

ATHLETICS

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The year of the XXIIIrd Olympiad! Los Angeles the venue, a multi million dollar Hollywood extravaganza assured. What a fitting concurrent activity for the 1984 Inter Coy Athletics competition.

Games fever struck the unit somewhat earlier this year in the midst of milskills preparation but the competitors (dobbees) nevertheless proved that a soldier is a resourceful and wily individual, jack of all trades and master of none — athletics falling into the latter category. Still, a number of familiar faces

returned, the competition was healthy and contested in a good spirit.

This year the Sports Reserve echoed to the mellow tone of Maj "Richie Benaud" Byrne and Capt "Tony Grieg" Larkins who kept not only the crowd amused with inane comments, but also most of North Ward entertained with appropriate musical renditions of an athletic nature. The World of Sport panel on Network 7 can rest assured that their jobs are definitely not at risk.



"Richie and Tony".



Victorious A Coy team.

Performances this year were of a high standard with Battalion records being broken in seven of the 15 events on the card. Of particular note was Pte Curtis in the 200m who gave the Brigade record a fright. Similarly, Lcpl Brooks in the 800m and the C Coy 4x100m relay team (Cpl Elliott, Lcpl Leith, Pte's O'Connor and Hogan) put in excellent performances which can only auger well for our chances in the Inter Unit competition to be held late in October. Well done to all competitors.

A Coy triumphed yet again after having gone down to B Coy last year but the result was in doubt until the last event which produced a thrilling climax to the day. Not even the International Olympic Committee could have staged such a cliff hanger.

As we go to print, training is in full swing for our next encounter with 1 RAR and the Barracks teams. At this stage performances are already improving so this year should see a determined and hopefully successful assault on the Championship Trophy.



Pte Clarke, D Coy lets the Shot Put go.



Lt Jensen leads the way in the 5,000 metres.



Chain of Command Relay — Note the style of Capt. Affleck.



Lcpl Barnsley about to spear in. Pte Munroe and Maj Lewien look on.