

HOCKEY

The Inter-Coy hockey competition was played in June. Many teams consisted of less skilled and less fit members of other codes, but the competition remained close with A, B, C and Spt Coy all in the running for first place. Notable performances during the games were Cpl Knapp (A Coy), who successfully missed numerous shots at goal. Unfortunately, he was the goal keeper, much to the delight of the opposition. Pte Smith (D Coy) and Cpl Phillippi (C Coy) also starred for the respective companies. C Coy, led by Cpl Stokes were the eventual winners of the competition, losing only to A Coy when only playing with seven men. The victory was a result of hard work by the team, in particular Cpl Edwards and Cpl 'Reaper' Barker in goals.

The following week (14 - 22 June) was the Brigade carnival, with Spt Coy and C Coy providing the bulk of the squad. Training time was scarce, so the team had to rely on skill to try and overcome the powerful Western Barracks and 1 RAR teams. 2/4 RAR lost the first match against 1 RAR 4 - 1, starting slowly but playing very well in patches. We defeated Eastern Barracks 2 - 1 in a hard fought match, but then were beaten by eventual champions Western Barracks 5 - 2. It was an excellent match, with 2/4 RAR scoring goals 2 - 0 in the second half. In the play-off for 3rd and 4th, 2/4 RAR beat Eastern Barracks for 3rd place 3 - 1. The team looks forward to an improved performance next year and with more support has the potential to be a threat to the title.

Three players were selected in the Brigade squad for the Townsville hosted Brigade carnival in July. Lt Nairn (C Coy), Pte Skriveris (SPT Coy) and Pte De Jong (B Coy) were members of the Brigade team which emerged victors for the first time ever.



BASKETBALL

The 1984 Basketball competition proved very successful both at Company and Battalion level.

The year started well with the Inter Company competition being contested with a great deal of enthusiasm and spirit. The competition was run on a final four system which proved to be appropriate, with all finals being closely contested. The Grand Final between A and B Company was played at a very high standard, especially considering the short lead time to the competition. The final positioning in the Inter Company competition was A, B, Admin, D, C and Spt Company.

From the performances during the Company competition the following members were selected in the Battalion side:

Capt Affleck
Capt McNeil
Lt Baumgart
Pte Sawyer
Pte Daniels
Lcpl Murphy
Lcpl Grahame
Pte Danalake
Pte Hill, and
Pte Meehan

The Inter Unit competition was played at the Murray Stadium with the Battalion proving its superiority by winning the Grand Final against 2 Fd Sup Bn, 112 to 46.

While special mention must be made of 'Blue' Sawyer's and the 'Doc's' performances, the entire team must be congratulated. All the members maintained a very high standard of Basketball throughout the week despite a demanding time table. It was this total team effort which allowed the Battalion side to finish the competition undefeated.

A special thanks must go to Lt Baumgart who's administration of the Company competition allowed it to run smoothly thus enabling the players to concentrate solely on playing.