

# BATTALION SPORT

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This year has been a successful one for all Battalion Teams with all of them reaching the final of their respective competitions.

The results of those completed inter company competitions at time of going to print are as follows:

	A COY	B COY	C COY	D COY	SPT COY	ADMIN COY
Hockey	5	6	1	4	3	1
Rugby	3	6	2	1	4	5
Soccer	6	3	1	4	2	5
Aust. Rules	1	4	5	3	2	6
Athletics	1	4	5	6	2	3
Orienteering	5	3	2	1	4	6
Cross Country	3	1	4	6	2	5

I have left it up to the sports reps themselves to give you an accurate and 'unbiased' summary of their sport for 1982.

## HOCKEY IN 2/4 RAR — 1982

MAJ W.J. EDWARDS

2/4 RAR Hockey enjoyed a particularly good year in 1982 with the unit team convincingly winning the inter-unit competition and sending several members away in the Brigade team. Inter-company matches

were played at a ferocious pace and at a level higher than in previous years. All the participants and those who supported them should be congratulated on the achievements of 1982.



LCpl 'Flip' Phillipi of C Coy 2/4 RAR as Maj Lewien and two 4 Fd Regt players take evasive action. Umpire Dave Catterall blows a free against LCpl Phillipi for 'turning on the ball'.

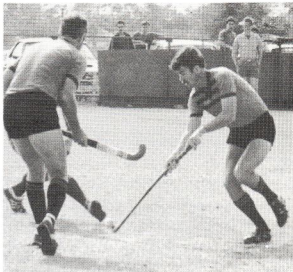
## Inter-Unit

2/4 RAR were undefeated during the August carnival scoring consistent 3 goal to 1 goal, victories over major rivals 1 RAR and 4 Fd Regt in the 'round-robin' and producing an identical score-line to defeat 4 Fd Regt in the final. The results were achieved because of the good attitude of the players (who responded well to coaching and training) and superior all-round strength. The 2/4 RAR team played without 'stars' but had good combination and the ability to 'finish' moves with goals. Our depth in reserves must be commented on and 2/4 RAR squad members who did not play in the final were unlucky in that most were good enough to play in any of the teams we defeated. The winning 2/4 RAR team was Maj W.J. Edwards (Captain-coach), Pte Greg Querella, Maj John Kieffer, Pte Greg Smith, LCpl Murray Stokes, LCpl 'Jacko' Jackson, Pte Jon Metcalf, Pte Paul Van Halderen, Pte Clyde Allan, Maj Dave Lewien and LCpl 'Flip' Phillippi.

## Inter-Company

Early in the season the competition was open and early form indicated that Support Coy, Admin Coy and C Coy were all going to be difficult to beat. Admin Coy recruited well and with the arrival of John Keiffer as RMO became a settled combination based around him and the midfield combination of John Edwards and Clyde Allan with 'Flash' Gordon proving to be a fine curtdodian.

C Coy showed why they had not lost a game since 1979 and quickly established themselves as the most even team in the competition with Murray Stokes and 'Eddie' Edwards solid in defence and Dave 'The Boss' Lewien, Flip Phillippi and John Neville in attack.



*LCpl Murray Stokes of C Coy 2/4 RAR about to evade the tackle of 4 Fd Regt player (obscured). Maj David Lewien of C Coy 2/4 RAR moving to cover LCpl Stokes.*

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**AITKENVALE**  
Cnr. Fleming and Madden Streets

**HERMIT PARK**  
159D Charters Towers Road  
(opposite Casa Bianca Arcade)

Despite the efforts of Paul Van Halderen, Frank Edwards, Leon Helmrick and Greg Querella the Support Coy challenge failed to materialize and it was left to A Coy to provide the anxious moments for Admin Coy and C Coy before they met in the deciding match. 'Jacko' Jackson provided the necessary 'aggro' and C Coy had to wait the final minute before a typical John Neville 'sky-rocket' found the net to break a one-all deadlock.

Against Admin Coy A Coy were re-informed with the arrival of Greg Smith and only in the second half was the game made safe for Admin Coy. Good performances were turned in all year by Bob Bakkers and Stewart Simmie for D Coy and B Coy were well served by Marcus Parsons, Jon Metcalf, Rick Mossop and Doug Fieldhouse before he left to join Admin Coy.

Of special note was the game played by Liz Collier for Admin Coy against Support Coy — more women's liberation.

## ***C Coy and Admin Coy — the final***

When the two leading companies finally met the result was a fitting, but frustrating, draw. Greg Smith and 'Jacko' Jackson were rewarded for their efforts during the year by being appointed umpires and did a good job.

C Coy were determined to win this game and continue their run of success and to make sure took 'Cisco' Elliott out of their rugby team and rushed back John Meville from injury.

At half time the tactics seemed to be working for good combination had resulted in a goal from Phillip while Clyde Allan had pushed two good chances into the post at the other end.



*Gnr Phil Roser (4 Fd Regt) sets out after the ball. Cpl 'Jacko' Jackson of A Coy 2/4 RAR turns in defence.*

After half-time Admin Coy came back into the game strongly and after an early equalizer from a penalty corner by John Edwards play see-sawed up the pitch with chances at both ends including some spectacular 'one-timers' from Cisco Elliott. The best chance to break the tie came in the last 20 seconds when good short passing by Admin Coy put Clyde Allan in for the shot.

The C Coy goalie responded with the best save of the day and the whistle was blown after he cleared the rebound under pressure from the Admin Coy forwards.

## ***Inter-Company Placings - 1982***

Equal First	— C Coy and Admin Coy
Third	— Support Coy
Fourth	— A Coy
Fifth	— D Coy
Sixth	— B Coy

**Footnote:** 'Cisco' Elliott not playing in the rugby made no difference to the result.

## **RIFLE SHOOTING**

*By CAPT Chad Sherrin*

The unit rifle shooting team has been active during 1982 competing in four separate shooting competitions, however, at the time of writing only one of those competitions has been decided, that being the 3 Bde Inter-unit competition.

Once again the competition was between 1 RAR and 2/4 RAR but, despite our teams best efforts to make up the big deficiency from the first round of the competition, 1 RAR forced us into a close second place.

Despite that teams loss mention must be made of the outstanding individual efforts for the year. In the Bde competition SSgt Oakford with his great depth of experience scooped the pool of individual trophies, winning, all except the Young Soldier Award and the Runners-up in each category; in the Army Inter-unit competition we expect at least five of the team to receive badges recognizing them as being amongst the top 50 rifle shooters in the army; and, in the Queen's Medal Competition four of our shooters have qualified to enter the competition (only 20 are selected Army side).

Our Queen's Medalists for 1982 are Maj Jucha, SSgt Oakford Pte Grant and Pte Heron: we wish them all well, in particular, SSgt Oakford who is shooting to win his fifth Queen's Medal which, if successful, will create an army record.