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## THE TRUTH OF THE MATTER

A Captain of Artillery, a Sergeant and a Bombardier were arguing about the act of love. The Captain declared that it was ninety percent pleasure and ten percent work; the Sergeant said it was ten percent pleasure and ninety percent work. The Bombardier, who was scared of both, said it was fifty percent pleasure and fifty percent work.

They decided to ask the first person who came along, and it happened to be a humble gunner. In answer to the question, he said:

"Of course it's a hundred percent pleasure. If there was any work involved in it, you lot would make us gunners do it for you".

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### "THE CHIEF OF STAFF"

If he is in the unit, he haunts the place.  
If he is not there, he's never on the job.  
If he talks on the subject he's trying to run things.  
If he reminds you of a broken rule, he's drunk with power.  
If he is silent, he's lost interest in the unit.  
If he agrees with you, he's a "yes" man.  
If he doesn't agree, he's ignorant.  
If he takes a holiday, he's been on one all year anyway.  
If he is not well dressed, he doesn't uphold the image.  
If he is well dressed, he's a big shot.  
If he's been on the Staff too long, he's in a rut.  
If he's been on the Staff a short time, he lacks experience.  
If he expresses his opinion, he's trying to take over the unit.  
If he sees both sides of the question, he's a fence sitter.  
If he can't give an immediate answer, he's incompetent.  
If he does give an immediate answer, he's impulsive and doesn't think things over.  
If he makes a mistake, don't let him forget it - he wasn't right for the job anyway.  
If he does something really constructive, well that's what he's there for anyway and no commendation is necessary.  
This is all part of the honour of being a Chief Clerk..  
But remember boys - The DERA selected him.

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"To the hills men, to the hills".  
"What about the women?"  
"Staff the women!"  
"Is there time?"

## NOTICES

1. AFX 79 Bird of the week - PTE Debbie Green.
2. All wife swapping queries are to be directed to the Tobin's or the Birches.
3. Congratulations to the Pixie for winning the 30 award.
4. Centre fold for this months issue was to have been a gnome, we renigged because the staples would have hidden her. (Apologies to Chaday)
5. Garbologists 27 Feb - flea plus blowfly one.  
Garbologists 26 Feb - grub plus blowfly two.
6. Nominations for C.C.C. AFX 79
  - a. Regt Cpt Supervisor
  - b. BSM/EG 28 Fd Bty
  - c. Sgt Fitter TST (ARA)
  - d. APP BK 28 Fd Bty. (in the bush)
7. Any complaints about this paper - ring editor phone 486447.
8. Noted at Op at Baldwins Hill - black man making spears and mumbling.
9. Seen in the vicinity of RAEME in the paddock - a nude man in the bush. (No wonder they put 'em out there on their own!)

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"HERBIE", by Willie Longfellow

DOWN IN THE TENTS THE OTHER DAY  
COOKIE WAS CAUGHT IN A DAMN FINE WAY  
HIS PANTS WERE DOWN  
HIS GRIP WAS TIGHT  
HE TUGGED AND TUGGED  
WITH ALL HIS MIGHT  
THE FLAP WENT UP AND THEY CHEERED HIM GREAT  
COOKIE STILL HAD HIS PIPE IN THE OTHER HAND.

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Conversation overheard at a meal line to BQMS 28 Bty -  
"Where's our morale booster"  
Next man - "Where's our morale booster"  
Next man, so on down the line.  
"Lois, where are you, 28 Bty need you. Morale has dropped since you left."

The word is that the BQMS refuses to answer to the title of QM until he receives a photocopy of you know who's discharge certificate from the "Flick man".

## COURSES

### Clerical Course

Seeing that courses seem to be the in thing during the first week of camps, application for next years camp clerical are to be forwarded to RHQ ASP with the completed entrance examination paper (attached as Annex A to this paper).

### Gun Numbers Course

It seems that the lead time given instructors on the gun numbers course for preparation of lesson plans was not long enough. Attached as Annex B to this paper are notes on the basic equipment principles of the L1A1 Gun, the equipment to be used by this unit for LFX 80. All NCO's are to familiarise themselves with its contents and produce draft lesson plans to the CO by 1 Jun 79.

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Who was the WLAAC driver who:

- a. forgot to secure the canopy on the high-back ute and scattered her husbands dirty greens and smelly socks along the highway for a mile or so?
- b. said to passenger as she went up one way street (the wrong way) - "But staff, I'm only going one way."
- c. Sings dirty songs on long drives,
- d. stalls cars 3 out of 4 times (I'm still learning),
- e. in answer to dirty looks from passenger when she crunched gears - "Well, at least it keeps the rust off the cogs."

(to be continued in next issue)

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### NEWS IN BRIEF

RMO OBSERVED PERFORMING RADICAL SURGERY IN OFFICERS MESS THE OTHER NIGHT STOP STERILE TECHNIQUE LEFT A LOT TO BE DESIRED AND GENEVA CONVENTION REGULATIONS FRACTURED AND HIPPOCRATIC OATH SEVERELY DENTED WHEN HE PROCEEDED TO EAT PATIENT UPON COMPLETION OF SURGERY STOP PHOTOGRAPH TO FOLLOW STOP IT IS NOT TRUE THAT RMO HAS PERFORMED A SEX CHANGE OPERATION AT 8 CAMP HOSPITAL STOP

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When do you call a Bombardier Corporal?

### AIR SHOW DAY

1. Who was the Bombardier trying to enter the "chook" when the door was closed by banging frantically on it?
2. What's with these RAIF guys anyway, who told them that if you run out of gun ammo you can throw the gun at the baddies?
3. Overheard at Chopper Pad:  
Driver : "Staff, how do I put my truck in that?"  
Regt Tpt Spr : "You can't".  
Driver : "Well, I'm not going then staff".  
Regt Tpt Spr : "Why".  
Driver : "My truck will be lonely".  
Irate Regt Tpt Spr: "Get into the bloody bastard before I reef you!"
4. Who tripped getting into the "chook?" R-G-N
5. Who got locked out of the "chook" that he shouldn't be on anyway, but insisted and got the ride? (B-K-R)

### FOR SALE

1. 1 x 18' x 18' Barracuda Cam net \$100.00 ono. See SSGT D. Collins (28 Fd Bty).
2. One lead foot - see Padre.
3. 6 x slightly used flyscreens. All enquiries to FMC Sgts Mess or Adjt.
4. Wonderful 1 room accommodation. Wall to wall dust. Built in air conditioning. 2 pers per room - preferably of the opposite sex. Rent \$3 per day, meals included. Apply chief clerks office.

### WANTED

1. 1 x 18' x 18' Barracuda Cam net. Willing to pay up to \$99.99 - See QM (Ret).
2. 1 x cheap wedding ring. Willing to pay up to \$1.50 - see SSgt Chad.

AIR WAVES

Sentry post one - TINDALE  
Sentry post two - RAGAN

After a short lull.

"Sentry post one to sentry post two, over."

(Silence)

"60A to sentry post one, why do you want sentry post two, over?"

"Sentry post one to 60A, - I just wanted to have a yarn with him."

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"Sentry post two to 60A, Veh for water point over".

"60A to sentry post two, OK send him on, over."

(prolonged lull)

"60A to sentry post two, did you receive my last message? I said OK send him on, over."

"Sentry post two to 60A, I did, sir!"

"60A to sentry post two - I give up!!"

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"93 this is 93A, what's the tyre pressure for a land rover? over."

"93A this is 93 - drop off! out."

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Overheard in Sgts Mess on day 12.

Female (unnamed): "I'm going home tomorrow - I've had it".  
AIG (unnamed (insect)): "I'm going home tomorrow, cos I haven't had it".

Overheard over partition of Offrs/WRAAC showers - "if you want it, don't forget to put the alarm on."

"The Wokka Wokka Bird (Alias Chomper)"

Seen on night of 28 Feb - rather large man running towards clothes line, teeth snapping, - last seen disappearing in moonlight with golden flash.

AM 1 Mar - pieces missing from clothes on line.

## Conditionz of Zervice

1. Insanity
2. Ztupidity
3. Instability
4. No zents of Humoar
5. Fruztration
6. Complexez
7. Vulnerabilitce
8. Hi zex drive
9. Incapazitated (no brains)
10. DZ
11. Inkaholizm
12. Out and out postercar
13. Nardz
14. Zlack & Eyedel
15. Muzhroomitiz
16. Good zpelling abilitce
17. Vulcanizk (hot stuff)

## QUESTIONS

1. Who was the driver who tried to kill his GPO, and also tried to do in the BK, BG, & BSM by coming to a stump stop?
2. Who is Harry Taylor's offsider?
3. Do RAEME personnel wear crabs on their 'I' shirts because they're unclean?
4. What is meant when a WRACC says, "Hi, pull-up a bit of grass?"
5. Which WRACC in 7 Fd Regt thinks a finger squirts?
6. Who was the 113 officer seen showering at the water point by a member of the WRACC?

## CAPABILITIES OF RANK

### General

Leaps tall buildings with a single bound  
Is more powerful than a locomotive  
Is faster than a speeding bullet  
Walks on water  
Gives policy to God.

### Colonel

Leaps short buildings with a single bound  
Is more powerful than a switch engine  
Is just as fast as a speeding bullet  
Walks on water when the seas are calm  
Talks with God.

### Lt Colonel

Leaps short buildings with a running start and  
favourable wind  
Is almost as powerful as a switch engine  
Is faster than a speeding "BB"  
Walks on water in indoor swimming pools  
Talks with God if special request is approved.

### Major

Rarely clears medium gum trees  
Loses tug-o-war with locomotives  
Can fire speeding bullets  
Swims well  
Is occasionally addressed by God's secretary.

### Captain

Steps over the dog house with ease  
Recognises locomotives instantly  
Can fire a "BB" gun  
Can float on his back  
Can talk with God's secretary if special request  
is approved.

### Lieutenant

Runs into buildings  
Recognises locomotives 2 out of 3 times  
Is not issued ammunition  
Can stay afloat if properly instructed in the use  
of the "MAE WEST".

### 2nd Lieutenant

Falls over doorsteps when trying to enter tall  
buildings  
Says "look at the choo choo"  
Wets himself with a water pistol  
Plays in mud puddles  
Mumbles to himself.

### Non Commissioned Offrs

Lifts tall buildings and walks under them  
Kicks locomotives off tracks  
Catches speeding bullets in his teeth and eats them  
Freezes water with a single glance  
He is God \*\*\*\*\*.



## QUOTES

1. QM to BQMS (unnamed) - "How the bloody hell does it take you 4½ hrs to feed 19 bodies?"
2. WRAAC Range Sentry to BMO: "Have you got cotton balls?" BMO (quick as a flash): "No, only in my ears!"
3. "Information can only be known by all if it is told to all."  
"Russell'1979"
4. BSM - "The next Bty Pde is for Sgts and below."  
Tpt Supervisor - "Does that include me?"
5. BSM - "Have you seen the 2IC?"  
WRAAC - "No, I haven't touched him all day."
6. BQMS - "Heard you got to shoot your trucks if they break down on APX 79."  
Tpt Supervisor - "Army doesn't take kindly to that. Besides, we haven't got time to bury them."
7. Unnamed SI to OC - "Don't worry about those course reports - nobody's gonna pass!"
8. "A bribe works like magic, whoever uses it will prosper." (Proverbs 17:8)  
Padre: "True, but don't do it!"
9. "What do ya mean, my names not on the rear party paysheets?? Who's gonna pay me?" (Cohen)
10. Gun No to driver - "Where's your wedding dress?"  
(Drivers 28 Bty - Note!)
11. WO1 to LE (with handbrake off) - "Hey, come back here, I'm not sitting in you yet!"
12. Haylen to fan belt (with pick handle) - "Come on out snake, and stop pretending to be a fan belt - I know you're in there somewhere."
13. "The only way to end a perfect meal - with an after dinner mint."
14. Terrified WRAAC in high pitched voice to other unit tent lines when caught in Public Phone box when power failure occurred on Ni 27 Feb - "Help..... can somebody please lend me a torch?"  
  
..... "Piss Off!!"
15. Randy WRAAC to WO - "I'd like to run my toes through your hair!"  
WO-"I'll get you one of these days."  
Lieutenant - "Please, there's a war going on."  
(P.S. Which WO ended up in hospital?)

ANNEX A

ENTRANCE EXAMINATION  
1980 AFX CLERICAL COURSE

GENERAL KNOWLEDGE

Time allowed: SEVEN weeks  
One week extra allowed for reading this paper

Answer ANY TWO Questions  
Each question is worth 50 marks

Where appropriate, answers should be illustrated with carefully labelled diagrams

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1. Who won World War Two?
  2. Who came Second?
  3. What is a Silver Dollar made of?
  4. Explain Einstein's Theory of Hydrodynamics OR Write your name in Block Letters.
  5. Spell the following: a) Dog b) Cat c) Carrot.
  6. What time is News at Ten on?
  7. Approximately how many Commandments was Moses given?
  8. There has been six Kings of England named George, the latest being George VI. Name the other five.
  9. Write down the numbers from 1 to 10. (Marks will be deducted for every number out of sequence).
  10. Who built Stephenson's Rocket?
  11. What musical instrument does Phil the fluter play?
  12. Of what country is Dublin the Capital? N.B. Candidates must not write on more than two sides of the paper.
  13. Do you understand Newton's Law of Gravity? (Answer Yes or No).
  14. Spot the deliberate mistake: "An apply a day gathers no moss".
  15. Name the odd man out of the following: Cardinal Hoenan, The Pope, Jack the Ripper, Archbishop of Canterbury.
  16. Who is the odd man out? Shamus O'Toole, Sean O'Flattery, Mahatma Ghandi, Patrick Murphy.
  17. Is a Dunker? a) a person who dips biscuits in his tea, b) a contraceptive, c) a lorry for motorway construction?
  18. Name the winning jockey in the 1972 Greyhound Derby.
  19. Who built the Pyramids? a) Macalpine, b) Wimpeys, c) Pharoahs, d) Costains.
  20. In the 1972 Sheep-dog trials, how many were found guilty?

LESSON PLAN  
NOTES ON BASIC EQUIPMENT PRINCIPLES

<u>AIM</u>	To teach the details of Equipment LAI 1.
<u>COURSE</u>	G.S.C. Aust Inter.
<u>TIME</u>	approx 30 mins.
<u>HEADINGS</u>	1. Characteristics 2. Differences in Model 3. Data 4. Ordnance 5. Emplacement 6. To Fire 7. To Unload 8. Prematures 9. Wear 10. Care and Preservation 11. New Equipments

EQUIPT AND AIDS

One by LAI 1.  
One Gun Number (Student Volunteer)

1. Characteristics
  - a. Weighs an average 126 lbs loaded and fuzed. Lighter and heavier models are available and careful consideration must be given when selecting the weight as fatigue of the gunner is of the utmost importance.
  - b. All models are capable of firing in short bursts but careful Fire Planning will ensure maximum use over extended periods.
  - c. The carriage is:
    - (1) Mobile
    - (2) Split trail.

Unlike other split trail equipments no locking device on articulation is necessary as the breech ring always remains in correct alignment to the trails even on uneven platforms.

/ã. Recoil

- d. Recoil system is 'hydro-pneumatic constant recoil' and requires no servicing although the two buffers at the rear of the breech may need manual manipulation after firing on hard ground.
- e. Sighting system is 'Self orientation-one man lay' and after alignment no further adjustment is necessary. Sight testing is not necessary (even after a long move) as once the equipment is laid it is ready for action.
- f. There is no limitation to top traverse and the equipment may be elevated to vertical (1600 $\alpha$ ) but it must be remembered that loading at maximum elevation is difficult.

2. Differences in Model

- a. The differences do not require an advance of the 'L' number, only the 'A' number (logistical not operational). Firing differences are only in the details of the sliding surface on the breech and in the twin mounts forward of the barrel. No adapter is necessary as all different models are capable of taking the various calibre projectiles found in service.

3. Data

Calibre	Variable
Length of Bore	8 calibre
Bore	Smooth
Weight in the Firing Position	126 lbs (norm)
Length in the Firing Position	65 ins (norm)
Width over Hubs	26 ins
Recoil System	Hydro-pneumatic constant

4. Ordnance

The barrel assembly consists of the tube and breech assembly. A gas escape hole is located beneath and rear of the breech. No 'Lever Breech Mechanism' is required as the breech automatically opens when the trails are spread and closes when the trails are closed.

5. Emplacement

- a. Prepare a resilient platform.
- b. Remove the travelling cover of the breech. Other travelling covers may be left on the equipment but for ease of operation by the gunner it is desirable that these covers also be removed as free access to moving parts will increase the performance capabilities.

/c. Emplace

- c. Replace the piece gently.
- d. Spread the split trail - if difficulty is encountered check the platform.
- e. Right and left draw bars automatically hold the gunner and cushion any firing shocks.

6. To Fire

- a. Fuze may be set to SQ or Delay. Operational requirements will dictate the Fuze setting but in time allows the delay setting will achieve more satisfactory results.
- b. Full body weight is required to ensure the projectile is fully rammed.
- c. Firing is automatic and dependant on Fuze setting.

7. To Unload

The breech will not eject the spent cartridge but internal lubrication will ensure ease of unloading. In the event of a 'jammed round', specialist assistance is required.

8. Premature

Premature firing has occurred during User Trials, mainly when the equipment is laid at an elevation of 1600~~ft~~. No damage to equipment or development has occurred to date; however misused equipment may in the future show some restriction. No misfire has occurred during User Trial and as it is anticipated that this will continue, no misfire drill has been written.

9. Wear

The equipment on User Trial were and are used extensively and show some signs of wear; however due to the resilient materials used in construction the normal rest period as required by any artillery equipment restores capabilities. It may be of interest that trials have shown that although constant use and age may deteriorate the appearance of the equipment, the performance requirements retain their characteristics.

10. Care and Preservation

- a. The correct use of lubricants and the frequent application of cleaning and preserving materials is essential.
- b. Regular rest periods of five or six days should be observed during which the breech should be plugged with absorbent material.

/c. Sand or

- c. Sand or grit in the breech will damage the projectile and will cause rapid deterioration of the internal breech.
- d. As soon as possible after firing, the bore and cartridge should be washed with an approved cleaning fluid.

11.

New Equipments

- a. It is possible that new equipments may have a sealing cover located within the breech. This cover should be carefully broken by hand or by gently inserting the first projectile. A reddish tinged fluid may be evident but is of no consequence (see note).
- b. Many equipments may appear structurally different; however all perform ballistically the same. Once a gunner has completed his first course on the equipment he can then be expected to use the same type equipment anywhere in the world irrespective of country or origin. Despite claims by certain Asian countries, there is no evidence of this equipment being fitted with a horizontal breech.

NOTE:

If the fluid mentioned in sub para 11a is evident at a time later than 'proof firing', maintenance as per sub para 10b must be observed.

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Come on 7, come on, come on,  
Come on 7, come on, come on,  
Come on 7, come on, come on,  
Come on 7, come on

The CO's shouting at us from on high,  
With those vile threats he's letting fly,  
He says, "Gee's you can do it,  
If you don't, you'll rue it,  
So come on now and let those bombs fly."

#### CHORUS

The PO's got his tuppence worth in here,  
He says, "That shooting's only bloody fair,  
He says, "You've gotta get,  
Much, much better yet,  
If we do perhaps he'll buy a beer.

#### CHORUS

The Adjutant was in a jolly mood,  
When he showed us how to cook our food,  
But when he told his joke,  
We just gaped at that bloke,  
Until he west of though we were quite rude.

#### CHORUS

The BK's rigging up his blasted showers,  
He wants the fellows all to smell like flowers,  
But what the Diggers need,  
Is a great big feed,  
And KB blowing free for bloody hours.

#### CHORUS

Day by day the tension grew,  
This was Super Test we knew,  
And Sergeant's panic stricken,  
Close to their posts were stickin',  
Till through the air a great white ball there flew.

#### NO CHORUS

#### SLOWLY

And then all was very clear,  
We had no thing else to fear,  
We could all stop trying,  
'Cause Kerry Backer's buying,  
All the APES units far and near.

#### CHORUS 2x

## STOP PRESS

Who was the tiny Corporal who featured in the following story?

The above mentioned Corporal was standing with our spunky typist and a pipe smoking Welshman when an Army GINGERBEER vehicle with a freezer on the back of it drove along. Instead of the driver looking at and judging the height of low hanging telephone wires he stared at the friendly little group standing to one side.

Results - telephone wires on ground.

Above mentioned Corporal then said " That would never have happened if he hadn't been perverting at me."

New "Find your own way back" Exercise.

Certain Gnr from 113 Bty with initials P E got lost on a night occy. How? Apparently he managed to find the truck with his load of produce but couldn't figure out where he came from. After stumbling along and wading thru two very deep creeks he saw torch lights. Being a lad of great intelligence he headed for them. And home sweet home. Sped into camp at about 40 KMH soaked to his neck and when asked why he didn't yell he replied "I, I....IDDDDDDDid."

Wonder what he thought when told that they hadn't really wanted to turn on the lights because it might have ruined their night occy.

How dou make a GINGERBEER dizzy? ( Put him in a 44 and tell hin to piss in the corner)

What do you call a GINGERBEER with am IQ of 8? (Sir)