

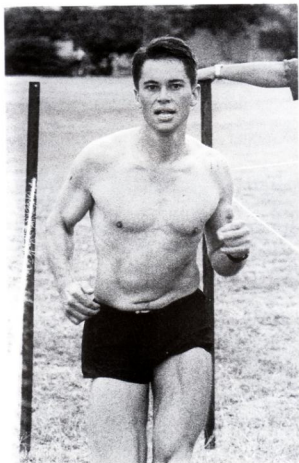
# CROSS COUNTRY

This year saw something unusual in the recent history of 2/4RAR Cross Country competitions - someone other than CPL Brown win! CPL Brown was absent from the unit for the cross country. However, this does not detract from PTE Andrew Brayshaw's (C Company) performance, who won convincingly with a time of 35 minutes 6 seconds. Second was LT Stuart Davies (D Company), with PTE Saun Hollis (Support Company) coming in third. Preparation for the competition was hampered by the fact that the Brigade course was only finalised a week before the race. The construction of 162 Recce Squadron's new lines added approximately 400 metres to the course.

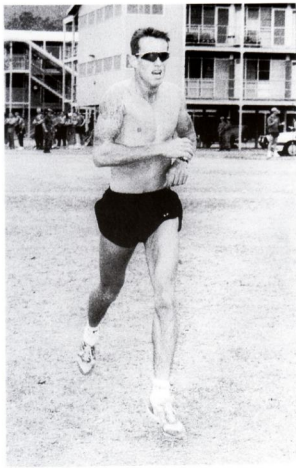
There was ample evidence of a competitive spirit from individuals and companies this year, with Charlie and Support vying to take the Company trophy home. Charlie Company had the best aggregate placing, narrowly pipping Support

Company by five points. There was no truth to the malicious rumour that Charlie put in a harder than usual effort because they knew that they were ineligible for selection in the Battalion squad, due to their absence on PACBOND.

LT Davies took over responsibility for the training of the squad for the Brigade competition, ably assisted by CPL Brown. The squad has many fond memories of Brown's hill runs and other training sessions. The absence of C Company and preparation for the deployment to Rwanda disrupted the training and unfortunately 103 Signals Squadron were too good on the day and won the inter-unit competition, with the Battalion placing third overall. As for the individual results no-one was surprised to see Brown cross the line first. LT Davies and LCPL Vinson also placed in the top ten.



*PTE Brayshaw - 1st Battalion Cross Country*



*Brown's cross over in first again, in the Brigade Cross Country*