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Battalion Basketball

The 2/4 RAR Basketball Team has had a year that must rank as one of our most successful ever. We went through the entire season undefeated. By some quirk of the draw we did not meet our grand final opponents until the semi finals and in a close match we beat 4 Fd Regt by 4 points. 4 Fd then went into the grand final after a forfeit. They had a different team the second time we played them. A team they claimed were faster, stronger and taller. They were certainly taller, a couple of them had to look down on the baskets. When the game got underway it was obvious that they were no match for the Bn in either skill or aggressiveness. At the end of the first half 2/4 RAR were 20 points ahead. From then on, everyone was given a game and although 4 Fd came back, we won by 4 points.

Congratulations to the team and to everyone who played during the season. Whenever we had someone away there was always someone willing and able to take his place. The depth of basketball skill in the Bn was evident in the close contests during the inter coy competition which was eventually well won by B Coy. Because of this depth, 2/4 RAR never once took the cowards way out and deferred games when the "first team" were in the field. Although we had some close games, we never lost. I estimate at least 30 people played for the Bn this year and I thank them for their support. Without wanting to offend anyone, I would like to especially thank the starting 10, Cpl Kelly, LCpl Nelson, Pte Dunn, LCpl Brown, Pte Hatfield, Cpl Lewis, Pte Cowburn, Pte Yorke, Pte Bateman and LCpl Stanuicha. See you all on the court next year.