

## Winter Sports Day



Winter Sports Day on 3rd April was just what was needed as a break from the heavy build-up to Annual Firing and the Soltau Training period. Everybody was involved with one of the sports played and it showed how much talent there was dormant within the regiment. How else could we have put up six teams for each of rugby, football, hockey, basketball and volleyball, and have had good exciting games in each sport? There were six teams per event this year because G Sqn was split, both to stop their domination and to even the numbers, and because of this each Sabre Sqn thought they would have a chance of victory in at least one sport.

So, at 0900 hrs the games commenced and over the next six hours it didn't stop. Though every team tried their best, each Squadron did well and individuals performed outstandingly, G Sqn still managed to reach and win three finals! Surprisingly, G Sqn crashed out of the rugby which proved the most popular sport of the day, judging by the size of the crowd at the final. In this game D Sqn which had already been beaten by C Sqn came back to crush B (the favourites) in their semi and meet A in the final. D Sqn, with no real 'stars' except of course George 'Twinkle Toes' Gillespie (playing at out-half and not second row), came against a 'packed' A Sqn team and played well only for A to come back and the final score was a deserved draw. Here we had the big problem: it seemed fairest for extra time to be played, but although A wanted this, both the rules for the day and D went for penalties (almost unheard of in rugby). This proved to be a correct decision and D came out of a fine competition deserving victory.

The football finals were also so keenly contested as to merit a decision on penalties. This time the result went more in the 'Bookies' favour with a G Sqn team full of Regimental players just beating a D Sqn team who, in the opinion of many qualified observers, deserved to win.

Another G Sqn team packed with 'stars' was the basketball team, this was really the Regimental team under another name and they won every game easily crushing B in the final. The final G Sqn victory was in the hockey - where G2 beat G1 (or was it the other way - no-one really knows) but it doesn't really matter except to say that G Sqn beat itself convincingly!