

Cricket

Like the Royal Family, Aussie Beer and Meat Pies, it's one of those Aussie institutions without which, we are told, the country would collapse. Certainly this grand old game has been played by the Poms for centuries. There is mention of King Edward the First's son playing Creag in the year 1272 AD, and in the county of Surrey, it's recorded that the local gentry played cricket in 1598 AD.

However, the Aussie, "Colonial Rabble", kicked the Poms in the guts when the famous Don Bradman shoved it right up "em". Not only have we recorded the highest runs of this century but we can even play under arm and get away with it.

Seriously, the task was there and we had to play to the best of our ability with what we could put together. Why the hell Admin Coy got a Scottish born, ten quid immigrant, to manage a Cricket team still has me beat. The players, thank God knew what they were doing and allowed the manager to share in the glories. The opening game was a great win and it felt good being on the winning side.

Without going through the wins and losses we man-

aged to reach the grand final against our old arch rival the "HEW HAW'S". They put up a good game and it was the best team we played against all season. During the games we had our own Don Bradman's, Greg Chappel's, Dennis Lilies' and Jeff Thompson's. These were: a.LT O'Leary, LT Parker, SGT Heron, CPL Grace, PTE Callow, Lumpy, MacQueen, Petrie, Meredith, Hicksie, Brownie and many others who had a crack at the Battalion Cricket Team. It was a great effort from all.

OK we didn't win the grand final, but we didn't shame ourselves by losing badly. At least it was an Infantry Battalion that won it and no other unit outside the Corps.

I would like to personally thank all those players who assisted me through this season. At times I hadn't a clue what was going on, but their patience helped and "How to Play Cricket", by Bob Farmer. Thanks again.

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