

AND NOW TOWARDS THE CUP.

When the story of the "Fighting 29th" is written, no small part will be given to its football triumphs.

On Saturday last the Battalion team got its first B.B. win, towards running off with the Barraclough Cup by defeating the Div. A.S.C. in a most exciting and gruelling game.

Even our normally placid G.O. stood up in the stirrups and rode and encouraged the 14 man team to victory. Efforts by gentlemen riders to pocket him proved unavailing.

Even Ted McKenzie, after forcibly becoming a spectator, could scarce forbear to cheer.

The highlight of the game was when Eastwood took his pass as cleanly as a bullet from a marksman, and bounding in the air, thrust his head back and, like the proverbial wounded stag, tore down the line in a pretty run that finished up under the posts.

On the other hand, an air of tragedy quietened the 29th "blokes" when Geo Bolt secured from Bill Wright right on the line and failed to score a beautiful try over the deadball line! So, Bill Wright's lead to his tackler's solar plexus was quite wasted.

The crowd was with Bob Barlow when he nipped through an opening no doubt opened by the terrific look of determination on his face, and all crashed with a resounding thud when he was brought down by a rather lucky flying tackle.

The bone in Skipper Burke's knees made him angry (as well as the shortage of personnel) and everyone was mighty glad when he touched down after receiving from Barlow.

Yes! It was a great game and an indication that perhaps some of the crowd were right after all in saying that "we can beat you - sixteen men with fourteen".

A period of rest is being enjoyed by some of the hard workers of the team, and who are we to say that they should not have it.

Yes! The Barraclough Cup is nearing our lips. Let's hope there is no slipping with this cup.

What? No, I did NOT say again NOT to offer 10 points in, Mr Tulloch.

There's no meal ticket about me, Archie.

BATTLE OF THE GIANTS.

Considerable interest has centred around the forthcoming special challenge race of three miles between two well-known B Company athletics rivals, "Rusking" Russ and "Tiny" Tooman.

Russ has proved his ability during past performances as a B representative, and his supporters can be assured of a very sound performance. He is training assiduously and has been seen on several occasions returning from a five mile spring at 0545 hours.

Although an unknown quantity in the unit, Tooman has competed successfully in New Zealand with such well-known long distance champions as Savidan, Fuller, etc. He can remember one occasion when he registered 49th place in a field of half a century, the other men having died en route.

The outcome of this contest is eagerly awaited by their respective supporters, and "The 29th" recommends its large public to be in at the kill.

Still Tops!

Someone said a few days ago after the swimming sports, "You've only got Rugby team now." But what about the hockey?

It hasn't been beaten yet, and I don't think it will.

The team made short work of the 36th by 5-1 last Saturday, but even then did not play right up to form. Something was wrong with the shooting of the forwards. The half line again excelled in stick manipulation, with Capt Burton specialising in tommy shots.

Goals went to Cox (3), Simon and Rough.

THE YOUNGER BROTHER

The Battalion B hockey side only drew with the 34th B. One up, it lost a victory on penalty corners, first by not converting any themselves and secondly by having a goal registered against them from one.

The sole scorer was McPherson.

But combination is organising in, and another victory should not be long.

The only concrete fact so far to hand about the Barraclough Cup contest is that we are as yet unbeaten. Except of course, those who offered too many points

Having much the better of the game, the Battalion Soccer team beat the 20th Fd Coy by 2 goals to 1. The game due to be played yesterday was postponed.

Prominent on the hockey calendar in the near future is a game between the Battalion A and B teams. Naturally interest is running fairly high.