

II



CPL JASON “HARRY” HARRISON
SECTION COMMANDER



AUSTRALIAN ARMY
Second Battalion, The Royal Australian Regiment

Corporal Jason Harrison was born in Sydney, N.S.W. He was educated in Perth and Darwin and completed his senior schooling in the ACT, graduating in 1988. During his school years CPL Harrison served in the Airforce and Army cadets between 1984 and 1986. Corporal Harrison enlisted into the Australian Army Reserve in 1987. He completed recruit training with the 5th Training Group at Ingleburn NSW and Initial Employment Training at Holsworthy, NSW. Upon completion he was posted to as a rifleman to Sydney University Regiment.

Corporal Harrison transferred to the Australian Regular Army in 1989. After completing training at the Army Recruit Training Centre and School of Infantry he posted as a rifleman to the 2nd/4th Battalion, The Royal Australian Regiment (2/4 RAR) in 1990. During his tenure he served in Charlie and Delta Company and Signals Platoon within Support Company. He completed specialist Basic Assault Pioneer Course and Regimental Signals Course. He also deployed on exercise rotations to Rifle Company Butterworth twice in Malaysia.

With the delinking of 2/4 RAR in early 1995, Corporal Jason Harrison remained at 2 RAR. During this time he completed a sub unit exchange to Hawaii and Louisiana, USA. In 1997 he completed the Basic Sniper and Basic Reconnaissance Courses achieving student of merit on both, consequently he was posted as a Sniper and Sniper Team Leader in Support Company. During this time he deployed on operations twice to East Timor as a Sniper Team Leader, initially as part of the International Forces East Timor (INTERFET) and then in a subsequent rotation as part of United Nations Transition Authority East Timor (UNTAET). During this tenure he completed additional exchanges to Hawaii, USA and Wewak, PNG.

CPL Harrison was promoted to Lance Corporal in November 2002 and deployed again on operations to Iraq as a member of Security Detachment Two (SECDET II), tasked with protecting the Australian Embassy in Baghdad. CPL Harrison deployed on operations a fourth and fifth time in 2006 and 2007 to Timor Leste as a Sniper Team Leader and Acting Sniper Supervisor as part of detachments to 3rd Battalion and 1st Battalion The Royal Australian Regiment. Unfortunately, in 2007 he returned to Australia early due to a fractured leg.

Between 2010 and 2013 Corporal Harrison was posted to the Opposition Force (OPFOR) Platoon at the Combat Training Centre serving as a Squad 2IC, Squad Commander and Sniper Team Leader. During his tenure CPL Harrison was promoted to Corporal and posted back to 2 RAR in 2014. During this recent posting, CPL Harrison served as a Radio Detachment Commander, Sniper Team Leader and Section Commander and completed a Training Team exchange to Wewak, PNG. Unfortunately 29 years of infantry soldiering has caught up with CPL Harrison and in 2016 he had four procedures on his neck and back. This injury forced a medical downgrade and he awaits a final determination with a likely outcome being medical discharge in early 2018. CPL Harrison is currently posted to Transition Platoon, 2 RAR where he continues to make a positive contribution to Battalion life.

Corporal Harrison is a highly decorated soldier. He has been awarded the Australian Active Service Medal with clasps East Timor and Iraq 2003, International Force East Timor Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal, Defence Long Service Medal with second clasp, Australian Service Medal with clasp Timor Leste, Australian Defence Medal, United Nations Medal with UNTAET ribbon, Timor-Leste Solidarity Medal and the Infantry Combat Badge.

Corporal Harrison is married to his wife Leisa and has two children, Sophie and Kate aged nine and 13. He is a life member of the QLD RSL and a member of the 2 RAR, 2/4 RAR and RAR Associations