

# SPORT 1980

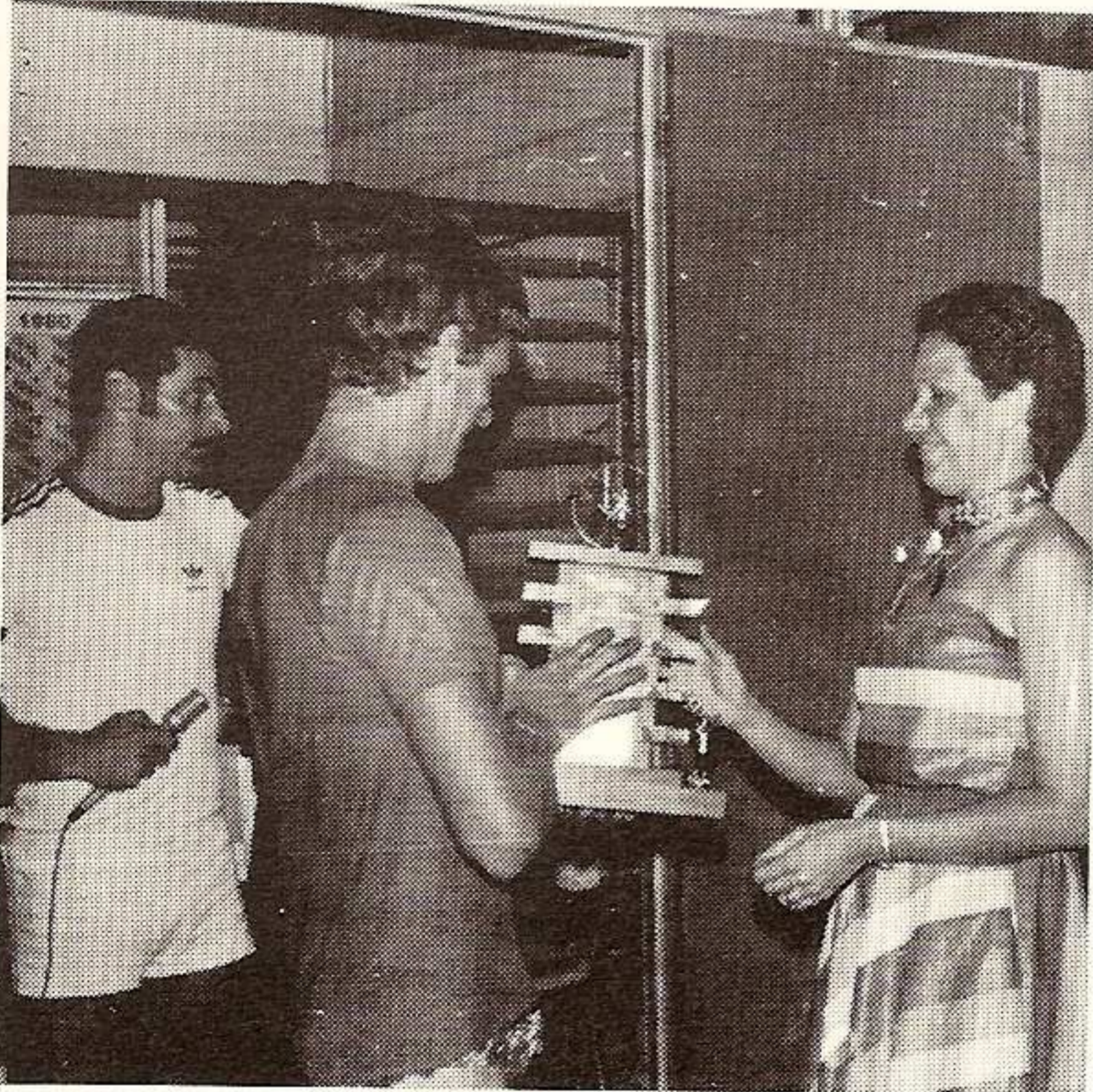
MAJOR R.M. CHANDLER

Once again 2/4 RAR has acquitted themselves well in sport. The unit participated in inter area/service, inter unit within North Queensland, inter company and in civilian competitions.

In the inter unit the battalion won the swimming, the cross country (for the fifth year in succession), orienteering, tennis, badminton and rugby. The inter

company competition is still to be decided at time of production of the magazine but the challenge seems set between C Company and Support Company. Congratulations and recognition is given to those members who gave a lot of their own time to participate for the unit and it is hoped that this spirit will prevail next year.

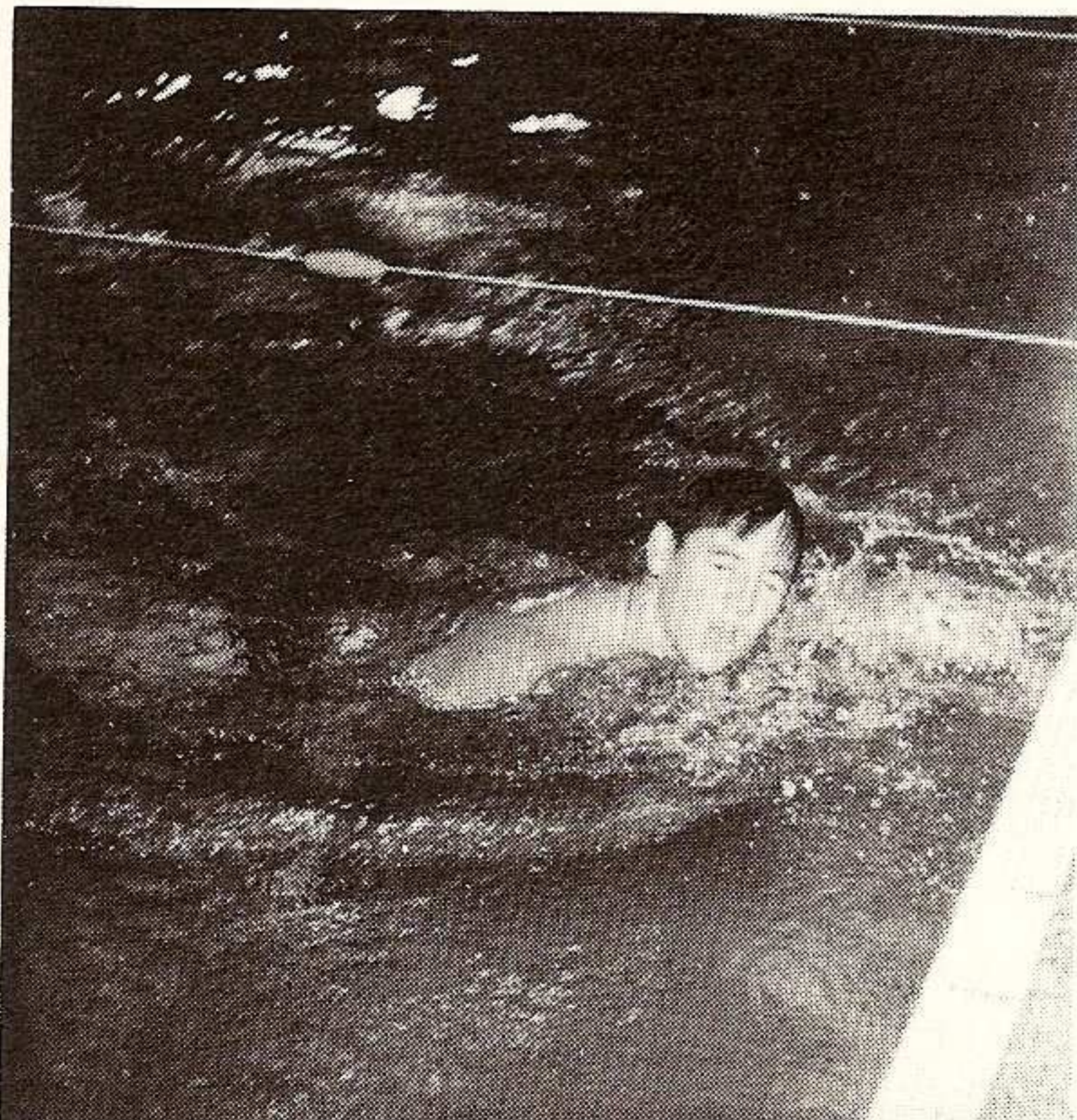
## SWIMMING



*Mrs Marshall presenting the CPL John Smith swimming trophy to CPL K. Smith of Support Company.*



*Support Company Relay Team being presented with their trophies by Mrs Dorothy Chandler.*



*PTE Radman.*



*C Company Novelty Event Team.*





*2/4 RAR Swimming Team.*

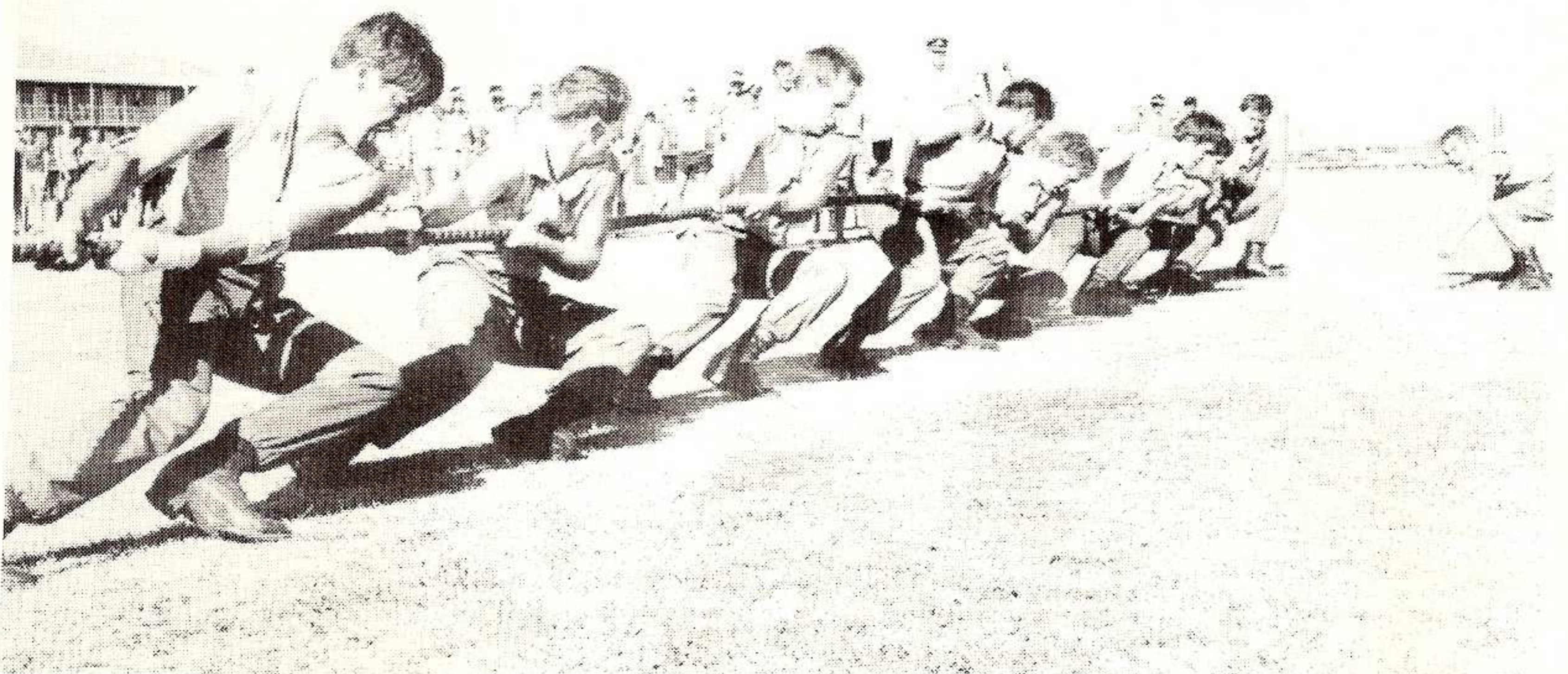
## **ATHLETICS**







*Battalion Cross Country.*





# RUGBY UNION

The Lavarack Army Rugby Club (LARCS) participated in the Townsville District Rugby Union competition in 1980. As for the 1979 season 2/4 RAR again supplied the majority of players throughout the season. 1980 started with extremely high hopes when the A Grade won the preseason competition. However, problems arose with players due to Army commitments, but the club continued via a small merry band of supporters and players.

The A grade side failed to make the semi-finals while the reserve grade were beaten in the semi-finals.

Representatives honors went to Cowboy Rainey who was selected in the Townsville District under 19 team.

This season was the last for the LARCS as the TF Commander has decreed that the Army will not sponsor teams in any civilian competition in 1981. Maximum participation in civilian sport is encouraged, so players you will have to look for a civilian club to play for next year. Congratulations must go to Major Phil Gould who put in a ton of work for the LARCS throughout the season. Best of luck to players next year in your new clubs.

## RUGBY UNION 1980 STYLE

*LT M. MARTIN*

### INTER COY

1980 inter-coy Rugby Union saw a pleasing change from those in previous years. The games were played hard, fast and relatively clean. C Company and Support Coy began favourites with C Company rated as a good chance. The well drilled C Company team with their quick style football proved to be too good, taking out the competition undefeated.

### INTER-UNIT AND REPRESENTATIVE MATCHES

The 1980 season commenced with a seven-a-side Rugby competition in April. The competition was won by 4 Field Regiment with 2/4 RAR seconds coming third and 2/4 RAR firsts coming fourth. A gallant effort by 'Cowboy' Rainey and the men of C Company paved the way for the seconds to beat the firsts in the minor final.

2/4 RAR again won the Inter Unit Rugby Union Competition for 1980 which makes it four years in succession. Although undefeated, there were some anxious moments with 1 RAR, a draw being the result.

The final was played against the 'Westeners' (3 Task Force HQ Minors Units) which was won 20-4. Early dominance by the forwards, paved the way for quick tries following 2/4 RAR to take command of the game. The CO, who had come out of retirement for the last few games, was prominent in the early forward work.

Consistent performances from PTE (Bos) Bossink, LT Wayne Bowen, PTE Mick Williams, MAJ Phil Gould, the CO, LCPL (Macca) McPherson, CPL Mick Sullivan, and LCPL Whitney allowed us to win the 1980 trophy.

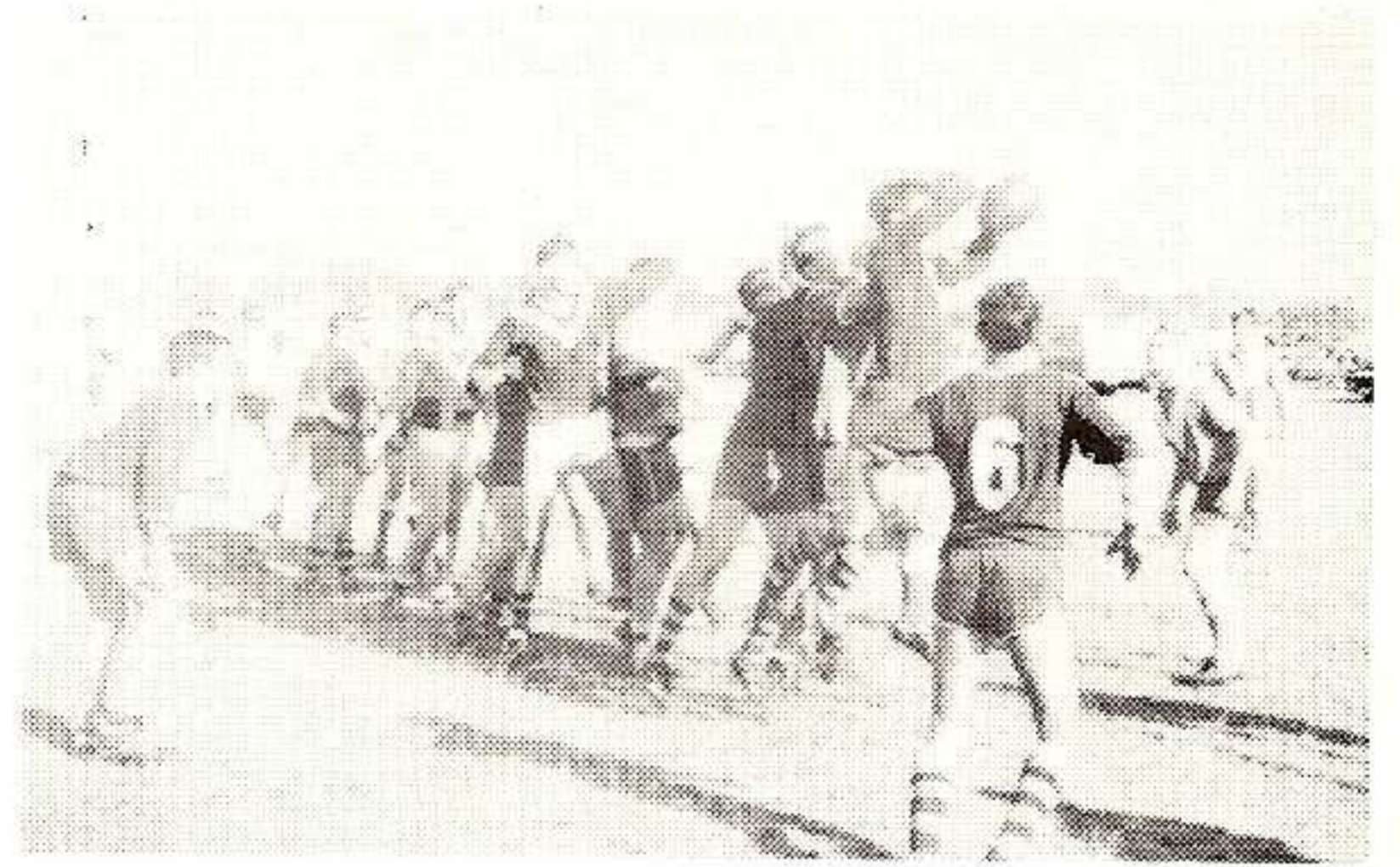
2/4 RAR provided the majority of players for both the inter — TF series and the inter — area series. 3 Task Force won the inter task force competition while we were just beaten by South Queensland in the inter — area competition. The following players

gained selection in the Queensland Army Rugby team: LT Mick Hindmarsh, PTE Mick Williams, LCPL (Macca) McPherson, LT Mick Martin, SGT Blue Waddell and, CPL Chance Kelly. (Macca) McPherson was considered unlucky to miss out on the Australian Army team due to a broken jaw suffered in the first match.

Congratulations to all players involved in Battalion Rugby and many thanks to the team manager SGT Col Bamblett, and finally to our ardent supporters.









# SOCCER



## AUSTRALIAN RULES FOOTBALL — CIVILIAN PARTICIPATION:

Anyone who followed Australian Rules Football throughout the year could have been forgiven for thinking that 2/4 RAR had a team in the competition. Without a doubt we had more than enough talented players to field a side that would have upset any of the other clubs. The South Townsville club had a total of 32 registered players from 2/4 RAR, whilst members of the unit also played with Hermit Park and Garbutt clubs.

There were some outstanding performances by 2/4 RAR players throughout the year. Perhaps the most impressive efforts came from Ray Keen and Wayne Jackson who represented North Queensland in Brisbane. "Jacko" was also selected to represent Queensland against Victoria.

Two very active members in the civilian competition were Ernie Baxter and Mark Casey. Ernie was Vice President of the South Townsville Club which accounted for the high recruiting of players from 2/4 RAR. Mark was also a committee member with South Townsville and coached its Reserve Grade side. Mark also took out the League's Reserve Grade Best and Fairest award.

The unit also had people involved in the umpiring side of the game. Both Gordon Meenie and "Dutchie" Holland officiated at both Reserve Grade and Senior

Grade games. In the club awards, "Froggy" Lynn received South Townsville's Reserve Grade Best and Fairest award. Wayne Jackson was the club's top goal kicker for the year.

All in all, 1980 was a good year for 2/4 RAR members playing in civilian competition.

