

## Soccer

1988 was a good year for soccer in 2/4 RAR. WO2 Les Hook took over the coaching position after he vowed at the end of '87 that we would never do it again. Most of the regular faces showed up at training and showed that soccer is still an important battalion sport. The team played well for most of the season and as for previous years we faulted only at the crucial stage of the season. We may not have taken out the cup but as anyone could tell we excelled in team spirit. This was proven as the soccer team outlasted all others at the boozier after our matches.

The end of year function was an undoubted success with all but two of the team showing up. All those who attended knew they showed up the morning after. The RSM WO1 Hansen said that soccer is an important part of the battalion's sporting commitments and has promised bigger things for us in '89.

WO2 Hook has vowed that he will not be coaching the side in '89 but that has yet to be seen. C'mon Les do it for the team!

This year's awards were presented as follows:

Best and Fairest	Pte W. Tait
Best Clubman	Cpl G. Murphy
Most Goals Scored	Pte D. Angelosante (a dubious choice)
Best Fridge	Cpl "Kelvinator" Whent
Most Popular Player	Jimmy
Most Dangerous Player	Cpl "Conan the Destroyer" Pickering

Some on-field comments for '88 were:

"Has the ball come down yet" and

"Down 200 over" - Pte Tait after an over zealous penalty kick.

"I've got it! I've got it!" - Pte Wright after heading the missed corner kick into our net.

"I'm not playing this \*O#!!\* game again." - Steve during one of the battalion better performances.

Our special thanks this year go to:

Les Hook

The Boogie Man

Jimmy - Twice

Good luck 2/4 RAR in '89.

## Touch Rugby

The Bravo company touch rugby team had another successful year in 1988. This year sees the company hold the trophy for the third consecutive year without defeat. Although a few of last year's players were lost due to posting and resignation, the new "blood" was more than capable in upholding the teams recent undefeated record.

The touch football competition was run throughout Autumn 1988 and the team finished clear winners with an unbeaten record. All games were played on the company parade grounds and the fast playing surface proved to suit the teams open and speedy style.



Pte Wright modelling the new soccer strip, with LCpl Whent and Cpl Murphy

Although the competition was hard, the game with Charlie Company was judged by the players to be the toughest encounter. Although it was level pegging at half time, Bravo Company were able to open up late in the second half. However, it was Admin Company, containing some members of last year victorious Bravo Company team, that loomed as the major threat. Despite some imports from the P.N.G. D.F., Bravo Company proved too strong to maintain its undefeated record.

The team consisted of Cpl C.R. Walker (Captain), Cpl S.A. Walker, LCpl C.J. Dixon, Pte G.A. Stewart, Pte W.C. White, Pte W.J. Wharton, Pte B.A. Keogh, Pte T.A. Johnson, SSgt G.W. Jear and Lt A.J. Kuruc.