

Orienteering



Orienteering is conducted in the army as a military skill/sport to test physical fitness, navigational skills and initiative. Orienteering has enjoyed a greater emphasis in the Battalion this year. It is readily organised and provides an interesting and challenging medium for training.

The battalion orienteering competition was conducted in May this year on the rugged southern slopes of Mt Stuart. Each company entered three teams of five men who competed over three separate courses that tested both speed and accuracy.

The results were:

1st	C	1237 Points
2nd	SPT	1101 Points
3rd	B	1056 Points
4th	A	1016 Points
5th	D	883 Points
6th	Admin	564 Points

The best individual performance was by CPL Robert Holmes of C Company.

Straight after stand down, the brigade orienteering competition was conducted on 7 October 1986 in the lavarack Barracks/Reentrant Area. 2/4 RAR won the competition against eight other teams for the first time.

Our team was:

CPL O'Connor (SDT)	PTE Bennett (B)
LCPL Galvin (SPT)	CPL Holmes (CAPTAIN)
CPL Mills (C)	PTE Kiernan (SPT)
PTE Lievees (C)	LCPL Stanton (C)
PTE Moore (SPT)	PTE Myoio (B)
PTE Bedding (Admin)	PTE Boyle (C)
PTE Brown (Admin)	LCPL Doran (C)
LCPL Mills (A)	PTE Gercama (C)
CPL Innerney (B)	PTE Dunn (A)
LCPL O'Brien (C)	SGT McDonald (SPT/BHQ)

Well done 2/4 RAR, we are looking forward to 1987.

Australian Rules

The 1986 season was one of mixed fortunes for the Battalion Australian rules team. After a very good start, winning the first six games by very large margins the team was eliminated in the preliminary final replay after a drawn result the first time around. Members of the team were successful in the individual awards of the competition with Brian Grace winning both the competition and battalion best and fairest award, while Tom Morris led the competition and battalion goal kicking. The team was well administered this year and thanks must go to coach Eddie Schlegel and manager SSGT Hutchinson.

In representative teams the battalion achieved good results. Nine players from the battalion represented the Brigade in Brisbane and several of these went on to be selected in Queensland Army and Australian Army teams. Special mention should be made of Craig Headland who went on to Captain the Australian Services team in their tour of the East Coast.

The Inter-company competition was again keenly contested with A company coming out the winners. The overall results of the competition are still to be decided as B company still have several games to play.

Pistol Shooting

The Inter-Brigade and Inter-Company pistol shooting competition took on a different style this year, with the Inter-Brigade shoot held prior to the Inter-Company shoot. This was a reverse of the more traditional way.

This, although causing a few problems with team manning, (but not as many red faces as TRAR) did not spoil our efforts in the Brigade shoot. The Battalion gained seventh place and saw Sergeant John Beattie and Corporal "Tinnie" Heron show good form to take out first and second places respectively in the individual scores.

With the passing of the Brigade competition came the Inter-Company competition on 10th October. There was a good showing from all companies and the final results being B Coy (first), Admin Coy (second) and A Coy (third).

Next year promises to be another interesting year for pistol shooting and with the possibility of more practice, comes the possibility of a win in the Brigade competition.