

# RUGBY

'96 saw the first rugby team of the newly formed battalion. Despite the fact that 4RAR did not have vast numbers to draw from, there was no shortage of enthusiasm and talent. It was quite a daunting task to pull together a team from nothing and to teach our 'Leagues' and 'Aust Rulers' the finer points of Rugby Union. This, coupled with B Coy's busy training year, was a credit to all members of the squad.

The scores were:

4RAR	5/7RAR
5	8
4RAR	3RAR
32	0
4RAR	Barbarians
3	0
4RAR	8/12 MDM REGT
12	5
4RAR	North Harbour
0	28

Due to a busy Brigade training year the season was cut short leaving 4RAR unable to contest the finals. This aside, 4RAR still managed to finish third. This was a great effort considering where we came from.

Although many players performed very well, the '**Best and Fairest**' was awarded to PTE Chris Peel. This was a mammoth effort considering that he only started playing rugby this year. WELL DONE!

Thanks must be given to the following people:

- MAJ Steve Kluver: For guiding me and pulling the squad together.
- LT Calem Glover: For running the backs and holding things when I wasn't around.
- The Rugby Squad: For putting in, never losing focus and backing up each week!

Special thanks must also go to the fellows that backed up each week whether they got a run or not. Also, I would like to thank the wives and families that supported us. This definitely gave us a lift when we needed it most.

The rugby club has a bright future and I am confident that next year we will be a greater force to be reckoned with.

*Team Captain* - CAPT Steve McConnell