

CANNON FODDER

SEP 95

SPECIAL K 95 ISSUE

VOL 1 No 2

Welcome to the 2nd edition of the battery rag brought to you from the grave yard shift at 8 Bde HQ in sunny, windy, dusty, hot and cold Tindal NT. As you are now aware the 'Regiment' has deployed the FSCC and 3 guns in Skippy 95. The boys enjoyed the varied tasks they were allotted which included sitting around 2/17's depot at Silverwater for 12 hours awaiting their flight from Mascot which was a Qantas 767, this definitely beats the Raaf equivalent C130 Herc especially when you get the business class seating. Once we got on deck the FSCC was taken to the 8 Bde HQ which was a airconditioned building complete with all mod cons such as brew room, microwave oven and cold showers until they fixed it. Who said Bde HQ was a bunch of Pogo's!. The gunners were involved in vital asset protection at the now famous Golf Ball (Raaf radar site) they gained engineer support and were allowed to dig in their guns until they suffered their 1st KIA of the exercise a Gnr Sapling (a small tree)so the greenies called time out after only 1 gun pit. I suppose 1 pit is better than none. The lads got stuck into the usual defensive tasks of sand bagging, barbed wire and a road block. I'm still not sure if this was to keep the gunners in or the bad guys out?. Also a couple of the boys were involved in Civilian Liaison with the local police at the Katherine police station and some PR with the local school kids. Overall the Regiment enjoyed the trip to NT (you'll never never know if you never never go). Hopefully we can get the whole Regiment away in future exercises in a part of OZ unfamiliar to them.

Highlights of K95

The neat callsigns the yank air mobile grunts use such as Dragon Fly, Magnum
Gnr Saplings memorial service
The completion of a riggy didge Hamel gun pit

Lowlights

The Raaf TV Dinners
No Booze
Bloody Red Dust

Corridors of Power MK 1

General: Leaps tall buildings with a single bound. More powerful than a steam engine, faster than a speeding bullet. Gives policy to GOD.

Colonel: Leaps short buildings with a single bound. More powerful than a shunting engine. Is just as fast as a speeding bullet. Walks on water (if the sea is calm). Talks to GOD.

Lt-Colonel: Leaps short buildings with a running start in favourable winds. Is almost as powerful as a speeding bullet. Walks on water in indoor swimming pools. Talks with GOD if special request is approved.

Major: Barely clears a Nissen hut. Loses tug-of war with a steam engine. Can fire a speeding bullet and swims well. Is occasionally addressed by GOD.

Captain: Makes high marks when trying to leap tall buildings. Is run over by trains. Can sometimes handle a gun without inflicting self injury. Dog paddles, talks to animals.

Lieutenant: Runs into tall buildings. Recognises trains two out of three times. Is not issued with ammunition. Can stay afloat if properly instructed in the use of a life jacket. Talks to walls.

2nd Lieutenant: Falls over doorsteps while trying to enter buildings. Says, "Look at Choo Choo." Is NEVER issued with a gun or ammunition. Plays in mud puddles. Mumbles to himself.

Sgt-Major: Lifts tall buildings and walks under them. Kicks steam engines off the track. Catches speeding bullets in his teeth and eats them. Freezes water with a single glance.....**HE IS GOD!**

Extract from Spike Milligans
Mussolini His Part In My Downfall

Artillery Salutes Quiz

How many rounds are fired for the following Gun Salutes.

The Sovereign.....

A member of the British Royal Family.....

The President of a Republican State.....

Opening of Parliament.....

Funerals:

Ambassadors.....

Envoys.....

Ministers.....

Consuls.....

BSM will buy the first correct entry a beer
This competition is opened to all ranks except
WO1.

No way I'm handing over a easy beer to the RSM:
Ed

Answers to last months Quiz

* Regimental Nick Names *

<u>Title</u>	<u>Nickname</u>
BSM 28	Undertaker
BSM HQ	Filthy
BSM 113	Sheriff
BG 28	Mother
BG 113	Bung
OPCP SGT 113	Bargearse
BC'S ACK 28	Cyril
GUN NO 1 28	Coon
GUN NO 1 28	Mad dog
2 IC	Jumbo 43
SMIG 113	Tracker

I wish to congratulate the following members who have recently survived Stalag 2 Trg Group:

Pte Fizelle	Rec course
Cfn Balnave	Rec course
Pte Hill	Rec course
Cfn Bruce	Drivers course

Gnr Bryne

Drivers course

Cfn Manny

Sub 1 Cpl

These new trades will benefit both yourself and your battery. If you are keen to do a course (list on the notice board) not previously identified on the PMS and your Troop Cmdr concurs, whack in your nomination via the correct channels. Also, the Regiment requires instructors to assist on these courses otherwise we don't get our soldiers panelled. If you like to nominate as an Instructor see the BSM.



Recently moved house or work please ensure you see the orderly room and fill out the appropriate form.

If you are unable to attend Tues night parades make bloody sure you either ring your Trp Cmdr/Sgt or the orderly room and advise them of the reason. This is only common courtesy. Say no more!!!!!!!

* * * * * Leave Apps * * * * *

Leave Apps are to be completed well in advanced of the activity (that's why we have parade cards)so do the right thing and get them in on time otherwise I'll have to go ballistic!

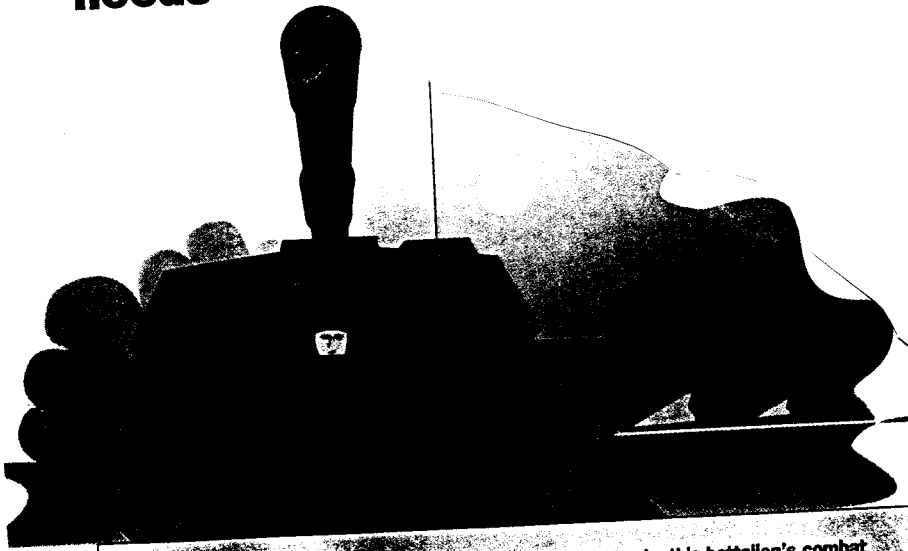


For those members who can recall the legend of the line party Lbdr Hiley(photo above). He has recently started up his own bike courier business. I hope he works harder now than he did in the bty.



Recently spotted by the rags ace photographer Mr Shirt Lifter was the BC's dog using the gym (no not for No1's or 2's). It is rumoured that his dog can jerk more than him. I find that hard to believe.

A tank battalion's daily needs



A typical tank battalion of the 1st Infantry Division consisted of:

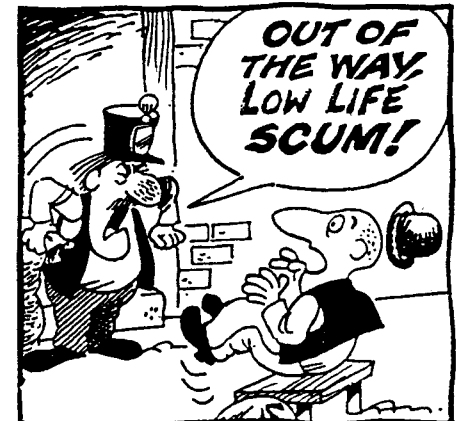
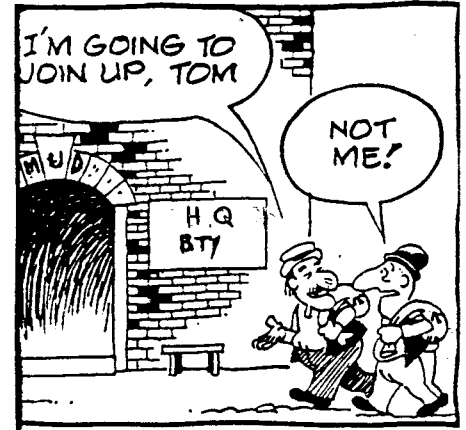
- 552 personnel
- 58 M-1 Abrams tanks
- 6 cavalry fighting vehicles
- 4 mine clearing tanks
- 7 recovery vehicles
- 102 tracked and wheeled vehicles, including Humvees, and 2[1/2] and 5-ton trucks used to carry equipment, supplies, and people

On a daily basis, this battalion's combat consumption rates were:

- 125 tons of ammunition
- 471 gals of gasoline
- 37,616 gals of Diesel Fuel
- 25,000 - 30,000 gals of water
- 0.7 tons of food
- 1.2 tons of maintenance and spare parts
- 0.3 tons of medical supplies

Source: U.S. Army Research, Development, & Engineering Center, U.S. Army 1st Infantry Division

Recruiting Cell

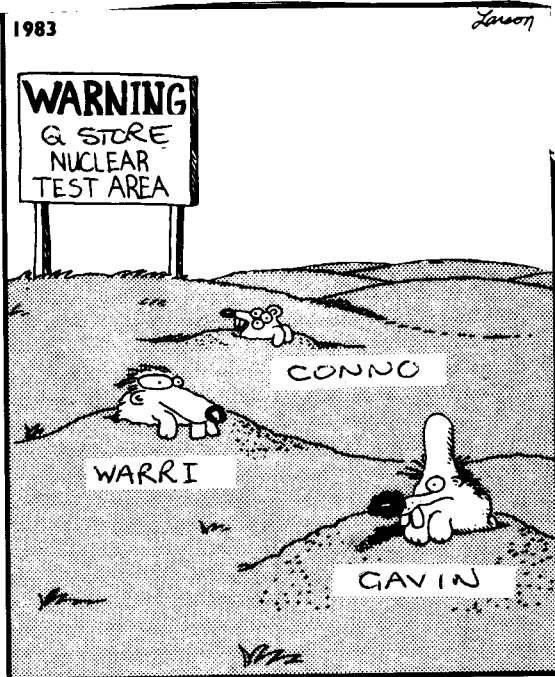


Once upon a time their were 12 of the Regiments vehicles which required return to their respective depots. The now famous unit, 16 Transport Squadron, offered their valuable assistance in organisation and man management skills for their return with the help from the Dirty Dozen (members of the Regiment).

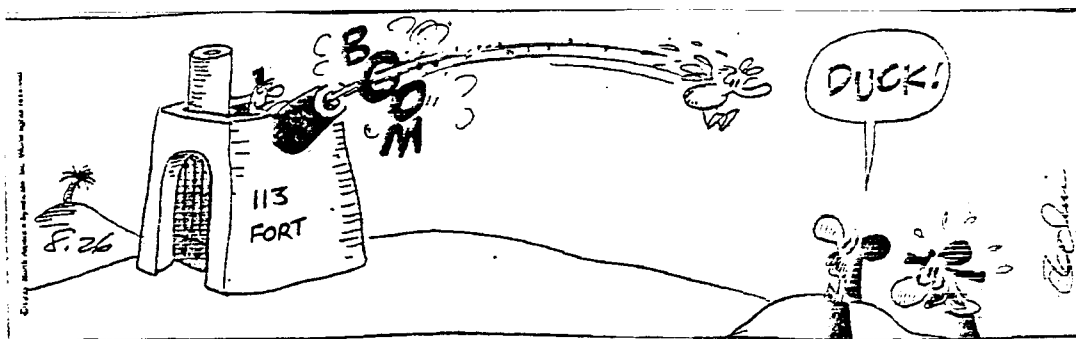
I'm not one to bag other units (except 23 Fd) however, 16 Trucks have now taken the No 1 spot. In comparison to the Boy scouts, the scouts are a more viable fighting unit.

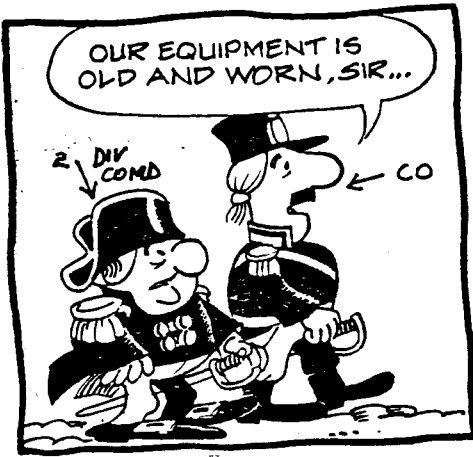
However the "Dirty Dozen" stuck to their guns despite the crap which went on.

The journey took 7 days and covered 4188 k's. The route being via Alice Springs, Port Augusta, Broken Hill and Dubbo. We stayed in 5 Star accommodation consisting of Showgrounds, Race courses and Dust bowls. The highlight being the over night stay in the Grandstand of Broken Hill race course.



Cartoons courtesy of BC.



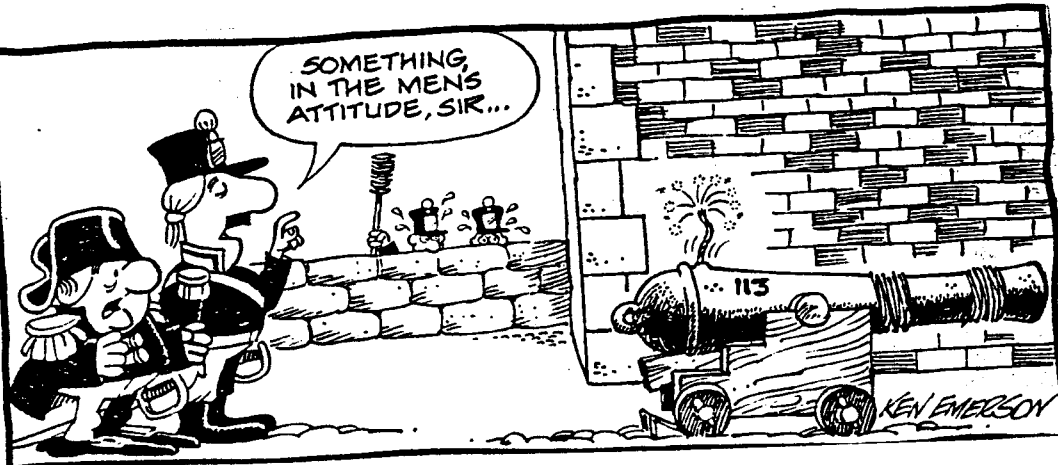


OCT

Tues nights
3, 10, 17, 31
The 17th being BFA night
so start exercising NOW
to ensure you get a pass.
We want 100% pass rate.

NOV

3-12 Regt stocktake
14 Tues
17-19 Regt LFX
~~with 100% pass~~
21 Tues
25-26 Maint W/End
28 Tues Final Pde
& Bty "Piss Up"

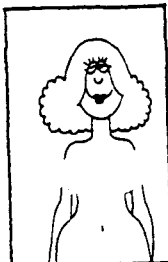


FAMOUS
COMIC
ARTISTS
SCHOOL

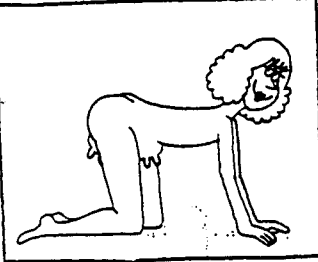
LESSON # 96

THE
FEMALE
BREASTS

IN HIS FIRST JOB IN THE CITY, THE NAIVE YOUNG COMIC ARTIST FROM THE COUNTRY WILL OFTEN MAKE THIS COMMON ERROR WHEN DEPICTING THE FEMALE BREASTS.



RIGHT



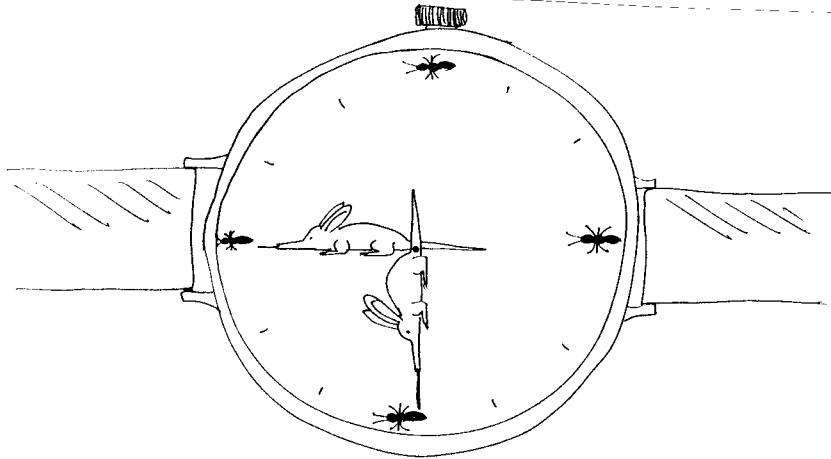
WRONG



"Hold on there! I think you misunderstood—I'm Al Tilley ... the bum."



SPECIAL OFFER AARDVARK WATCHES only \$9.95 to HQ members only



Special Features:

Alarm: Not your usual Beep Beep. This watch makes sounds of screaming ants when being sucked/licked up by it's tongue or hooter

Anthill Direction Finder: Sick and tired of sleeping near ant nests, this watch will detect ant nests up to 3 k's away.

Second hand: No more boring slow hands, the latest craze of a flicking tongue has been incorporated in the design. It even glows in the dark.

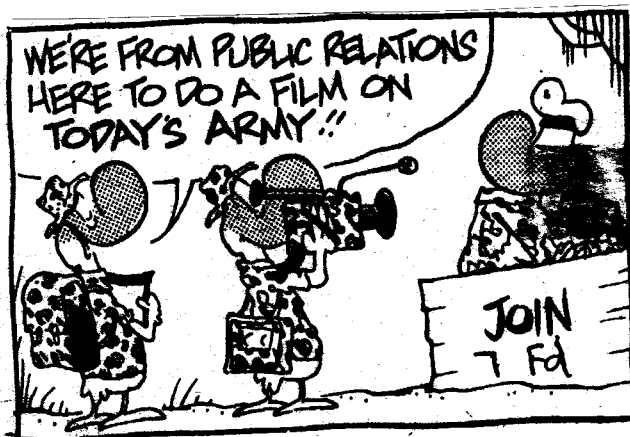
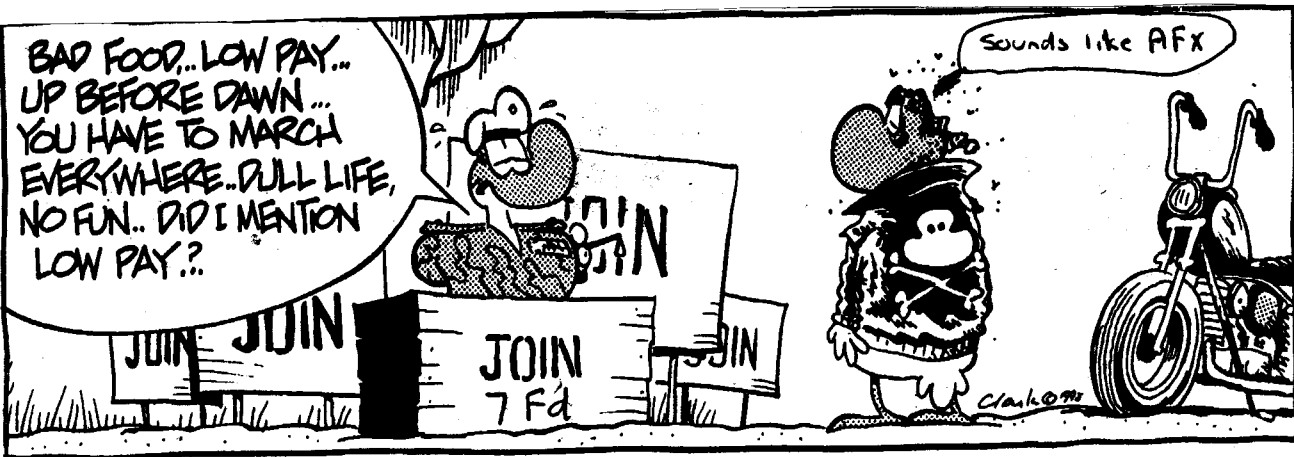
Make sure you get your ^{order} in early as only limited stocks are available (thank heavens) Just complete the coupon below and forward it to BC HQ Bty.

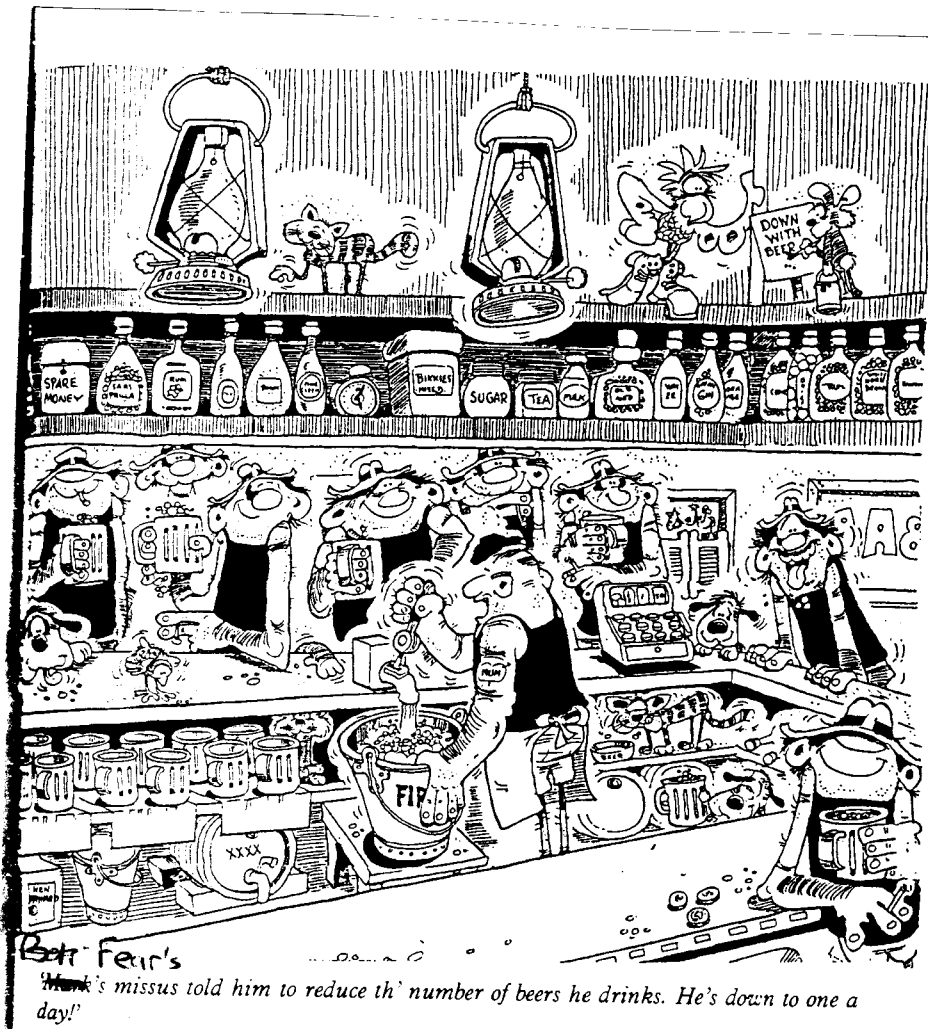
Name:.....

Sexual Preferences Male or Female

VISA no.....

Signature.....





Burr Ferris's
"Mark's missus told him to reduce th' number of beers he drinks. He's down to one a day!"

I've just about run out of things to publish
So if you want to keep the Bty rag going
Submit your articles.
So get of your backside and put pen to paper
for the next issue.

BSM