

Battalion Rugby

The Red Blacks

The 2/4 RAR Rugby Club enjoyed a reasonably successful season in 1989 with the 1st XV finishing as runners up and the 2nd XV in fourth place in the Brigade Inter-Unit Competition. In addition, the club entered two teams in the annual Burdekin 7-A-Side Tournament in March. Considering over 30 teams from around North and Central Queensland entered this tournament, we achieved an outstanding result with the firsts winning the Plate Final and the seconds reaching the semi finals in the major draw. Blair McLean, Adam Boxall, "Dinga" Bell,



Cpl Alan Thomas searches for the line for the Battalion's Second XV

and Nick Eveningham produced creditable performances.

In the representative scene, congratulations go to both Sgt McPherson and Pte Campbell who were selected in the Australian Services' Rugby Union Team which contested the Southern States Carnival in Perth. Brigade selection at both 7-A-Side and 1st XV level was achieved by Cpl Robson, Lt Horn, Sgt McPherson, Pte Campbell, Lt Powys, Sgt Walker, Lt Field, Lt Eames, LCpl McLean, Sgt King, Lt Braithwaite, Capt Day and LCpl Dixon.

Both Battalion teams contested this years inter-unit



Lt Dave Braithwaite cops a high one against 2 Fd Sup Bn



Pte Kevin Campbell on the charge for the First XV against Minor Units. He is followed closely in support by Capt Mick Day

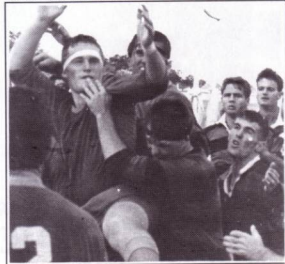
competition with confidence and enthusiasm and were championship contenders until late in the competition. Unfortunately this years shortened competition period did not allow for a final series to be contested. The first Battalion should be congratulated as the 1989 Champions.

The feature of the 1st XV style of play this year was the exciting attacking abilities of its backline and its crunching defence. The team scored a massive 212 points to 44 against. Indeed only two members of the team (Yes that's you too Bullwhip!) failed to score a try this season. The forward play was solid throughout the season and was only outclassed in set plays by 1RAR's huge pack. This will be one area of special attention next year. In loose play the team was well served by the mobile loose forwards.

The 2nd XV was characterized by guts and determination and it produced some memorable performances — especially against 4Fd Regt, 1RAR and Minor Units. Although beaten in the latter two games, special mention must be given to Brycey (always seems to score) and Rangi (I'm everywhere) Ferris. Allan Thomas provided the team (when not starring for the 1st XV) with a solid foundation.

The 1989 Club awards were:

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| Best & Fairest | 1st XV — Bambi Campbell |
| | 2nd XV — Rangi Ferris |
| Highest Pointscorer | 1st XV — Brad Horn (43 pts) |
| | 2nd XV — Alan Thomas (39 pts) |
| Most Improved "Red Black" | Steve Harris |



The Second XV employing unorthodox tactics in a lineout.