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CANNON FODDER

***** SPECIAL BUMPER CHRISTMAS ISSUE *****



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Well it's time again for your monthly fix of gossip and slander. Yes, despite your lack of input towards the Battery rag. I have now exhausted all my ideas and archives to produce this years last bumper issue. So if you don't want it to go down the S bend help out!

Basically, no articles no rag, the ball is ⁱⁿ your court.



**A WORD FROM OUR SPONSOR
BTY FUNDS**



Have you got a lazy 15 bucks, if so support your Battery and buy yourself an original HQ Bty Lizard plaque.



Acronyms were invented to confuse the simple soldier. To clear up any doubts I have published a few important ones for you to remember.

- P.E.N.I.S** Practical exercise not including soldiers
- C.R.A.F.T** Can't remember a *&^%#@!/? thing
- D.N.S.D.C** Don't know shit don't care
- S.M.I.G** Small man in green

RAEMF Royal Australian Easy Money Earners.

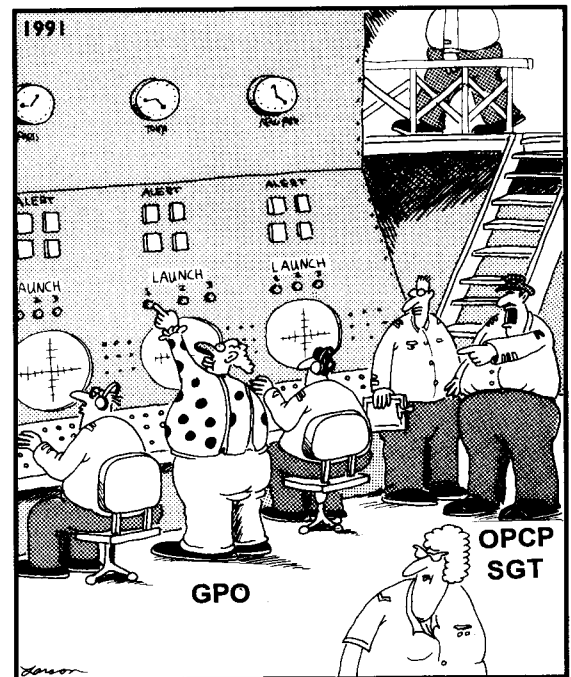
Gods Gift To The CP

From Plotter boards to Slippery sticks
From Hp 25's to HP 41 Cv's
From old TFT's to new TFT's

The OPCP's have seen it all in Fire Prediction. Finally, they had enough of these antiquated systems.

The school of Rocket Scientist's (Dev Wing S of A) heard their cries of help and developed the CFC (Computer Fire Control) for issue to all GRES units. The CFC is a all singing and dancing, what it can't do is not worth talking about.

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"Hey! What's that clown think he's doing?"

THE VICTORIA CROSS

Answers to Artillery Salutes Quiz

How many rounds are fired for the following Gun Salutes.

The Sovereign 21

A member of the British Royal Family 21

The President of a Republican State 21

Opening of Parliament 21

Funerals:

Ambassadors 19

Envoys 17

Ministers 15

Consuls 7

The Victoria Cross (VC) was instituted by Queen Victoria in 1856. The first issue being made to 61 recipients on June 26 1856 (47 Army & 14 Navy).

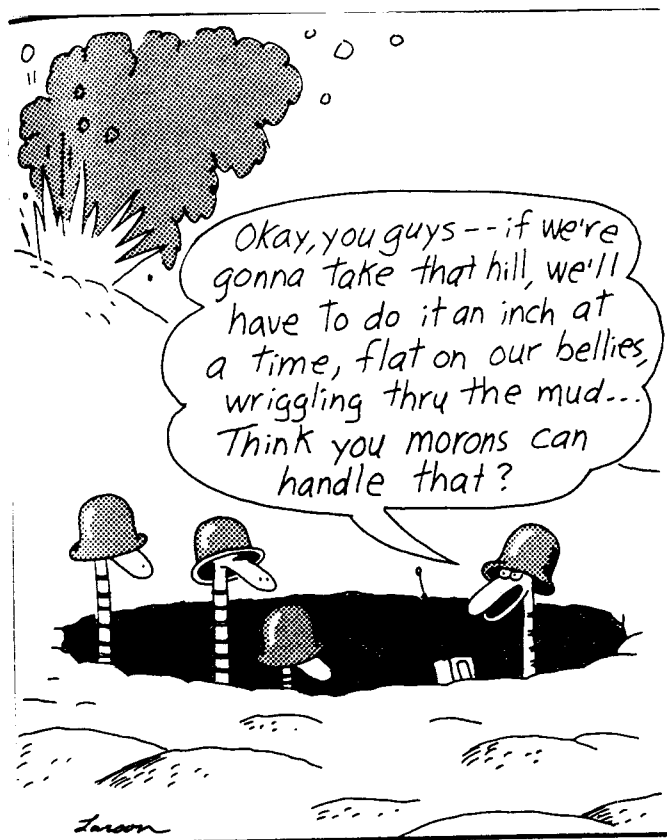
Original ribbon colours were crimson Army and blue Navy. During WW I crimson was adopted for all 3 services.

The Cross has always been made from bronze of Russian guns captured in the Crimean war, however during WW I metal from captured Chinese guns was used. Ample stock of Russian metal, melted into ingots, is held by the Royal Ordnance Corps.

Unlike most medals, the VC is not stamped out from a die, each one is separately made from skilled craftsmen using the same process as those of 100 years ago. It also has the manufacturing firms secret mark on the medal to enable detection of forgeries.

The award is open to both service and civilian personnel. Three cases of both father and son receiving the award are recorded and four known cases of brothers. Perhaps the most outstanding are the three recipients who were awarded the V.C. with bar.

To date 1,349 Crosses and three with bars have been awarded (this does not include UK v's Argentine played at the Falkland Islands).



The Snakes of War

☆☆☆ CONGRATULATIONS ☆☆☆

If you haven't heard by now Cpl Wright successfully passed her Sub 4 Scones & Sandwiches (Cooks course) and was awarded Student of Merit also Lbdr (Sumo) Shunwah passed his Sub 1 Cpl and likewise Lt Flower on his FO's course which I believe was held at the ManPac (Manly Pacific Hotel). A well done to all of you.

Also, going out to Stalag 2 Trg Group in December will be Gunnars Mills and McClelland who are on the 3 week Drivers course as well as Lbdr Purtell as an instructor, so if you get run off the road or have your side mirrors taken off by a Mog in December you can't say I didn't warn you.

Other victims on course are Bdr Baggerman who is on his Sub 1 for Sgt and Pte Demoulin on her Storeman Tech course. Best of luck on your courses.

Q Store Ramblings

With the recent block scale amendments (these are what control issues of clothing and equipment to the Army) we will soon be issued the following goodies .

- * DPCU Cam liners (just in time for summer)
- * Lightweight sleeping bag (same material as the liners but olive drab)
- * Black and Tan Rising Sun badges (oval shape) for your DPCU's
- * Embroidered Rising Sun badges (Square) for your pollies
- * Better quality Rising Sun badges for your Slouch hat
- * Khaki Jumpers (like the Howard green)

👉👉👉 **CATCH YER LATER** 👉👉👉

As you should be now be aware of the following members of HQ/Regt are moving on. So, on behalf of HQ Bty I like to say thanks and hope you enjoy your new posting, especially Sgt Conno when they push you out of that plane on your first Para jump with A Bty. Remember to take a clean pair of Y fronts with you.

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| Capt Nichols | School of Languages to study Frogs |
| RSM | Hobart War Vet's |
| Sgt Nitschke | DNSDC workshop |
| Sgt Conno | 8/12 |
| Bdr Kelly | 2 Div Arty |
| BC's Dogs | One Hung Low Chinese Takeaway |

It has been customary for all members leaving the Regiment to shout the mess, so clear those moths out of your wallets or purses and put a few ales on the the bar.

PS Members who suffer from short arms/long pockets syndrome will be paid out in next years rag.



Well it's this time of year again where we start losing a few brain cells as we enter the Silly Season. The year has been the usually demanding one with members going off to Tindal NT on K 95 and Ex Spiderman in WA, whilst others completed their courses for promotion or gained extra ECN's.

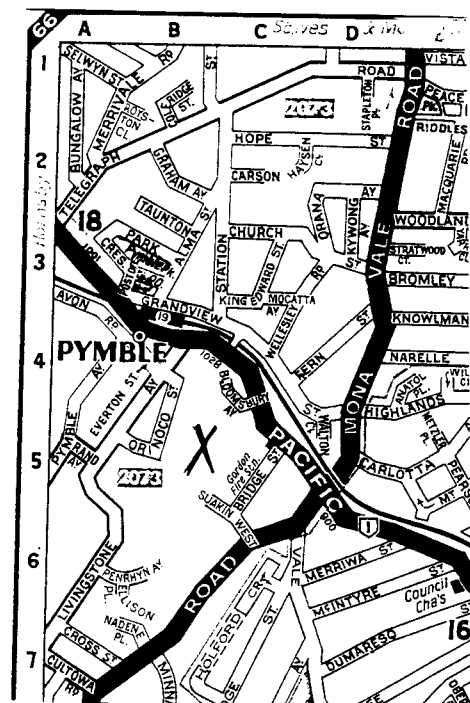
At this stage, I like to wish you and your family a Merry Christmas and a Happy Year also, thanks for your assistance and effort you have put in over the year in deploying the Battery in the field and the running of the Battery funds committee

Before you get on the piss at Christmas mark your calendar of the following dates

Jan 22 - 3 Feb Move to Pymble (selected pers only)

Tues 6 Feb First Parade for the year at Pymble

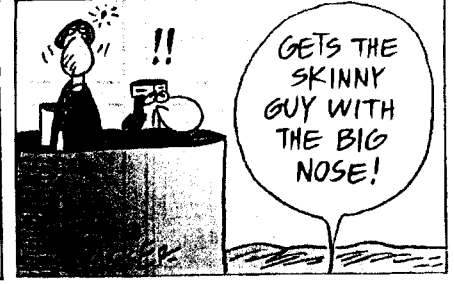
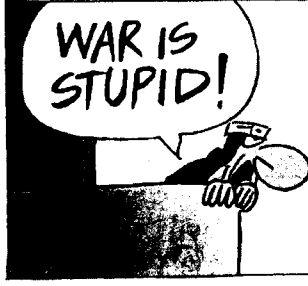
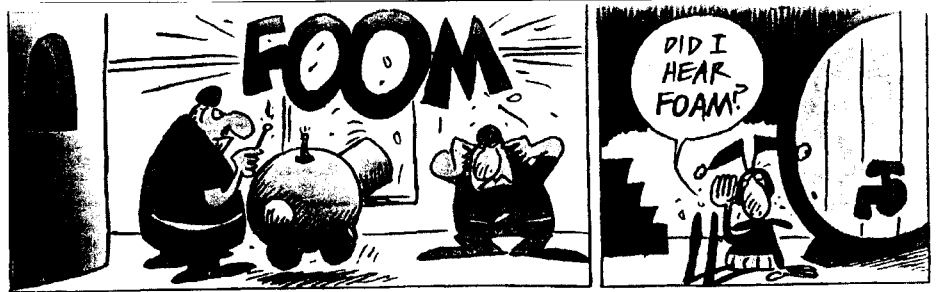
For the ones who haven't got a Gregory's I have enclosed a map where you'll be parading next year.



Swakin St Pymble
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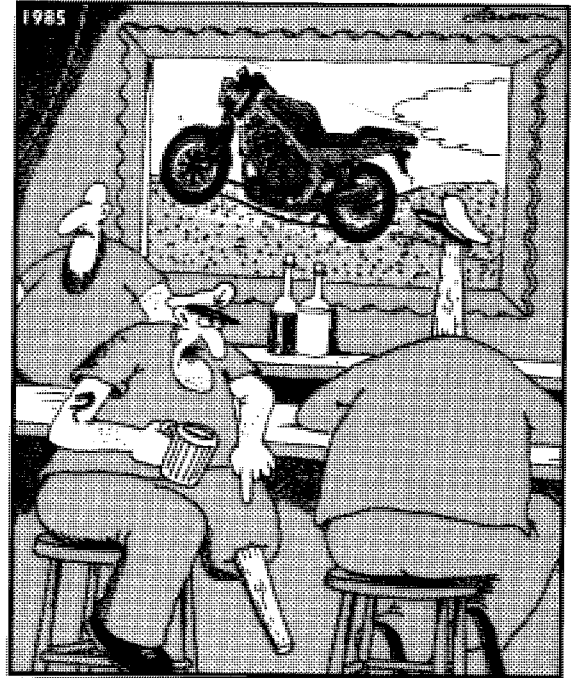
WIZARD OF ID

by parker and hart



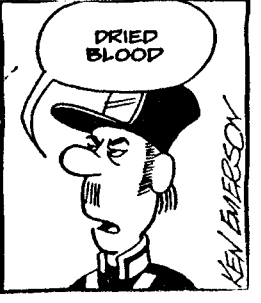
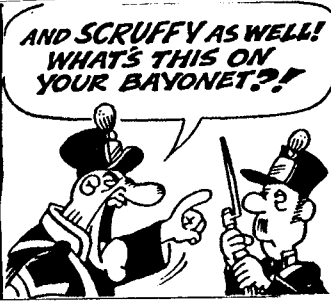
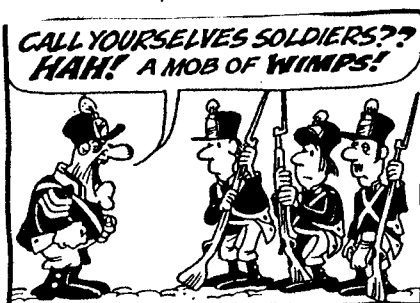
Testing whether or not animals "kiss"

SGT Davo 'Autumn Leaf' Davis telling bikie war stories to SGT 'I've been a SGT longer than the OPSO's been alive' Ellis



"Well, I guess that ain't a bad story—but let me tell you about the time I lost this!"

HQ Bty "ON PARADE"



KEN EMERSON

Reasons for Doing Something about the Imbalance

Sometimes when I have outlined the arguments above, officers have responded with, "So what?"

The short answer is that the GRes is denying itself a group of people who are likely to be better soldiers on average than the ones they have now. Here are the reasons:

Higher intelligence and capacity to learn.

It is clear that generally each part of the Army takes GE entrants who are below educational standards for the general community. Table 3 compares educational levels for the 20 to 24 year old population generally in 1992 with those of satisfactory GE applicants for the ARA, RRes and GRes in 1993.

Table 3 — Educational Levels for 20 to 24 Year Olds, ARA, RRes and GRes GE Applicants.

Educational Level	20-24 yrs	ARA	RRes	GRes
Post School quals	39.2	22.7	13.2	25.9
degree	8.2	0.7	1.5	3.7
trade	11.4	9.1	3.6	12
cert/diploma	19.2	1.4	1.1	2.3
other	0.5	11.5	7	7.9
No post school quals	60.6	77.3	86.8	74.1
finished high school	29.8	24.4	51.5	28
not finished school	30.7	52.9	35.3	46.1

Sources:

1. Year Book Australia, 1994, ABS
2. 1 Psych Research Unit, Jan 1994.

Soldiers with better educational levels are likely to absorb training faster and more easily. They can achieve the same standard for less training effort or a higher standard for the same training effort.

Younger soldiers with a better career path.

The average age of GRes soldiers is significantly higher at each rank than for the ARA as table 4 shows.

Table 4 — Average Ages by Rank

Rank	ARA	RRes	GRes	GRes ARA
MAJGEN	51.58	-	56.50	4.92
BRIG	49.00	-	50.14	1.14
COL	46.68	-	50.98	4.30
LTCOL	41.23	-	45.85	4.62
MAJ	36.98	41.00	43.94	6.96
CAPT	30.89	30.60	39.25	8.36
LT	24.54	26.89	31.31	6.77
2LT	23.87	-	26.52	2.65
OCDT	20.33	-	22.96	2.63
WO1	41.26	41.00	45.21	3.95
WO2	37.93	38.17	43.33	5.40
SSGT	36.85	45.00	43.34	6.49
SGT	34.04	40.06	38.69	4.65
CPL	29.74	26.44	33.11	3.37
LCPL	26.60	26.44	30.96	4.36
PTE	24.03	19.89	26.77	2.74
IET	20.39	20.39	23.26	2.87
TRAINEES	20.75	18.00	22.53	1.78

Source:
1. DPP-A raw figures, using the AMAN Database, 14 Jan 1994

Fighting wars is generally considered to be a business for young soldiers. The ARA and RRes personnel policies certainly reflect this. If you accept this idea, the GRes figures are disturbing. GRes soldiers on average start late and the gap between ARA and GRes generally gets larger up to MAJ. It is easy to explain the slower progress in terms of less training time, but if age is important, then we need to do something about it. This indicates the GRes needs to recruit more younger soldiers, and soldiers who are more likely to progress quickly. Tertiary students are an obvious answer on both counts. Also, the *Wrigley Report* quotes US National Guard evidence that high school graduates have a significantly higher retention rate than non-graduates.

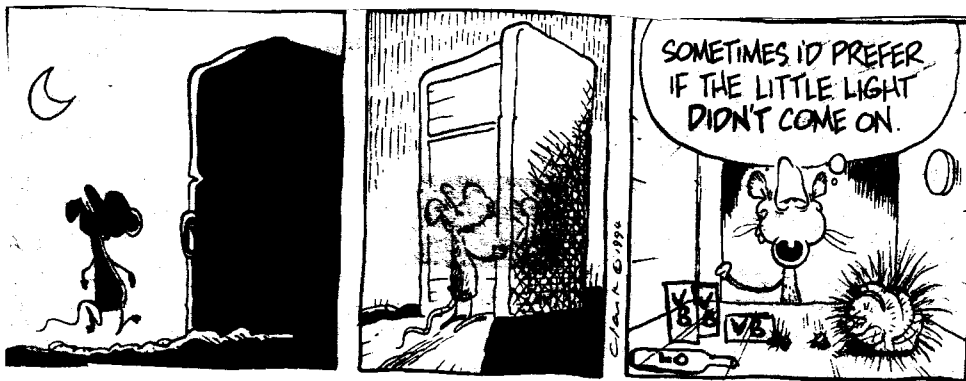
* LtBr still has plenty of years left!
Shunwah



BC's PT Sessions

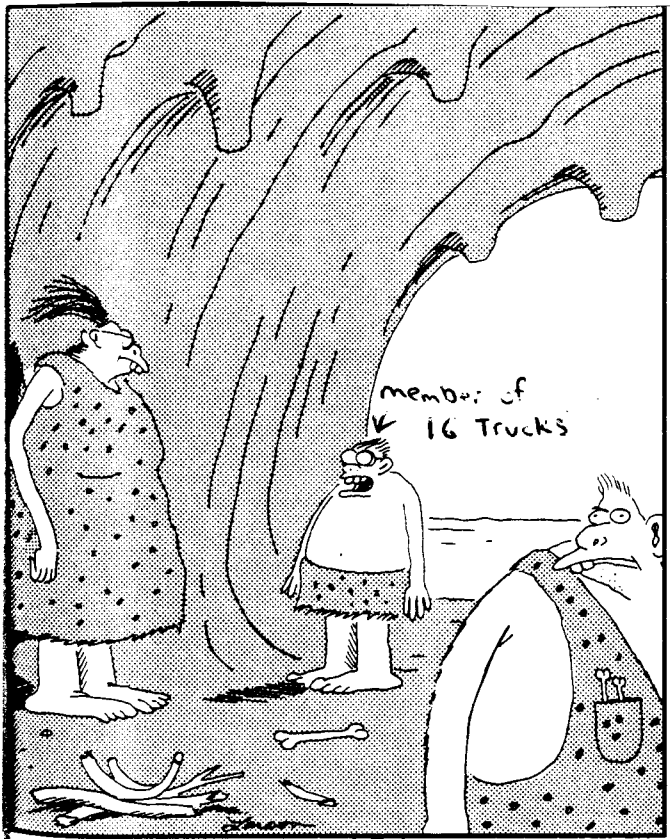


For those who remember "By the Dress"

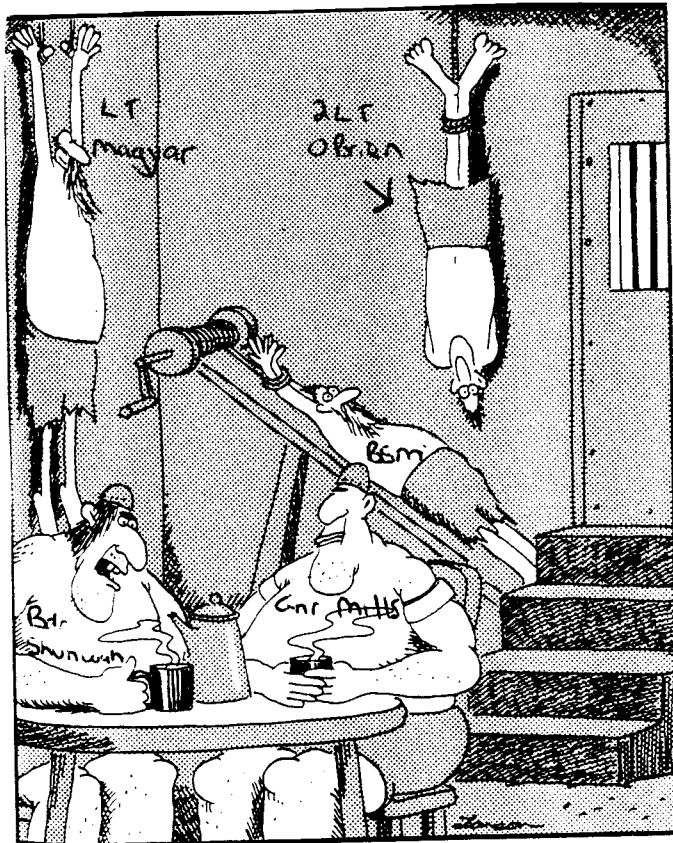
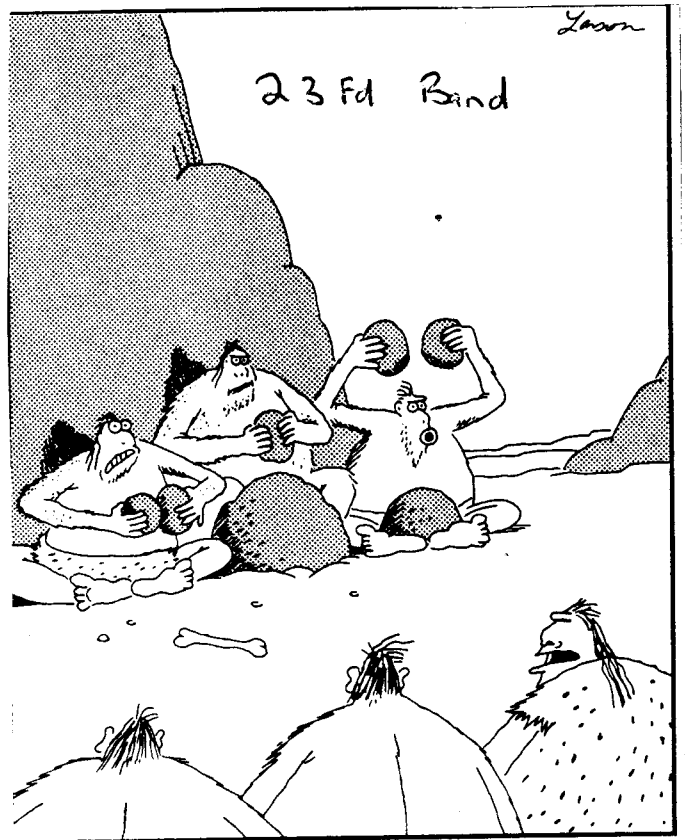


SGT CONNO & THE BREW ROOM FRIDGE

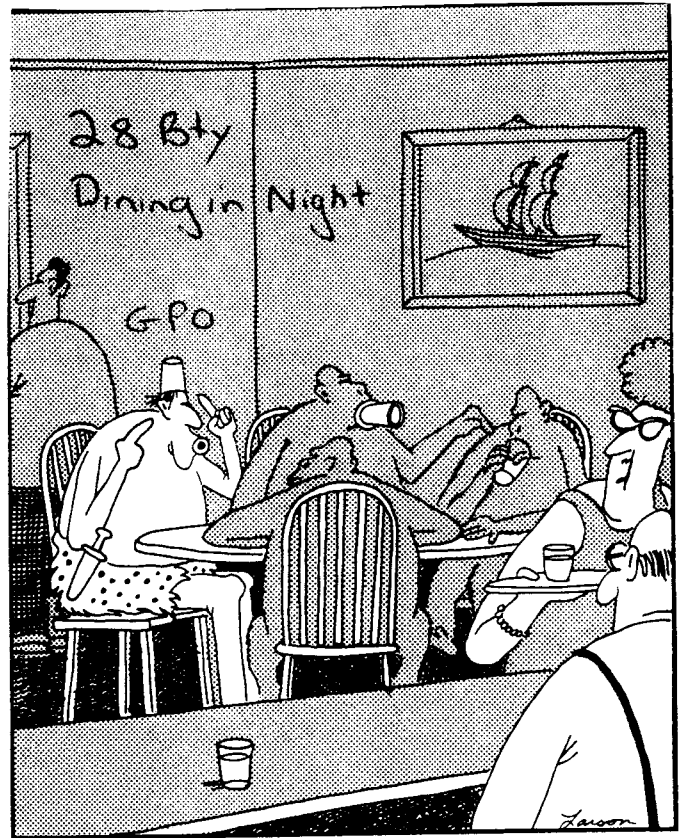




"Mom! The kids at school say we're a family of Nerdenthals!... Is that true?"

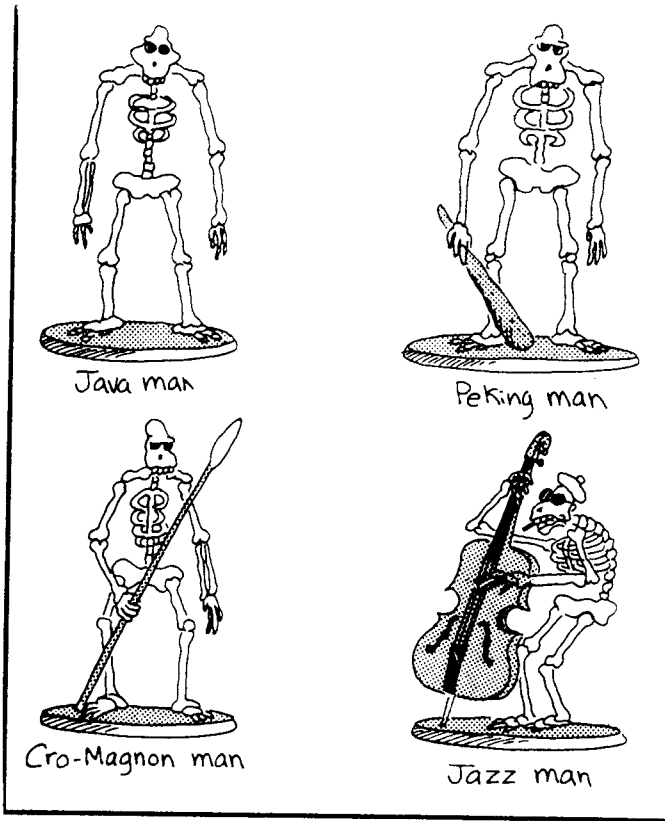


"You know, ^{Gnr} Mills you're a great torturer. I mean, you can make a man scream for mercy in nothing flat... but boy, you sure can't make a good cup of coffee."

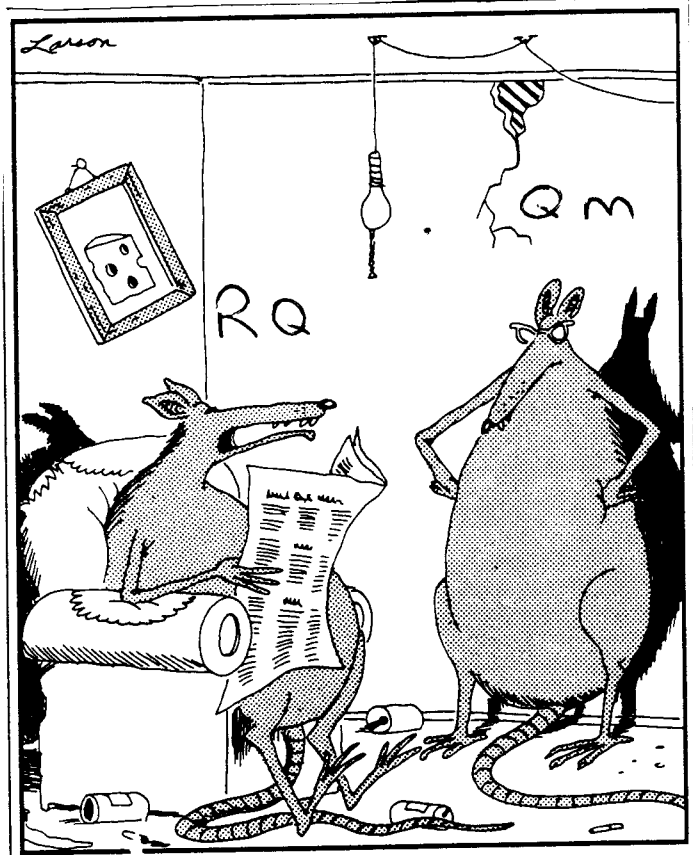


"Well, one guess which table wants another round of ~~hammer and sickle~~ hammer and sickle." "Battery Water"

This cartoon has been submitted by members of the FSCC of whom Gnr Mills attempted to poison one weekend.

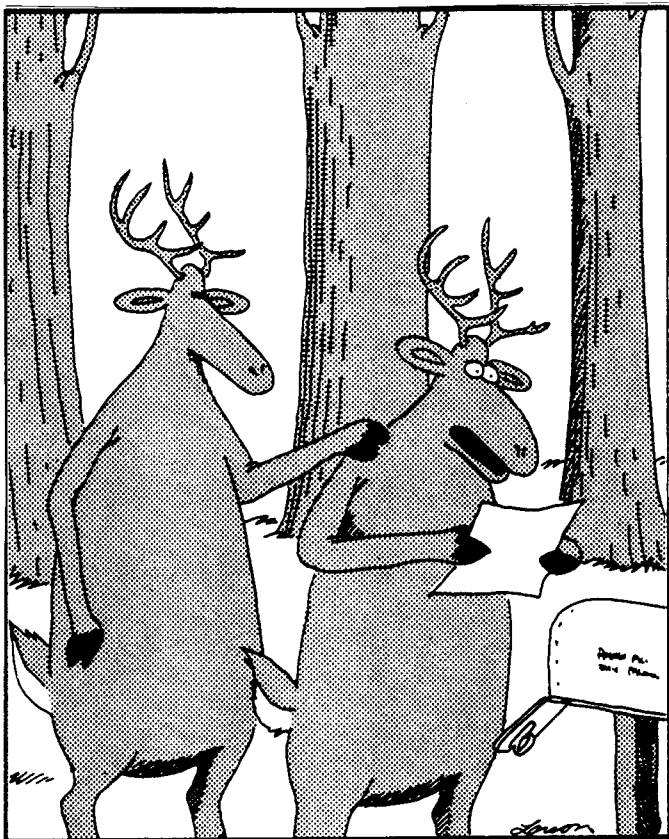


Hominid reconstructions



"Clean it up? Clean it up? Criminy, it's supposed to be a rathole!"

Preparation for the muse to Pymble



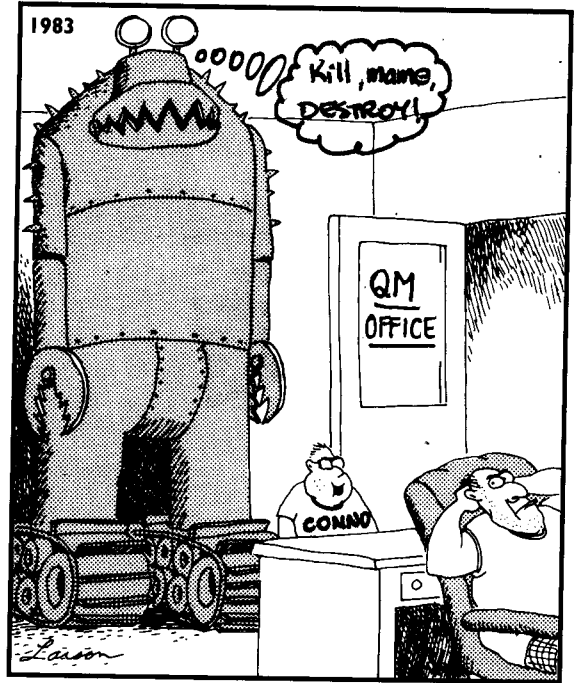
"Oh my God! It's from Conn! he's written me a 'John deer' letter!"



Bdr Jones brings his family tree to class.



"Well, I'm addicted. ... Have you tried Carol's sheep dip?"



QM Sir! Gavin wants to speak to you about his PR-66 report. ?*!*



Exercise Spiderman '95

by Lt Col Portell

Background:

13 Bde, of which 7Fd Bty is a part, is the WA based ARES brigade. This brigade has a well-defined area of responsibility, that being the iron-ore loading facilities in the Pilbara region of WA. There are two loading areas, Port Headland and Dampier. The object of this exercise was to protect the facility at Dampier with a brigade (minus). The port facilities at Dampier move over 20% of Australia's export dollars. Not something you want a potential enemy to disrupt or destroy.

The enemy in this occasion consisted of Kamarian raider battalions played well by elements of SAS, 6RAR and a WA based battalion. Unlike many exercises where the enemy has a script to play to, the enemy in this exercise was free-reign, ie. no constraints on their actions. This gave them the ability to exploit weaknesses that they found in the brigade plan, or actions of individual units.

Terrain:

Ask anyone who has ever been there, whether they have any rocks in Dampier. Then duck!! Large rock outcroppings made from iron-ore rocks ranging in size from golf balls to Unimog size. These rocks are everywhere. Where there are no rocks there is this stuff called spinifex. Spinifex is a tussock type plant with sharp spikes on the end of each blade. I'm still patching holes in my Thermo-Rest!

Dampier township is actually located on the Burrup peninsula, connected to the mainland by one major causeway which crosses massive salt flats. Turns out it is a salt mine where a large amount of Australia's salt comes from! The Burrup peninsula is pretty much the same geology as the remainder of the Pilbara region, rock outcrops separated by rocky gullies covered with sparse plants.

Off the Burrup peninsula is a collection of about 10 islands, the close-in ones called East, West, North and South Intercourse Islands. Apparently in the olden days the Whalers would land on the mainland near an Aboriginal camp and 'invite' some Gins (Women) into one of their longboats with a musket and a few clubs. The Gins would then be left on the islands for crew R & R. Nice bunch of people, some of our forefathers.

For security of the port area, OPs were established on these islands. The islands are a popular camping spot for the locals during school holidays. Numerous sightings of flesh, leading to establishment by myself of a new report proforma, send TITREP.

Equipment:

They use M2A1 (or A2) in WA. Some of our guy's had never seen them but they soon got the hang of it. I do believe that Oggy had a hard-on though.

We file into the Q-Store to get issued our personal 'Comfort Stores'. We get;

- 4 x Ration Pack
- 1 x Sunscreen
- 1 x RID insect stuff
- 1 x Earplugs
- 1 x SUNGLASSES!!!! (Q store take note. They are in the system somewhere)

Pick up your Steyr on the way out.

Next find your truck to put all this stuff into.

I couldn't find my truck. It didn't exist.

I was issued a substitute truck (LR110 GS).

Too bad about the FO stores in the back of the vehicle, Laser Rangefinder, Radio, etc.

Recreation:

The theme at the end-of-camp piss-up seemed to be "well I've got all day tomorrow to sleep it off". Apparently a few folks from 113Bty went down to the grunt unit and removed the chromed 81mm mortar (including baseplate!) from outside the office of the grunt CO. Thinking that they had probably bitten off a bit too much, they return it, only to be caught by the grunt RSM. He tells them to leave it in the hallway and disappears off towards the offices muttering something about finding the Duty Officer and having a word with him.

Comms:

You remember that iron-ore rock? Well, it absorbs radio waves really well. 77 sets were next to useless (Aren't they always?).

Having planned for this, the brigade has made sure that all it's units have been issued with Raven sets. I am told the Bty has 2.

The remainder of the Bty (all the FO parties like mine) end up carrying 13kg F1 sets, while the pretty, 6kg (@ \$17,000!! each) Raven sets sat back at Bty CP, on desks, in an air-conditioned room. When they said F1, I thought that they were talking about a truck (hey, I am TPT).

Award for most reliable comms goes to.....

Telecom Mobilenet Analogue.

Award for worst comms goes to.....

F1 set with original batteries.

Turns out the batteries are rechargeable NiCads. No-one knows how to use the charger, until we find someone in another unit.

Don't charge, won't charge, never will charge.

We end up using 2 x 77 batteries daisy chained together (to make 24V). This makes for a really smashing manpack radio. (The only reason I didn't smash mine was that my FO officer felt that they wouldn't believe an L&D that said the F1 jumped off the mountain by itself)

Lurch (GNR Dochary from 28Bty), solves the problem of the recharging of the batteries when he initiates a section attack on the generator. He believed it to be a Kamarian sniper. (That genny won't dare backfire ever again!!)

He is subsequently charged with and found guilty of prejudicial conduct (a UD).

Food:

Not as good as Leonie's. Nuff said.

The Ex:

It took me 10 days of sitting on; hilltops, rocks, spinifex, mangroves, figtrees, mud, sand being eaten alive by mosquitoes, flies, sandflies, midges, flies, mosquitoes, flies to see a really impressive number of Kamarian raider soldiers: NIL.

I did see; flies, mosquitoes, sandflies, midges, spinifex, rocks, rocks, Indian ocean water, rocks, etc.

Transport:

At 2230hrs board C130 at Richmond and fly to Albany(5 Hours), leave Albany and fly to Pearce to land at 0530hrs local time (0730 EST). I don't think any one of us slept for much more than 1.5hrs all night. Bus to the barracks at some place called Karracutta(?)(turns out to be about 4km from Perth CBD). At the barracks we have some really good bacon and eggs for breakfast. At this point it is 0830hrs and we are all dead on our feet.

Not so dead that we don't notice BLUEY O'NEILL (ex TST) wandering around looking like he belongs there. Turns out he does. He joined up when he and Jude moved to WA.

So, we ask him where this exercise is at and what time tomorrow are we leaving? The exercise is at some place called Karratha(where the hell is that?) and we are leaving at 1030 today!

BSM 7Fd Bty calls all 7Fd Regt (just say 7Fd) people together and briefs us. Some of us are stunned to learn that the exercise is 1600km North of Perth and that WE are expected to drive there, over the next three days.(So much for a certain WO at 28Bty saying that the exercise is just outside Perth, bit like saying that Brisbane is just outside Melbourne!) Apparently we are going to be teamed with a WA person for the drive so that our fatigue will not be a problem. I am stunned to find that they have a BDR Hogan in WA. I expect that Hogues was stunned to find that they have a LBDR Purtell in WA too! So much for that idea.

Coming back is much the same story MAMBA (Miles And Miles of Bloody Australia) followed by a RAAF flight back to the East coast. This time the plane is a 707 and we return via Brisbane, not that some of us noticed.

Things Learnt from Ex:

- 7Fd Bty is a damn good unit with a Q system that defies description.
- Lots of fun to be had by all.
- Bloody long way from home.
- I'm told WA has real hills in it, didn't see any myself.
- Bored Grunts are trigger happy. We lost an entire section to 16 Battalion Ready Reaction Force when they came bursting into our AO, without clearance, without telling anybody, and engaged one of our patrols at night and wiped it out to a man without issuing so much as one challenge. Platoon commander subsequently charged with murder.
- Bucket drivers cannot navigate. LBDR Fairfield reports feeling like a policeman at an intersection when he was on covert OP duty near Karratha Station. He reckons that he redirected at least a dozen lost buckets when they cruised up to his OP and asked for directions.
- 10 trucks needs more tactical field exercises. 10 trucks is the local trucking unit, like 16 trucks at Newcastle(I know, I know.). They are wiped out to a man toward the end of the exercise because of a lack of piquet parties. EVERYONE is in their farter when the Kamarians come calling.
- The only vehicle in a convoy likely to break down is the TST vehicle. On return trip TST LR 110 is tooling along at 80km/h when the trailer axle breaks. Trailer, not surprisingly, went beserk, throwing stuff everywhere. Final toll; Radio (only an F1), water jerries, female PTE's esh bag. PTE's bag exploded on impact spreading intimate clothing items from one side of highway to other.
- Cash does not go very far in that part of Australia. A 500ml bottle of Coke costs \$2.00 plus!

Final Thought:

Ever heard of the NorthWest Shelf gas project? Almost all of Australia's and SE Asia's natural gas comes from this project which is less than 30km off the coast. The gas is piped from the gas platforms to the LNG plant near Dampier. At the plant it is cleaned up and pressurised to liquify it for transport. The gas is loaded onto the large ships which transport the gas to the world.

I was told by a gent who is in the know about these things, that the LNG plant is a very dangerous place (surprise, surprise!) and that if it exploded it would flatten every building, bridge, piece of machinery within a 15km radius. This is equivalent to quite a large nuclear bomb!

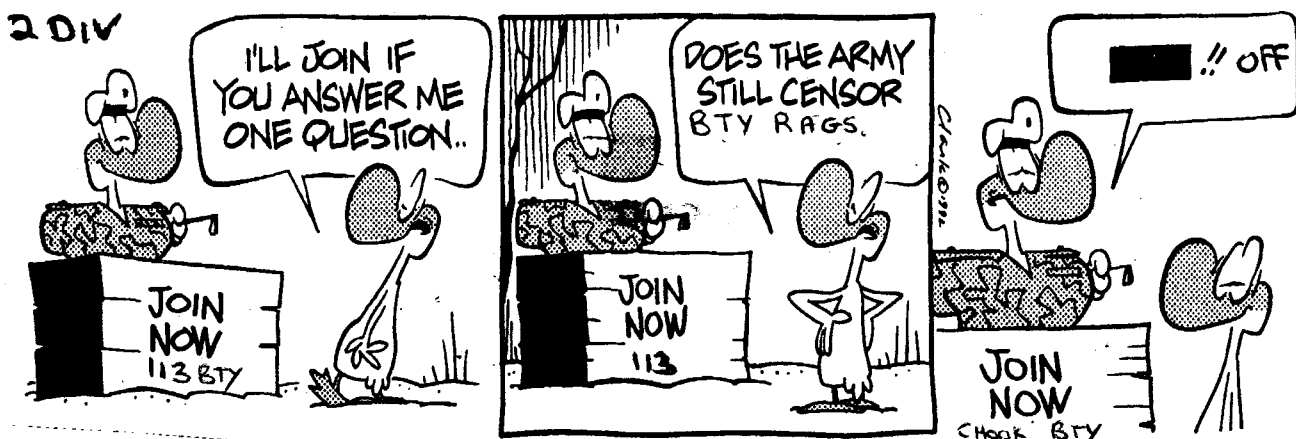
All the loading equipment at Dampier was within 10km of this plant, direct line of sight.

Wonder what the enemy could have achieved with an 81mm mortar and 10 bombs?

Who won??

To quote some Major from a grunt unit in WA,

"We reached a political settlement. Kamaria got to keep the Burrup peninsula, Australia got to keep the mainland."



BATTERY COMMANDER'S CORNER

It has been a most demanding and fruitful year for the Battery. We have participated in a number of activities that have very difficult and also quite rewarding. I can say quite happily that the Battery's performance has been well and truly up to speed.

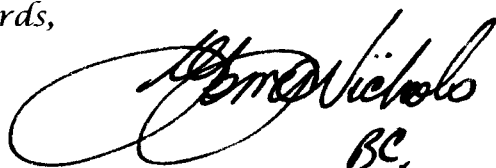
There has been a steady improvement in the standard of training, particularly by individuals across the board. It is my hope that this will improve and that soldiers at all levels will continue to develop an independence and ability to act on their own initiative. We are only in the formative stages of this level of competency and it is the JNCOs who must be most confident in the performance of their roles to be able to achieve this.

Where would we have been without the comical repartee of the BK at the end of field exercises; the endless supply of gumpy bars in the field by LBDR 'Sumo' Shunwah; a comical laugh at some disgusting retort from the BSM; or even an occasional noise from GNR 'Grey' Mc Clelend. Each of the members of the Battery will be remembered. Some of you infamously and some of you for being yourselves, but believe me you will all be remembered.

I can personally say that I have enjoyed commanding the Headquarters Battery. For me, command of a group of soldiers and young officers is the most demanding and yet one of the most rewarding experiences that you can have in the Army. I thank everyone for their support throughout the year and hope that I have achieved some of the goals that I set out to do at the beginning of the year. Those in positions of responsibility, such as the BK, BSM and Troop Commanders, should have received the latitude to explore their own abilities and limitations. All soldiers should have found an activity that was both physically and mentally demanding of themselves. All members of the Battery should have felt proud of the performances during the year to the point where they could say, 'I did a bloody good job at that.'

Finally, thank you all for a rewarding year of training. I hope that you all have a pleasant Christmas with families and a fabulous new year. Look after yourselves in over the holiday period and I hope to see some of you again in the future.

Regards,


BC.

More Farewells

On behalf of the Battery I'd like to say thanks and best of luck to the following members;

2 Lt O'Brien Travelling in USA and the then working in the UK

Cpl Castley Receiving her commission as an Officer in the Pay corp

Cpl Wright On leave for the first half of the year to have a baby (I hope it's a GUNNER)

LBdr Shunwah Discharge on BSM's request (Just joking)

Lt Flower Posted to 28 Bty to play with Guns

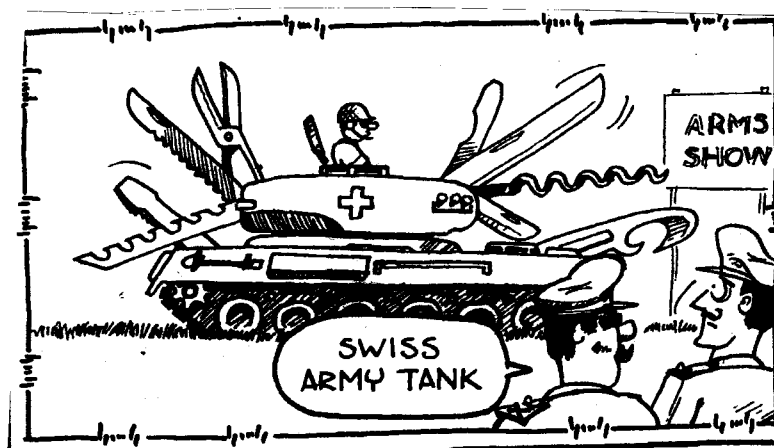
Also, we have 2 new members in the Regiment, Capt Izard comes in as RMO and Gnr "Henry" Lawrence as the ARA Clerk. Welcome aboard fella's.



ONE for the Regiments DME operators



Gnr "Piny" McClelland's enlistment.



A new toy for Gnr Mills.

HQ BTY FUNDS

from the President



Another successful year has passed for the HQ BTY Social Club members. This year we continued to raise funds through selling drinks, chips, and gumpies after parade nights. We also had the HQ BTY Dining In Night at the Willoughby Legions Club and to raise funds for the Christmas Party we sold Cadbury chocolates. To top it off we had a great time in the Lane Cove National Park, by the river to celebrate the end of year. Although we suffered a downpour leading up to the BBQ, it didn't dampen the spirits of everyone who attended. I trust that everyone had an enjoyable time and for those who missed out, there's always next year.

I would like to thank the BTY for their support throughout the year and also to the following committee members; LT P O'Brien, SSGT Leek, Gnr Robey, Gnr Spinetti, Gnr McClelland, Gnr Mills and to the former members for their previous work; LT Johnson and Gnr McLennen. Thanks also to Gnr Kohlhagen for his support and especially his efforts in helping out at the Christmas Party. Although not a member of the committee he was always there to lend a helping hand.

We still have a number of HQ BTY plaques. These can be purchased from any of the committee members at a discounted price of \$15.00.



HQ BTY HIGHLIGHTS - LFX 17 - 19 NOV 95

THE HQ BTY CONSTRUCTION TEAM , AFTER MAKING A VALIANT EFFORT TO ERECT AN 11 X 11 IN AN 11 X 10 SPACE , GIVE UP IN DISGUST WHEN THE BC SAYS (AT 18 0130 L NOV 95) :

"I THOUGHT THAT THE TENT WOULD FIT , BUT I DIDN'T ACTUALLY MEASURE IT. "

BDR KELLY BRIEFS THE BC & THE BK ON THE MAJOR "CRACKS" IN THE REGIMENT.

THE CDA , LOOKING FOR A FEED ON SUNDAY MORNING , MADE THE MISTAKE OF ASKING GNR " ATTILLA THE HUN " POWER ABOUT BREAKFAST.GNR POWER ADVISED THE CDA THAT :
" IF YOU WANT BREAKFAST SIR , YOU HAD BETTER HURRY UP - I'M NOT HANGING AROUND HERE MUCH LONGER."

LATER THAT DAY , ATTILLA WAS OBSERVED GIVING A WO1 (WHO WILL NOT BE NAMED) A HARD TIME.INSISTING THAT THE WO1 COMPLETE AN L & D FOR AN ITEM THAT HE WAS NOT ISSUED WITH.

LT FLOWER , BASKING IN THE GLORY OF BEING THE REGIMENT'S FRONT MAN AT THE FIREPOWER DEMO , WAS HEARD TO BEGIN HIS PRESENTATION WITH :
" A FUNNY THING HAPPENED TO ME ON THE WAY TO THE RANGE"

THE CO TO LT FLOWER ON SUNDAY NIGHT :

"WHO IS THE DUTY OFFICER TONIGHT ?"

" I AM SIR "

THE CO RESPONDS

"I WAS WONDERING WHY YOU WERE HANGING AROUND ."

UPON RETURNING FROM A RAID ON 113 BTY ON SUNDAY MORNING , LT FLOWER REPORTED TO THE BC & BK ...

" I'VE FINALLY FIGURED OUT WHAT TO DO WITH GNR MILLLS...."

AFTER A SLIGHT PAUSE HE MENTIONED SOMETHING ABOUT A ROUND , WHERE HE COULD PUT IT , AND USING GNR MILLS AS A BANGALORE TORPEDO.

THE BSM , ALWAYS KEEN TO DEMONSTRATE HIS PROWESS , WAS SEEN TO EMERGE FROM THE BACK OF A ROVER AND EXCLAIM ..

"HEY FELLAS , LOOK AT MY NOZZLE ."

THE BK ENDS HIS MILITARY CAREER BY OFFERING THE CO A DOUBLE SALTED LICORICE. THE CO LIKENED THE TASTE TO A MIXTURE OF CONCENTRATED URINE AND BOOT POLISH.

THE NEXT DAY , AFTER THE CO SWALLOWED ONE OF THE 287 TRILLION FLIES THAT HAD OCCUPIED THE POSITION , HE GAGGED AND SAID TO THE BK

" THAT FLY TASTED BETTER THAN THOSE BLOODY LICORICE ."

THE BC WAS SO AFFECTED BY THE LICORICE THAT HE CONSUMED THAT HE COULD NOT FOLLOW THE BK'S SIMPLE INSTRUCTIONS AS TO WHERE HE SHOULD SLEEP AT ABOUT 18 2345 L NOV 95 THE BK SAID ...

" SIR, WE ARE SLEEPING IN THE RIGHT HAND SIDE OF THE LEFT HAND SIDE OF THE RIGHT HAND SIDE TENT ." ----- PERFECTLY CLEAR ONE WOULD THINK !

LT FLOWER , AFTER SPENDING THREE MINUTES TRYING TO GIVE THE SPECTATORS AT THE DIRECT FIRE SHOOT A TARGET INDICATION SAYS

" NOW , DOES EVERYBODY KNOW WHERE THE TARGET IT IS ?"

AFTER THE A PAUSE THE BK SAYS ...

" IS IT THE ONE CLOSEST TO US ?"

LT FLOWER "YES"

THE BSM IS NOT AN EVIL MAN ! HE WAS WEARING HIS RAINCOAT WHILST DRIVING HIS ROVER BECAUSE , MUCH TO THE AMUSEMENT OF THE REST OF HQ BTY (WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE BK), THE DRIVERS TARP WAS TORN AWAY FROM THE CABIN JUST AS WE WERE ENETERING THE STORMY WEATHER ON THE RETURN TRIP AND COULD NOT BE REPAIRED.

THE BSM , WHO WAS NOT HAVING A GOOD DAY, STEPPED IN SOME "MUD" AT THE CALTEX AT WYONG AND WAS SURPRISED WHEN THE BK ORDERED HIM OUT OF THE ROVER TELLING HIM NOT TO RETURN UNTIL HE HAD LOST THE SMELL.

THE HQ BTY DIRECT FIRE TEAM PERFORMED MAGNIFICENTLY DURING THE DIRECT SHOOT. THIS OUTSTANDING GROUP OF GUNNERS - WO2 SENGOS #1,GNR MILLS #2,LT OBRIEN #3, CAPT NICHOLS #4,LT ATTARD #5,GNR RUSDEN #7 - DECIDING THAT PRODUCING HARASSING FIRE WAS MORE OF A CHALLENGE THAN HITTING AN OBVIOUS TARGET , DEMONSTRATED WHY GUNS ARE KEPT AT THE GUN BATTERY !

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