

2/4 RAR RUGBY UNION 1982

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1982 saw another great year for 2/4 RAR Rugby with the Battalion showing so much depth that we were able to field two teams. As the season progressed it became clear that only three teams had a chance at the premiership and it was also a very real possibility that it would be an all 2/4 RAR Grand Final.

The final series demonstrated the strength of the 2/4 RAR 'B' team who put on an impressive display, taking 1 RAR into extra time, before finally succumbing to the pressure. The 'A' side took the 'B' team's example to crush 1 RAR by twenty points in the Grand Final thus winning the premiership continually since 1978. An indication of the Battalions strength could be seen that evening when the entire 'A' grade side and some of the 'B' team were picked to represent the Brigade in Brisbane.

The Battalion will miss the tireless efforts of LtCol Dave Rowe both on and off the field and his support could be judged by the tremendous ovation given to him as he ran on as a replacement in the 'A' Grade Grand Final. We wish him the best in his posting in England. Another name that should not be forgotten is that of Chance Kelly who is leaving at the end of the

year after many years of powerful service to battalion Rugby.

After such a successful year the Battalion must ensure that it maintains its high standard. If we rest on our laurels then another unit will quickly end our dominance of Rugby Union in North Queensland.



Pte "Mac" McInerney takes a pass from pte Ferrett.



2/4 RAR B Side: 1 RAR — "Gotcha you B....." 2/4 RAR "Unlucky!"



Chance Kelly takes the ball with a little help from his friends.



Capt McGowan about to settle this dispute on ownership.



Pte Hawkins goes for a run with LCpl Green in support.



Admin prepare for Rugby against Bravo.





Shades of the Melbourne Cup.

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