

AUSTRALIAN RULES

The Battalion Australian Rules Team didn't enjoy a very successful year if you look only at the results of matches played (Played Five/Wins-Nil). However, taking into account that we were a new team in a well established competition and that the team was largely made up of B Coy members, many of whom had limited experience in playing the game, the short season had many positive outcomes.

The team played a fairly physical and spirited brand of football, which provided the spectators with some memorable moments. One of these was PTE Ryan's hit on probably the biggest player in the competition, in a game against 3RAR. In addition, the spectators always counted on Rufus going close to or getting reported, LT Berson being sent off and Deeks being stretchered off.

However, the season did see a vast improvement in the skills of many of the players and provided the opportunity for many of us just to get out there and represent the Battalion playing a game that we love. Special mention must go to PTE Ryan and PTE Antinow who were clearly our best players for the season. Thanks to the regulars who came down and supported us during the season and to LCPL Smart, who did well to perform his duties as Team Manager and still pulling the boots on. Overall, despite not having won a game during the season, the determination and enthusiasm of all the players is a sure indication that Australian Rules has a bright future in the Battalion.