

RUGBY REPORT

After a one year absence, the Bde Rugby Trophy found its way back to where it rightfully belongs — 14 RAR.

The season started when the Bn team faced a strong Western Barracks combination. After a tight game that produced some good football the Bn went down 15 to 8. The team did show in this game though, that it had the forwards to dominate possession and a backline that could be a match winner when given good, clean ball.

This potential came to the fore in the next game when the Bn played arch rivals 1 RAR. The forward pack dominated the opposition pack from the first whistle and the backline gave a polished display to run in three tries. Final score was 15 to 4.

In the final game of the competition round the Bn played an improving Eastern Barrack combination. It was obvious from the start of the game that they intended to play "scrappy" football. This payed off for them when they went to an early six points to nil lead. The Bn forward pack, however, started to get their act together and won enough clean ball for the backs to run in two good tries. The Bn eventually ran out winners 12 to 6 but Eastern Barracks showed that they will not be the easy push overs next year as they have been in previous years.

This win meant that the Bn had enough points to play Western Barracks in the Grand Final. The game was a very close encounter but our forward pack was always on top of the opposition. The backs also played well. They made some good breaks in attack and defended well. The game score was 9 to 4.

Congratulations to Matt Rainey and Dennis Green for representing Queensland Army and to Dennis Green for his subsequent selection in the Australian Army team.

My congratulations also go to the team members who were selected to help the Bde Rugby team win the Inter Bde Trophy. They include: Matt Rainey, Dennis Green, Graham Kent, "Doc" McNeil, Steve Tulley, Brooksey, Mick Day, "Mac" McPherson, "Whity" Whitchurch, Paulo Lam and Greg Halls.

My thanks go to Justin Dwyer who assisted me throughout the year with the coaching. His ideas and enthusiasm were a help to both myself and the team.

A special mention must go to Geoff Cook and his band of Uni Rugby players who played several trial games against the Bn team and allowed us to use their oval for Rugby training.

Finally my thanks and admiration to ALL those players who trialed for the Bn team and who were eventually selected in the Bn squad. Out strength lies in our depth of good players and the "Bn spirit". All players who trialed for the Bn team did, in their own way, help the Bn to win the competition this year.

As for me???!!! Justin will probably enjoy coaching next year as I intend to don my boots and play again — my fingernails couldn't take another year of coaching (Right Paulol).

Cheers,
Woodsey



A Wests player running into a Red and Black road block.



Pte Kent, Cpl Brooks, Lcpl Xenos, Sgt McGhie, The 'Doc', Cpl Rainey and Cpl Green — waiting for the ball.

BN CRICKET TEAM

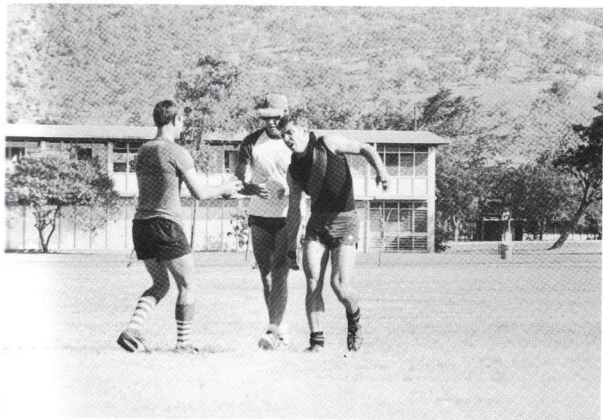
This year was certainly not the most successful for the Battalion in the Major Unit competition. The team was probably the most promising in the competition boasting a batting line-up of considerable depth and the best new ball attack in the Bde, however we were let down at crucial times in our first two games by some ordinary fielding and luck running in the opposite direction to that of our opponents. We lost to 1 RAR and Western Barracks in succession, however managed to salvage some pride with a convincing win over Eastern Barracks in the final game. Tinny Heron and Wayne Lampard had a

fine series with the ball and were ably supported by Greg Bobbin who completed a hat trick in the final game. Our batting had considerable depth — it is a pity it did not all fire together and we could run better between wickets. The nucleus is there for a good team next year so the best of luck to you.

The Inter Company competition was won in handsome fashion by Support Company who went through undefeated. The company also provided six to the Battalion team demonstrating the strength of the side.



2/4 RAR v Eastern Barracks.



Frank Oreb about to get the magic sponge.