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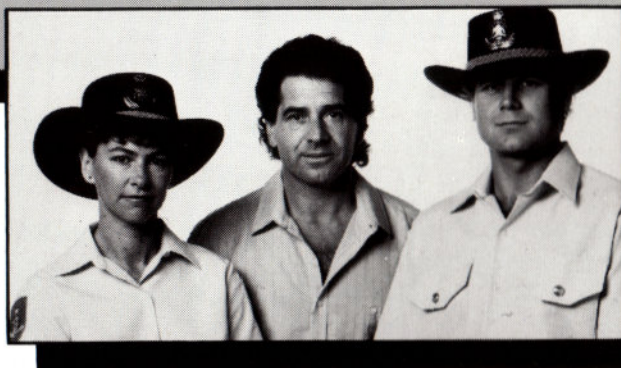
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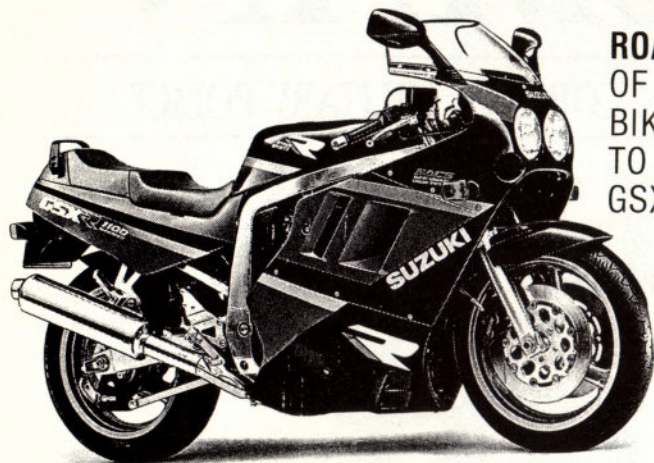
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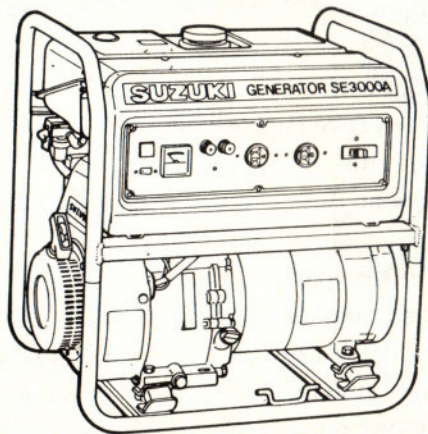
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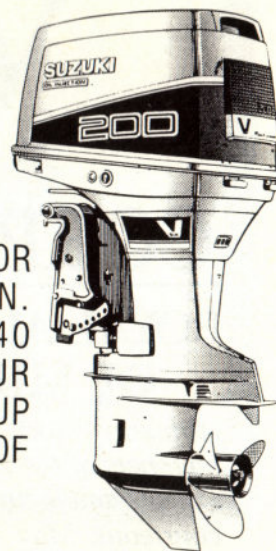
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Director of Military Police  
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1. Now that all the turmoil caused by the posting cycle has been resolved I hope all Corps members and their families are now settled in their new locations and you are prepared for the busy year we face with our large commitment to KANGAROO'89.
2. We have a number of visitors through the Directorate recently. We were pleased to see the New Zealand Provost Marshal designate MAJ Neil Garnett and MAJ Wong Ah Jit from the Malaysian MP School. It was good to see two former Corps officers staying in touch. Ken Petersen popped in during a business trip and John Cook called in to fill us all with envy over his pending trip to the Greek Islands for the northern summer.
3. During my visit to the United Kingdom last year I experienced the pleasure of being entertained by PM-A BRIG Norman Allen and his charming wife Lois at their home. We were treated to a most enjoyable luncheon with fine German wines.
4. Congratulations to LTCOL Frank Brown on his promotion and to Chris Ostapenko on being selected to fly the MP Flag which UNIMOG in the Iran/Iraq monitoring group.
5. The front cover of this journal shows the scale model of the MP complex being constructed at Green Hills (Holsworthy). More details of this exciting development and long awaited home for the Corps is included later in this journal. LTCOL Geoff Russell reminded me recently of walking the ground at this site with the then DAPM Eastern Command MAJ Bob Bell in 1967 when this complex was first muted.
6. The construction of the new accommodation for 3 MP Coy is well advanced and the unit will occupy this purpose built accommodation by the end of the year. Although not as conveniently located as Majella the improvements in the functional layout of the new building should go a long way to compensate for this.

7. I was saddened to learn of the death of Denis Horne early this year. The Corps was strongly represented at his funeral and the condolences of the Corps were passed on to his family.

8. BRIG Brumfield completes his appointment as Colonel Commandant of our Corps on 30 June 89. He will be farewelled from the Corps at a formal dinner. BRIG Brumfield has taken an active interest in Corps affairs and always went out of his way to make contact with RACMP units during his travels around Australia, BRIG Brumfield has been a great supporter of the Corps and he retires from this appointment with the best wishes of all members of RACMP.

Director of Military  
Police/Provost Marshal - Army

## ARTICLES FOR THE POINTSMAN

Major articles should be about 1500 words. This will provide approximately two pages of double column print. Smaller articles should be a minimum of 250 words. Articles accompanied by photographs are preferred.

### Typing

All articles should be typed in double space on A4 size paper. Handwritten articles should be the exception as they are more difficult to proof read and adjust.

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An article logically constructed which is simple and easy to read is always acceptable. Purely military abbreviations should be avoided unless they are in common usage.

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### Submission

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## EDITOR'S NOTE

For reasons of space it has been necessary to reduce the length of some contributions. Care has been taken to avoid altering the thrust of the submissions.

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# CALLING CPL ROVER DO WE NEED YOU?

By: CAPT R.J. Daly (4 MP Coy)

## Introduction

With the multitudinal tasks of the MP Company in mind, have we a position available for 'Corporal Rover', the police dog, in MP Companies? If there is a position available, then is it essential or is it just icing on the cake? What benefit can be derived from the employment of dogs? How many of us really understand what an important asset a police dog can be. In this essay I will consider the many differing tasks that police dogs are capable of and the role that they can play within MP Companies. The best breed of police dog, the inherent costs of a dog and potential human cost savings will be analysed, in my investigation into the need for Corporal Rover.



CPL McCloy with one of the South Australian Police Dogs

## Capabilities

How many of us really understand the capabilities of the Police dog? From the author's investigation and first hand experience with various dog squads within South Australia the following capabilities came to light. Dogs have incredible searching capabilities. As we all know, the human body excretes a distinctive smell, but in the majority of cases one human being cannot smell another. The super sensitive nose of the German Shepherd does not require a human being to be of dirty habits to enable it to locate that person - the cleanest person is located easily by the dog which perceives the wind borne body scent over distances of hundreds of metres. Climatic conditions can either hinder or assist a dog when searching. Cold windy conditions are more favourable than hot still conditions when searching open areas for lost or hidden people.

As we know searches can be conducted either in open areas or confined spaces. A trained dog is capable of searching large premises much more rapidly than men are able.

The dog is not distracted by incidents which might interfere with the concentration of humans. In the dog's favour is the fact that if there is an intruder on the premises he will be under stress, which increases the offender's body odour. The dog is taught to search for human body scent and then locate the hidden person. The dog barks to warn the handler of the location of the intruder.

Open area searching is basically the same as building searching except that the dog is working outside a building, utilising the wind borne body scent of the hidden or lost person. Again, when the person is located the dog barks to advise the handler. Searches of entire blocks of metropolitan homes have been successful in locating offenders. The area to be searched is cordoned off and the dogs make a yard to yard search.

Dogs have been very successful in finding hidden drugs. They are used also for double checking premises searched previously by Police personnel. The dogs can be trained to locate any drug including marijuana, cocaine or heroin.

There is considerable confusion in the mind of the average person as to how a dog tracks a person. Briefly all the dog follows is the damage trail which is created when a person travels through an area. Slight damage is caused to both the footwear and the surface which the footwear contacts, thus creating a trail for the dog to follow. Any trail created by a person will last for varying lengths of time. Factors dictating the time limit of a trail are the hardness of both the surface and shoe, contamination by other persons and weather conditions. Heat, wind and rain create problems for the search dog and a trail is quickly lost.

When searching for articles, the dog once again searches for the human body scent which clings to any article which is handled or worn by people. If such an article is lost or thrown away it retains the body scent and this scent is foreign to the area in which the article lands.

Dogs have a great preventive policing capability. For many years overseas Police Forces throughout the world have realised that a patrolling police dog and handler are a valuable crime deterrent, much more so than a police officer on his own.

The protective instinct of a dog towards its master is generally well known. In the case of a police dog which is with its handler around the clock, this instinct is accentuated. A police dog handler is naturally more confident than most other personnel when involved in situation of aggression. Police dogs are taught to identify and hold aggressors at bay thus affording protection to law abiding citizens and police alike.

## Tasks within MP Companies

Having discussed the capabilities of police dogs let us examine what tasks they could perform within MP Companies. Dogs could certainly assist with the local defence of headquarters, installations and vulnerable points, the physical security of military installations and property, the protection of military ports, rail centres and depots from pilferage and sabotage. They could also assist with the physical security and escort of VIPs, control of refugees and stragglers and with the evacuation of prisoners of war. The maintenance of discipline outside unit areas, assistance with the prevention, detention and investigation of crime, the apprehension of absentees and deserters and assistance with the maintenance of detention facilities are additional tasks for which police dogs could play an important role.

## What Breed Makes the Best Police Dog

Many people choose a breed whose reputation as a guard is well known and possibly the best known of these is the German Shepherd. The German Shepherd breed is the most widely kept working dog in the world and has proved to be an excellent guard dog. Potential guard dogs are required to have a decidedly suspicious nature to strangers, as opposed to the immediate friendliness of most dog breeds. If wariness of strangers is coupled with courage and vigilance, the result is a first class guard. Unfortunately if wariness is as a result of fear, the result is an unreliable and dangerous animal. It should be noted that many security firms, police, customs and armed forces rely on the German Shepherd as their preferred guard dog. It is, of course, not only as guards that Shepherds are used. Their tracking ability is utilised by many police forces and Armed Services. It is probable that the German Shepherd's nose is not as good as some of the hound breeds, but this is more than compensated for by their high degree of trainability. Dog teams used for searching for avalanche victims nearly always contain German Shepherds. In America and the Continent, the breed is used extensively as a guide dog for the blind. As a companion German Shepherds are believed to be unsurpassable by their owners.

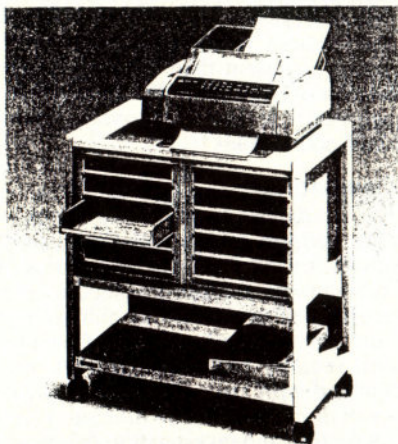
Compared to some breeds the German Shepherd does not have a very long history. The dog was developed in Germany about a hundred years ago by a judicious blend of sheepdogs. The aim of the cross breeding was to get a very responsive dog, quick moving and tireless. It had to be a dog that could be trusted to act on its own initiative, for it had to keep sheep on unfenced



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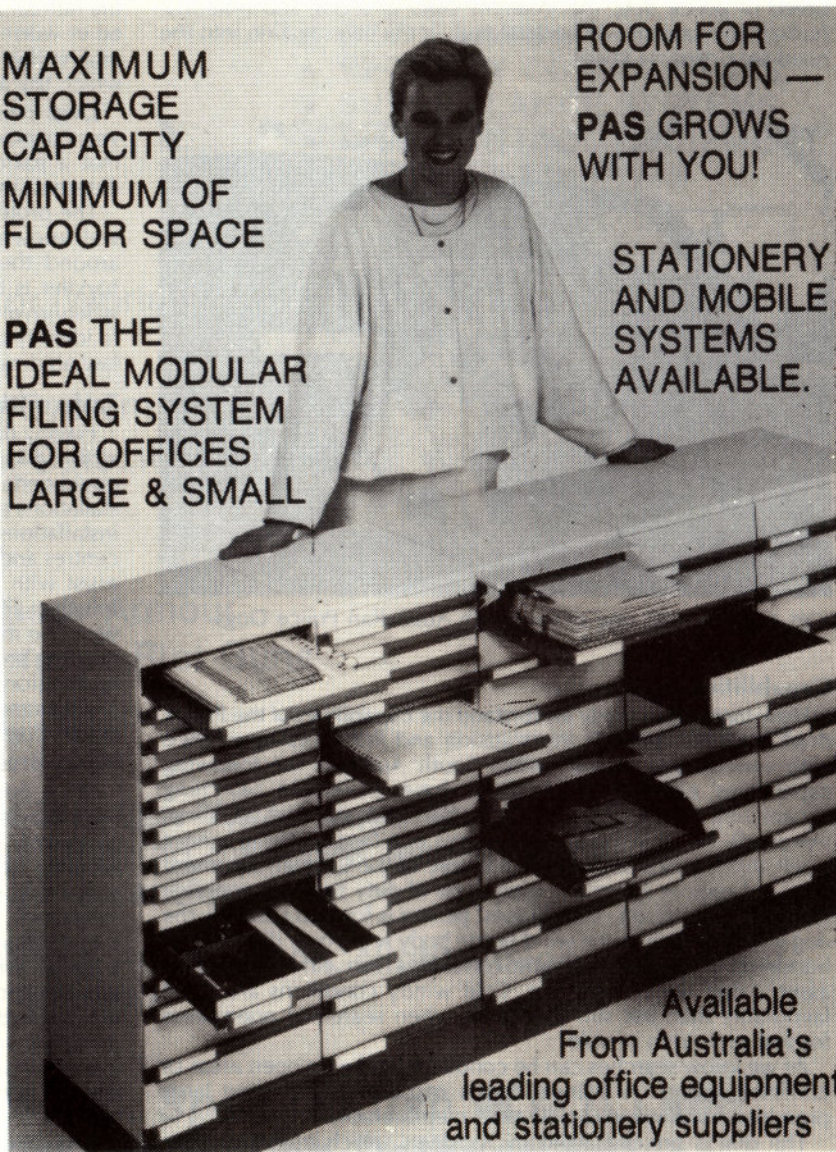
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The RAAF Police and South Australian State Police have their own dog squads and exclusively use the German Shepherd breed of dog.

### Costing

Let us now examine some of the costs that would be involved in the training of a dog and handler and the setting up of a Military Police dog squad. As it would be impractical and also highly irregular to have and train only one police dog for a unit we must bear in mind that costs involved would have to be multiplied by the number of dogs required. For example, if dogs were to be used to guard establishments and installation, a task that they can do superbly, then we have to consider the fact that we would require at least five dogs and handlers to cover shift work, holidays and leave requirements.

The best age to commence training a dog is at twelve months and the average cost of a twelve month old German Shepherd is around five hundred dollars. To feed a dog using bulk meat not suitable for human consumption averages out at two dollars per day per dog in costs. A twelve week training course is initially required for both dog and handler. Depending on the whereabouts of this course, travel and accommodation costs would have to be considered. A period of regular and continuous training is also required for both the dog and handler. Training courses are costly in terms of both time away from work, travel, accommodation and course costs. Housing for the dog and the subsequent costs presents another problem and deserves to be looked at separately. I would estimate that it would cost about five thousand dollars per year per dog to set up a dog squad. This figure of five thousand dollars is approximate, as there are so many variables involved.

The Army already has a dog training facility at the School of Military Engineering. At the Aviation Centre, Oakey dogs are currently used for protective duties. There is a distinct possibility that RACMP will eventually foster both the dogs and handlers located at Oakey. The nucleus for a military police dog element appears to be already in place.

Within its peace time role a standard Military Police Company could operate quite successfully with a compliment of five dogs and handlers. These dogs would operate purely on a protective basis for installations and personnel. Should the Military Police Companies require dogs with a drug seeking capability (bearing in mind that a dog can only be trained to seek out one particular type of drug), then further dogs would be required. These however could be used on a call out basis and would therefore only necessitate the provision of two extra dogs.

In the event of a war the basis of a Military Police Dog Squad section would be well established. Further dogs and handlers could be trained on an as required basis. It is the author's suggestion that during Operations at least one section of a Military Police Company could be designated as a Dog Section. This would only enhance and not detract from the capabilities of the Military Police Company.

### Housing

There are two schools of thought regarding the housing of police dogs. The RAAF Police keep their dogs in a group of kennels in a community run area. RAAF kennels are located on the air base. The kennels are manned only during the day and checked occasionally during the night. Each dog is allowed into the community run area each morning whilst its kennel is being cleaned. If the dog handler goes on holidays, his dog remains at the kennel and is only exercised by the night shift rostered handler. The dogs are exercised in the community run area. Apart from the cheaper cost, the reason for community kennelling is to keep the status quo of the handler being number one and the dog being number two. If the dog was taken home, the RAAF Police consider that it becomes passed down the line of seniority by the other members of the handler's family, ie instead of the

handler being number one and the dog being number two, it becomes the handler being number one, his wife number two, his family numbers three, four and five, and the dog number six. The RAAF Police consider that it is extremely important in order to keep the efficiency of the dog and handler continuous, that the status quo of handler number one and dog number two be retained.

The South Australian State Police build kennels at the handler's home, and supply the handler with a vehicle in which to transport the dog and handler to wherever they may be required. This system necessarily means the expense of a kennel at the handlers home. The usual kennelling system is a concrete kennel with a wire run and concrete floor which could entail costs of up to one thousand dollars. A vehicle per handler and dog is another significant expense, being in the order of ten thousand dollars. Although the costs are much greater with this system, the South Australian Police Dog Squad consider that this system provides a greater bond between dog and handler. If the handler goes on holidays then the dog goes with him and his family. The South Australian Police disclaim the lowering of the priority or seniority of the dog by the handler's family, with the fact that the dog knows that it is number two when it is working and is happy to have time off with the handler and his family.

### Human Costs

The average Military Police Corporal would earn approximately twenty five thousand dollars per year. Bearing in mind the cost that a dog and handler would cost approximately thirty thousand dollars per year and disregarding the set up costs, ie kennelling and vehicles, it would be obvious that a handler and dog are only nominally more expensive per year than a Corporal. One would assume that a lot of present serving corporals would volunteer to undertake the training to become handlers.

### Conclusion

The costs of setting up a Dog Squad within the Military Police on the surface may appear to be prohibitive. However the advantages in the capabilities of the dogs are as beneficial as the costs are prohibitive. When one considers that a dog and handler could replace two Corporals in a number of tasks the costs start to dwindle into insignificance. The author, having seen Police Dogs in action at various tasks, cannot but extol the virtues of this currently untapped commodity for the benefit of Military Police Companies. It is a commodity that would certainly improve the efficiency of the units and bring credit to the dogs, handlers and RACMP alike. Yes, Corporal Rover, I know we need you!

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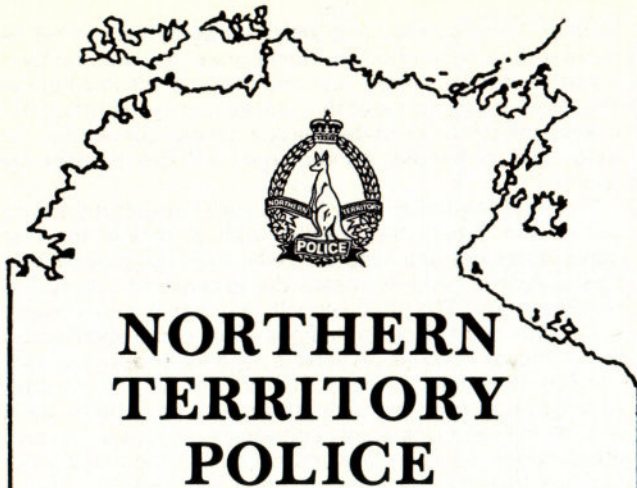
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Full implementation of the DFDA over the last three years has brought about a greater recognition of the value of SIB evidence at Service Tribunals. However, for the SIB investigator the increased complexity of the judicial process and the burden of proof placed on the prosecution has meant more detailed investigations, with more supporting evidence than ever before. Regrettably, SIB resources have not been increased to meet these additional requirements.



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A thank you must go out to all our ARES members who have helped reduce the workload of their ARA counterparts throughout the year. A special thanks to CAPT Charlie Naylor who has returned on full time duty to fill the hole left at 3P1 whilst CAPT Michael Wong is busily attending courses.

1989 already promises to be a good year for the procurement of new equipment. Although 1988 saw a lot of negotiating and unanticipated setbacks, the new 'SIBNET' computer system is now well into the planning stage with the computer experts. The programme is currently being compiled with the anticipation of stage 1 (computer terminals at P1 and SIB HQ) completed by mid 1990, with eventual links between HQ and all SIB sub units.

With 1989 under way we look out to see whats been happening around the P1's. 1P1 started the year at a hectic pace ably led



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by the newly commissioned CAPT Greg Walker and well supported by WO1 'Nobby' Clarke. and well supported by WO1 'Nobby' Clarke. They will soon be requesting to be included on 1P1's inventory as a permanent fixture - or so they think. CAPT Barry Ross has settled into 2P1 at downtown sunny Ingleburn and is being backed up well by WO1 Chris Tilly. 3P1 hasn't yet decided who they want as P1 Comd but CAPT Wong may have trouble removing CAPT Naylor from the chair on his return from JSC and ROIC. In the meanwhile WO1 Mike Pemberton has kept the P1 in line with his usual efficient manner. Finally at Unit HQ we welcomed CAPT Cheryl McDonald who continues to push the paper around, where possible making sure it avoids the OC's desk.

In concluding, the OC, through the auspices of the Corps magazine, wishes to thank all unit members for their hard work, loyalty and support during his first year in the 'hot seat.' The Branch is still as strong as ever, thanks to all your efforts. 'labor omnia vincit'



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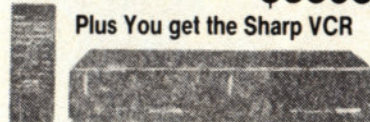
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# A COMPUTING STRATEGY FOR THE ROYAL AUSTRALIAN CORPS OF MILITARY POLICE

By Major B.D. Hickman, Provost Marshal,  
Headquarters 3rd Military District.

As we exit the nineteen eighties it is appropriate to use the wisdom of hindsight to review the decade and the irreversible changes it brought. The most far ranging changes were those concerning the access and transmission of information characterised by the commonplace use of cellular telephones, personal computer modems, facsimile machines, satellite television and library searches of vast international data bases. The Army continued development of its automated Command, Control and Information System (CCIS) which has overtaken ill-prepared users down to section level.

With this appreciation of the rapid changes of the past, we must consider our Corps circumstances, and project them forward into the next decade and beyond.

The functions of the Royal Australian Corps of Military Police (RACMP) are to:

- a. provide commanders with an essential element of command and control;
- b. assist formations and units in operations; and
- c. assist with the maintenance of morale and discipline within the Army.

The critical element common to all these functions, and indeed most derived tasks, is the timely and accurate accumulation, and then transmission, of information in support of command and control within the Army.

The Army's Administrative Computing Objective is the progressive introduction of integrated information (computing) technology to achieve administrative efficiency as part of effective command and control throughout the Army.

The functions of RACMP and the objective of Army administrative computing are so closely attuned that it should be obvious the Corps will continue to be drawn into computing. Equally as obvious is the fact that if the CCIS develops around and past our Corps, our professionalism will suffer and opportunities will be lost that may never present themselves again.

The way ahead has never been clearer. We must not only embrace the new technology, but develop applications which realise it's full potential. Few other Corps are such obvious potential users of more dynamic computing applications.

Notwithstanding our slowness in embracing computing, it is as well to review our current level of exposure. The centrally supported Sperry based system runs the PISCES data base which provides real time information on all Army Registered Number (ARN) vehicles. All civil record checks are conducted via the Federal Police computer and thanks to 22nd Military Police Platoon. The Special Investigation Branch (SIB) micro-computer system, PROVOMIC, has been the work horse of the Military Police Central records Office for years. The Standard Bureau System (SBS) now supports Army Office branches, Functional Command Headquarters, Headquarters 1st Division, Military District Headquarters and District Support Unit (North Queensland) and is used to run locally produced RACMP applications. Individual RACMP members across all ranks have developed or purchased Personal Computer (PC) applications that range from Road Movement calculations to Major Crime Intelligence data bases.

The first step forward is to establish what systems, data bases and applications exist, or are planned, that are or will be of value to RACMP. Some have already been detailed, at least by type. Others include:

- a. ARMREC (CARO system);
- b. PRISM (Personnel) data base on the Prime based system;
- c. AUSTACCS Testbed;
- d. PRIMEWORD word processing;
- e. DYNACALC spread sheet;
- f. Office Automation; and
- g. Computer Based Training (CBT) applications.

Overlaying all of these systems and applications is the certainty that many less visible but equally valuable systems and applications exist.

Within Headquarters 3rd Military District the DATA BASE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM on the SBS has been utilised to create a data base of information extracted from:

- a. Personnel and Material Incident Reports;
- b. Unit notifications of Civil Convictions;
- c. Military Police Occurrence and Offence Reports;
- d. SIB Reports; and
- e. Court Marshal results.

This data base was developed to replace, and is maintained in lieu of, correspondence and Report Type registers. An application has been developed which permits sorting on any one, or combination of, entry field. The most commonly used fields are Surname, Unit, Offence and Factor (Alcohol or drug related). Already this application has displayed cases of the decline of individual discipline, and provided valuable information which is not available elsewhere. When it is used on a national basis, and the information input widened to include such areas as Verbal Warnings by Military Policemen and Summary Hearing results, it will be an unsurpassed source of offence information on offenders.

New applications could include:

- a. Electronic Daily Occurrence Books to efficiently and effectively transfer information from Platoons to Company Headquarters to Provost Marshals.
- b. A real time AWOL register including information currently submitted in Monthly Reports, which can be viewed by Directorate at any time.
- c. A central register of all small arms serial number and relevant history - stolen, legally disposed of or currently held by.

The overall Army computing strategy is based upon the provision of a Standard Bureau System (SBS) to meet each major organisations immediate requirements, unless there are special technical requirements which dictate that a Purpose Designed System (PDS) be provided. An answer on whether RACMP will use a SBS or PDS will fall out once the bulk of Corps applications have been identified.

The last and potentially greatest problem to the RACMP system realising it's potential is for any one terminal on the national network, at any location, to access all of the necessary systems, data bases and applications. This is recognised for the Army system as a whole and as such priority development is occurring to satisfy the data transfer requirements of the Army's Automated CCIS, through the development of a Army Information Transfer Mechanism (ITM). This will initially utilise both magnetic means (tape and diskette exchange) and eventually electronic means.

Ideally the Corps will be served by two computer systems. The upgrade to PROVOMIC, designated as SIBNET, with secure interface to Police and Intelligence systems and a National Military Police Network which will draw together a myriad of much needed information from differing systems, data bases and applications. The time is now to develop these systems before Army computing capabilities are absorbed on less suitable applications, RACMP tasks are taken on by other organisations and the Corps can no longer provide information at the required levels of efficiency and effectiveness for modern command and control within the Army.

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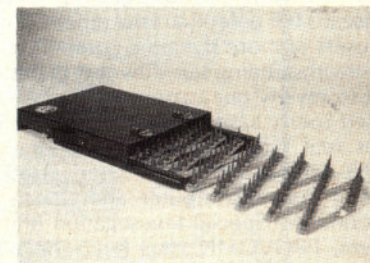
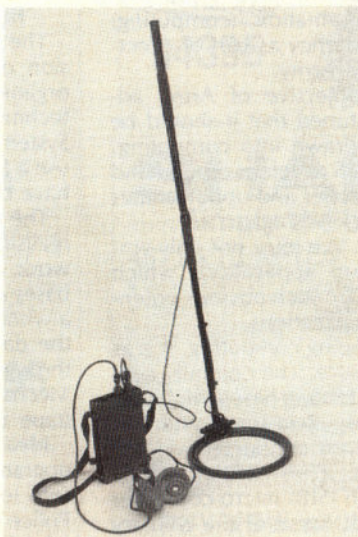
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# COMPUTERS AND THE SIB THE IDEAL CASE

CAPT. G.P. Walker

Currently there is one lonely computer crunching information on behalf of the RACMP (SIB). Within five years it is not inconceivable to submit that every investigator will have at least a video display unit (VDU) and keyboard, linked to some form of microprocessor, sitting on his/her desk.

Although there is still some resistance to the introduction of computers on a large scale in the Military Police, it is inevitable that they will eventually take over the majority of mundane checking, report writing and statement recording tasks currently done by investigators and supervisors. This would release these members from a great deal of 'office work' and enable them to devote more time on the actual investigation of crime. Of course this could only be achieved by the fairly dramatic modification of our reporting system.

A submission for a computer link between the Military Police Central Records Office (MPCRO) and the three SIB platoon headquarters is already on the drawing board and has a very good chance of success. Phase two of the plan will involve the installation of inter-linked computers at all SIB sections/detachments.

Eventually, it is hoped all SIB computers will have communications with many other police agencies, Service establishments and Government departments with compatible systems.

There is enormous potential to save vast amounts of man hours by using computers in all sections of the Military Police. Notwithstanding the recent developments in the application of computer technology in fingerprint and forensic science, computers are ideally structured to perform much of the paperwork involved in investigation. From the receipt of the complaint until the results of proceeding are decided, they can be utilized. Let us assume for a moment or two that money is no object and all Military Police units are 'on line' and operating with some fairly standard computer equipment.

## Initiating a Complaint

A complaint or an investigation is either processed in the MP office environment, at the scene of an alleged offence or at the complainant's units. In any of the locations the investigator sits down with the complainant and inputs the necessary information directly into the computer. Away from the office environment one of the unit's portable models (about the size of a briefcase) is used.

By typing in a simple predetermined command, eg 'DO COMPLAINT' a program is initiated designed to 'interrogate' the complainant and extract all those details required by the investigator to commence the enquiry. Each category of crime has a series of programs unique to its requirements. Progressively, or at the completion of the complaint the computer also automatically performs the following functions:

- a. Allocates the next case file number for the enquiry.
- b. Checks each piece of information provided against existing data base files (DBF) and immediately rejects any details which are incorrect, invalid, insufficient to constitute a complaint or not in the format acceptable to the program.
- c. Presents an initial report of the complaint electronically to the supervisor for clearance.
- d. Selects the relevant distribution in accordance with current instructions.
- e. Despatch electronically, to each addressee 'on line', those details which have previously been identified as being applicable to the receiver's requirements. In other cases produces a typed initial report for each addressee not on line.

At the Military Police Central Records Office (MPCRO) this initial information, received within seconds of being sent from the sub-unit, is processed by the central computer and stored for use in the tasks below:

- a.\*\* Daily checks by HQ SIB staff of all crime reported to sub-units for quality control and sensitive matter which may require special attention or reports to Army Office.
- b.\*\* Production of the Military Police Gazette, a weekly chroni-

cle to commanders and higher authorities of all crime reported to RACMP (SIB).

- c.\* Monthly and special statistical summaries of crime, used to monitor trends and quickly identify potential problem areas. (This is where the computer is really 'at home', processing large volumes of information quickly and accurately. In addition to producing hard facts and figures, the computer could be programmed to automatically calculate increases and decreases and identify the underlying reasons for the change, ie in security, lack of supervision, introduction of new procedures, etc.)
- d.\*\* Quarterly summaries of each case in those categories of crime identified as serious.
- e.\*\* Production of the MPCRO Annual Report.
- f.\* Offenders/suspects criminal history and stolen property checks.
- g.\*\* Other special reports/checks as applicable.
- \* Currently totally generated by the MPCRO computer.
- \*\* Partly generated by the computer.

Also MPCRO would be directly linked to the large Army DBFs on all serving ARA and ARes, along with extensive history information on discharged members. The ARA/ARes Serving DBF, currently in existence has the capability to store up to 600 separate pieces of information on each member of the Army. This could prove invaluable in the investigation of serious crime.

## Investigating the Complaint

Following the successful recording of the complaint, the computer then automatically carries out checks and if necessary, produces a print out for the investigator detailing:

- a. Complainant's history, if any, paying particular attention to evidence of frivolous/false complaints, or for any indication that the complaint may not be genuine.
- b. Information on all witnesses/suspects identified by the complainant as having some involvement in the case. Where applicable, (theft and fraud cases) conduct credit and salary checks on possible suspects, (subject to legislative power.)

At this point the computer also presents to the investigator a 'blue print' for that particular crime classification. The blue print sets out possible avenues of enquiry, best methods of attacking the case and drawing his/her attention to potential problem areas. At the same time a DBF is created on that case ready to accept the facts of the matter as they become available. Progress reports are generated and despatched automatically at predetermined stages, or as requested.

For complex enquiries other programs, specially designed to search and analyse raw data, are used to identify possible suspects, inconsistencies in witness accounts or further avenues of enquiry.

## Furtherance of Enquiry (FOE)

Should it be necessary to conduct enquiries outside the initiating unit's area of responsibility, the request along with the complete case file is transmitted to the SIB unit concerned in seconds. Likewise, with the results of enquiries conducted. The same procedure is followed for gathering documentary evidence from other unit or government departments.

Using a modified procedure, initially, only certified true copies are gathered during the investigation phase, leaving original documents at their source to be produced if and when required.

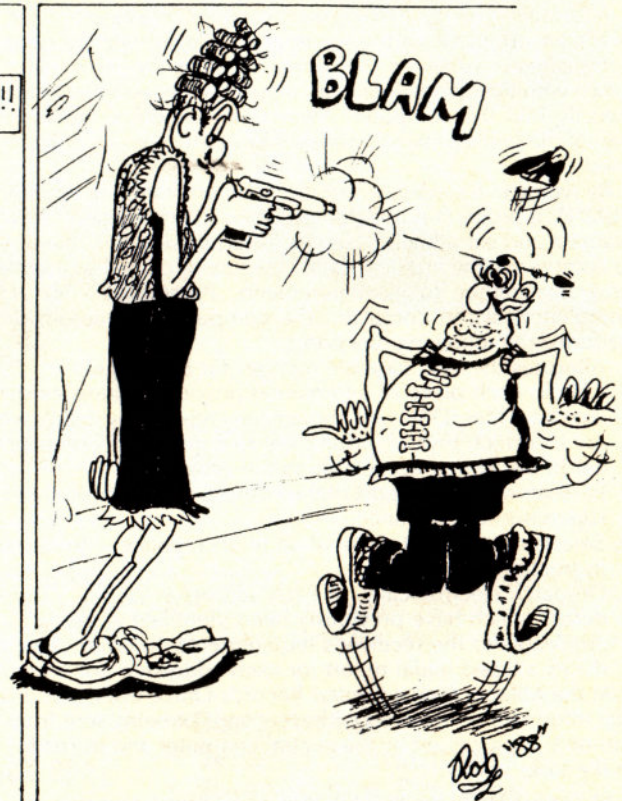
At any time, the investigator's immediate supervisor or unit HQ can electronically call for a complete report or brief summary on the case or any others being undertaken.

## Interview with Suspect

Hopefully with all this brilliant technology, we will eventually have an offender to show for the computer's hard work. You guessed it, the computer is again ready to provide the investigator with a model record of interview, most of which is already compiled. By checking known or alleged data in the case file the computer is able to prompt the investigator with a series of suitable questions necessary for a successful prosecution. As



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an adjunct, any recent decisions handed down by Service tribunals or any recent policy changes on the matter under investigation are brought to the investigators attention. Should the investigator be unsure of him/herself on a particular question, he/she first allows the computer to check it over before asking. It would ensure that the question is not double barreled, leading, constitutes cross examination or is irrelevant. That should take all of one or two seconds, depending on the computer's capacity;

Of course the computer can do little if the suspect elects to remain silent except point out the latest court decisions on this eventuality. Prior to a print out of the record of interview being produced it would be automatically checked for spelling and typing errors.

Audio tapes of interviews pose no problems as computers can now transcribe taped conversation. Likewise if the suspects elects to make a written statement, a microprocessor has recently been invented which reads handwriting.

#### Final Report

On completion of the record of interview and any follow up action, the final report is generated by typing another simple command like 'DO FINAL REPORT'. The final report is presented to the supervisor electronically. Once approved the report is despatched as previously mentioned. It is conceivable that an offender would appear in court on a brief of evidence which had never seen a pen or paper.

#### Summary

Just how quickly computer technology has advanced was brought home to staff at MPCRO recently when a computer technician proudly displayed brochures on portable computers

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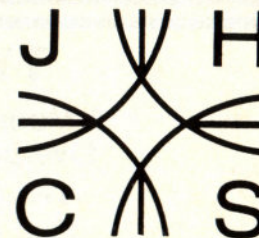


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## MILITARY POLICE TASKS

By MAJOR Jim Garrard

Why am I stuck on 24 hour patrols - that seems to be the only reason we are here?

Why can't a Unit Investigating Officer do this - no crime has been committed?

I am sure we have all heard those or similar comments during our career in the Military Police. For many years the question of the 'Military Police Tasking' has created heated discussion both inside and outside our Corps. I have personally seen a shift from the late 1970's, where we concentrated more on ASA and SIB duties, to the present day, where a great deal of time is spent on Field Duties. The recent Defence White Paper which highlights the Army's future role in Low Level Operations has only added more fuel to the debate.

Whilst we all tend to blame a lack of resources, shortfalls in manning, and a poor understanding of our role by senior officers for our current dilemma, I believe that many of our problems are self created. We are by nature a Service Corps, however our attitude of providing a service to the Army at all costs, so that we may be able to justify our existence has seen us undertake many day to day tasks, which can be successfully done by non MP personnel. By doing this in peacetime we are creating a climate where RACMP may well be misemployed or worse under utilized in war.

How can we change this? Firstly we must go back to basics and identify the role of the Army. Then we must focus our attention on how MPs can best help the Army achieve its goals. Three important factors emerge from such a study:

- the ultimate role of the Army is to fight;
- MPs perform functions which must be carried out in peace and war; and
- what is best for the Army must take priority over everything else.

"What is best for the Army" is sometimes forgotten in much of the discussion which takes place in our Corps. Quite often time and effort is taken up defending Corps resources which may be put to better use in other parts of the Army. This is particularly relevant with the resource constraints and current problems concerning manning levels.

There are functions that need to be carried out in peace and war that MPs perform. While certain functions performed by MPs need to be performed, there may be no requirement to have them done by MPs. Much of the allocation of resources is dependent on the Army's perception of MP professionalism. Here I am not talking about doing "favours" for the local Commanders, but doing the job better than anyone else. Just as important in this area is the ability of MP commanders to convince the Army that MPs are the best soldiers for the task. If we lose particular functions because of our failure to communicate our capabilities then we have no one else to blame but ourselves. Our less than successful approach to VIP escorts/close protection, and criminal intelligence, are clear examples of this problem.

The primary role of the Army is to fight. Anything which is not directed towards that aim has little consequence. We should remember that the MP functions which assist the Army to fight in war are the most important. These are the tasks which the Army will pay most interest in, and provide the most resources to maintain. Therefore these functions should receive our greatest attention, and should be the focus for our training and operations. Unfortunately, in some cases, we seem to have lost track of this.

Before looking at the functions MPs perform, we should accept that there are a wide range of conditions under which they will be undertaken. Simplistically these conditions can be categorized as peace, mobilization and war.

The functions carried out by MPs, although going from Field Army duties to purely investigative work may be divided into the following groups:

- Law Enforcement (traffic offences, dress offences, prejudicial behaviour, traffic accidents, AWOL);
- Criminal Investigation (including criminal intelligence collections, reporting, dissemination);

- Crime Prevention;
- Detention Facilities;
- Traffic Control;
- Straggler/Refugee Control;
- Physical Security; and
- Assistance to Civil Authorities in an Emergency.

I have drawn up a chart which lists the functions and the priority given under various conditions (peace, mobilization, war). The lists are divided into groups starting from A "most critical" to D "not undertaken but need for training."

### MP FUNCTIONS

	PEACE	MOBILIZATION	WAR
<b>GROUP A</b>			
Law Enforcement		Traffic Control	Traffic Control
Criminal Investigation		Physical Security	Physical Security
Crime Prevention			Straggler/Refugee Control
Traffic Control			Control
Physical Security			AW Control
<b>GROUP B</b>			
Detention Facilities		Law Enforcement	Law Enforcement
		Criminal Investigation	
		Crime Prevention	
<b>GROUP C</b>			
Assistance to Civil Authorities in an Emergency		Detention Facilities	Criminal Investigation
		Assistance to Civil Authorities in an Emergency	Crime Prevention
			Detention Facilities
			Assistance to Civil Authorities in an Emergency
<b>GROUP D</b>			
Straggler/Refugee Control		Straggler/Refugee Control	
		PW Control	

A number of points emerge from such a table. These are:

- All functions performed by MPs in peacetime are performed in war (Peacetime constraints removed);
- All functions performed in war time are not performed in peace;
- The priority of functions changes as conditions change, with the transition occurring in the mobilization phase; and
- Law enforcement functions rate the highest in peacetime while Field duties rate the highest in war.

From these points we can make some observations about the future direction of our Corps. If the ultimate role of the Army is to fight in war then the priority for the Military Police is those functions which support the wartime environment. Functions performed during war but not peace often become priority functions in war. These must be considered the most important and this should be stressed throughout the Corps by adequate training.

### Conclusion

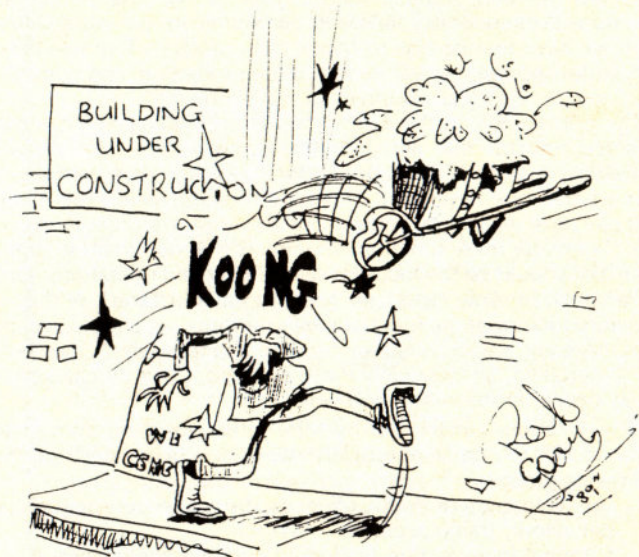
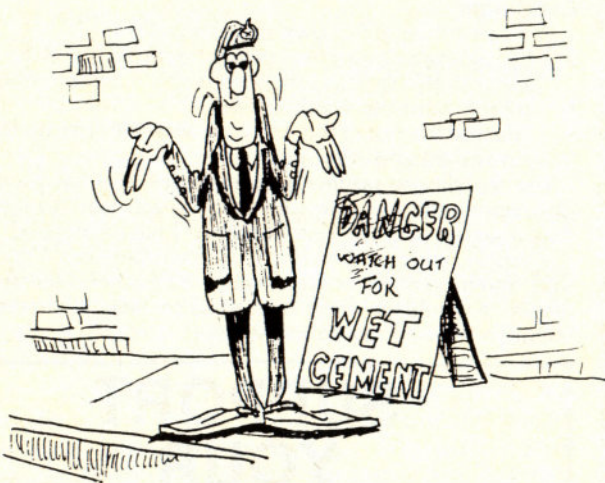
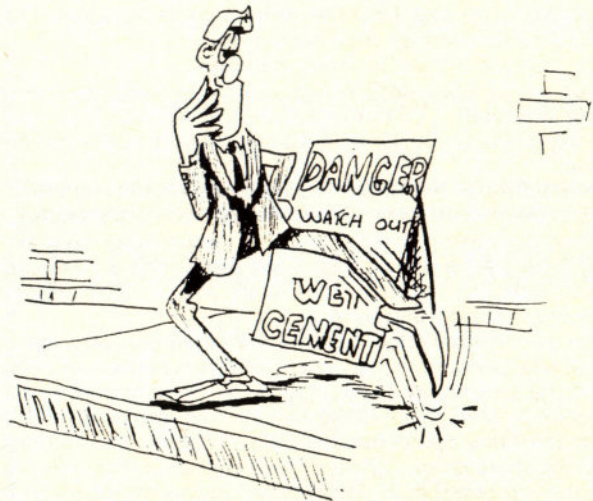
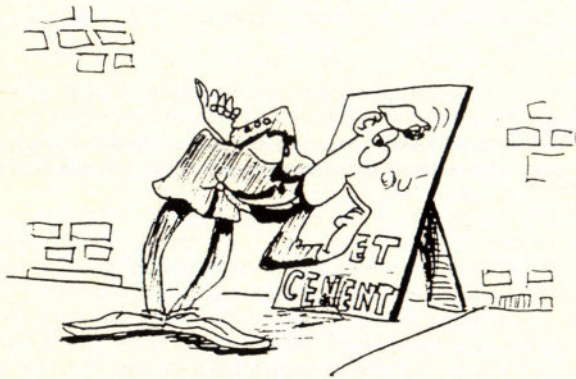
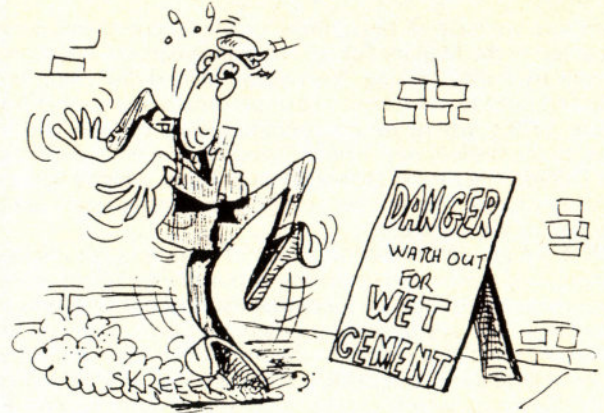
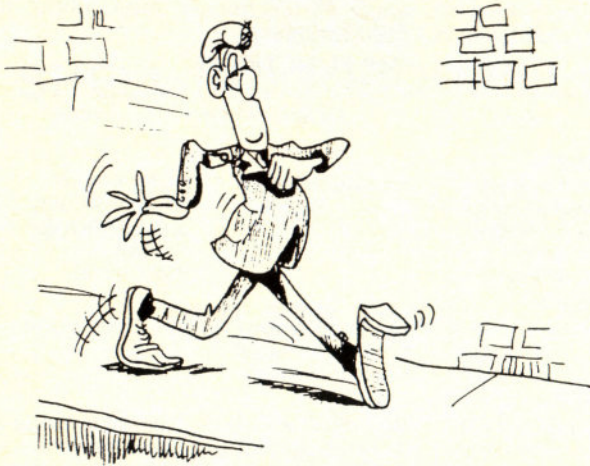
We can enhance our own professionalism:

- by gaining an awareness of what our role is and the priorities given to the various functions under different conditions;
- train toward our wartime role;
- educate the rest of the Army on what MPs can do to help the Army fight and win in war.

The inability to positively identify our role has hindered the development of our Corps for many years. Whilst many people may disagree with the Function chart I have compiled, I believe this article covers the major points regarding our "role" confusion, and in so doing provides scope for further discussion on the matter. I would be most interested to hear what other corps members have to say on the subject.

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# MURPHY'S BEAT



## WHEN WERE WE BORN?

By MAJOR Glenn Wahlert

The 13th June, 1916, has traditionally been celebrated as our Corps birthday, that is the date a Corps of Australian Military Police (Anzac Provost Corps) was first formed in Egypt as part of the AIF.

The reason for selecting this date was that it was the date Military Order (MO) 268 was promulgated in Australia. However, MO's were only published 'for the guidance and information of the Commonwealth Forces', and consisted of 'extracts from AIF Orders issued by LTGEN Sir W.R. Birdwood, Commanding Australian and New Zealand Army Corps (ANZAC's). In other words, MO's had no authority in relation to the Australian Imperial Force (AIF). Separate orders were issued by AIF HQ, Egypt, and duplicated in MO's back in Australia for the guidance of the Australian Military Forces (AMF), which were, in effect, militia/home duty units.

MO 268, from which we take our Corps birthday, is in fact a copy of Anzac Corps Circular Memorandum Number 29, of 9th March, 1916, which read, in part, as follows:

*"The military police of the AIF will hereafter form a Corps, promotion in which will, as far as the exigencies of the service admit, be within the Corps and not within individual portions thereof."*

*"Instructions have been issued to HQ AIF, Cairo regarding the establishment of sections of the Military Police Corps detailed thereto..."*

AIF Order 35, of March 1916, formalised the above and contains our true birthdate:

*"The General Officer Commanding the Australian Imperial Force has approved the formation of the Australian and New Zealand Provost Police Corps, as from 3rd April, 1916, at a total strength of 21 Officers and 589 Other Ranks. Distribution of personnel and horses are as shown on the copies of the establishment issued herewith.*

*"...In accordance with the instructions contained in ANZAC Circular Memo No. 29 dated 9/3/16, all Officers detailed for duty...will be seconded from their units. NCO's or men granted commissions within the Corps will be allotted to units and seconded..."*

The above, I believe, is the true birth certificate of RACMP. 3rd April, 1916, is the date final approval was given for the formation of our Corps. Indeed, by 13th June the Anzac Provost Corps had been in operation for two months.

Just to help confuse the issue, it is probably worth mentioning the creation of an earlier Military Mounted Police Corps in NSW by Governor Brisbane in 1824. This was a locally recruited military force designed to combat the bushranger and Aboriginal 'menace' and to assist with 'the good policing of the colony.' The strength of this Corps grew to approximately 160 by 1840, with detachments in the Port Phillip District. The Corps was disbanded in 1850, after the creation of an Inspectorate General of Police and the reorganisation of the colonies police. So perhaps our birthday should be 3rd Nov 1824. I'll include more detail on this fascinating aspect of our history in the next issue of the "POINTSMAN"

### 1st MILITARY POLICE COMPANY

OC - MAJ B.J. Kingsbury RSM - WO1 P.J. Clowry

1 MP Coy has had a large workload during the year and again has come through unscathed in the true spirit of the 'Fighting First.'

The unit was involved in many varied activities during the year, the following is only the major ones.

- Exercise NEW CENTURIANS - 1 MP Coy Trg Camp conducted at the Greenbank Range Complex.
- Exercise WILD HORSE - 1 MP Coy SNCO and Officers TEWT
- Exercise BRAVE BAGHERA - 1 MP Coy unit ARTEP Exercise conducted in the Warwick area.
- Exercise GOLDEN WARRIOR - 1 MP Coy Unit all arms

The unit's outside commitments consisted of the following:  
Excise FULL PACK -

Army Tattoo 88  
Exercise BAY RUN -

Exercise SWIFT EAGLE 88 -

Military Skills Training

1 LSG deployment conducted in Adelaide

2/3 FER Bridging Exercise conducted in SWBTA

3 Bde ODF deployment conducted in the SWBTA

The Company TEWT was a success attended by around 20 NCOs and officers from across the country, some from as far as Adelaide discussing and attempting to solve various problems associated with the upcoming Skippy'89 Exercise in Northern Australia. It goes without saying that all the problems met were overcome.

11 MP P1 kicked off the year with the 1 LSG deployment in Adelaide closely followed by joining and supporting the Army Tattoo Regiment and travelling the country.

16 MP P1, with a little help from 13 MP P1 and the "leftovers" from 11 MP P1 supported 2/3 FER Bridging Exercise BAY RUN. Those who were there say it was a unique experience to attend an exercise of this rarity and learn from it.

13 MP P1 supported the annual 3 Bde ODF deployment Exercise SWIFT EAGLE 88, with 1 Section flying in to SWBTA and 2 Section deploying into the area by road at the conclusion of Exercise BAY RUN. SWIFT EAGLE 88 was highlighted by the appearance, on exercise by a member of the unit not seen on any major exercise in the 21 months he served with 13 MP P1 much to the delight of his men.

The beginning of the year saw a new OPSO CAPT Fisher taking over from CAPT Read who finally moved on and also RSM WO1 Pooley was replaced by WO1 Clowry.

In a major shake up of the platoon hierarchy we lost all the P1 Comds and SMs as well as four of the six sergeants due to posting turbulence.

The year ahead poses challenges such as Exercise BRAVE BAGHERA and PREDATORS ADVANCE 89 culminating in Exercise KANGAROO 89.



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There is a fixed foresight and flip up rear leaf sight with 3 apertures for 50m and 100m and 150m.

## OPERATION:

The red safety catch is pushed in for SAFE and pushed out from the other side for FIRE. When applied it positively locks the hammer and trigger assemblies, so even if dropped the weapon will not fire.

To load, the loading gate is open and a cartridge is inserted into each chamber by hand rotation of the cylinder.

When the loading gate is closed, rear sight flipped up and safety catch

off, the weapon is ready to fire. Unloading is simply achieved by elevating the weapon, opening the gate and rotating the cylinder to allow the cartridges to slide out. A thumb groove enable ammunition to be pushed out if necessary.

## MAINTENANCE:

It is not necessary to strip the weapon for routine cleaning. A rod with a mop and brush attachments is provided

for cleaning the barrel and chambers. When not in use, the working parts should be kept clean and lightly oiled.

## SUMMARY:


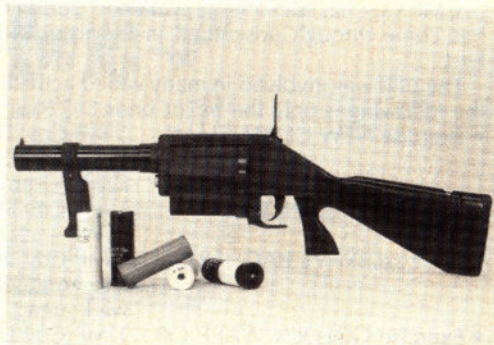
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## EXERCISE 'SANDY'S RETREAT'

By SSGT C.G. Wimpenny

School holidays came to the MP School this year between 5th to 9th September, 1988. After consulting numerous travel agencies we thought that a relaxing week at the exclusive Nelsons Bay Resort (Gan Gan Military Camp) would be in order.

### DAY 1

Turning the School's lights out on the Monday morning, and leaving Pam the typist to hold the fort, we took a lovely drive up the Pacific Highway to the resort. Now being slightly Army orientated we went in convoy. Things were looking good, we had SGT Judy 'Leadfoot' Symes little yellow beast towing our Hobby Cat, the Unimog with a surf ski, windsurfer and SGT Phil Ive's tinnie, the Hi Ace with just PTE Barrie Leddy in it and half a dozen landrovers. Strict convoy discipline was applied for the whole trip and we managed to arrive with only SSGT 'Luigie' Coxhead missing -well lost actually. There is no truth in the rumour that 'Luigie' stopped at the wineries to sample a few of their wares, I for one believe his story about stopping to admire the native plants along the roadside at Cessnock.

Later that day we unpacked our goods and chattels into our allocated bungalows with a few adventurous ones sampling some of the resorts facilities in the evening. The RSL Club seemed to have extraordinary magnetic qualities about it, attracting those with lots of *shekels* in their pockets. Inside was a humungous machine whip CPL 'Shorty' Hanson needed a chair to stand on in order to reach the machines arm; but that didn't stop him, he and MAJ Sandy took turns in using the chair. Others wafted into the 'Sea Breeze' Hotel where WO2 'Wazza' Strong organized his own 'Pub TAB' watching the dogs on Sky Channel.

### DAY 2

Saw us head off on a vehicle NAVEX. Things went well, for the first five minutes anyway, until WO2 'Irish' O'Leary and SSGT 'Fix it' Pike broke their landrover about 11 km away from the resort. If I was the suspicious type I would say 'sabotage'. Half way we had a BBQ lunch on the banks of the Clarence River where the ducks got more food than us. The return trip only saw one vehicle taking a wrong turn resulting in search parties being organized. Still I won't embarrass CPL 'Chook' Parsons or PTE 'Cuppla Days' Hughes by mentioning their names. It was pleasing to see that MAJ Sandy and WO1 Oldfield didn't get lost on their NAVEX around the Antique Shops.

That afternoon our resident sailors, MAJ 'Sea Legs' Sandy and WO2 'Popeye' O'Leary showed a few of the boys; and girls (sorry Ma'am and Judy) how to sail the high seas on a Hobby-cat. Meanwhile WO2 'Moondoggie' Strong showed us how to stand on a Windsurfer and drift off into the sunset. Yours truly was taken out on the Cat by 'Popeye'. My arms are still tired after paddling about 3 km back to shore. At one stage MAJ Sandy was on the Surf Ski towing 'Moondoggie' who was floundering on the Windsurfer, then had to come back and tow 'Popeye' and me back in. Oh well, I think that's enough sailing for one day lads.

### DAY 3

The sun is shining, what a beautiful day. I don't think I mentioned that our resort specialized in fishing trips. Well it did. Our resort manager Mr Hank Snow a very experienced fisher-person of these parts offered to take WO2 'Snapper' White, SGT 'Sweet Lips' Hourigan and LCPL 'Sardine' Watkins deep sea fishing. It looked very impressive seeing our three lads wading in the foreshores holding the 18 footer while Hank returned to the resort to get his boat keys. I'm very sad to report that all they caught was a westerly breeze blowing through their hair. **Honestly, it was enough to make you flip your wig.**

Next time fellows the fish co-op is just down the road. At the same time if you looked out into the bay you could see three men in a tub. Well CAPT 'Butcher' Reeves, SSGT 'Baker' Pike and SGT 'Candle Stick Maker' Ive in Phil's little tinnie. Yes they caught the same breeze as that was all they caught.

Keeping in this nautical vein, the wind picked up and you guessed it; our sailors were going to show us a trick or two. Maybe I'm just a jinx, I don't know, but MAJ 'Sea Legs' Sandy

will kill me when he finds out that I've let the whole RACMP know that we sat still on the bay for more than an hour and the worst thing was that a wind was blowing. Later on 'Moondoggie' taught me how to use the Windsurfer. There has got to be more to it than just going around in a circle then falling off. You can bash your aquatic sports, I'm sticking to aerobatics. While we were being nautical but nice, SGT 'Lobster Legs' Symes was lazing on the beach watching all the frolicking going on. Perhaps we should have warned 'Lobster Legs' that the sun tends to burn the skin if left exposed.

### DAY 4

And we took to the skies, well we went to Williamstown to look at the F/A-18 Hornets anyway. After morning tea with Ronnie RAAF it was back to the resort's exclusive golf club where, our very own Pro SGT 'Jack Newton' Ive organized a mini Masters competition. For those of us who were not golf minded, WO1 'Lost Balls' Oldfield organized another NAVEX, this time on foot around the golf course. But two can play at this game and we arranged for 'Honest John' O'Leary to NAVEX with 'Lost Balls' and MAJ 'Lost Count' Sandy to keep score. Unfortunately all our intrepid golfers returned to the club house with sad tales about having *off-days* and playing on an *unfamiliar* course. I like to think that it was because our dedicated NAVEX hikers were counting each and every stroke.

### DAY 5

And they're off and racing. Yes folks we had ourselves another convoy. For some strange reason the return trip didn't take as long and no one got lost, but when we got back and had to clean the stores etc, everyone got into the *slow mode*. Things are already getting back to normal at the school.

Most nights the resort provided luxurious coach transport, captained by WO1 'Sterling' Moss, into the local township where all and sundry tried their skills on the local talent; to no avail. Copious amounts of liquid refreshments were consumed resulting in a number of gallant lads and true soldiers conducting route *recce's* by foot, from the township to the resort (Including our illustrious RSM). Detailed route recon reports may be obtained by contacting SO4 MP at Corps Directorate.

On a slightly serious note, I would like to give a vote of thanks to PTE Mark Williams, 2 MP Coy Cook who accompanied and fed us. He really did do an exceptional job with limited resources. Well done Mark.

For those of you wondering why our resident Pom hasn't been mentioned well CAPT 'Mike' and Mrs 'Mal' Williams were on a more adventurous training, travelling all over the countryside, just ask the **Leyland Brothers**.

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## DEFENCE FORCE CORRECTIVE ESTABLISHMENT

COMDT - CAPT D.W. Dean RSM - WO1 D.B. Cumner  
COMSPVR - CPOQMG W. Summers

No the heading is not incorrect as of 17 Jan'89 the title 1 MCE was changed to the Defence Force Corrective Establishment. The telephone numbers remain the same but changes to our manning will occur in due course and all indications are that these changes will come into effect as of 1 July'89. At present our establishment is 10 X RAN, 10 X Army, and 6 X RAAF, the new establishment proposed is 6 X RAN, 18 X Army and 2 X RAAF. The new establishment has occurred as a result of a review of the individual service usage rate over the past years.

The title change in 1989 is the start of things to come, the multi-coloured buildings within the corrective compound have gone and have been replaced with the sheen of high gloss olive drab and during periods of corrective training, counselling and normal daily routine detainees who volunteer to come to the DFCE will be made constantly aware that they, through their own actions volunteered to visit this establishment and that they are serving a period of detention. The training they receive will assist them in remembering the pleasures they took for granted as a member of the Defence Force.

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deal with individually. To those posted out, we thank you for your efforts and wish you well in your new postings. To those posted in, welcome and we hope that your time with us will be both satisfying and beneficial to you in future years. Where postings have involved promotion we offer our hearty congratulations.

To all Corps members, we hope you enjoyed the recent festive season and wish you well in 1989. For those of you who have shown concern you may rest easy the COMDT has asked SGT Kukulka to stay behind for another year.

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## 55 MILITARY POLICE PERTH

### PLCOMD CAPT B. Cox PLSM WO2 B. Knight

55 MP PL has been another unit within the Corps which has to contend with a large turnover of personnel. At the end of 1988 the unit said farewell to the following members:

- WO2 Bob Haslett posted to 4 MP Coy Adelaide.
- SGT Tim Dewar posted to 1 MP Coy
- SGT Col Drysdale discharged 5 MD
- CPL Rom Nell posted to 1 MP Coy on promotion
- CPL Gary Sutton posted to 3 MP Coy on promotion
- CPL Jeff Lucas posted to 9 MP Coy on promotion
- CPL Mick Avery posted to 34 MP PL on promotion
- CPL Andy Harrad posted to 1 MP Coy

When a unit has a large number of personnel leaving they must be replaced and we welcome the following members to 55 MP PL.

- WO2 Brian Knight
- SGT Mick Keane
- SGT Henk Rappard
- CPL Linc Downward
- CPL Tony 'Woody' Wood
- CPL Rudi Valzan
- CPL Kerry Quinn
- CPL Wayne McCloy
- CPL Jim Sheridan

The shock of the big turnover was too much for CPL Sheppard who left us and is at the moment attending a SIB Course. The only other Corporal who is still here from last year is CPL Nary, and she applied for leave and left the sinking ship.

The approaching year will bring new challenges and tasks for the platoon. The involvement of normal Military Police duties and exercise K89 will stretch the unit to its limit.

55 MP PL has been given the responsibility to raise a MP ARES section. This section will comprise one SERgeant and eight Corporals. The responsibility of training this ARES section will fall on all members of 55 MP PL and this task in itself will be excellent training for this unit.

Crime prevention within 5 MD has become a large task for this unit. The advice given on Crime prevention to both Commanders and individuals has been of great benefit to the area. Crime prevention stands on Army open days have benefited not only in the area of Crime Prevention but has created interest in the Corps.

This unit like all other units is having difficulties in maintaining its high standards due to the financial constraints imposed upon us. However with the 'ability' to do more, with less, we will no doubt maintain the high standard already achieved.

55 MP PL wishes all other Military Police units in Australia a challenging and productive year.

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## MILITARY POLICE SCHOOL

CI 1988-MAJ R.O. Sandy RSM 1988 - WO1 E.J. Oldfield  
CI 1989 - MAJ R.K. Parkins RSM 1989 - WO1 R.A. Pooley

Hello once again from the Military Police School at downtown Ingleburn. Well, as all readers are probably aware, the Lamia Shield & Colonel Commandant's Trophy were up for grabs during Corps Week activities in June last year. The competition was fierce and the winner of the Lamia Shield was not finalized until the last event. In a very closely fought contest the School emerged as the worthy winner. We also claimed the Colonel Comman-

dant's Trophy with a clear-out victory and the RSM has the trophies proudly displayed for all to see.

The instructional staff have once again been busy conducting courses and rewriting the Training Management Plans for most of the courses conducted at the School. Approval has now been gained for the development of the Regimental Officers Intermediate Course which will be conducted in 1989. The course development will have a significant influence on the content of the ROAC (MP) and ROBC (MP). As a point of interest some fifty five students successfully completed the MP Basic courses conducted in 1988.

Exercise 'Bardia' was conducted on 22 Aug'88 and involved some 140 cadets. Once again our presentation was a huge success and we are quite sure that we have recruited some likely candidates for RACMP.

On the social side we can report that the school staff held a very successful luncheon at Gledswood Winery on 5 Aug'88 and it is rumoured that the CI and RSM paid \$18 for one bottle of fine red.

A Christmas function at the Four Seasons Garden Restaurant on 19 Nov'88 was a fitting conclusion to a successful year. A good time was had by all.

On 18 Aug'88, to celebrate Vietnam Veterans Day, the 'older' members of the MP Complex Units, 1 Field Hospital and 2nd Military Hospital gathered at the Ingleburn RSL Club for a quite ale or two and to reminisce about the 'good old days'. Nothing much happened on the 19 Aug!!

During the period 5-9 Sept'88 the school 'moved' to the Gan Gan training area to conduct unit training. For those who haven't had the pleasure of training at Gan Gan let us explain where it is and what facilities it provides. The training area is situated approximately 4 km from Nelson Bay and offers hatted accommodation, fully equipped kitchen, coldroom (for what?), hot and cold running water, toilets and ablutions (Boy was it rough).

Nelson Bay is a small town with hotels, girls, clubs, girls, beaches, girls, golf course (just ask the CI), girls, restaurants, girls, and all the normal things that you require when you conduct unit training.

Suffice to say that Ex 'Sandys Retreat' was a successful few days of training where each and all worked (and played) very hard.

Visitors to the MP School during the period have included:

MAJGEN Phillips	:	ACPers-A
LTCOL Turner	:	DMP/PM-A
MAJ Wong Ah Jit	:	CI Malaysian MP School
MAJ Fuster	:	SO2 Foreign Training
MAJ Thomson	:	DGAW (MP Complex Project)

In concluding let us say farewell to those who have left and welcome to those who have joined us.

**'DO WELL THE DUTY THAT LIES BEFORE YOU'**  
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## 66 MILITARY POLICE

Things have been relatively quiet down in sunny Tassy since the last issue of the Pointsman.

However items worthy of mention are:

WO2 Chambers and SGT Weir have been posted to 6 TRG GP to sharpen their instructor skills.

SGT Dehaan has been promoted to SGT.

The unit was pleased to receive a visit from LTCOL Turner. It was good to get all the happenings from the horses mouth so to speak.

The unit is now busy preparing for a motor cycle course and yet another iet course.

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## 2ND MILITARY POLICE COMPANY

OC MAJ R.K. Parkins/MAJ M. Luscombe  
RSM WO1 T.E. Lund

**WNGO.** 2 MP Coy will support and support the activities and festivities of the 1988 Bicentennial Year.

The first indications that 1988 was to be a demanding year for the Company started in 1987 when the Bicentennial Tattoo was first muted in dark places. This, in conjunction with Sydney being the birth place of Australia two hundred years ago, gave all the pointers to a solid commitment of military police to many and varied military and civil activities.

Australia Day 1988. The famous Sydney Harbour and foreshores were awash with so many sea craft and people that the eye could not take in the detail except for two very prominent features (not including that bridge). The First Fleet Re-enactment of the tall ships sailed gracefully in through the "heads" to the wonderment of all viewing them and counted as one of the more prominent features. The second was a small but highly visible band of scarlet berets controlling an unbelievable number of people as they surged for the best vantage points around the "heads" to view the tall ships. And as fate would have it, most of these vantage points are on, next to or access gained by traversing Defence land.

The Military Tattoo moved to town (actually the School of Military Engineering) and brought with it a segment of every Corps of the Army. The efforts in setting up, administering and rehearsing the monolith was not lost on those people connected with it, however remotely. The integral MP support was provided by 1 MP Coy. The Company supplemented the Tattoo MP section with the provision of vehicles and stores, the manning of sites outside of SME and the movement of the extravaganza around Sydney and eventually out of Sydney on its long haul to the top and points west.

The first ticketed full dress rehearsal and the first live show were conducted at the Sydney Entertainment Centre where the Military Police played a major role in crowd control, security of vehicles and stores and the detection of crime. A civil offence of a serious nature occurred whilst the Tattoo was in Sydney and as a result of the Military Police detachment's immediate and decisive action the crime scene was well preserved and valuable evidence recorded.

Crime Prevention, headed by Warrant Officer Doug Benson, received its first assignment for 1988 from the Organizers Committee of the Bicentennial Tattoo. A request for a security survey of civilian warehouse in the Rocks area of Sydney was called for. The warehouse was being used to store the bayonets, swords, rifles and muskets for the cast of the Tattoo.

From this one job the demand, and I stress demand, for the crime prevention man was staggering. Units throughout the 2nd Military District pressed forward for the lectures, the surveys and the advice offered. Regular Army and Army Reserve units sought his attention from as far north as Lismore and south to the ACT. How far west he managed to get is lost in the blur of the presentations. On a more positive note the demand far outweighed the resource and if the trend continues a significant decrease in reported offences to Military Police units will become apparent in the near future. Prevention is better than the cure.

Have you seen the briefing notes on the Logistic Support Force? The what? The LSF! Is it the geographic location of 2 MP Coy that allows so many functions to fall into its lap? For whatever reason 2 MP Coy has been "shadow posted" as part of the LSF with 3 and 4 MP Coy. The majority of the LSF MP Coy HQ is to come from the Company. The joys of command for the OC 2 MP Coy. The LSF MP Coy is forming and will be ready for K89.

The Historical Collection held within the 2 MP Coy Corporals Club building was given a rapid start by LT Mark Roxe. The Collection will eventually be housed at the new Military Police Complex on its completion in 1991. LT Foxe travelled to the Australian War Memorial to study the correct techniques for display and storage of the exhibits. To date the display includes a range of photographs, military equipments, publications and military records. Two outstanding items of interest are the 1917

Daily Occurrence Book of a Sydney based MP Unit and the Service Medals of Lieutenant John Dole, Provost Corps. LT Dole was accorded the honour of membership to the Military Division of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire (M.B.E.) for his service in Singapore in 1942. His citation reads in part... "Lieutenant Dole quelled panic caused by the bombing at Singapore... by firm measures and good example and throughout continuous air raids he extricated soldiers and civilians from wreckage despatching them to hospital..." LT Dole's medals, citation and original parchment of membership to the Order, signed by King George the Sixth, are on prominent display. Any contributions to the collection are most welcome and may be sent via the 21C, 2 MP Coy, Ingleburn.

Other activities of significance for the company throughout the year included support to the rededication of the Changi Chapel at RMC, the presentation of Colours by Her Majesty the Queen, Queen Elizabeth II to the Royal Military College, the Vietnam Veterans March at Narrandera NSW, a 5 Brigade exercise at Singleton, supported by the Army Reserve, the graduation parades of ADFA and RMC and SASR exercises.

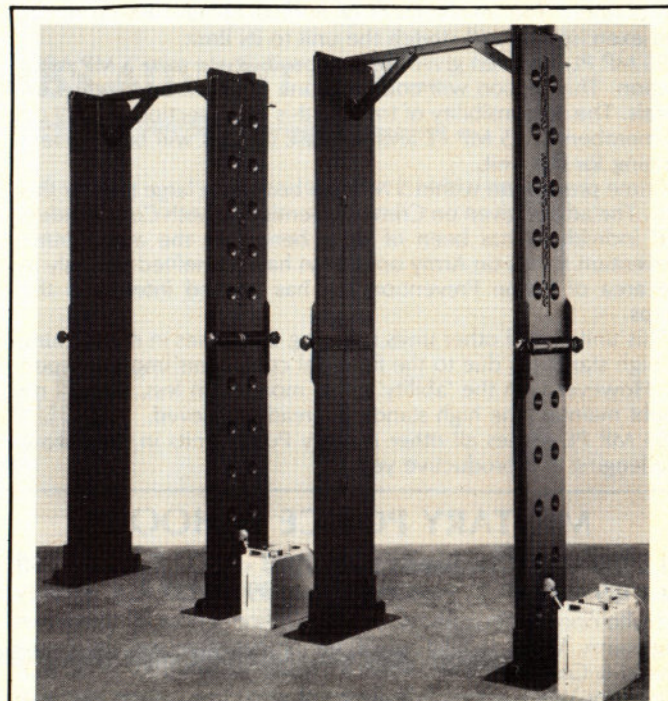
Our questions for 1989 are similar to those being asked in 1988. Where is the new MP Variant 650 cc Motor Cycle? Do we know when the 110 Series Landrover will be issued? Are the regulations for use of the Radar Gun gazetted yet? We ask these questions not because we are dissatisfied, but to the contrary. We ask because we are keenly seeking the new equipments that will enhance our police role.

The Company would like to take this opportunity to express our sincere appreciation to the Colonel Commandant, Brigadier Brumfield CBE, DSO for his services to the Corps for 1988 and previous years.

2 MP Company's valedictory speech for 1988 simply contains the message that we are ready for 1989.

### Editors Note:

From Directorate of Vehicle Procurement (DVP), the MP variant 650 cc motor cycle has been purchased and 21 Sup Bn took receipt of them Dec 88. Suggest units contact local supply battalion for a delivery date. 110 Land Rovers are to gradually replace existing models with Fdd Force units having a priority for issue. ASLEG have not as yet given final approval for the promulgation of the regulations covering the use of the radar gun. DALs are aware of our requirement.



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## 3RD MILITARY POLICE COMPANY

Headquarters - Administrative Platoon  
OC: MAJ J.D. Garrad PM: MAJ B. Hickman  
RSM: WO1 J.R. Jackson  
TRGWO (Hobart) WO2 L. Kellett

1. With the Bicentennial year behind us, we now prepare to provide support to Exercise Kangaroo'89 and are eagerly preparing for the occupation of new lines sometime around September. The company has already pre-positioned its elements within the Watsonia Military Area. It was a pity that the 1913 Mansion "Majella" had to be sold, but those who have worked there over the past 5 years or so would realize that the lack of parking and increased high rise development taking place in the St. Kilda Road area made it increasingly undesirable as a Military installation and detention facility.

2. The annual ebb and flow of personnel has again taken place and we say farewell from HQ/Admin P1 to the following personnel:

CAPT M.C.Y. Wong Admin Officer to HQ 3 P1 Army SIB Unit, WO2 G. Nicholson QMS to DSU Randwick, and CPL M. Barany Clerk Pay - who has elected discharge.

3. We welcome in to the company capable replacements:

CAPT S. Reeves to Admin Officer, SSGT R. McKinley (RAAOC) to QMS (ARes), and CPL L. Wren (RAAOC) to Clerk Admin Pay.

4. The company is looking forward to the introduction of Minor Criminal Investigations. Some may see this as just another task added onto an already heavy workload, especially in times when some units have one foot in the grave and the other on a banana skin with manpower. However another way to view its introduction, as that perhaps along with Crime Prevention, it could lead to a change of emphasis in the way Military Policing is approached and carried out in the future.

5. It is always saddening when a soldier who has reached the twenty year mark, considers his future and decides to leave the service. We have had to farewell one such member WO2 Alf MacIntyre. From all ranks of the company we wish Alf and his family all the very best for the future.

6. So as we proceed down the path of another busy year we would welcome all visitors to Victoria to call by and say 'Hello'. We will be only too happy to give you a guided tour of our new accommodation facility.

7. Bye until next time from all ranks of 3 MP Coy  
(Travelling Willbories.)

## 33 MP PL, MELBOURNE

PLCOMD: LT D.B. Jordan  
PLSM: WO2 E.A. Madden

Well, here we are again at the beginning of new year in Melbourne. As I look around the platoon, it's obvious that there has been a large turnover of personnel within the Platoon.

Not only have the faces changed, so has our location. Finally and after many years of speculation, the Platoon and HQ 3 MP Coy were re-located to Simpson Barracks, MacLeod in Dec'88. Although we will all miss working in the grand old building of 'Majella', nestled amongst some of the most prime real estate in Melbourne, we won't miss the smog, noisy trams and traffic jams of St. Kilda Road.

For those of you who have visited Simpson Barracks, the Platoon is located in the Guardroom at the main gate to the Barracks. This accommodation is very small and tight, as the PLSM is constantly heard grumbling that the cells are larger than her office!! However, it's only for a short time as our new building is due for completion on 31 Aug'89 (we can't wait.)

1988 was a busy year, however, 1989 promises ever more. Some of our commitments to date are:

- Gun salutes for the outgoing and incoming Governor-Generals,
- Phillip Island Grand Prix (Why has the whole Platoon volunteered for this one?)
- Implementation of the Minor Criminal Investigations package,
- As with most units, K89,
- To add a bit of culture to the Platoon, numerous commitments

Supporting the Defence Force School of Music, and  
• Dedication of memorial garden of remembrance by the Veterans Affairs at Springvale Necropolis.

In the sporting arena, we are involved in touch football, indoor cricket and ten pin bowling. We look forward to showing Simpson Barracks we are a force to be reckoned with.

To those members that have left the Platoon - thank you, farewell and good luck and warm welcome to the 'new faces.'

## 4TH MILITARY POLICE COMPANY

Officer Commanding: MAJ C. Ostapenko  
Regimental Sergeant Major: WO1 A. Porter

Here we are again farewelling another OC, MAJ Chris Ostapenko, who is soon to be taking off for the pleasant holiday resort of Kurdistan as part of the Australian Contingent United Nations Iran/Iraq Observer Group. Don't ask me? I've never heard of the place! Seriously though, we do wish MAJ "O" all the best for his stint as a UN Observer and a safe return. Our new OC is MAJ John Avenell who arrives to us from 2 MP Coy. Congratulations are due to MAJ Avenell on his deserved promotion. We hope his stay here will be a little longer than his more recent predecessors.

We would also like to wish WO2 "Dick" Tomkins all the best for the future as Dick retired in Dec 88. Another person lost to the Army is CPL John Knibbs who has taken Discharge and has settled in nearby Port Pirie. We also wish John and his family the best for the future.

Another who has decided to try it outside is CPL John Scholes. Again we wish him and his family the best for the future.

With the end of the calendar year comes posting time. Others leaving us are:

• WO2 Barry "Q" Goodwin (RAAOC) to Canungra - Prom WO1 Congratulations

- WO2 Fred Bull to 1 MP Coy
- SGT Bob "Chief" Van Galen (RAAOC) to C & SC
- CPL Wayne "MartyMoose" Martin to 1 MP Coy
- CPL Wayne "CCL" McCloy to 55 MP P1
- CPL Chris Hughes to MP School (SIB Selection)

On a brighter note new faces are:

- WO2 Bob Haslett from 55 MP P1
- WO2 Sam Seal (RAAOC) from 41 Sup Bn
- SGT A1 Fraser from 2 MP Coy - on Promotion
- SGT Linda Phillpott (RAAOC) from 2 Trg Gp
- CPL Ray Clarke from 1 MP Coy
- CPL Chris Hodge from 92 MP P1
- CPL Tony Baldino from 33 MP P1
- CPL Shelley Sherwin from MP School

Welcome to all an I am sure 1989 will prove to be a busy but rewarding year.

The word for 1988 was intergration throughout the whole of the Army. We can honestly say that here at 4 MP Coy it truly was intergration at its fullest. With 44 P1 being understrength for most of the year, and the tasking catching them short on more than a few occasions, 41 P1 and 43 P1 have more than aptly assisted in the performance of ASA MP Tasks. The ARes standard is also reflected by the fact that 44 P1 has had up to 3 Reservists on FTD at any one time. Likewise it is pleasing to see the Regulars taking a more active part in training and working together with their fellow MP Reservists.

4 MP Coy, as a whole, had a busy 1988. It started off with Exercise Autumn Harvest (Iron Triangle) in April in the Woomera and Leigh Creek areas. 43 P1 supported the newly formed 9 Brigade commanded by BRIG "Oscar" Wayland. 9 Bde's task was identified as one of Vital Asset Protection. 43 P1's main responsibilities were:

- ★ Signposting
- ★ Convoy escorts
- ★ Check Points (BAA and Bde HQ)
- ★ Recon
- ★ Assisting in Road Blocks
- ★ Minor Investigations
- ★ Town Patrols



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The most interesting aspect of all the Tasks was that of "Close Protection." Armed with a little knowledge and even less experience, 41 P1 performed no fewer than six CP Tasks in seven days. The VIPs ranged from Area Commanders up to the CDF. BRIG Waylands comments to LT "Matt" Bengel, P1 COMD 43 P1, was that of bouquets and not brick bats which is a true reflection of their performance in this area. All in all 41 P1 performed well and gained the respect of all the units within the Brigade.

Some other major activities were:

- ★ Support to the Quadrapartite Working Conference held at Woodside.
- ★ Combined Patrols with Foreign Shore Patrol during Navy Week.
- ★ Aid to the Civil Police for the Bay to Birdwood Bi Annual Vintage Car Rally.
- ★ Assisting the RAAF Police with Security for the Duke and Duchess of York's Visit to the Edinburgh Air Show (did Andy and Fergie actually show up?).

1989 holds interest as far as the Company is concerned. Not including the normal escorts, patrols, training and security commitments the Company will be kept busy with Exercise "Menin Road" a 2, 3 and 4 Mp Coy combined exercise in Deniliquin NSW. In addition the three MP Coys will conduct for a second time combined MP Basic (ARes) Field Phase Training. It is envisaged 44 P1 will have additional responsibilities during K-89 providing support to the various staging areas throughout 4 MD for whatever duration required.

Even with all our commitments we did manage to participate in a few sporting activities within the area. The first that comes to mind is the 4 MD Indoor Cricket Competition. A strong team was fielded, led by the OC and RSM, and took the Honours by remaining undefeated for the entire season. However the organisers decided to change the format for the competition which the end result was that we didn't make the final. If this sounds like sour grapes, you're right! Thanks to all the 4 MP Coy Team Members who participated for the effort they showed. The 4 MP Coy Team Members who participated for the effort they showed. The 4 MD Volleyball Competition was another competition that just eluded our grasp with our Team finishing runners up in the grand final (three sets to two)

Again another top effort but injuries and a much more experienced opponent saw us falter at a critical stage in the final.

## 1/88 (ALL CORPS) RSM COURSE

By WO2 E.A. Madden, 33 MP PI

After having recently completed the inaugural 1/88 (All Corps) RSM Course at the Infantry Centre, I have left the course with mixed feelings towards many aspects of the course.

There are three areas which I believe are questionable and require clarification. These are:

- course syllabus,
- attendance, and
- pass/fail criteria.

### Course Syllabus

The course syllabus was designed by an 'expert panel' who in their wisdom identified areas that an All Corps RSM should know.

There are many questions I would like to put to this 'expert panel', some being:

- Is it really possible to stereo-type an RSMs employment? Surely the employment of an RSM of an Infantry Battalion cannot be compared with an RSM of a Military Hospital.
- Is it really necessary for members of Service Corps, and in particular females, to be terminally tested on tactics? One member from a Service Corps failed a retest on defensive ops, thus failing the course.
- A terminal test was conducted on siting an Infantry Battalion. I as a female soldier, cannot and have not been posted to a field force unit, therefore my knowledge/practical experience in this area is very limited compared with an infantry CSM. Why should this be a terminal for all course members?

### Attendance

Should only members who have been identified into a position, say within six months of completing the course be permitted to attend the course?

Of the 40 members that commenced the course, some 30 had posting orders for promotion at the completion of the course. For those of us who were not up for promotion, the pressure of the course remained constant, while a small few who knew they were being promoted, shall I say, didn't work as hard as they could have.

For those members who may have to wait one, two or three years for promotion, is their retention sufficient to enable them to assume the position of RSM?

What about those members that are not FE? The current criteria is that only soldiers that are FE may attend the course. Surely a Senior Warrant Officer, who for medical reasons cannot complete the required PTTs has the ability and the right to equal promotion?

### Pass/Fail Criteria

There was much confusion between course members on the pass/fail criteria.

It appeared that certainly for the Arms Corps members a pass was essential for their future promotion. But what about Service Corps? Some course members from these Corps were told that it was an 'attendance' only course - that is, they were required to attend and gain the experience of the course and irrespective of their result, would be promoted.

Two members that failed the course are today employed as Regimental Sergeant Majors whereas an Infantry Warrant Officer that failed a previous course has been told he will never be promoted!

### Conclusion

While there certainly appears to be numerous inconsistencies within the course, some of the course content and the knowledge and comradeship of my fellow course members will assist me - should I get posted as a RSM.

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## COURAGE IN PEACE —LEADERSHIP IN TODAY'S ARMY

BY LT Smith 1 MP COY

The concept of courage on the battlefield is well known to most of us. It is the soldier who, able to overcome his natural fear, focuses the energy associated with the battle to perform feats of leadership or individual accomplishments recognised by others as extraordinary.

The concept of courage in peace is much more difficult to grasp. In today's peacetime Army environment, much of success and achievement of 'excellence' is viewed as 'touching base' in those positions which are seen as the necessary stepping stones to higher things.

I believe that this success is achieved by exercising total control over all aspects of your command in order to make sure that nothing goes wrong. The important word here is 'control', and the result is that little initiative is shown and progress is only achieved by direction from above with strict guidelines to follow.

The Australian Army, and RACMP in particular, is not lacking in talented and able leaders at all levels who can take orders and execute them, in their own way. It takes however, a courageous commander to allow those leaders to do that. The chances of failure, partial failure or incorrect completion of the task are greater than if the commander laid down strict guidelines for his junior leaders.

Unfortunately, it seems the system rewards the conservative 'over controlling' commander who gets the task done with the minimum of risk, and in the traditional ways.

It is my opinion that excellence and perfection are not necessarily compatible in leaders at any level. Perfection in command is often achieved by the strictest control of all subordinates, allowing no room for initiative and suppressing innovation. Excellence, however, can be achieved by allowing leaders to use their initiative, be different, and try new approaches.

The risk to these few commanders is high. Some become

Generals, but many are condemned by their peers and superiors for being unrealistic, eccentric and not acting in the best interests of the Corps or Defence Force as a whole.

In today's climate of constant change, we cannot afford to stifle these courageous commanders, and still hope to achieve excellence in the Australian Army. We must overhaul the system in which success is underlined by nothing 'going wrong' and replace those guidelines with a system that rewards those who have the courage to take risks, and when something goes wrong, learn from the experience and find better ways next time.

Our future as an Army and as a Corps has been detailed by the Defence White Paper. Courage on the part of today's leaders in taking risks and allowing independence of thought and action in their subordinates as the training ground for the independence required to fight and win in the low level operations of the future is the foundation of an Army based on the achievement of excellence.

## GREEN HILLS MILITARY POLICE COMPLEX

By LTCOL Turner

The front cover of this magazine shows the scale model of the new military police complex scheduled for construction at Green Hills, holsworthy, Green Hills is a part of the Defence land at Holsworthy and is two kilometres west of Holsworthy Army Barracks.

The construction was approved by the Parliamentary Works Committee at the end of 1988 and has an estimated cost of \$12.4 million. Work is to commence shortly and we hope to occupy the complex in 1991.

The complex comprises four main building groups arranged around the Parade Ground. 2 MP Coy, the SIB P1 and the transport buildings flank the main entrance on the western side. Defence Force Corrective Establishment is on the northern side. The CPLs mess and canteen building is located centrally, east of the parade ground. The living quarters are located east of the mess. The MP School is located south of the parade ground opposite the Defence Force Corrective Establishments.

### 2 MP Coy Building

The 2 MP Coy building is located on the Southern side of the main entry and exit to the complex. It contains operational facilities, headquarters and administrative units, offices for 21 and 24 MP Platoons, Crime Prevention unit, Quartermaster's stores and change and toilet facilities.

### 2 PL Army SIB Building

The 2 PL building is located on the Northern side of the main entry. It contains operational facilities, headquarters and administrative units and associated toilet and change facilities.

### Transport Compound

The transport compound is located immediately North of the 2 PL Building. It contains vehicle wash and maintenance areas with associated storage facilities, offices, toilet and change facilities and covered parking for 12 sedans and 12 motorcycles. The compound yard provides parking for 20 trucks and 19 trailers.

### Defence Force Corrective Establishments

The DFCE is situated north of the Parade Ground. Cells and common facilities used by detainees are arranged around a central courtyard or compound. The compound contains a Parade Ground, recreation area and covered exercise yard.

There are a total of 24 cells comprising 18 general purpose cells, four overnight holding cells and two padded cells.

Common facilities for detainees include toilet and shower rooms, laundry, workshop, gymnasium, recreation and lecture rooms and dining room. Facilities provided for personnel manning the DFCE comprise the gate lodge or duty room, administrative and office areas, first aid room and quartermaster's stores. With the exception of the gate lodge, from which it is required to have visual supervision of the compound, these facilities are located in two wings on the South Side of the DFCE.

### Mess and Canteen

The Rank and File mess and canteen are centrally located in one

building, east of the Parade Ground. The mess provides seating for 60 people and is served by a fully equipped kitchen. The canteen abuts the mess dining area and provision has been made for the two spaces to be opened into one by means of a moveable partition. Toilet facilities are shared by both areas.

### Living Quarters

The living quarters are located to the East of the mess/canteen. There are fifteen, four person accommodation units arranged around a central landscaped area. The units will house a total of 20 staff and 40 students. Each unit has 4 bedrooms with shared common room and bathroom facilities. Two laundries, bathrooms and drying yards are provided, each catering for 30 people.

### M.P. School

The M.P. School is located at the southern end of the complex. It comprises two central buildings which house administrative and instructors facilities. Four wings branch out from the instructor's building. One wing contains SIB lecture and workrooms, another MP lecture and workroom facilities. A third wing houses model and syndicate rooms. The fourth wing contains staff change and amenities and quartermasters store.

## 34 MILITARY POLICE

Once again 1988 proved to be a busy one for the 'Border Bandits', and as the dust cleared at the end of the year we were forced to farewell a number of our platoon members either on posting or discharge. All worked extremely hard during the period and we were sorry to lose, SGT Bill Harniman, CPL Les Smith, Carl Fehlauer and Virginnia Brucia who were posted and CPL Craig Bower on discharge. To all those members we bid you well and best wishes for the future from the Bandits.

The year started in the usual Albury/Wodonga way with temperatures in the high 20's mid 30's and a new intake of Apprentices at the Army Apprentice School where we gave the standard 'welcome to the Area from your friendly MP' lecture. Actually this is a very important feature of the year as it forms an association between the Appies and the police patrolman.

From there on in the year went too fast with Area Closures the Army Display and Fair (ADAF) at Watsonia Inter Area swimming and Athletics Comps, CPL Virginia Brucia breaking two records on the day - well done Ginny. The monthly PTT proved a success when SSGT Nigel Griffiths (Army SIB Albury), CPL Bob "Buck" Rogers, and CPL JOK Jokinen (WO2 Clow was unavailable) represented this platoon in the 3 MP Coy marathon Team.

Work continued to pour in with Tank escorts (about 3 per week), the Opening of the Survey Museum at Bonegilla, RADAR Trg, Adventure Trg, platoon social activities, support to the BMT and the usual day to day patrols of the area. In all, with the short-cuts in man power, the remainder of the platoon have had an eventful year.

On the social calendar the platoon Monthly News letter has proved a great success with the wives who at least understand what is happening at work and can support their husbands. The 31/34 Platoon All Ranks Dining Night - which was started a couple of years ago - again proved to be a moral booster for everyone.

The platoon continued with the 'snow patrols' and now this platoon is well versed in snow survival and living.

To all who may pass this way please call in an say g'day to the country hicks we are still here and functioning.

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## 9TH MILITARY POLICE COMPANY

HQ and 91 P1

OC: MAJ A.G. Mercer SM: WO2 P.J. Mortimer

*"Who but me, when but now."*

Other stalwart contributors will be able to relate to the quote without the need for elaboration.

1988, or the reduced portion falling within the bounds of this submission, was all that we expected - busy. Apologies to ex Brisbane based members for the delay in dispatch of the previous newsletter. From responses it seems that it was well received. While on the subject of ex-members, we were disappointed with the Anzac Day response - come on fellows, where's the old 'Esprit de Corps.' You'll have a chance to redeem yourself in 1989, please take advantage.

As of right now, compilation of this article (Dec 88), the unit is experiencing its annual exodus and influx of members. As always though, the former outnumber the latter. CPL 'Blue' Worrell has entered civie street, CPL 'Dog' Greenland has joined the Qld Police Force and generally others are leaving on promotion; the latter circumstance giving an indication of the calibre of the individuals and their performances in 1988. Thanks fellows, for a job well done and welcome to our new members. Of interest, with effect Jan 89, the company will have seven girls 'on board', five MP and two non-Corps.

Suffice to say that throughout the year we provided our normal support to major exercises, the CGS exercises and MD units. The worry is that this commitment will continue in 1989 with the additional burden of K89 duties ('Just when you thought it was safe to go back into the water').

The Bi-centennial Military Tattoo was a smashing success in Brisbane and while this unit only made a minor contribution, all involved would feel proud of their association.

Our major achievements during the period were:

'The general realisation by units, ÅRA and ARES, that Crime prevention instruction can be both interesting and effective. Thanks mainly to the efforts of SGT (WO2) Frank Nawrocki, CPL (SGT) Tony Aquilina and CPL Donna Salmon.'

'An increased awareness by members of the role and functions of SIB as a result of attachments and assistance during some operations. A consequence is success for CPLs Feuerstein, Zornig, Wiseman, Liston and Trinder in gaining selection for SIB training. The SIB gain is very much our loss'

'Adventurous training, 2 periods each of four days duration in which half of the unit members either attempted survival in the harsh environment of Stradbroke Island, or learned to ride a motorcycle in Central Australia.'

'A greater awareness of the Discipline Law Manual and a consequent eager anticipation by members of involvement in minor crime investigation in the near future.'

'The unit touch team's appearance in yet another grand final in which it was narrowly defeated. Members also learned the finer arts of the gentlemanly sports of golf and tennis, both won by the OC with a combination of ability on his part and discretion on the members.'

1. The latest 'state of the art' bar lights for patrol vehicles and
2. shoulder holsters and civilian jackets for CT commitments.'

'A more active commitment to AWOL/IA pursuit. However, you didn't have to involve the entire Expo police contingent and police dogs in the arrest of an IA to prove the point though SGT Aquilina. (As reported in the Sun - so it must have been true!)

'SGT Tom Bere putting to rest the 'big black dog' story in road accidents when he (allegedly) came second best in his clash with a Cassowary. He is having trouble even convincing his newly born daughter, Krista, that this is a true story!'

We have commented before about the aesthetic attractiveness of Witton Barracks and this is attributable to the efforts of our civilian groundstaff 'Skeet' Wills (Ex WO2 RA Inf), Noel Matthews (Ex WO2 AACC) and Ivan Kotsopoulos (Ex WO1 RACMP). On the initiative of our QMS, SSGT Mike Cordingley and the skill and inventiveness of Ivan Kotsopoulos we have done our bit towards enhancing the attractiveness by erecting a green house, which was officially opened in July of the year. We are aiming towards self sufficiency in both indoor and outdoor plants.

In closing we take this opportunity to say farewell and thank you to WO2 Phil Mortimer who, it would seem, will see out his remaining Service in a non-Corps posting at 2 Fd Hosp. Thanks for your contribution to the unit in your recent posting and goodluck in future endeavours.

Good luck, good soldiering and best wishes for 1989. Remember though, in the words of that famous 'Philosopher' Groucho Marx, 'It isn't so much that hard times are coming: the change observed is mostly soft times going.'

## 92 MP P1 TOWNSVILLE

PLCOMD: CAPT D. Fidler PL SM: WO2 T.G. Marshall

A very busy and interesting year is the only way to describe 1988 for those of us fortunate to live in the tropics. We have had good rain, which lifted the water restrictions and everything is now green and lush. We travelled the country to the centre of Queensland, guided our fellow soldiers and entertained the bi-centennial social set.

Motorcycle training in the early stages of the year saw nine members of 92 P1, led by WO2 'Blue' Marshall, visit the centre of Queensland. Their sojourn took them to Longreach and the Stockman's Hall of Fame via Charters Towers, Mutiaburra, Winton and Hughenden. All members of the team ensured that morale was kept high by each taking his turn to take a spill. Each time the spill getting more and more spectacular. CPL Woods took the award of best spill and ended up in Hughenden Hospital for 3 days for his efforts with scratches and bruises. He finished the trip in a civilian bus.

Living in the backyard of the Operational Deployment Force we are regularly charged with the responsibility of moving various units into and out of Townsville. With many deployments and a great emphasis on training we have been gainfully employed in a number of escort tasks.

With our field force brethren in mind we have been cautious not to misrepresent them, hence our involvement has always stopped short of the exercise area of operations, which has proved frustrating for those members with the desire for working outdoors.

3 Brigade's major exercise for the year, Ex Swift Eagle, saw 92 P1 establish and maintain staging areas at Proserpine and Mackay. A sign-posting exercise ensured that the hundreds of kilometers of Red Route from Rockhampton to Cairns were upgraded.

The COMD DSG NQ issued a patrolling directive earlier this year, one which all members have volunteered for, yes you read it right, Volunteered. The directive was to maintain high profile patrols on the beaches and environs of Magnetic Island.

Those of you fortunate enough to have worked in tropical paradise, Townsville, will know that patrols in the summer months can be a bit warm. Earlier this year an establishment variation was approved to have all vehicles air conditioned. Patrolling has become more than just a pleasure, now it's a sheer delight.

The year also saw us host and entertain members of the bi-centennial tattoo and our less fortunate members from the south, 13 P1, paid a visit whilst on exercise. HQ 1 MP Coy also dropped in during an adventure training activity.

We welcome our new PLCOMD in this edition and take the opportunity also of thanking CAPT Denis Fidler for his leadership and guidance during his term in office.

Best wishes to all for 1989.

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## PRINT POWER

—by Roger Harvey

'See that scrap of fingerprint', says Acting Senior Sergeant John Page, indicating a small, smudged section of a single print which had been lifted off an armed robber's getaway car. 'It would have taken 10 of our fingerprint experts up to 50 years to search our records for a possible hit ... but NAFIS found one in less than three minutes'.

Almost too fantastic to believe, this performance typifies the way in which the new National Automated Fingerprint Identification System (NAFIS) has turned the Victoria Police Crime Department's Fingerprint Bureau on its head. NAFIS is a computer which screens police 10-digit fingerprint forms and single prints from crime scenes and then searches for them in an Australian wide data base.

Another print that had been confounding the Bureau for years also was unable to escape the scrutiny of NAFIS; it belonged to a suspected murder victim. The print was taken from a badly putrefied body which had been lying in thick bush for weeks. Fingerprint experts managed to lift only one extremely poor print from a severed hand and spent the next five years, on and off, searching Bureau records. NAFIS identified the victim within 17 minutes.

After the computer came on-line in March 1987, John Page, who is in charge of NAFIS, had every man and woman at the Fingerprint Bureau working their butts off day and night for 15 months, entering the entire collection of 280,000 Bureau print records into the system.

That, in itself, created a different sort of chaos in other areas of the Force. Applying its incredible speed and infinite searching of offenders and linking them to various series of crime scenes around the State.

In its first year of operation, the computer identified 5300 crime scene prints - an increase of more than 2000 over the previous record. And prints that are not identified remain in the data base for potential matching with all future enquiries.

'We've had quite a few fingerprint identifications coming to us very quickly,' says Bruce Logie, Detective Chief Inspector for the northern suburbs. He cites a recent example: 'We fingerprinted a shoplifter for what would be his first recorded offence, and the computer quickly linked him to 10 thefts from motor cars in Moonee Ponds as well as 30 offences in Brighton that occurred three years ago. The computer is proving itself to be extremely fast and efficient, and I don't think we've seen its full potential yet'.

NAFIS has now expediently cleared up a lot of previously unidentified fingerprints from dated crime scenes, which no doubt assisted in its achieving the record number of identifications. However, momentum within the Fingerprint Bureau is, if anything, increasing. Because of the computer's lightning-fast search speed, the 80 Bureau staff have found themselves back on the streets en masse.

'Before NAFIS, our fingerprint experts spent 10 per cent of their time at crime scenes and 90 per cent back in the office doing searches', says Mark Ellwood, Chief Inspector in charge of the Fingerprint Bureau. 'Now, we're looking at 70 per cent in, 30 per cent out'.

With a 300 per cent increase in staff availability for street work, Mark Ellwood's fingerprint experts are swooping on crime scenes like never before. As well, nine men have been released for permanent positions as regional fingerprint experts at district headquarters throughout the suburbs, with two more designated for country positions at Moe and Wangaratta.

'Eighteen months later, we are still making a totally unprecedented number of crime scene identifications because of the massive increase in the number of jobs we have attended', Mark Ellwood explains. 'We are providing a better service than ever before, and operational police are starting to recognise that and use our expertise more often'.

Despite this machine's revolutionary effect on fingerprint identification, the Bureau still remains very much the domain of Victoria Police fingerprint experts. After its rapid search, NAFIS provides a list of possible offenders in order of priority and it is up to the experts to manually search and check those records. 'Nothing is released from this office until it had been checked manually by three experts', Mark Ellwood stipulates. The old fingerprint forms and latent print files are still maintained scrupulously, and provide hard copy back-up to NAFIS.

While the Victoria Police is not the first force to use a computerised fingerprint system, it is involved in Australia's nationwide computer link-up and central mainframe data base in Parramatta, which is a World first. No other country has implemented such an ambitious scheme and the envious eyes of many overseas police forces are watching with fascination.

Fingerprint experts from Hong Kong, China, West Germany and Canada have travelled to Australia to study our system, developed by NEC computers of Japan. While the NAFIS User Group, for which Mark Ellwood is the Victorian representative, is researching the very real possibility of linking with New Zealand, NEC Japan envisages a World-wide satellite link-up within a decade. For criminals, the ramifications are daunting.

While welcoming the arrival of NAFIS, Chief Commissioner Kel Glare was quick to point out that the computerised system would be severely hindered by the Victorian Police's lack of fingerprinting powers. 'It seems a shame that we have this kind of technology and no power to take fingerprints', said Mr Glare, himself a qualified fingerprint expert. 'The Act that is currently being proposed doesn't really solve the problem - it doesn't even recognise the problem'.

Of course, NAFIS and the Fingerprint Bureau are only as effective as the quality of prints being taken by operational police. Once again, Mark Ellwood makes his plea: 'We are asking all police to help us to help them, by ensuring they take good quality prints from their offenders'.

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## 'JERUSALEM JOE' A FIRM BUT FAIR COMMANDER

'Jerusalem Joe' Courtney, a veteran of both World Wars, an army colonel who returned to Canberra police after the last war as a constable, long-time Canberra citizen and RSL activist, died in Canberra on Saturday 21st January 1989 after a short illness.

Joe Courtney was born at Chiswick, West London, on 16th April, 1903. In 1917 he joined the merchant navy, serving on several ships, including the SS Rutherglen when it was torpedoed in the Mediterranean. He was on a French hospital ship, Valdavia, as a gunner, when, as part of the Allied Fleet, it sailed through the Dardanelles to accept the Turkish surrender. He came to Australia for the first time on the Katoomba in 1918.

In 1920, he left the sea and joined the Grenadier Guards. His four years with the Guards left a lasting impression and he often returned in body and spirit to the Horse Guards Parade in London.

In February 1925 he returned to Australia and in 1926 joined the Victorian Police. Still with an eye to soldiering, he joined the Militia in the 5th Battalion (Victorian Scottish Regiment) and moved through the ranks to captain. On transfer to Canberra he served for a time in the 3rd Battalion (Werriwa Regiment).

In 1937, he transferred to the Federal Capital Territory police force and on the outbreak of World War II he had trouble in securing a release to enlist. However, General Blamey, having a need for trained police officers, appointed him as a Deputy Assistant Provost Marshal. He was proud when, on board the Empress of Japan in 1940, bound for the Middle East, Blamey recognised him and said 'Hello Courtney, I'm glad to see you. For a time I didn't think you'd make it'.

In October 1940 he was appointed Commandant of the Australian Detention Barracks in Jerusalem. He was a fair but firm commander, who would go to any length to help a basically decent soldier, but was hard on the incorrigibles. "Jerusalem Joe" gained a reputation, but, as he said, "If I had made the gaol a comfortable hotel, who would have wanted to go up front to be shot at?"

Father Tim McCarthy, afterwards a chaplain-general, who travelled to and from the Middle East with Joe Courtney and saw much of his work in Palestine, wrote that "no officer in the whole of the Middle East had a more difficult task or a more distasteful one. But no one did his work more honestly, most fearlessly ... with such untiring consistency. Justice was dispensed fearlessly ... in all Joe Courtney showed himself an honest-to-God Australian Officer, and I wish most fervently that there were more like him in the Army".

In April 1942 he returned to Australia and was appointed APM in Victoria. In November that year, following a series of riots between US and Australian troops in Brisbane, Blamey ordered him north to take over as AMP in Queensland. He soon established good relations with the Americans whose MPs were prone to the use of firearms and batons to restore law and order, and the "Battle of Brisbane" was largely over.

In May 1945 Lieutenant-Colonel Courtney moved to Morotai as AMP Advanced LHQ and then became AMP Morotai Force. From there he went to Tokoyo in connection with the War Crimes Trials.

August 1946 saw the wartime colonel back on the beat in Canberra as a police constable. From 1947-51, he was a Sergeant of Police at Jervis Bay, returning in 1952 to Canberra, where he was promoted to Inspector of Police.

He was rewarded for his Army service with an Efficiency Decoration in 1946 and a Mention in Dispatches for his Middle East Service. His biggest rewards from the Army were his nostalgic memories of the Guards and of his service with General Blamey. Significantly, his death occurred on the 104th anniversary of the birth of Field Marshal Sir Thomas Blamey.

Joe Courtney led a full life and was a hard task master, but he had plenty of the milk of human kindness. In Walker's recently published *Curtin's Cowboys*, there is an account of a number of AWL's from the North Australian Observer Unit who were cared for in Brisbane by provost Joe Courtney at Christmas 1942. On behalf of the group Ron Dunwoodie said, "We admired the man. He wasn't a 'screw'. He was a real policeman and a gentleman and he respected us".

Joseph Aloysius Courtney, BEM, QPM, ED is survived by his daughter Ann, and two grandchildren in Canberra and a sister in Melbourne. Grace (Queenie), his wife of 50 years died in 1987.

## THE POLICE INSIGNIA COLLECTORS ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA

The Police Insignia Collectors Association of Australia (PICAA) was formed at a public meeting, held at Newcastle NSW, on the 10th of June 1984. This followed many months of planning by the organizers, RAAF Policeman Mike Brown, NSW Railway Policeman Gary Cooper and NSW Policemen Dale Kemp and Bob Deards.

PICAA is a non political, no profit organization and is not affiliated or connected with any police force, department, service or association. Originally it was thought that PICAA would only appeal to collectors in Australia, as no other badge collecting organization of this type existed in Australia, however membership now extends world wide.

PICAA has a constitution and membership is open to all collectors of law enforcement and emergency services insignia. A committee of five is responsible for the administration and operation of the association. Liaison officers are also appointed in each police and emergency services department.

The aims of PICAA are to promote the hobby of insignia collecting, to collect and disseminate information of interest to members; to liaise with other interested bodies who may be of assistance to members; to encourage members to display their in-

signia collections and to promote and maintain contact with other insignia collectors throughout the world. Members receive a magazine, published six times a year, in which they may advertise their swap requirements free of charge. The magazine also contains many interesting articles, mainly submitted by the members, on various insignia, police departments etc.

The association has held insignia displays in various shopping centres, the most successful being held at Hornsby NSW, which was opened by the Minister for Police and Emergency Services. Members also organize swap meets, which are advertised and other items of insignia.

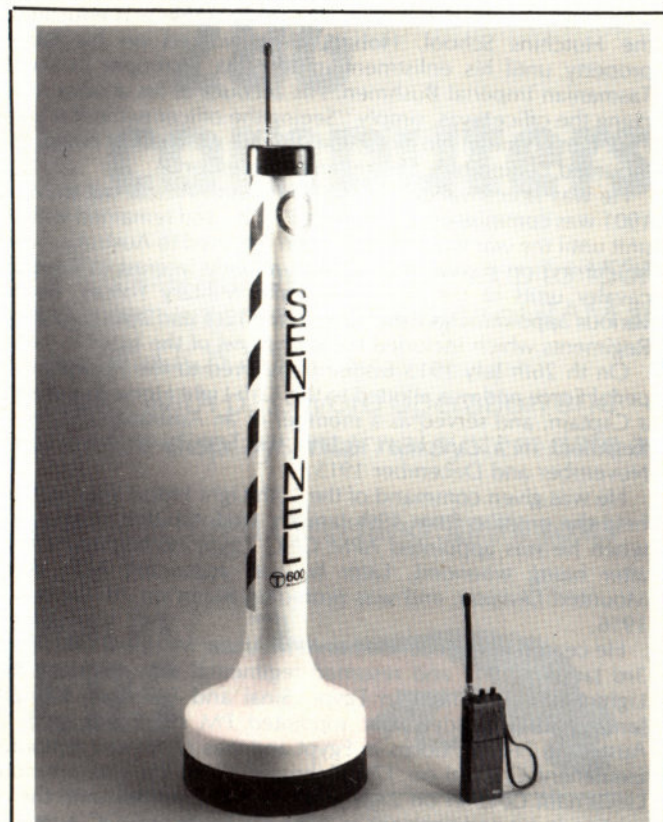
PICAA members collect a variety of items. These are usually connected with Police, Fire, Ambulance and State Emergency Services from countries throughout the world. Items range from cap badges, breast badges, shoulder patches, batons, buttons, baseball caps, belt buckles, business cards, cuff links, beer coasters, caps, hats, door decals, epaulets, rank badges, fire arms, handcuffs, ID cards, keyrings, vehicle number plates, photographs, plaques, posters, postage stamps, spoons, tie bars, ties, tie tacs, uniforms, medals and military badges. Membership lists, which are issued to all members, indicate what a member collects.

Membership fees are set each year at the annual general meeting. Fees are as follows:

Australian members	\$15 per year
Overseas members	\$20 per year
Family membership	\$25 per year

In addition all new members pay a joining fee of \$10. Each member receives a sealed photographic membership card, six magazines a year and a membership list.

The Police Insignia Collectors Association of Australia was formed, to assist insignia collectors in making contact with other Australian collectors. We have achieved that aim and now have members all over Australia and in many overseas countries. If you are interested in PICAA write to the Secretary, Steve Muscat, PO Box 31, Boolaroo NSW 2284.



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## FOR VALOUR

By **CAPTAIN Mark Foxe**

Queen Victoria said of the bronze cross named for her in 1856 that it was "desirous it should be highly prized and eagerly sought after by Officers and Men of our Naval and Military Forces. It should be awarded to those Officers and Men who have served us in the presence of the enemy and shall have performed some single act of valour or devotion to their country. Neither rank nor long service nor wounds nor any other circumstance or condition whatsoever save the merit of conspicuous bravery shall be held to establish a sufficient claim for honour."

This medal is one of the least ornate and one of the most highly treasured awards in the world. Made from the bronze of cannon captured at Sevastopol during the Crimean War, the Victoria Cross has been awarded to 96 Australians. So it came as a complete surprise to me when one day I was sifting through my ever growing library of Military History material, to learn that within the ranks of our Corps have served 2 members of this elite 96. Those men were Lieutenant Colonel J.H. Bisdee V.C. O.B.E. and Lieutenant J. Rogers V.C. What follows is a brief outline of their lives and service to their country and the Corps.

### **BISDEE, Lieutenant Colonel John Hutton V.C. O.B.E.**

**Citation:** On the 1st September, 1900, Trooper Bisdee was one of an advanced scouting party passing through a rocky defile near Wan Bad, Transvaal. The enemy, who were in ambush, opened a sudden fire at close range and six of the party of eight were hit, including two officers.

The horse of one of the wounded officers broke away and bolted. Finding that the officer was too badly wounded to go on, Trooper Bisdee dismounted, placed him on his horse, mounted behind him and conveyed him out of range. This act was performed under a very hot fire, and in a very exposed place. (*London Gazette: 13th November 1900*).

John Bisdee was born at "Hutton Park," Tasmania on 28th September 1869, the son of a pastoralist, John Bisdee, and Ellen Jane Bisdee, both also natives of Tasmania. He was educated at the Hutchins School, Hobart, then worked on his father's property until his enlistment in 1899 as a trooper in the 1st Tasmanian Imperial Bushmen. His account of his actions in rescuing the officer was, simply "Seeing the officer without a horse, I put him on mine, ran alongside until we were out of range, then mounted behind him and rejoined the escort."

He was later invalided home from South Africa, but in March 1901 was commissioned in the 2nd T.I.B., and remained with this unit until the war was over. He then returned to Australia, where he carried on mixed farming with a lively interest in Tasmania cavalry units of the Commonwealth Military Forces, holding various appointments from 1906 in the 12th and 26th Light Horse Regiments which included the command of the latter in 1913.

On the 26th July 1915 Bisdee transferred to the Australian Imperial Force and was allotted to the 12th Light Horse Regiment as a Captain, and served as a member of an Australian Composite Regiment in a campaign against the Senussi in Egypt during November and December 1915.

He was given command of the 12th Light Horse Regiment and held the position from 19th January 1916 till 26th March 1916, when he was appointed APM GHQ Egypt Expeditionary Force after being wounded. Later he was appointed APM Anzac Mounted Division, and was promoted Major on 7th September 1916.

He ceased to be seconded as APM Anzac Mounted Division on 3rd January 1917 and resumed regimental duty with the 12th Light Horse Regiment in Egypt, Sinai and Palestine. On 20th January 1918, Bisdee was appointed PM AIF Egypt, and OC Australian Provost Corps in Egypt and was promoted temporary Lieutenant Colonel on 17th February 1918. He was promoted Lieutenant Colonel on 24th June 1918 and served until the Armistice in his appointment as APM AIF Egypt and OC Australian Provost Corps Egypt. On the 3rd June 1919 he was created an Officer of the Order of the British Empire (Military), and was Mentioned in Despatches.

He died on his property "Hutton Park" at Melton Mowbray, Tasmania on 14th January 1930. The Bisdee Memorial Cadet Efficiency Prize, awarded annually at St. Virgil's College, Hobart, is named after Lieutenant Colonel J.H. Bisdee V.C. O.B.E., who was himself a cadet at Hutchins.

### **ROGERS, Lieutenant James V.C.**

**Citation:** On the 15th June, 1901; during a skirmish near Thaba'Nchu, a party of the rear guard of Captain Sitwell's column, consisting of Lieutenant F. Dickinson, Sergeant Rogers and six men of the South African Constabulary, was suddenly attacked by about sixty Boers. Lieutenant Dickinson's horse having been shot, that officer was compelled to follow his men on foot. Sergeant Rogers, seeing this, rode back, firing as he did, took Dickinson up behind him and carried him for half a mile on his horse. The sergeant then returned to within four hundred yards of the enemy and carried away, one after the other, two men who lost their horses, after which he caught the horses of two other men and helped the man to mount. All this was done under a very heavy rifle fire. The Boers were near enough to Sergeant Rogers to call upon him to surrender; his only answer was to continue firing.

(*London Gazette: 18th April, 1902*)

Rogers was the son of John Rogers of Moama in the Riverina district of New South Wales and was born on 2nd June 1875. James Rogers began riding horses at the age of four and when his family decided to move to Victoria, the boy - then eleven - assisted his father to drive their stock some 300 miles south.

James joined the local company of the Victorian Mounted Rifles, and by the time he enlisted in the First Victorian Mounted Infantry Company in 1899, he had acquired a useful military background. Arriving in South Africa in November 1899, the contingent was allotted to a composite Australian Regiment. After twelve months service in the Cape Colony and Orange River areas, the contingent returned to Australia, but Rogers remained behind to join the South African Constabulary. In January 1902 he arrived back in Australia and in March was commissioned as a Lieutenant in the 6th Battalion, Australian Commonwealth Light Horse. The contingent embarked on 19th May 1902 but had scarcely arrived in South Africa when fighting ceased. On 7th August 1902 its members returned to Australia.

Following the outbreak of war in 1914, Rogers was appointed to a commission in the 3rd Light Horse Brigade Train, A.A.S.C., with effect 6th December 1914. He went with the Brigade to Gallipoli where the Australian Light Horse Regiment fought as infantry and he was very seriously wounded at Lone Pine on 4th August 1915.

After his discharge from hospital in Egypt, Rogers served on the staff of the HQ in the Anzac Provost Corps in Egypt until 3rd April 1916 but ill health forced him to be invalided back to Australia with the honorary rank of Captain. He disembarked there on 10th June 1916.

He stayed with the reserve of officers until 1922, and from then until his retirement he ran a successful grazing property in the Mallee District of Victoria. He resided at Kew, a suburb of Melbourne, for many years before settling at Roseville, Sydney. He was amongst the Australian recipients who attended the V.C. Centenary celebration in London, 1956. He died at Concord Repatriation General Hospital on 28th October 1961 and was buried in Melbourne three days later.

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