

Battalion Shooting

2/4 RAR has contested three major competitions this year. The first was our own inter Coy rifle, pistol and machine gun competition in May, which developed into a closely contested tussle between Spt and D Coy. Spt Coy won the overall competition with D Coy winning the pistol and machine gun events. Best individual performances were; Cpl Marshall (rifle), Pte Gibson (pistol), and Cpl Fenwick (machine gun).

From the competition a training squad of 24 shooters spent an intensive week at Mt Vince Range in preparation for AASAM '89. A team of 18 travelled to Brisbane to compete at AASAM and seven members were successful in gaining top 100 status. These were:

Sgt Holmes
Pte Bennett
Sgt Chester
Cpl Linton
Cpl Platt
Cpl Weir
Cpl Marshall

These firers then participated in the champion shot of the Army competition and excellent results were achieved by Cpl Marshall's 3rd and Sgt Holmes 16th place.

The third competition was the Brigade Competition where 2/4 RAR performed very well by being placed third in the overall competition and placed second to 1 RAR in the major units competition. Only 10 points separated us from first place and one point separated us from 1 RAR. However, we did win the falling plate trophy. Best individual achievements were made by Cpl Marshall and Pte Trumble.

The major achievement of the year was the team's efforts in the Army's Inter-Unit Rifle Shooting Competition. The results are as follows:

- First in the Open Competition.
- Second in the Major-Units Competition.
- LCpl Platt — Second overall in the Individual Competition

Special mention must be made of the achievements of three members of 2/4 RAR who represented the Army at the BISAM '89 in Brunei earlier this year. Cpl Marshall (rifle), Cpl Toohey (carbine) and Cpl Echert (machine gun) performed creditably with Cpl Marshall becoming the outright Service Rifle Champion of the Competition.



Cpl Schwartz's section negotiate an obstacle on the Obs Course during Mil Skills