

Basketball

I had the pleasure to be nominated as the 1991 Battalion Basketball Officer. It was a pleasure and if you want to know why, read on...

The Area Inter-unit Basketball Competition was conducted over a two day period, early in the year, which was 14-15 Mar '91. The draw for the competition was conducted at 4 Fd Regt conference room by LT M.J. Kingston, the Brigade Basketball officer, on 28 Feb '91.

The venue for the contest was at the Murray Basketball Stadium, played over a two day period. The lead up to this event was difficult because it was so shortly after Christmas leave, the limited time available before the competition and my limited knowledge of the game. Not to be perturbed, all available and willing members were assembled and as much team training as possible was undertaken. The team consisted mainly of B Company members, but A & C Company also had representatives to compete.

On the first day of the competition, the team really played to a high standard and at the end of a tiresome day, due to the gruelling events, the 2/4 RAR representative had defeated all opposition. The day's opponents consisted of 2 Fd Sup Bn, 18 Fd Sqn and 162 Recce Sqn.

The Battalion team turned up on the morning of the 15 Mar '91, full of confidence, to put in their best efforts to neutralize any further opposition. Alas, the day started very poorly,

with our team being defeated by both 1 RAR and RAAF Garbutt. However, all was not lost, we still had a chance to become victors and the team became even more determined than ever. The final play-off began with a victory over 2 Fd Sup Bn, followed by 1 RAR being defeated by our now more-imbued team. The team had to fight to the finish and successfully toppled the RAAF team, who thought victory would be theirs.

The day was completed by quenching the thirst with a few refreshing drinks and bringing the Brigade Basketball Trophy home to its former resting place at the ETVCC, proudly displaying 2/4 RAR's victories for 1989/1990 and now 1991.

Members of the team were:

CAPT M.D. Reilly
LCPL A.N. Daniel
PTE D.D. Dukarich
PTE R.F. King
CPL S.J. Dunn
LCPL E.R. Oui
PTE C.J. Green
PTE T.A. McGill
CPL G.M. Nelson
PTE A.J. Brady
PTE S.W. Hatfield

Tug-of-War



B Coy Team try pulling the might of Admin Coy