

GUNNER'S EAR

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Welcome to the first edition of Gunner's Ear. This newsletter has been established to be the voice of the battery, and to pass on info which may interest you. However, this cannot be achieved without the full support of the battery so if you know of any good gossip, jokes or cartoons just pass them onto your seco for onforwarding to Ed..

Warning no pulling the piss out of the BC, or BSM. All others are open slather !.(especially the SMIG).

Now with the serious stuff aside lets get into it,



For the newbies and oldies in the battery who don't know what the motto, UBIQUE QUO FAS ET GLORIA DUCUNT (the 'C' is pronounced as an 'S') on the RAA Badge means;

Firstly a brief, and I mean brief, history. In the London Gazette notice dated 10 July 1832 King William IV granted the Regiment of Artillery two mottos: UBIQUE (pronounced U-BI-KWA) which was also granted as a Battle Honour and QUO FAS ET GLORIA DUCUNT meaning Everywhere and Where Right and Glory Lead

We adopted the RA badge in 1949. The only difference from the one we proudly wear today being in the crown; it carried the Imperial State Crown (commonly referred to as the 'Kings Crown'). The badge we have been wearing since its release in 1954 is ensigned by the St Edward Crown (commonly referred to as the 'Queen's Crown').

For the benefit of our new members and others, this is how you differentiate between the various ranks:

SERGEANTS: Knows a great deal about very little and goes on knowing more and more about less and less until he ends up knowing everything about nothing.

BOMBARDIERS: A bombardier is a chap who knows very little and goes on knowing less and less about more and more until he knows bugger-all about everything.

L/BOMBARDIERS: A one striper is different. He knows nothing about everything and gets his information from the sergeant & bombardier, which he passes on to the gunner.

GUNNERS: Now take the gunner. The information he receives he is able to pass on this to his OC when asked for it. Consequently, he is in line for the clink, the firing squad, cleaning or digging latrines and all night gun piquet's.

The gunner is the brains of the army, but always gets the wrong end of the stick. So remember this :

You can always tell a gunner by his look of great alarm ,
You can always tell a bombardier by his stripes on his arm,
You can always tell a sergeant by his manners, dress & such,
You can always tell the BSM but you cannot tell him much.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

Migration Training Apr 17-18
LFX 1-2 May
LFX 29-30 May
Regt Sports/Museum /Dinner 19 Jun
AFX 10-25 Jul

Plus the usual Tues night parades

Let's ensure we have maximum attendance for all activities.

† PADRES CORNER †

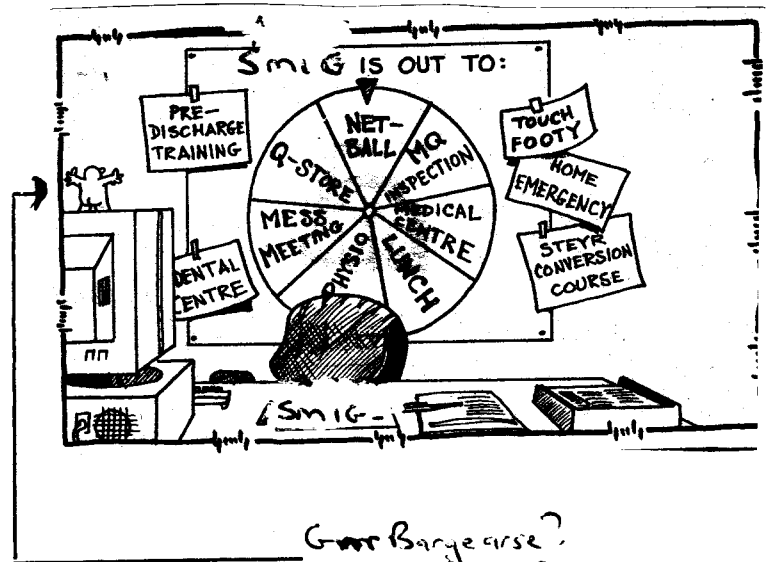
"The Gospel according to a drop Short" translation of some opening chapters of Genesis.

Here beginneth.....

1. In the beginning there was chaos and chaos was the infantry for the Infantry was alone.
2. And fear was with the Infantry and they cried unto the Lord saying "Lord save us for we are afraid"
3. And the Lord heard their grunts and set some Infantry on beasts of burden and these he called Cavalry, and the Cavalry became Armour.
4. And when the Lord had seen what he had done he laughed saying "Well you can't win them all"
5. The Infantry and the Armour again cried out to the Lord saying "Lord save us for we are afraid" and the Lord heard their cries and decided to end their weeping's.
6. And the Lord said unto them "Hey dudes, lo, I send you a race of men noble in heart and spirit" And the Lord created the Gunners.
7. And the Lord said unto the Infantry and Armour "When it is dark the Gunners shall light your way"
8. And when you need smoke, there shall be smoke, and when need HE, WP and counter battery fire, all this shall ye have".
9. And the Lord gave the Gunners big guns and field guns, and the Infantry and Armour were jealous for they had nothing.
10. And the Infantry cried out saying "Lord thou has created the Infantry as Queen of Battles, but thou has made the Gunners King of Battles and we all knowest thou what the King does to the Queen".
11. And the Lord replied "Like man Right on".
12. And the Lord gave unto the Artillery rockets and missiles and best of all, nukes. And when the Infantry and Armour saw this they fell to their knees in wonder saying "Surely God is on the side of the greatest - The Gunners".

13. And the Lord sayeth "Right!"

14. Now abideth Infantry, Armour and Artillery: but the greatest is ARTILLERY.



Gunn Bargearse?
Full monty??

BSM's REMINDERS

- If you can't make parade **ring up** your section head
- Read the Regiments Yearly Planner
- Physical Fitness
- Read the notice board (or at least look at the pictures)
- Rising Suns and name tags on all uniforms
- Leave Apps well in advance
- Duty Nco's report to BSM at 1855 hrs
- Your personal particulars are required to be updated at all times



"Guess who"

Corridors of Power MK 1

Artillery Salutes Quiz

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!**

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



Acronyms were invented to confuse the simple soldier. To help out I have published a few important ones for you to remember.

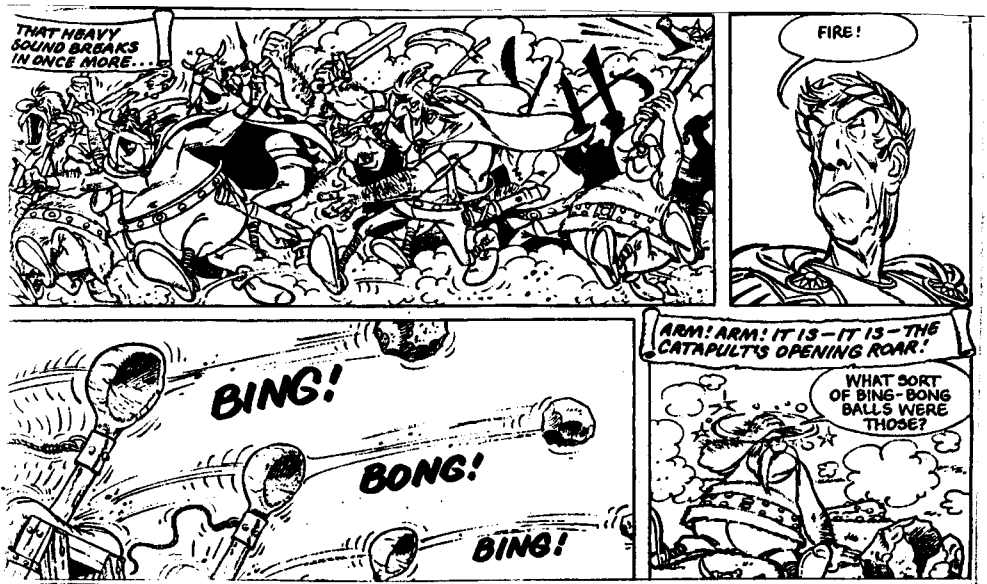
- P.E.N.I.S** Practical exercise not including soldiers
- C.R.A.F.T** Can't remember a *&^%#@!/? thing
- D.N.S.D.C** Don't know shit don't care
- S.M.I.G** Small man in green
- R.A.E.M.E** Royal Australian Easy Money Earners

Extract from Spike Milligans
Mussolini His Part In My Downfall

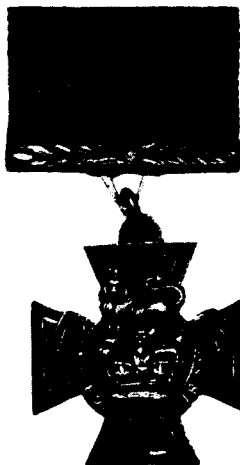
LX IX BTY

1 Round FFE.

Be would like to talk to
anyone else who has used
these equipments



The Victoria Cross



19 VICTORIA CROSS

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).



For those who remember "Battle Dress"

One for the Bty Customs officers.

- Gold market bottoms out -

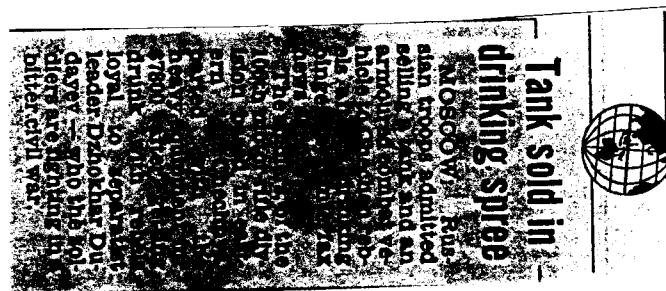
DHAKA: A Pakistani man arrested at Dhaka's international airport was found to be carrying 15 gold bars weighing 1.7kg in his rectum, customs officials said yesterday.

Mohammad Ashraf Ali, 30, who was arrested yesterday, was also carrying three gold bars in his underwear and more stuffed in the false bottom of a suitcase.

In all he had 4.5kg, valued at \$64,152, the officials said.

Police said Ali would be charged with gold smuggling.

A customs official who declined to be identified said it was not the first time gold had been transported in this manner.



Young Secos at play

stop such abuses.



A big
Up and
under →

No's take caution when firing near cliffs!

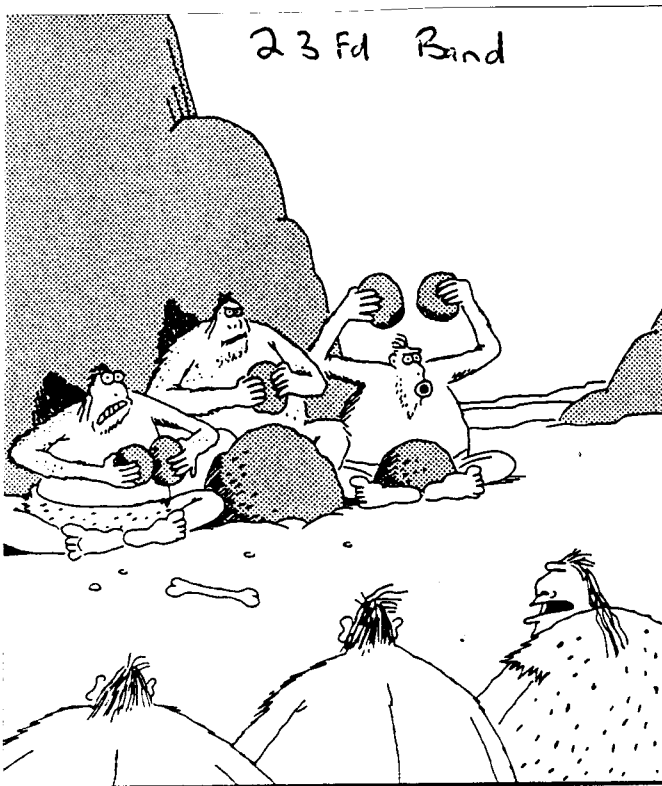
It's a dark night, a heavy dew; the order rings from the Tannoy Speaker. 'Fire.' Daddy Wilson echoes 'Fire!' A colossal roar, gunners lean away to avoid the blast, some with hands over ears, the earth shakes, the momentum of the crew carried them automatically to put another shell in, to discover the great gun was missing. They stood, nit-like, poised for action. 'The bloody thing's gone.'

It had indeed, bouncing backwards, over a cliff and crashing 50 feet below, just missing the tent of a sleeping Gunner Secombe of 321 Bty, 132 Field Regt. Like the Nazarene, the

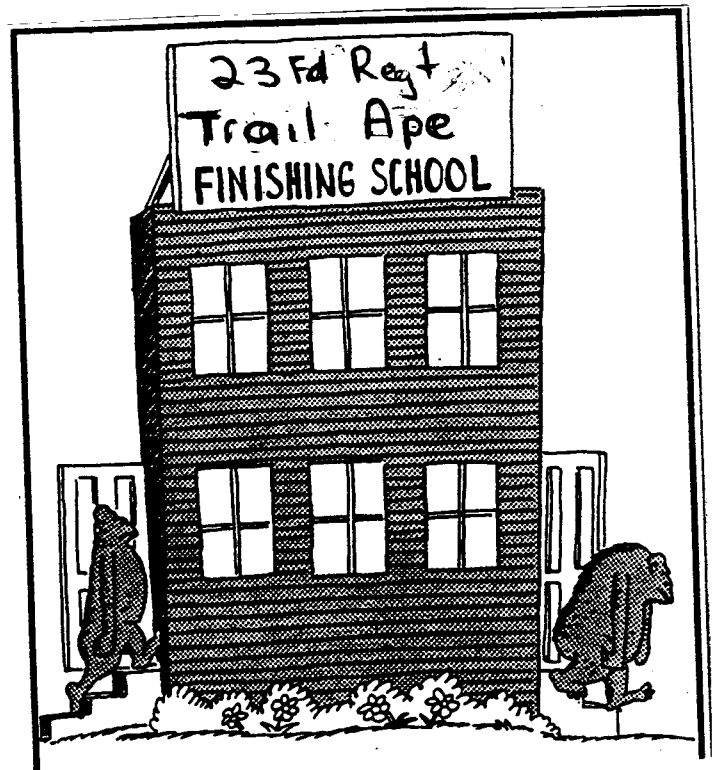
Sergeant, carrying an oil lamp was given to going among 25 Pounder gunners 'and he sayeth "Blessed are they that have seen 7.2?" "What colour was it?" And he hitteth them.'

Extract from Spike Milligans

Rommel - Gunner who



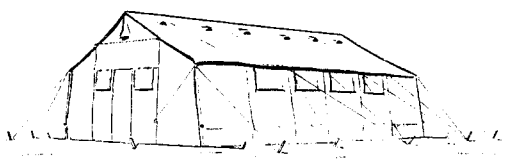
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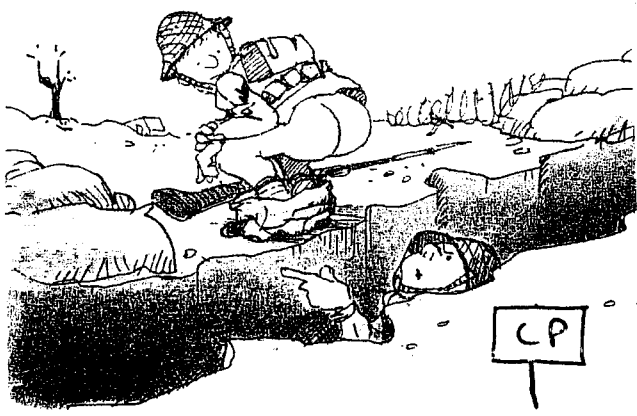
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TENT, EXTENDABLE,
GENERAL PURPOSE
30ft x 20ft

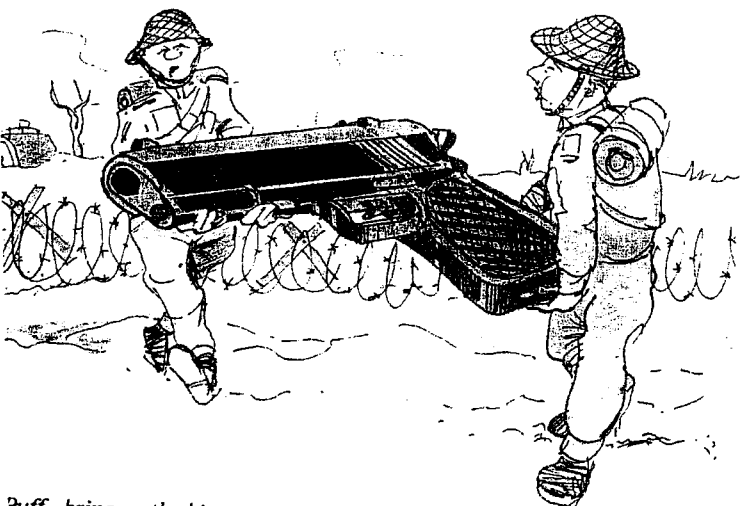


"Oy...the latrine trench is over there mate."

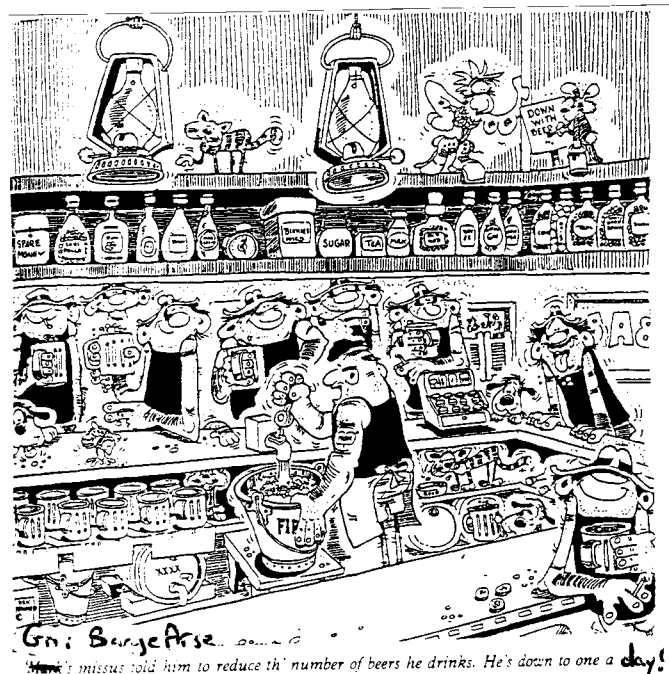
One for the phantom shitter!

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↑ NOT ALL TIME BEST SELLER

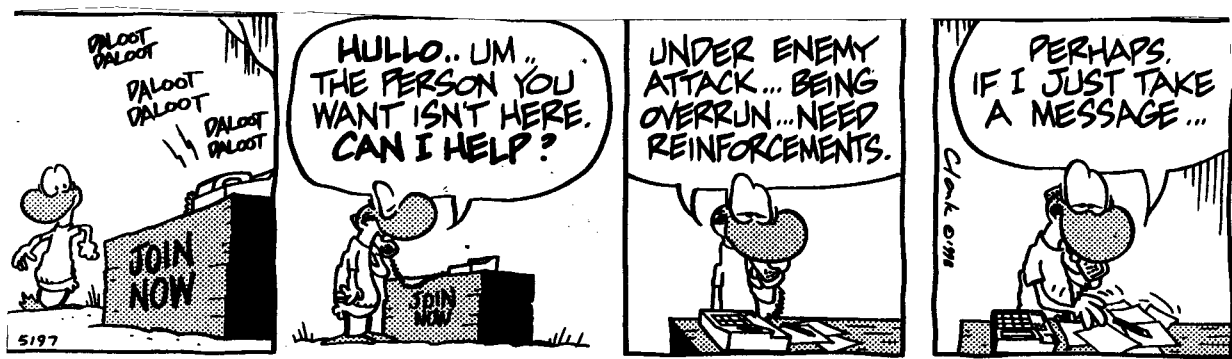


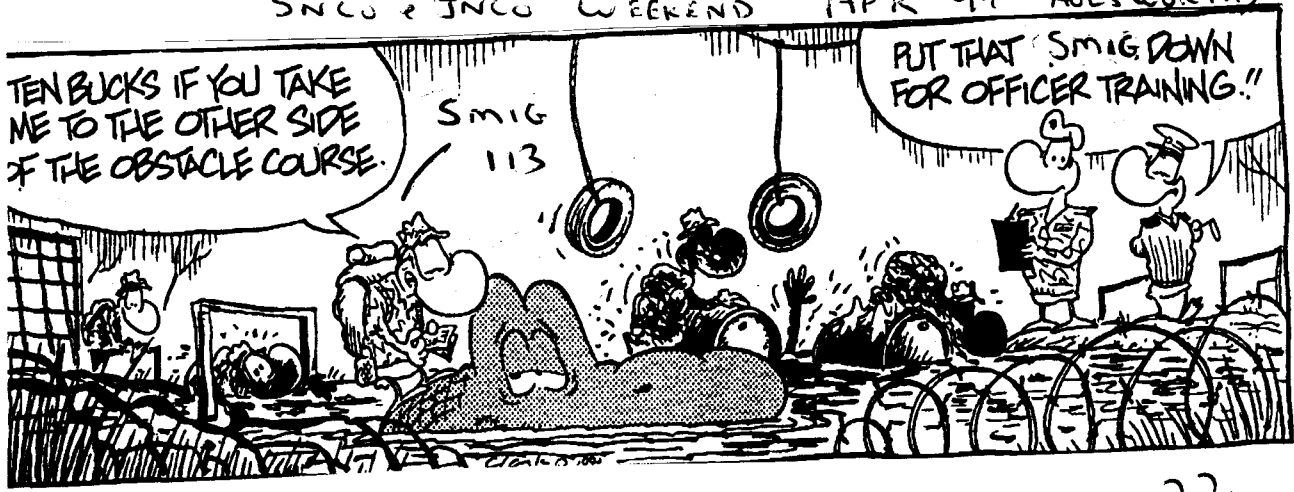
"Puff...bring up the big guns, says the General...grunt...bollocks says I."



Geri Bungearse...
His missus told him to reduce th' number of beers he drinks. He's down to one a day!

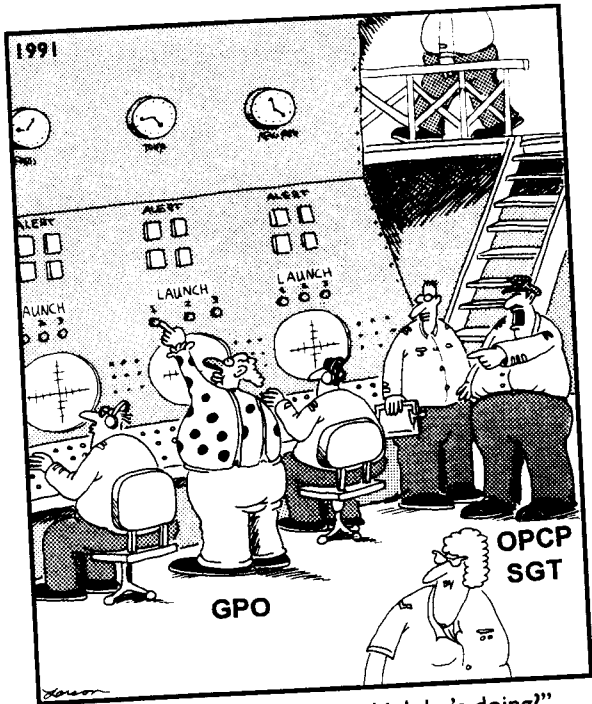
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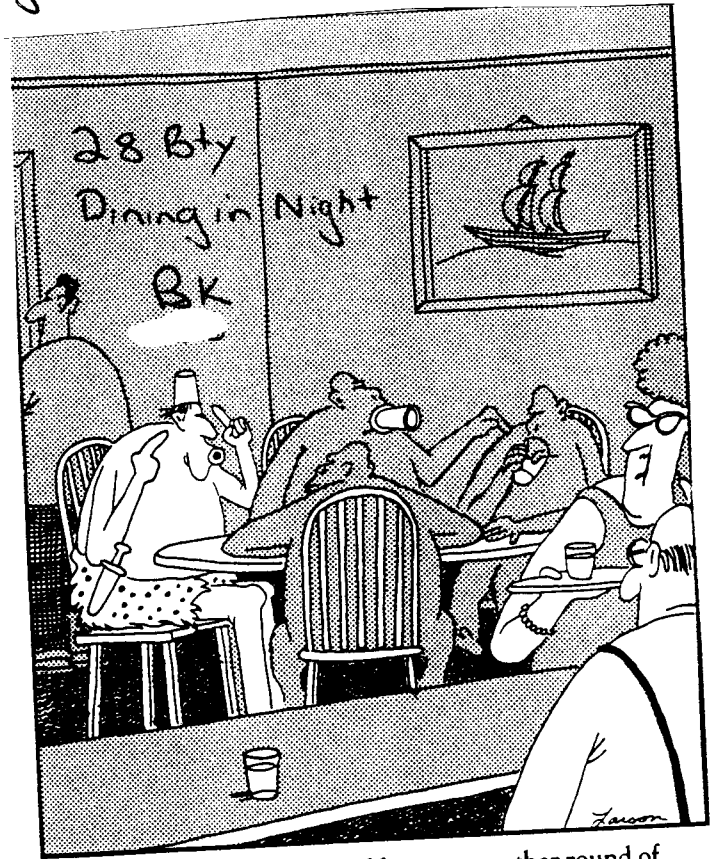


Then again I don't think he got his butt dirty??

28 FIELD BATTERY
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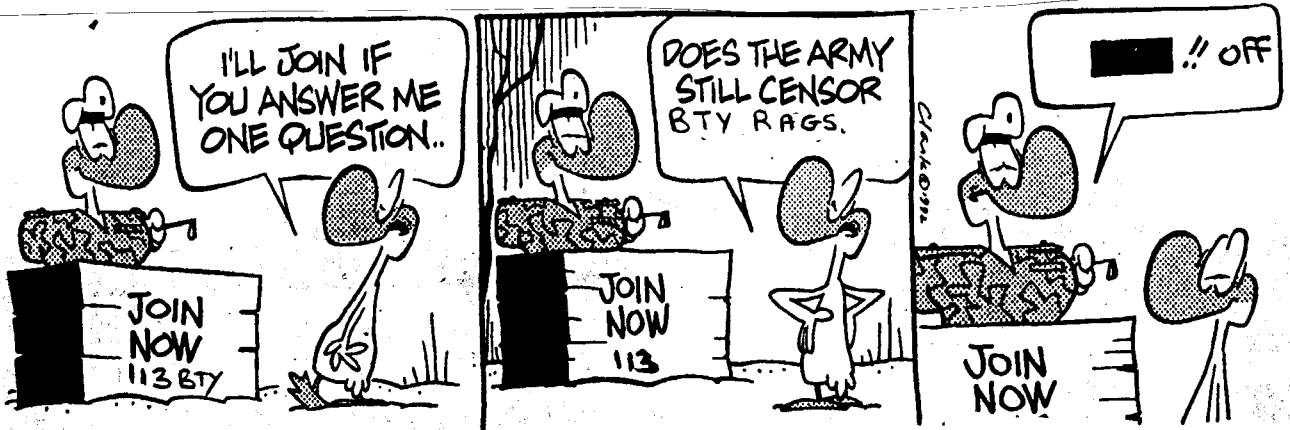


"Hey! What's that clown think he's doing?"



"Well, one guess which table wants another round of ~~champagne~~." "Battery Cater"

This one for the previous Bty Rag editor - you are - BK. we know who



In upcoming issues

Gnr Newlin explains how to build up your muscles in your right arm.

Gnr Greenwood discusses how to strengthen your stomach muscles by chundering after BFA's.

Cpl Blair tells the true story about North Sydneys touch up of the groom and not the bride at the pre season game at Wagga Wagga.

Mrs Barge-Arse's Help line

Dear Mrs B Arse,

I have problems when I try to erect my 292 it just won't stay up. Can you provide some advice on how to keep it erected.

Sgd Gnr Fleming

Dear Flemo,

Firstly, staying off the turps might help. If that doesn't work go see Gnr Newlin who is an excellent sig and a expert on the matter.

B-A

Have you got any problems and need advice? just drop a line to Mrs Barge Arse all letters are strictly confidential.

Bty Nick Names

For all you switched on dig's let's see who can complete the following. BG will buy the first correct entry a beer.

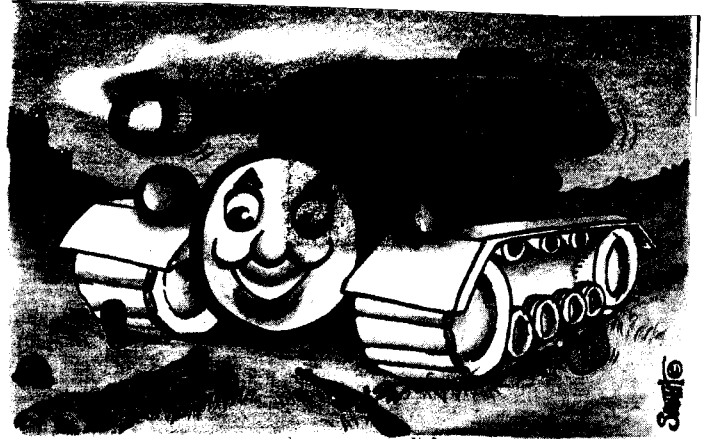
<u>Title</u>	<u>Nickname</u>
BSM
BG
BC
EX SMIG
EX BSM
EX BC

Choose from the following:

- TART, BARGE ARSE, TRACKER, FILTHY, KEGS, WHEELS,

WANTED

The power group are currently tidying up the depot, so if you have any Battery Memorabilia laying around at home bring it in and we will hang it up somewhere.



Thomas the tank

Committee discovers army catering in a mess

AUSTRALIA'S soldiers would rather buy a McDonald's hamburger than eat army food. And it costs \$122 a day to feed a sailor with meals prepared in a Navy mess, compared with \$42 a day for meals supplied by a private contractor.

It costs \$103 a day to feed air force personnel using RAAF cooks. But the army does not even know how much it costs to supply food for its personnel. Hundreds of thousands of dollars of taxpayers' money — are thrown away each year.

A parliamentary committee examining the cost of feeding the defence forces has un-

By G... ANUS

covered massive waste, particularly in the army, where up to 30 per cent of meals are eaten.

The Joint Committee of Public Accounts decided to investigate following a highly critical Auditor-General's report last November which recommended a host of changes to the way the army, navy and air force cater for their personnel.

Three months after the Auditor-General's report was tabled, there are still many unanswered questions about the Australian Defence Force's catering costs.

The Auditor-General's report originally estimated the cost of feeding our soldiers, sailors and airmen at \$100 million a year because the Australian Defence Force could not provide figures for costs such as labour, and additions such as cooking equipment, cleaning or utensils.

Defence Force Chief General John Baker said last month the defence forces had never examined their total food bill.

Defence chiefs have also admitted the difficulty in persuading soldiers to eat army food.

"The problem is that, in barracks, of course McDonald's is very popular," General Baker said.