

## Most Professional Soldier of the Year Award

This award was hotly contested between 3 Squadron soldiers. Shame not to present to all three but there is only one award and nevertheless, the selected individual is deserving of it.

Little presumptuous that it is awarded in late August however best opportunity in front of peers.

This award is given to a soldier who exemplifies the dedication, commitment and high standards required of a squadron soldier.

Previous recipients have been Private P. Williams who is now a Sergeant, Corporal Steene and Corporal Norman.

The soldier that I am presenting this award to today has demonstrated the professionalism worthy of this award. He is a very competent individual who can be relied upon to carry out tasks independently and in an efficient manner. He is a soldier who leads by example and has the tenacity to follow tasks through regardless of the challenging circumstances.

He was highly regarded when in East Timor and proved that he was equal to the task in completing any duty. He was instrumental in providing heavy vehicle lift support to 1 BSG (Battalion Support Group) for outwards relief in Dili. He was acting 2 IC for the majority of his service in East Timor and worked exceptionally well in this role. He received excellent reports from Officers and Senior NCO's in 1 BSG and was a popular member of the Transport BSG team. This member is quite fit and performs very well on the sports field. He has an honest work ethic and motivates others to get the job done. His dedication, commitment and professionalism are a credit to himself, the squadron and 3 CSSB (Combat Services Support Battalion).

I now have the privilege of awarding the 2001 Transport Squadron "Most Professional Soldier of the Year Award" to Private Jarrod Kroezen.

*Speech made by the Officer Commanding Transport Squadron, Major Steve Galjarrdt. on presenting Jarrod the "Most Professional Soldier of the Year Award" at the Squadron Dining In Night, September 2001.*