them. He demands that his subordinate leaders do likewise. And at the end of every operation he conducts an informal critique and lets everyone have his say. All can profit from the unit's mistakes.

Form a checklist habit. Combat is too serious a business in which to make even one mistake. If you are going on a patrol, setting up an ambush, establishing a defensive position, or conducting an airmobile assault - pull out your checklist and insure that every point is checked off. Make your subordinate leaders use checklists, too.

Give a five paragraph operations order. You're never that much of an "Old Pro" that you can do without that tried and proven form. Make sure your people do this too - listen to subordinates issue their orders. You'll know whether correct troop leading procedures are being followed and whether they've gotten the right word from you. Plan your operation and issue your order in the same precision as though you were taking your first ATT and an umpire was breathing down your neck.

Never quit checking. Check everything all the time - weapons for cleanliness, aidmen for supplies, sentries for alertness, and the camp for field sanitation. General Bruce Clark's famous remark, "A unit does well those things the commander check," is never more meaningful than it is in combat.

Plan maximum use of supporting fires. Use at least 50% of the time available for planning an operation in developing the fire plan. The most common mistake of young leaders first entering combat is to fail to use supporting fires. I have seen too many rifle platoon leaders lead their platoons in a valiant attack without supporting fires. In combat, bravery and dash are essential; but without supporting fires to pin down and soften up the enemy, a rifle platoon will be cut to ribbons.

In Vietnam, actual contact with the enemy is infrequent, and it is easy to be lulled into a complacent attitude. One of the biggest problems facing a leader is to keep his people alert and ready to fight. This will challenge your leadership ability more than anything else. And you - the leader - must answer that challenge alone. Never sit down. Check, check, check .....

Always post front, flank, and rear security. About 1600 hours daily stop moving so you'll have plenty of light to establish a good position. Set up strong OPs on trails leading into your position. Organize a tight perimeter using three man holes, and have a minimum of one-third of your people awake at all times. Make sure everyone sleeps below ground and can roll out and fight in a second.

Prohibit smoking after dark. And try to avoid staying in one position more than three days. The Viet Cong will recon you the first night, probe the second night, and probably hit you at your weakest point the third night. Stress noise, light and fire discipline and always register defensive fires. Conduct "Stand-to" at dusk, dawn, and occasionally, when keyed to intelligence, in the middle of the night. Use artillery harassing and interdiction fires extensively around your perimeter.

Make it SOP to cut at least a LP within your defensive perimeter. This LZ can become a lifesaver if a soldier is bitten by a poisonous snake in the middle of the night or if battle casualties require emergency medical evacuation. Tactically, LZs permit a commander to mass his unit quickly when it finds the enemy. Insist that your unit have a standard procedure for dropping power saws by rope from a helicopter when the terrain is too dense and rugged to quickly hack out an LZ by machete.

The enemy habitually shadows US forces; they assign observers to watch and report every movement. The minute the enemy sees an opportunity to strike - when the perimeter is not alert or a large number of people are away on an operation - ZAP ! He'll be on top of you. Effective close-in patrols will limit the enemy's ability to observe your perimeter and can frustrate his habit of staying almost on top of you.

A successful technique to discourage observers is to have occasional turkey shoots - fire all direct and indirect supporting weapons at a scheduled time for about five minutes. This has a great psychological effect on your soldiers, bolstering their confidence when they see the devastation wrought by the massed fires. And firing their weapons can reduce tensions which may have built up from long hours of anxious waiting.

The enemy soldier is a scavenger because his supply system is poor and his shortages are many. Just the reverse is true of the US soldier, who seldom wants for any supplies. As a consequence, US units unwittingly act as part of the enemy supply system. The minute a US unit moves from its perimeter, enemy observers notify a "scavenger team" which picks up a basic load of ammunition, used radio batteries, rations, and assorted equipment.

Obviously, this should not be tolerated, but only training, supervision and discipline will stop it. Never abandon anything the enemy can use. Smash up used batteries, for they normally have charges sufficient to be used by the enemy for detonating remote controlled land mines and booby traps. Bury empty C-ration cans. The Viet Cong, short of all metals, use the tin for multitudinous purposes - to include the construction of booby traps; and make it SOP to check your area before moving for all abandoned supplies - especially ammunition and edible rations. While were on this subject, a good trick to scoop up some opponents is to plant a strong ambush patrol in the defensive perimeter while the main body moves out. This tactic has been most successful, and the enemy will lose more scavenger teams this way.

The Viet Cong and North Vietnamese soldiers are not economy-size supermen. They are gutty little fighters who are solid in the basics. Overnight they can dig positions approaching the Siegfried Line. They are enthusiastic diggers because of their great fear of our artillery and tactical air. But their greatest strength lies in their skills in scouting, patrolling, and woodcraft.

The enemy's main limitation is his inability to react to US mobility and manpower. His natural oriental tendency to operate in patterns is reinforced by his severe lack of communications. "If it worked at Dong Tre in 1964, why not now? is the attitude which prevails. Once committed to a plan, he rarely adjusts it as the battle develops. I have seen a North Vietnamese unit launch a counter-attack through a wall of artillery fire and get cut to pieces because "it was in the plan".

#### A Common Error

A common error made by our leaders is to expect the enemy to react to a situation as they would. Don't expect him to come up with the school solution and do not give him too much credit for much tactical savvy. It is my view that the enemy is greatly over-estimated and is much less than brilliant tactically. He uses the same three basic tactics again and again: ambush, fixed battle, and steamroll.

The enemy is a master of camouflage and deception, and he plans an ambush with great skill, care, and cunning, habitually employing bait to lure a unit into his trap. This bait might be an attack on a small outpost, a small unit supposedly fleeing into the jungle, or a planted agent's story about a large buildup in a certain area. He wants you to walk or conduct an air-mobile operation into his trap. Normally, the ambush will be set up along a trail or - in the case of helicopter assault - on a landing zone you are tricked into using.

He holds his fire until you are well into the trap, and when he does open up he is almost on top of you. His people are in well dug positions not more than ten feet off the trail or on the perimeter of the LZ, with superior fields of fire. He has his mortars registered and snipers and machine guns in the trees. After he has sprung his trap and you are in a state of shock, he leaves his prepared position and closes with you in a violent assault. He does all this quickly to prevent your using air or artillery support.

He employs his fixed battle tactic much as he does the ambush. He sucks you into a village or thick jungle area by baiting you with a few men. When your initial estimate is light contact with an estimated squad attempting to escape, your immediate tendency is to pursue vigorously and surround him. The enemy continues to make you believe that you have a light force on the run. Then when he has you in the open - about ten to twenty feet from his well camouflaged, prepared positions - he opens up. It is only then that you realize you've made contact with a superior enemy force and that you've got a real fight on your hands. Again, you will probably be so closely engaged that you will not be able to use artillery or air effectively without endangering your own people.

#### Enemy Criteria

The enemy's criteria for conducting the steamroll operation is based on finding a US unit which occupies a poor defensive position, is numerically inferior, or which shows other signs of weakness which lead him to believe he can win. He moves more quickly for this operation than any other; though his planning is less deliberate, it is just as detailed. As an example, he may select a target one day, conduct a reconnaissance that night, and attack the following night.

His attack follows the classic banzai principles - a light diversion while the main force silently moves to an attack position. When the main force has closed, supporting fires are brought in on the planned point of penetration and on key supporting weapons. The main attack - a mass assault with wave after wave designed to steamroll violently through the main battle positions - follows close upon the supporting fires. With a penetration accomplished, he quickly rolls up the flanks and starts his mopping-up operations. By first light his columns are deep in the jungle and moving rapidly to his next safe area.

Jungle warfare demands a complete reorientation from conventional thought and tactics. Don't throw away the book, but a flexible fresh approach to tactics and operations must be developed. As I see it, a new book is being written by the units fighting in Vietnam. Unfortunately, many officers refuse to accept this. They still talk about critical terrain, final objectives, and attack on axis of advance Red.

In the simplest terms the prime task is to find the enemy. This is not done by assigning terrain objectives or making any other gyrations with a grease pencil. Commanders must think like guerillas, sneaking their units into an area where intelligence reports enemy activity. Once found, the enemy's avenue of escape must be blocked and then maximum combat power massed to destroy him.

The most difficult task in Vietnam is finding the enemy. He will fight only on his terms and when it is to his advantage. Vigorous platoon size patrols and carefully prepared deception plans are the answers to finding him. Remember, this guy has someone shadowing you at all times. He knows your location, strength and disposition. To catch him you have to outfox him. Your deception plan is limited only by your imagination.

Make sure that your patrols are platoon-size and that they can be reinforced to company-size in not more than one hour. A cardinal rule is that a patrol should never be out of friendly artillery range. Once contact is made, decisively reinforce the engaged unit. Mass all your unengaged units and weapons at the point of contact. Mass all your fires. My philosophy is - because artillery and tactical air are free, use them.

Remember that contact is infrequent, so when you make it get everyone you can in on the act. That's why landing zones are so important. The only way to mass quickly is by helicopter. Hit the enemy with everything you've got. Don't let him break off. Pursue! The enemy reacts lethargically to changing situations; constant aggressive pursuit will not allow him to regroup and catch his breath. Then he can be destroyed in detail.

platoons operating alone must move with great caution and stealth, a minimum of equipment and rations, but with plenty of ammo.

Trails must never be used. Once contact is made, it is imperative to provide headquarters with an accurate estimate of the situation. If you don't know the situation, say so! But don't exaggerate or underestimate the situation - just report the facts. Don't be rash and walk into an ambush or fixed battle. Ask yourself, "Do you have the enemy, or is he leading you by the nose into a mousetrap?".

Always travel in a good movement to contact formation. Don't set a pattern by travelling on the same azimuth all day. Offset your azimuth until your movement takes on a zig-zag appearance. In Vietnam land navigation is a nightmare. Use all the tricks possible - two compass men, two pacers, one sharp NCO who is the unit navigator, occasional artillery marking rounds, and a fix by an aerial observer several times a day.

Control in dense jungle is difficult; therefore, it is natural for a squad leader to want to yell at his people to keep control. But do not let him yell! Use a cricket or a similar device and keep your people trained in the use of simple hand and arm signals. Your men must work with the skill and cunningness of the American Indian. Train all of them as scouts.

Never in modern warfare were prisoners more valuable than in Vietnam. Stress capturing POWs - you need the information that they may readily provide.

Soon, you may be leading men in combat in Vietnam. Always remember this - that the outcome of a battle will be decided by the skill and guts of the Infantry Soldier.



R535-1-3

7th Battalion  
Royal Australian Regiment  
Finschhafen Lines  
HOLSWORTHY NSW 2173

21 Jan 70

A BRIEF FOR OFFICIAL GUESTS

on the occasion of  
the Farewell Dinner on Thursday 29th January 1970  
in the  
7th Battalion, The Royal Australian Regiment  
Officers' Mess.

- Annexes:
- A. Brief History of the 7th Battalion.
  - B. Mess Notes.
  - C. 7th Battalion Officers.
  - d. Guest List.

BRIEF HISTORY

ANNEX A TO  
R535-1-3  
DATED 21 JAN 70

7th BATTALION

THE ROYAL AUSTRALIAN REGIMENT

REGIMENTAL MOTTO : "DUTY FIRST"

7th Battalion, The Royal Australian Regiment, was raised at Puckapunyal, in Victoria, on 1st September, 1965, from officers and other ranks of the 3rd Battalion, The Royal Australian Regiment and National Servicemen of the 2nd Intake of 1965. The Commanding Officer was Lieutenant Colonel E.H. Smith.

After an intensive period of Corps, company and battalion training the unit was ready for war by June, 1966. At this time 100 reinforcements were provided for units in South Vietnam and a fresh training cycle began.

During the winter of 1966 companies phased through the Jungle Training Centre, Canungra, and the battalion took part in BARRA WINGA, Australia's largest peace time exercise, at Shoalwater Bay in Queensland.

February 1967 saw exercise NILLA QUA completed and final administrative preparation for active service in full swing.

In April 1967 the battalion moved to South Vietnam on board HMAS "SYDNEY" and relieved the 5th Battalion at Ap An Phu on the morning of 26th April, 1967. During the following twelve months the unit was engaged in thirty battalion sized or larger operations, had many contacts with the enemy and fought six major engagements.

As a result of its tour the battalion inflicted 208 casualties on the enemy, captured over 150 weapons and destroyed or captured large quantities of general military stores. The battalion suffered 16 Killed In Action and 98 Wounded In Action of whom 65 remained on duty.

Soldiers of the battalion were awarded one Distinguished Service Order, two Military Crosses, two Members of the Order of the British Empire, two Distinguished Conduct Medals, three Military Medals and twelve were Mentioned In Dispatches.

During the four years since the unit was raised strong ties have been built up with the 7th's famous namesakes from the First and Second World Wars, the 7th Battalion 1st AIF and 2/7 Battalion 2nd AIF.

The Battalion was presented with the Queens' and Regimental Colours by His Excellency The Governor of New South Wales, Sir Roden Cutler, VC, KCMG, CBE, at Finschhafen Lines on Sunday, 6th October, 1968.

On the 25th of November, 1968 the battalions present Commanding Officer, Lieutenant Colonel R.A. Grey took command of the battalion. Since then the unit has been regrouped with National Servicemen of the 3rd and 4th Intakes of 1968 and the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Intakes of 1969, together with a proportion of regular army soldiers.

The battalion has since undergone intensive training at the Jungle Training Centre, Canungra, and after completing exercises in the Shoalwater Bay area (Exercises CLARION CALL and COLD STEEL), was ready for active service by December, 1969.

ANNEX B TO  
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DATED 21 JAN 70

MESS NOTES

PMC	:	Maj N.R. Smethurst
Mess Secretary	:	Lt M.P. O'Brien
Mess Sergeant	:	Sgt M.K. Halls

Toasts

1. There will be three toasts during the farewell dinner:
  - a. The Loyal Toast.
  - b. The Royal Australian Regiment.
  - c. The 7th Battalion 1st AIF and the 2/7 Bn, 2nd AIF.
2. The proposer will rise and say "Gentlemen". All members will stand. The proposer will then say "The Queen", "The Royal Australian Regiment", etc as appropriate.
3. The band will then play.
4. When the music is completed all members will then take up their glasses and drink the toast.

7th BATTALION OFFICERS

ANNEX C TO

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DATED 21 JAN 70

Commanding Officer	:	Lt Col	Ron	Grey
Second-in-Command	:	Maj	Neville	Smethurst
Operations Officer	:	Maj	Kevin	Cole
Adjutant	:	Capt	Andy	Mattay
Intelligence Officer	:	Lt	Mick	O'Brien
Assistant Adjutant	:	2Lt	Gus	Pauza
OC A Coy	:	Maj	Chris	Thomson
2IC A Coy	:	Capt	Terry	Howard
Pl Comds 1 PL	:	2Lt	Chris	Johnson
2 PL	:	2Lt	Ian	Dunn
3 PL	:	2Lt	Ian	McNee
OC B Coy	:	Maj	Greg	Warland
2IC B Coy	:	Lt	Owen	Cairns
Pl Comds 4 PL	:	2Lt	Karl	Metcalf
5 PL	:	Lt	Doug	Gibbons
6 PL	:	2Lt	Peter	Winter
OC C Coy	:	Maj	Geoff	Skardon
2IC C Coy	:	Capt	John	Press
Pl Comds 7 PL	:	Lt	Mick	Hughes
8 PL	:	2Lt	Greg	Lindsay
9 PL	:	Lt	Bob	Pothof
OC D Coy	:	Maj	Alistair	Robb
2IC D Coy	:	Capt	John	Sykes
PL Comds 10 PL	:	2Lt	David	Chitty
11 PL	:	2Lt	John	Heydon
12 PL	:	2Lt	John	Burrows
OC SP Coy	:	Capt	Alec	Thompson, MBE
A Tk Pl Comd/Admin Officer Sp Coy	:	Lt	Greg	Brown
Mor PL Comd	:	2Lt	George	Wenhlowskyj
Signal Pl Comd	:	Capt	Ken	Ryan
OC Admin Coy	:	Maj	Bob	O'Brien
2IC Admin Coy	:	Capt	Brian	Hicks
Quartermaster	:	Capt	Cliff	Nord
Chaplain (RC)	:	Chaplain(4th Class)	Keith	Teefey
RMO	:	Capt	Bob	Porter
Assistant Quartermaster	:	2Lt	Steve	Chamarette
Transport Officer	:	2Lt	Locky	Wilson

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INVITATION LIST : FAREWELL DINNER

Lt Gen	Sir Reginald Pollard, KBE, CB, DSO.	Colonel Commandant The Royal Australian Regiment.
Maj Gen	M.F. Brogan, CB, CBE.	GOC E Comd.
Brig	D.H. Crompton, OBE.	Comd 10 TF
Col	D.S. Thomson, MC.	Regimental Colonel The Royal Australian Regiment.
Col	W.A. Bunting, OBE.	Comd Liverpool Area.
Col	P.J. Greville	Chief Engineer E Comd.
Lt Col	R. Sutton, MVO	Infantry Representative E Comd.
Lt Col	H.A. Klaws	ADOS E Comd.
Lt Col	R.S. Flint	CI OTU Scheyville.
Lt Col	I.R.J. Hodgkinson, MBE.	CI Battle Wing JTC.
Lt Col	S.J. Maizey	GSO1(SD)HQ E Comd.
Lt Col	N. Macarthur-Onslow, ED.	CO 1/15 RNSWL.
Lt Col	R.R. Hannigan	CI School of Infantry
Maj	D.S. Bell	OC 171 Air Cav Flt.
Maj	H.J. Coates	OC A Sqn 3 Cav Regt
Maj	A.B. Perriman	Ops Offr 5 RAR/OC 5 RAR Aust Component.
Maj	F. Phelan	Instructor School of Infantry (Exchange Instructor US Army)
Maj	J. Tattam	DAQMG 10 TF.
Maj	D.E. Paterson	GSO2(Trg)School of Infantry
Maj	J.C.S. Hallinan	SI Tactics Wing School of Infantry.
Capt	J.A. Fitzsimon	Adjt UNSWR.
Capt	W. Grassick	2IC D Coy 5 RAR (Casevac)
Capt	M. McCallum	GSO3(Ops)10TF.
Capt	P. O'Brien	171 Air Cav Flt.
2Lt	M. Reynolds	171 Air Cav Flt.
Lt Col	P.K. Parbury, DSO, MC.	Patron 7th Battalion Association.
Mr.	W. Christie	President 7th Battalion Association.
Mr.	H.P. Boland, ED	Immediate Past President 7th Battalion Association.
Mr.	A. Burns	Member 7th Battalion Association.
Mr.	J.W. Pothof	Brother of Lt R. Pothof.

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**7th BATTALION**

**THE ROYAL AUSTRALIAN REGIMENT**

**OFFICERS' MESS**



**FAREWELL DINNER**

*On The Occasion Of The Battalion's  
Departure For South Vietnam*

**THURSDAY, 29th JANUARY, 1970**

**AT**

**FINSCHHAFEN LINES**

The use of menus was first heard of as being adopted for table use in 1541, when, at a banquet given by the Duke Henry of Brunswick, his Grace was seen to have a sheet of paper by the side of his plate, to which he occasionally referred. One of the duke's guests asked what the paper was for, and on its being explained that it was a sort of programme of what they were going to eat, and by looking through it he could reserve his appetite for those dishes he liked best, the idea was so much admired that it soon became generally known and adopted.

Another version is that Count Hugo de Montfort, at a dinner given in the year 1498, was noticed to have a piece of written parchment near his plate, which he frequently consulted, and when asked what it was he explained that he had ordered the head cook to write on it the various dishes that were being sent from the kitchen.

## M E N U

### HORS D'OEUVRE VARIÉS

*"He was a Bold Man that First Ate an Oyster"—Swift*

### CREVETTES HUITRES COCKTAIL

*"Fishes that Tipple in the Deep" — Longfellow*

### CONSOMME A LA MILANAISE

*"Soup of the Evening, Beautiful Soup"—Alice In Wonderland"*

### SOLE á l'AFRICAINNE

*"There's no Meat like Them; I could wish my Best Friend at Such a Feast" — Timon of Athens*

### DINDE ST JAMES ROTI

JAMBON au CIDRE

BANANA au KIRSH

ROUX BRUN

*"Look to the Baked Meats, Good Angelica; spare not for Cost"—  
Romeo and Juliet*

### POMMES de TERRE PARISIENNE

TOMATES FARCIES AUX CHAMPIGNON

PETITS POIS au BEURRE

CAROTTES MARIANNE

*"A Table Richly Spread in Regal Modes, with Dishes Piled and Meats  
of Noblest Sort and Savour" — Milton*

### FRAISES CHANTILLY

*"Partook a Choice Repast" — Massinger*

### CAFE NOIR

*"Coffee, which makes the Politician Wise, and see through all Things  
with His Half-shut Eyes" — Pope*

## W I N E S

*PENFOLDS SWEET AND DRY SHERRY*

*RHINECASTLE CHABLIS 1965 VINTAGE*

*CAWARRA CLARET 1965 VINTAGE*

*CLARE RHEISLING 1966*

*1958 VINTAGE MUSCAT*

*GALWAY PIPE PORT*



## PROGRAMME OF MUSIC

to be performed by

THE EASTERN COMMAND BAND

by courtesy of

THE GENERAL OFFICER COMMANDING  
EASTERN COMMAND

BANDMASTER: Captain T. P. WAHLIN

DRUM MAJOR: Warrant Officer Class Two K. R. BENSON

<i>Waltz from Swan Lake</i>	Tchaikowsky
<i>Fiddler on the Roof</i>	J. Bock
<i>Vincent Youmans Fantasy</i>	P. Yoder
<i>Autumn Beguine</i>	S. Schaefer
<i>Mancini Magic</i>	H. Mancini
<i>Tango American</i>	H. Mancini
<i>Infantry Song</i>	Arr. R. A. Newman
<i>Carnival of Melody</i>	R. Hawkins
<i>Our Director</i>	F. E. Bigelow

## TOASTS

Loyal	— <i>National Anthem</i>
The Royal Australian Regiment	— <i>The Austral-Aise</i>
The 7th Battalion Association	— <i>Men of Harlech</i>

## PIPE MUSIC

L Cpl R. B. CAMERON — 7th Battalion	The Royal Australian Regiment
<i>The Black Bear</i>	Traditional — March
<i>Loch Rannoch</i>	Wilson — March
<i>The Keel Row</i>	Strathspey
<i>The Piper of Drummond</i>	Traditional — Reel
<i>Westering Home (Eilean Mo Chridhe)</i>	Robertson — Slow Air
<i>The Cock O' The North</i>	Traditional — March

## H O S T S

Commanding Officer *Lieutenant-Colonel R. A. Grey*

Dining President *Major N. R. Smethurst*

### Committee:

Secretary *Lt M. P. O'Brien*

Treasurer *Capt B. S. Hicks*

Assistant  
Secretary/Treasurer *Lt P. D. Gibbons*

Wines Member *2Lt I. Pauza*

Messing Member *2Lt J. J. Heydon*

Housing Member *2Lt S. G. Chamarette*

Caterer: *WO2 G. H. Grant*

30 Jan 70

Distribution: See below.

TRAINING HMAS SYDNEYGeneral

1. This instruction outlines the training activities to be conducted aboard HMAS SYDNEY.
2. No training is planned for 16 - 17 Feb 70 as this time is required to settle in and carry out shipboard safety drills. No training is planned for 27 Feb 70, the day of disembarkation.

Duties

3. Duty company roster is shown at Annex A. Note soldiers attending Subject A and C courses are not available to companies for duties.

Activities

4. The following training activities are to be conducted:
  - a. 1/70 NCO course.
  - b. Shooting.
  - c. Physical training.
  - d. Weapon handling.
  - e. Theatre orientation. (Film list at Annex B).

Locations

5. The following areas are available for use as training areas:
  - a. Flight Deck.
  - b. Admirals Walk (range practices).
  - c. Hanger C (films).
  - d. Hangers A and B.
  - e. Lecture rooms 1 and 2. Each sufficient for 30 students and both generally reserved for use by NCO course.
  - f. Weather decks.
  - g. Mess decks.

6. As HMAS SYDNEY is also a RAN training ship as well as a troop transporter no fixed allocation of training areas can be made for 7 RAR. OC troops, Capt Mattay, will liaise with ships staff each day to ascertain availability of training areas for the following day.

Training Programmes

7. Training programme for 1/70 NCO cadres is to be issued separately.

8. Training programme for the remainder of the battalion is shown at Annex C but is subject to the provisions of paragraph 6 above.

*J.K. Cole*  
Maj

(R.A. GREY)  
to Lt Col  
CC

Annexes: A. Duty Company Roster.  
B. Training Film List.  
C. Training Programme.

Distribution:

List D  
Ships Staff HMAS SYDNEY (5)  
Spare (10)

ANNEX A TO  
7 RAR R569-1-8  
DATED JAN 70

DUTY COMPANY ROSTER

Serial	Date	Company
1	16 Feb 70	A
2	17 Feb 70	B
3	18 Feb 70	C
4	19 Feb 70	D
5	20 Feb 70	Sp
6	21 Feb 70	A
7	22 Feb 70	B
8	23 Feb 70	C
9	24 Feb 70	D
10	25 Feb 70	Sp
11	26 Feb 70	A
12	27 Feb 70	B

NOTE: Duty company mounts at 0700 hours daily.

TRAINING FILM UNIT

Serial a.	Catalogue Number b.	Title c.	Running time (minutes) d.
1.	USC 534	Aerial Firepower.	14
2.	USC 535	The Forward Air Controller.	20
3.	MC 97	Huey in Helicopter War.	26
4.	C 1113	Not Worth Dying For.	26
5.	AC 120	Centurion Tank Going.	14
6.	USC 604	M 113A1 Armoured Personnel Carrier.	13
7.	C 7235	Burma Victory.	62
8.	MC 54	Air Force Display. Flaming Destructive Power.	1½
9.	C 3081	The Choice Is Yours.	28
10	C 1131	Captured.	65
11	USC 409	South East Asia.	32
12	USC 545	Vietnam Last <del>Chance</del> .	47
13	MC 87	Watch on the Mekong.	55

TRAINING PROGRAMME 18 FEB 70

EX C TO  
7 RAR R569-1-8  
DATED JAN 70

Period	Time	A COY	Loc	B COY	Loc	C COY	Loc	D COY	Loc	SP COY	Loc
1.	0915 to 0940		A D M I R A L S	Films: USC 534 MC 54 USC 535 MC 97	C  HANGER	D U T Y		Films: USC 534 MC 54 USC 535 MC 97	C  HANGER	Sub Unit Trg	
2.	0945 to 1015	RANGE  PRACTICES									
3.	1030 to 1110		W A L K	SUB  UNIT		C O M P A N Y		Lecture Weapon Readiness and Rules of Engagement	OPTIONAL	Lecture Weapon Readiness and Rules of Engagement	OPTIONAL
4.	1115 to 1155			TRG				SUB  UNIT  TRG		PT	A D M I R A L S
5.	1345 to 1425	PT									W A L K
6.	1430 to 1510		C HANGER	PT						RANGE  PRACTICES	
7.	1515 to 1540	USC 535 MC 97		Lecture Weapon Readiness and Rules of Engagement	OPTIONAL			PT			

TRAINING PROGRAMME 19 FEB 70

Period	Time	A Coy	Loc	B Coy	Loc	CCoy	Loc	D Coy	Loc	Sp Coy	Loc
1.						Films USC 534 MC 54 USL 535	C H A N G E R	D U T Y		Sub Unit TRG	
2.		PT		RANGE	A D M I R A L S	MC 97					
3.		Sub Unit		PRACTICES	W A L K	Lecture Weapon Readiness Rules of Engagement	OPTIONAL	C O M P A N Y		FILMS USC 534 MC 54 USC 535 MG 97	C H A N G E R
4.		Trg				PT					
5.		Film C 1113	C H A N G E R	FILM C 1113	C H A N G E R		A D M I R A L S			Sub Unit Trg	
6.		Lecture Weapon Readiness Rules of Engagement	OPTIONAL	PT		RANGE PRACTICES				FILM C 1113	C H A N G E R
7.		FILM AC 120 Centurion Tank Going USC 604 M113A1	C H A N G E R	FILM AC 120 Centurion Tank Going USC 604 M113A1	C H A N G E R		W A L K			PT	

TRAINING PROGRAMME 20 FEB 70

Period	Time	A Coy	Loc	B Coy	Loc	C Coy	Loc	D Coy	Loc	Sp Coy	Loc
1.		<u>FILM</u>	C HANGER	<u>FILM</u>	C HANGER	PT			A D M I R A L' S	D	
2.		MC 87 Watch on the Mekong		MC 87 Watch on the Mekong				RANGE PRACTICES		U T Y	
3.		Sub Unit Trg				Sub Unit Trg			W A L K	C O M P A N Y	
4.		PT									
5.			A D M I R A L' S	PT		<u>FILM</u> C 1113	C HANGER	<u>FILM</u> C 1113	C HANGER		
6.		RANGE PRACTICES	W A L K	<u>LECTURE</u> First Aid in Fd		Sub Unit Trg		PT			
7.				Sub Unit Trg		<u>FILM</u> AC 120 Centur- ion Tank Going USC 604 M113A1	ADMIRAL'S WALK	<u>FILM</u> AC 120 Centur- ion Tank Going USC 604 M113A1	C HANGER		



TRAINING PROGRAMME 21 FEB 70

Period	Time	A Coy	Loc	B Coy	Loc	C Coy	Loc	D Coy	Loc	Sp Coy	Loc
1.				Sub			A D M			<u>FILM</u> MC 87	C HANGER
2.		D U T Y		Unit Trg		RANGE	I R A L' S	PT		Watch on the Mekong	
3.		C O M		<u>FILM</u> USC 409 South East Asia	C HANGER	PRACTICES	W A L K	<u>LECTURE</u> First Aid in Fd		PT	
4.		P A N Y		PT				Sub Unit Trg		<u>FILM</u> AC 120 Centur- ion Tank Going USC 604 M113A	C HANGER
5.					A D M I R A L' S	<u>FILM</u> MC 87 Watch on the Mekong	C HANGER	<u>FILM</u> MC 87 Watch on the Mekong	C HANGER	Sub Unit Trg	
6.				RANGE PRACTICES	W A L K					<u>Lecture</u> First Aid in the Fd	
7.						PT					

TRAINING PROGRAMME 22 FEB 70

Period	Time	A COY	Loc	B COY	Loc	C COY	Loc	D COY	Loc	SP COY	Loc
1.	0915 to 0940	PT		D U T Y		Sub Unit		Sub Unit			A D M I R A L S
2.	0945 to 1015					Trg		Trg		Range	W A L K
3.	1030 to 1110	Film USC 409 South East Asia	C HANGER			PT		Film USC 409 South East Asia	C HANGER	PRACTICES	
4.	1115 to 1155	Lecture First Aid in the Fd		C O M P A N Y		Lecture First Aid in the Fd.		PT			
5.	1345 to 1425	RESERVED  (POSSIBLE FIRE POWER DEMONSTRATION)				RESERVED		Range	A D M I R A L S	RESERVED	
6.	1430 to 1510	Sub Unit				Film USC 409 South East Asia	C HANGER	Practices		Film USC 409 South East Asia	C HANGER
7.	1515 to 1540					Sub Unit Trg			W A L K	PT	

TRAINING PROGRAMME 23 FEB 70

Period	Time	A COY	Loc	B COY	Loc	C COY	Loc	D COY	Loc	SP COY	Loc
1.	0915 to 0940		A D M I R A L S	Film C1131	C HANGER	D		Film C1131	C H A N G E R	PT	
2.	0945 to 1015	Range	W A L K	Captured		T Y		Captured			
3.	1030 to 1110	Practices		SUB UNIT TRG	Option- al	C O M		PT		RESERVED	
4.	1115 to 1155			PT		P A N		Film C3081 The Choice is Yours	C HANGER	Film C3081 The Choice is Yours	C HANGER
5.	1345 to 1425	Film C1131	C HANGER		A D M I R A L S	Y		SUB UNIT TRG	Option- al	Film C1131	C HANGER
6.	1430 to 1510	Captured		Range Practices	W A L K			RESERVED		Captured	
7.	1515 to 1540	PT								RESERVED	

TRAINING PROGRAMME 24 FEB 70

Period	Time	A COY	Loc	B COY	Loc	C COY	Loc	D COY	Loc	SP COY	Loc
1.	0915 to 0940	} PT		} Sub Unit		} <u>Film</u> C1131	C H A N G E R	D		}	A D M I R A L S W A L K
2.	0945 to 1015			} Trg		} Captured		U T Y			Range
3.	1030 to 1110	Sub Unit Trg		<u>Film</u> C3081 The Choice is Yours	C H A N G E R	PT		C O M M A N D		Practice	
4.	1115 to 1155	<u>Film</u> C3081 The Choice is Yours	C H A N G E R	PT		<u>Film</u> C3081 The Choice is Yours	C H A N G E R	P A R T			
5.	1345 to 1425	Sub Unit Trg		} Sub Unit			A D M I R A L S W A L K	Y		PT	
6.	1430 to 1510	} RESERVED		} Trg		} Range Practices				} <u>Film</u> USC545	C H A N G E R
7.	1515 to 1540									} Vietnam Last Chance	

TRAINING PROGRAMME 25 FEB 70

Period	Time	A COY	Loc	B COY	Loc	C COY	Loc	D COY	Loc	SP COY	Loc
1.	0915 to 0940	} Film USC 545	C H A N G E R	}		} Film USC 545	C H A N G E R	}	A D M I R A L S	D	
2.	0945 to 1015	} Vietnam Last Chance		PT		} Vietnam Last Chance		}	W A L K	U T Y	
3.	1030 to 1110	MONEY EXCHANGE		RESERVED		PT		} Range Practice		C O M	
4.	1115 to 1155	PT				} RESERVED		MONEY EXCHANGE		P A N Y	
5.	1345 to 1425	}	A D M I R A L S	MONEY EXCHANGE		}		PT			
6.	1430 to 1510	} Range Practices	W A L K	} Film USC 545	C H A N G E R	MONEY EXCHANGE		} Film USC 545	C H A N G E R		
7.	1515 to 1540	}		} Vietnam Last Chance				} Vietnam Last Chance		MONEY EXCHANGE	

TRAINING PROGRAMME 26 FEB 70

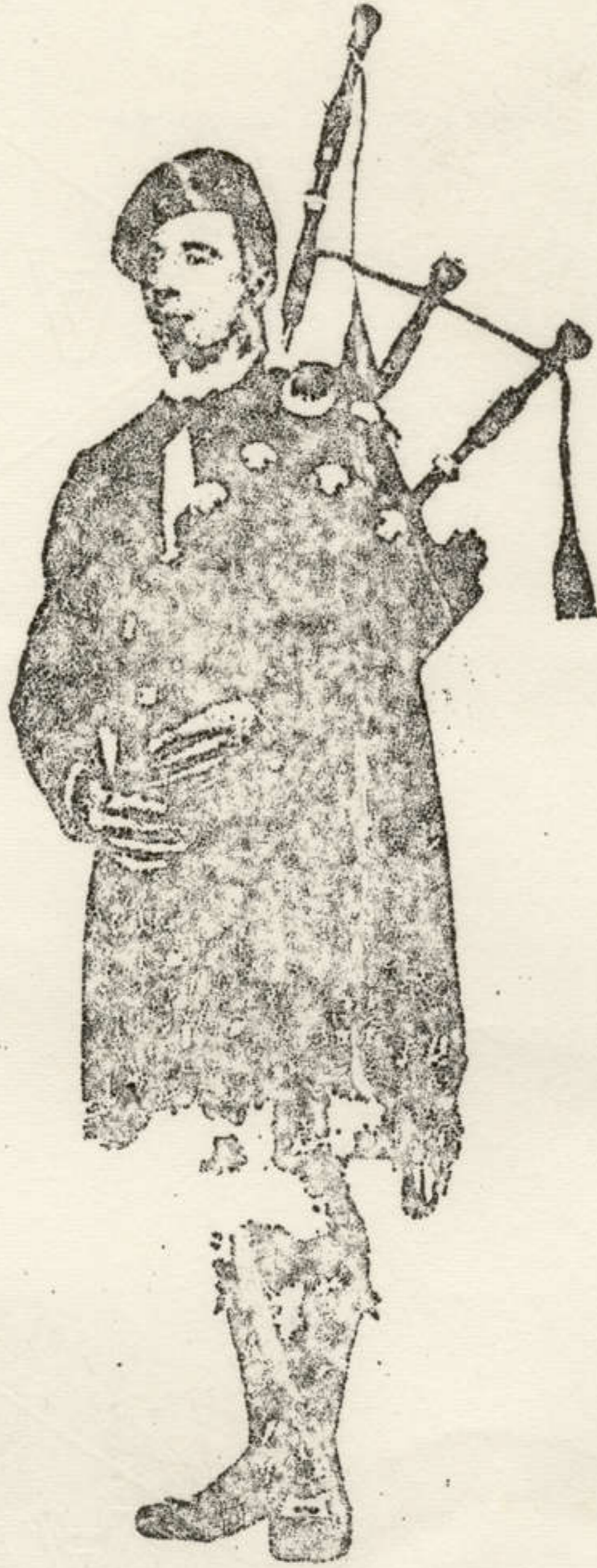
Period	Time	A COY	Loc	B COY	Loc	C COY	Loc	D COY	Loc	SP COY	Loc
1		D U T Y  C O M P A N Y									

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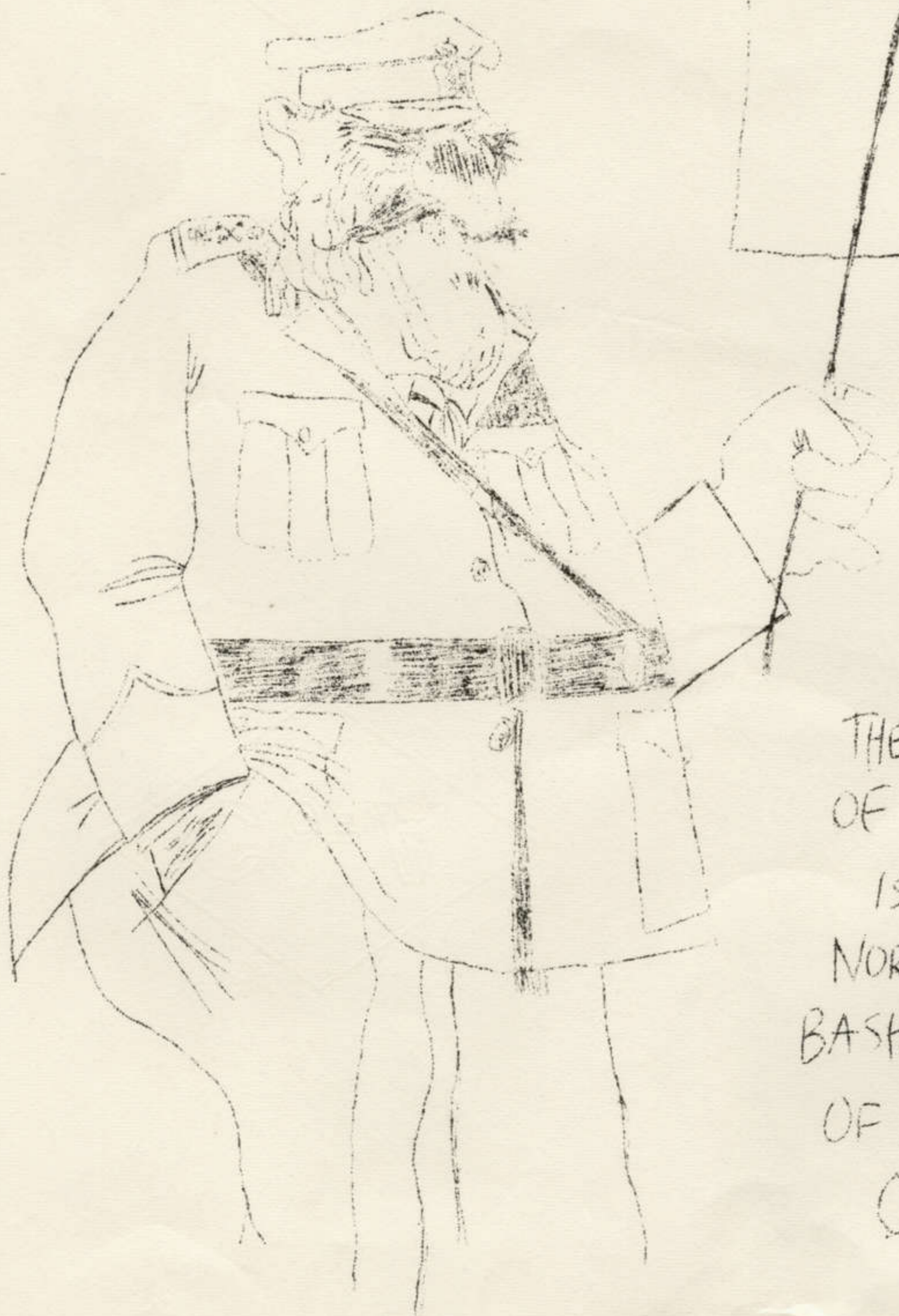
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EDITORIAL

Hi again! How did you find our first edition? Remember we said that to produce a successful magazine we require the assistance of the readers in coming forth with suitable material for inclusion in the paper? Response at the time of writing has been below expectations so how about helping out by passing on any jokes, odd stories, etc, you may have heard to your company orderley room. This will be out last edition prior to departure so on arrival in the funny place I hope we can expect to receive articles relating to the last few days at home or an experience on the trip over. Until then keep smiling -- Ed



THE BEST FORM  
OF DEFENCE  
IS GOING  
NORTH AND  
BASHING HELL OUT  
OF A LOT OF  
ORIENTALS



The following item was anonymously submitted to the editor who offers no comments:

THERE IS NO WAR IN VIETNAM

Take a man and put him alone,  
Put him 5,000 miles from home,  
Empty his heart of all but blood,  
Make him live in sweat and mud,  
There is the life that I have to live  
And why my soul to the devil I give.  
You please boys, swing in your easy chair;  
But you don't know what it's like over there.  
You all have a ball without near trying,  
While over there your boys are dying.  
You burn your draft cards, march at dawn,  
Plant your signs on the Parliament lawn,  
You all want to ban the bomb.  
There is no war in VIETNAM.  
Use your drugs and have your fun,  
And then refuse to carry a gun.  
There is nothing else for you to do,  
And I'm suppose to die for you?  
I'll hate you till the day I die.  
You made me hear my cobbler cry,  
I saw his arm in a bloody shred;  
I heard them say, "This one's dead".  
It's a large price he had to pay,  
Not to live another day.  
He had the guts to fight and die;  
He paid the price - - - - - But what did he buy?  
He bought you a life by giving his,  
But who gives a damn what a soldier gives;  
His wife does, and maybe his sons,  
But they're about the only ones.  
THERE IS NO WAR IN VIETNAM.



"Yes, it's all quite clear, sir... but could you go over the part that came after, 'Here we are and there they are'?"

HEMMEN'S BAR



WELL, MAX, ANOTHER ALL DAY SESSION?

Q. What do you get if you cross a black bird with a mad dog?

A. A raven maniac!

Q. What do you get if you cross a callgirl with a 3 ton elephant?

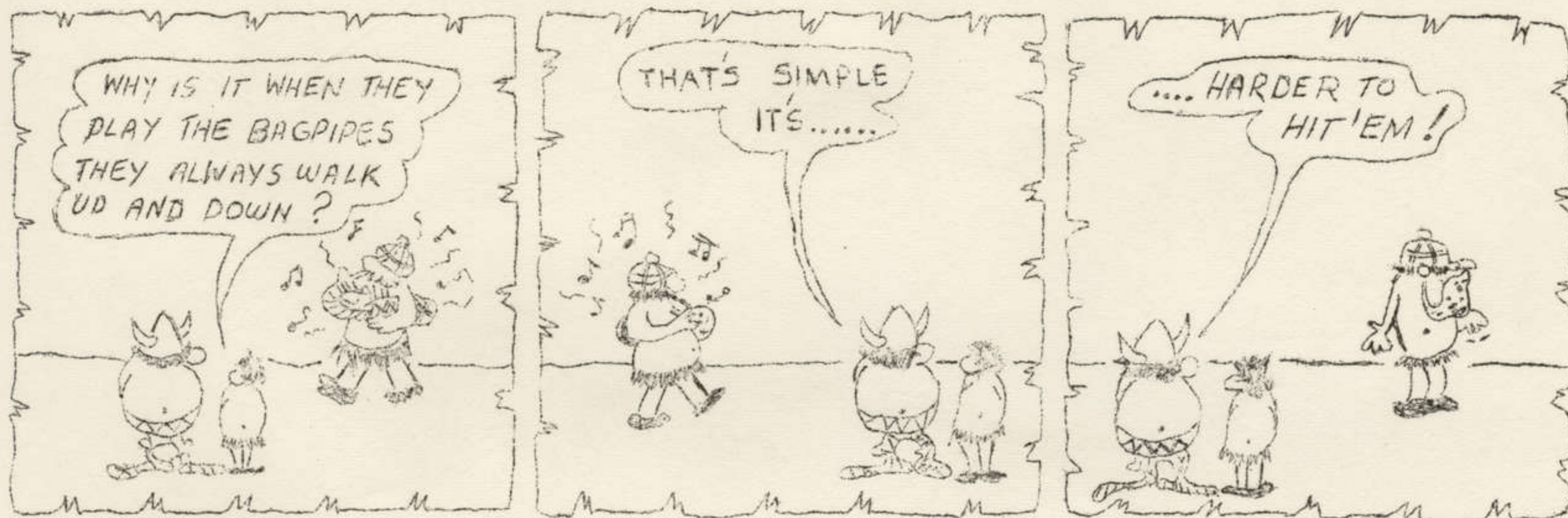
A. A 3 ton pick-up!

#### FANCY THAT

An ANSETT - ANA Viscount airliner landed safely at Essendon to-day.  
 Hundreds watched in amazement.  
 Civil Aviation officials immediately began investigating.

#### HARD TACK

Moved at a regimental funds meeting:  
 That 1,000 alfoil trays and polyester bags be purchased for use in lieu  
 of cut lunches!



#### GOING, GOING, GONE!!

JOE : " Have you heard I've been posted abroad?"

JACK : "A broad! Do you think there is any chance of getting me one?"

#### HOW TO LOSE A WOMAN

When she complains about you being drunk all the time, tell her you have got to get plastered before you even THINK of her.

#### QUEER PASTIME

Then there was the girl whose boyfriend didn't smoke drink or swear, and never, ever made a pass at her.

He also made his own dresses.

CLARK KILNS UNITED  
Soccer & Sports Club

ATTENTION!

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To all persons interested in joining the above soccer club.

We are catering for Kindergarten, Junior and All Age Teams and have our own ground at Clark Kilns, Nuwarra Road, Moorebank.

For all enquiries ring any one of the undermentioned.

President	T. Hardaker	77 7842 or 602 8052.
Secretary	F. Logan	77 7670 after 6 p.m.
Treasurer	C. Douglas	70 8755 or 602 8052.

This is your opportunity to join a progressive club that will also cater for Women's Basketball.

T. Hardaker  
PRESIDENT.

RELUCTANT SOLDIER, 1941 STYLE

The following letter was received by Army Headquarters, Melbourne, from a country farmer, asking for exemption from compulsory military training.

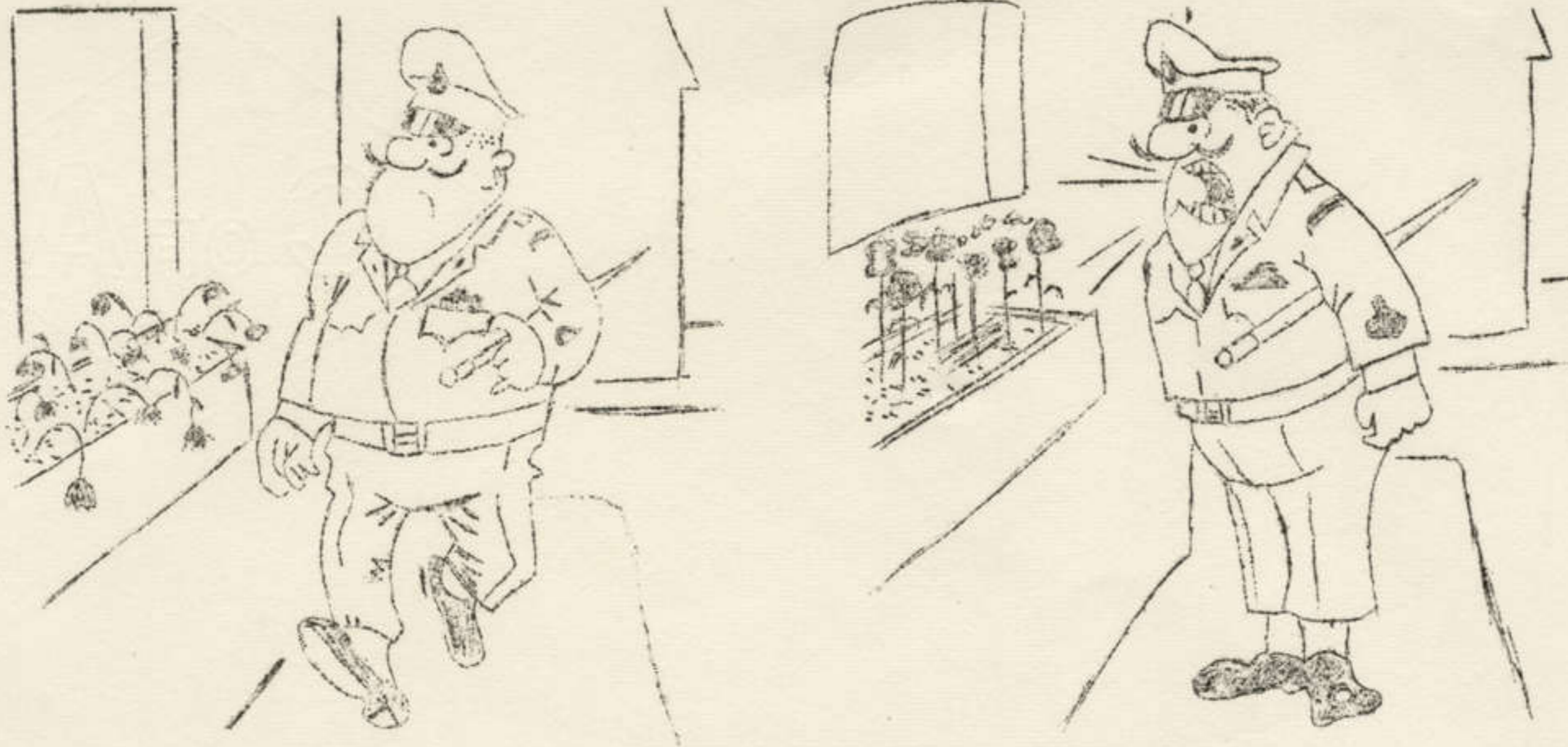
'I received notice to go to camp, but I want to say I won't be along. I suppose they'll go me but I will put up a scrap. I ask you - Is it fair? I have done two camps and lost a lot of cash. If I go to camp I get 5/- a day; if I stop home I get 15/-. At any rate what's the Army done for me? They didn't even get me made a corporal or a lance-jack. I am a mixed farmer and it's hard keeping the wolf from one door and the stork from the other, and running a dairy and poultry farm I am flat out. Another thing, just between ourselves, I can't trust the wife when I go away for a weekend so how can I trust her for 90 days? I am not going to send my wife 3/- a day to spend on blokes here. I believe in home defence, but in my case it's home defence under the house with a shot gun. Do you blame me? Please say if leave will be granted so I will know, but I'm not going anyway.

ALCOHOLICS  
ANONYMOUS

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WE PICK UP AND DELIVER

- Extract from Int Summary No. 68 attached to 2/24th Battalion war diary. July 1941.



"THE FLOWER POWER" -- Guess who?

How's Business?

FLORIST	:	ELOOMING
DRY CLEANER	:	PRESSING
TAXI DRIVER	:	FARE JUST FARE
PHOTOGRAPHER	:	DEVELOPING
	:	
BANK ROBBER	:	HOLDING UP
STRIPPER	:	DROPPING OFF
RUBBISH COLLECTOR	:	PICKING-UP
BAKER	:	RISING
BOAT SALESMAN	:	FLOATING
EXTERMINATOR	:	PESTY
RECORD MANUFACTURER	:	GROOVEY
PLUMBER	:	SINKING
SKY-DIVER	:	FALLING
CRANE DRIVER	:	UP AND DOWN
FRUIT SELLER	:	ROTTON
UNDERTAKER	:	LOWERING
BUILDER	:	SPIRALLING
BRICKLAYER	:	SOLID

AND "HOW"

An Indian chief was standing on a busy corner saying, "Chance" to every girl who went by. A curious bystander approached him and said: "I thought you Indians greeted palefaces by saying "How".

"Well", said the chief, "Me know how, but me want chance".

RESULTS 7 RAR SWIMMING CARNIVALFRI 23 JAN 70INDIVIDUAL EVENTS

100 m Freestyle	-	2 Lt J. BURROWS	D Coy
200 m Freestyle	-	2 Lt J. BURROWS	D Coy
100 m Breastroke	-	Pte E.W. LLOYD	C Coy
100 m Backstroke	-	Cpl C.J. GREVILLE	Sp Coy
50 m Butterfly	-	Lt R.C. POTHOF	C Coy
1 Metre Diving	-	Pte W. DAVEY	Sp Coy

Relay event results not available at this time.

WATER POLO

In the finals of the water polo, C Coy were victorious over B Coy by the slim margin of 7 goals to 6 after extra time had been added.

SWIMMING SHIELD

The 7 RAR Swimming Shield was won by C Coy after one point separated rivals C Coy and B Coy until the last event.

Congratulations to C Coy. To B Coy, better luck next time.

COMMANDING OFFICER'S AWARD

The outstanding swimmer award was presented to Lt R.C. POTHOF for a wonderful all round effort. Although he was closely pursued by several others, I am sure they would agree that the award was well deserved.