

# SOCCER

This year's inter-coy competition was the basis for the Battalion's bid for the Brigade title. The competition was a huge success, which can be attributed to the increasing popularity of the code and the attitude of Coy's. Close as the competition was, Delta pipped the highly fancied Spt Coy at the post to take the title.

From the Coy round robin series a Battalion squad was chosen and training began for the tilt at the Brigade premiership. What the squad lacked in finesse was compensated for by fitness, determination and team spirit. A resounding 6 - 1 defeat at the hands of Western Barracks would have seen a squad with less character "turn it up". Instead, wins over Eastern Barracks 6 - 1 and arch rivals 1 RAR 3 - 2, cemented a Grand Final rematch with Wests.

The Grand Final was a tremendous match with the team clawing its way back from a 0 - 2 deficit to draw the game in match time 2 - 2. After 90 minutes we were on top, but in extra time Col James our goal-

keeper was injured and the side reduced to 10 men. The subsequent team re-shuffle did not help, but that is not offered as an excuse for Wests scoring twice in extra time. Wests 4 - 2. In all, it was a courageous effort by the Battalion team and one that drew admirable praise from spectators and opponents alike.

Throughout the soccer carnival there were many good individual efforts. These were rewarded when six members were selected to represent 3 Brigade. Congratulations to Jeff Rule, Graham Jeffs, Jerry Pierro, Bob Hammond, Andy Edmond and Mark Hawkins.

Congratulations also to all the "sweaty triers" who gave their utmost to their Coy sides. Without that, we would not have had such a strong Battalion squad. Thanks also to those non-players who assisted the teams.

1985 is a new challenge and no doubt there will be new faces and ideas. With a positive attitude, and the spirit of this years final to build on, I have no doubt the "red and blacks" can go one better.

"The Coach"



*Pte Hawkins, Lcpl Hammond, Lcpl Murphy, Pte James, Lcpl Rule,  
Cpl Edmonds, Pte Horswell, Pte Pierro, Pte Hardman, Pte Tate, Pte Jeffs,  
Pte Hite.*