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Why Capt Slackbladder Kelly is tossing (appropriate word) in Uni to become Australia's answer to Mr Methane

The BSM tells his story of a phone conversation with Gnr Sturman who want's to get back in as a cook

The rags ace investigator explains why Mrs Wendt joined the police force to satisfy the BK's sexual fantasies, yes hand cuffs and big batons.

And much more in your free bty rag.
Yep, it's coming up to the silly season. The power group wishes the members and their families a Merry Christmas and all that jazz and before you lose those billion or so brain cells, that's if you have them, ( lucky Ossie's gone) note your calender first parade is

## the Tues 25 Jan 2000.

Who's who in the zoo next year Key Appt's
CO Lt Col Broad (the Old BC)
BC Maj O'Brien (the old bulk kilos)
SMIG WO2 Paddy McGarry ex ADFA
BSM WO2 Nicholls
Nearly forgot the RSM WO1 Matheson (use to be the SMIG 28 a few years ago) answers to the name of Metho

## Farewell and good riddance (only joking)

The battery wishes to say farewell and best of luck to all the members who moving on to greener pastures, or white in the case of tassie.

Maj "Wheels Campbell who has pulled the pin after serving heaps of years in the ARA. He now has a job at the Uni looking after the exams and says the Uni is more backward than the Green machine.

SMIG WO2 Wes Pine (Bozo to the BSM) Wes has packed his long johns and any warm gear he can get his hands on as he's of to Tassie to look after Cadets, I'm not sure if they are the School or Officer type.

Gnr Paul Fleming Flemo has joined the ARA and is off to $8 / 12$ at Darwin. I believe the red headed scrubber from the Gunner Dinner is in shock at seeing him go , personally that's why he's taking off.

We hope the future is as good as the past and don't forget the BATTERY ( send the ED your addresses and he will post the rag to you next year).

## BTY FUNDS UPDATE

Hopefully by the time you read this you have been given your Footy jumper, I hope everyone is happy with them, just one thing when it comes to cough up the doe don't *\%@^ everybody around just get the money in ASAP, as this slows the whole process down, and to the ones who still haven't paid you won't get the jumper until you have and If you have ordered one you will pay
Next on the agenda will be a Bty T shirt most likely a red one with a small Bty Dino like the footy jumper on the chest ( nice and simple and it keep costs down so EVERYONE can buy one. Then we will organise the Bty Dino plaque, at this stage they will be around the early $\$ 30$ mark (It's better than $\$ 50$ one place quoted) does anyone have have a contact? I will run the design pass you next year and we go from there.

Also on the drawing board are Denim Dino shirts and coffee cups?. Any other ideas please come up and see the $B K / B S M$.

Finally, whoever wants a Bty G string, Capt Kelly is collecting the money, he requires your size in either Dental floss or Rope, I think the GPO is a rope man.

So keep digging deep and support the Bty chook raffles, and as you know, the Buck a beer nights are a monthly happening.

The remaining 2 BBQ's are freebies and the last parade night we will have the Buck a beer.

Gnr Bargarse is going for his bty chrissie record of 23 beers without a chunder, all I can say is good luck, clean up your own spew and don't date up any of the young male diggers

## Useless trivia and crap

I think it's safe to tell the culprits name who obeyed his BC's order and tried to borrow the CO's coffee at Singo last year, it was that North Sydney supporter who recently went OS, that's all folks.

The SMIG has never beaten the BSM in any BFA's in the past couple of years, your just a big shelia Wes. BSM

The winner of the 1919 Melbourne Cup was a horse called Artilleryman, I reckon a few gunnies from WWI made a few bucks, I mean pounds on that race. Did you know that one SMIG?

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If you read the papers you would have noticed that the ADF has been granted a $11 \%$ payrise over a 3 year period, this also will effect us GRES, I will publish the new pay rates once they are sorted out.

Also, for members who serve 8 years or more continuos you are entitled to the Defence Force Home loan of $\$ 80,000$, which is at a bloody good rate.

Due to the lack of no's the bty are getting out of the ADFRU wallers Sgt Ogden will be organising suitable venues in the upcoming months, so if you have any good ideas please pass them on (no more schools or fun runs). Hopefully we can get to a Knights game and wear our new footy jumpers that's if you've got them) in a gun race or IMT display, more to follow.

## **** BTY CHRISSIE PISSUP $\approx * * * *$

Due to difficulty in finding a suitable venue on the day we wanted, we have decided to go to plan. $B$ and do a pub crawl through Newcastle. We will start at the Great Northern which is opposite the railway station at 1800 hrs Saturday the 18 th of December (this allows the members on courses to get back). Hope you can all make it.

Great Christmas Recipies (for real booze) from you know who, The bty alco Gnr Barge arse, who guarantees you will see Santa if you can drink these in one go.

## Legs la spreader

Contents
250 g bar of milk chocolate
2 cans of condensed milk
1 can of evaporated milk
2 lge cartons of cream
1 teaspoon of coffee dissolved
750 ml cheap scotch
Process 1. Melt chocolate 2. Add 1 can of condense milk 3. Allow to cool 4. Add other ingredients 5. Blend slowly in mixer 6. Bottle

## Kahlua

Contents
$1 / 4$ cup coffee
1125 ml bottle of cheap vodka(or desired alco level)
4 cups of sugar
5 cups water
1 capful vanilla essence
Process: 1 Boil water and sugar in a large pot until slighty thickened ie 2 min , take off heat and add coffee
When cooler, add vodka and vanilla essence This recipe makes approx 2 litres
All you need now is a cow so you can drink the shit.

## LATE NEWS

New parade cards are out for next year
OP GOLD dates have now been finalised so have a close look at them. ALL MEMBERS FROM MAJOR AND BELOW WILL BE QUALIFIED

The BSM is staying

## TIMOR STATS

I have been told by a very reliable source that they have had 37 UD's to date (not sure live or blank) I know at least one was blank as it was done by , those who remember them, Gnr Coghlan now with $8 / 12$ in Darwin. a very pricey thing to do in pre deployment trng as it has cost him $\$ 1000$ big ones Flemo see if you can go one better
$2 \times 5 / 7$ Diggers caught during something non military in their weapon pits, More to follow next edition.

## Classification

More funnies from the past

AFX 97 Wide Bay QLD: Regt chit-chat with RSM (Daryl Kelly) after Dave Conway won direct-fire shoot....
CO talking about RSM's enemy antics.
CO: ' I think a few people would like to catch the RSM tonight'
RSM: 'I sleep with a pick handle'
GNR Meade: 'Is that what you call your wife?...'
Gun Course instructors watching 'A Bridge Too Far'. One of the scenes: A U.S. 101st Airborne Div SGT searches through a field littered with bodies in a jeep and finds his captain first go.
BDR Atchison: 'As if you'd be able to find the captain amongst all that smoke and carnage. Imagine trying to spot the BK (Capt 'Fat Guts' O'Brien) first go in that battlefield. No way - it wouldn't be that @\#\$\% easy!' CAPT Wendt: 'It would if he was lying belly-up...'

Hot Off The Press: Which WO2 went to Singo on Monday to buy a new pair of poly trousers and took $1 / 2$ an hour to find one that fit? Mmmm, been wondering where all those sausage roll crumbs on the orderly room floor were coming from. SMIG will shout a beer to the first digger who can tell him who it is - A six pack if he/she can guess what size trousers....

The BK has received his posting order in the mail yesterday - sucked in fellas! You're stuck with me until Nov 2001.

MRS BK (Kylie) marches out of the Police Academy in three weeks - she's been posted to Waratah Cophouse. No handcuff and baton jokes in the BK's presence - the BSM has told most of them already.

CAPT Slackadder (Kelly) is in love (again). She sings at the Harbourview Sat nights,is drop dead gorgeous, has a rich lawyer father, and had such an effect on him on sat night he forgot to ask her name...
$\rightarrow$ A man lay sprawled across three entire seats in the posh theatre. When the
>usher came by and noticed this, he whispered to the man, "Sorry, sir, but >you're only allowed one seat." The man groaned but didn't budge. The usher sbecame impatient. "Sir, if you don't get up from there I'm going to have to >call the manager." Again, the man just groaned, which infuriated the usher $>$ who turned and marched briskly back up the aisle in search of his manager >In a few moments, both the usher and the manager returned and stood over the >man. Together the two of them tried repeatedly to move him, but with no >success. Finally, they summoned the police. The cop surveyed the situation >briefly then asked, "All right buddy, what's our name?" "Sam," the man >moaned. "Where ya from, Sam?" With pain in his voice Sam replied "the >balcony."

From:
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To:
BULL David
Wednesday, 20 October 1999 14:28
ABBOTT Lee; 'belinda'; CALLAN Micaela; CAMPBELL David; CARBONE Alicia; CARTWRIGHT Andrew; CLARK David; COLLINS Robert D (NSW); KELLY Rachel; LE Grace; LLOYD Andrew; MASCELLANI Phillip; BERRY Odette; OGDEN Susan; RING Sarah; ROXAS Maria; SMITH David M; STEVENS Matthew; TEALE Merran; WALKER Patricia
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Have You Got What It Takes To Join The Service?
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Hello. Welcome to this year's service entrance exam. I see that all of you have been able to find yourself a seat and a desk so obviously you've got what it takes to be aliments.' 'I Scidief,

Should you pass this exam and become a member of the services, you will enjoy not only the esteem and envy of all your friends but also a unique package of fringe benefits, including: bi, gi stuffed arus.il

* an early retirement scheme which allows you to retire while still turning up for work;
* flexitime which enables you to decide when you don't want to work at work
plus sportiest; stand divans
* free use of government stationery - this has been facilitated by the introduction of eight-items-or-less lanes as you leave the building.
* We must at this stage warn all examinees that anyone found cheating or copying from their neighbour's paper will be automatically assigned to ASIO regardless of whether they fail the intelligence test. ESPECIALLY if they fail the intelligence test.


## MATHEMATICS:

Please answer the following questions in the spaces provided on your answer sheet.

1. If you went to lunch at 12 noon and came back to work at 2.30 pm how long have you had for lunch?

* the answer of course, is half an hour.

2. If one public servant takes 3 hours to process a $321 / L 3 / M X 1$ form how long would it take two public servants to process the same form?

* the answer is, of course, is four hours.

For those of you who failed the maths test, you may still be eligible to become Mr Howard's tax policy adviser.

## MULTIPLE CHOICE:

1. If you are about to take your lunchbreak and a female member of the general public comes with an inquiry, you should address her by saying:
a. Can I help you, madam?
b. Can I help you, miss?
c. What can I do you for, mate?
d. How's tricks, doll-face?

The correct answer is: None of the above. This is a trick question. If you are about to take your lunchbreak, you shouldn't talk to her at all.
2. If a member of the general public phones up with a complaint and you realise that the file on this matter has been lost, you should say:
a. We are looking into the matter
b. Can I get back to you on this one?
c. The matters have been referred to another committee
d. I haven't had a chance to look into it yet.

The correct answer is that you should tell them that they have the wrong telephone extension.
SPELLING:

1. Spell the following words:


| From: | SCOTT Matt |
| :--- | :--- |
| Sent: | Thursday, 20 May 1999 7:08 |
| To: | WARD Brett; CARTWRIGHT Andrew |
| Subject: | FW: ARMY OFFICIAL VOICE MAIL MESSAGE |

## ARMY OFFICIAL VOICE MAIL MESSAGE

'Thank you for calling the Australian Army. I'm sorry, but all of our units are out at the moment, or are otherwise engaged. Please leave a message with your country, name of organisation, the region, the specific crisis, and a number at which we can call you. As soon as we have sorted out East Timor, Bouganville, the Sydney Olympics, Iraq, the Millennium Bug, the Defence Efficiency Review, the Commercial Support Program, and compulsory 'Fraud Awareness' and 'Workplace Equity and Diversity' training, we will return your call.'
'Please speak after the tone, or if you require more options, please listen to the following numbers:'
'If your crisis is small, and close to a secure
domestic airport, press 1 for the 3rd Brigade.'
'If your concern is distant, with a tropical climate and good hotels, and can be solved by 1 or 2 low risk bombing runs, please press 'Hash' for the Royal Australian Air Force. Please note this service is not available after 1600 hrs , if it is overcast, or at weekends.'
'If your enquiry concerns a situation which can be resolved by either overpriced and expensive submarines without combat capability, or by World War Two relics that cannot keep up with Indonesian fishing trawlers, or by a really good marching band, please write, well in advance, to the Chief of Navy, Russell Offices, Canberra.
'If your enquiry is not urgent, please press 2 for the Rapid Deployment Force.'
'If you are in real, hot trouble please press 3, and your call will be routed to Sandline International.'
'If you are interested in joining the Army and wish to be shouted at, paid little, have premature arthritis, put your wife and family in a condemned hut miles from civilisation, and are prepared to work your ${ }^{* * * * *}$ off daily, risking your life, in all weathers and terrains, both day and night, whilst watching the Department of Finance eroding your original terms and conditions of service, then please stay on the line. Your call will shortly be connected to a bitter passed-over Recruiting Sergeant in a grotty office down by the railway station.
>Subject: Fw: This is a good one
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>Bruce goes into the doctor's office and has some tests run. The doctor
comes
>back and says, "Bruce, I am not going to beat around the bush. You have
>AIDS."
>Bruce is devastated. "Doc, what can I do?"
>The doctor says, "I want you to go home and eat a pound of spicy hot
>sausage, a head of cabbage, 20 unpeeled carrots drenched in hot sauce, 10
>jalapeno peppers, 25 walnuts, 25 peanuts, 1 box of Grape Nuts cereal, and
>then drink a gallon of prune juice."
>Bruce asks, "Will that cure me, Doc?"
>The doctor says, "No, but it will teach you what your ass is really for."
'Have a pleasant day, and thank you again for trying to contact the Australian Army.'

To: Patrick Sengos/MMSS/NSC-DEFPLAZA/NAVY/AU@AUSTNAVY, "Pat Sengos"
[patsen@cci.net.au](mailto:patsen@cci.net.au)
cC:
Subject: Bty Rag: Line Book Stuff [Clean-Virus Free]

## Classification

Here are some quotes for the rag fro the AFX Linebook.
AFX 99 WIDE BAY
BDR Collier Steyr AIRN Assessment:
SGT LINSLEY: 'Pick up the wpn.
BDR Collier: Check safe; mag off; cock wpn;look in ejection port;reports clear; applies safety catch, pauses, then looks at Pete:
'Can I try that again?....' - A beer from the BK to the first digger (no
NCO's) who can correctly state what he forgot to do.
SGT Conway: Giving NCO's Introduction to Pintail
'Blah;blah;blah.....and that particularly applies to you Robbo (BDR
Robinson), seeing as you're TONTO...'
TONTO????? who's TONTO? - A beer from SGt Conway to the first digger (non $\mathrm{CP} /$ non NCO ) who can correctly give the Sig Sgt's correct title.

Frosty:
Wanted to have a W---k last night of AFX but he was too tired - so he knocked himself back. (he's used to knock-backs)

BDR McQuillan:
Woke in the middle of the night giving his gun fire orders. When woken up by his No. 7 said, 'Shut the $\& * * * \$ \#$ up and get that gun loaded.....' A sympathetic beer from the BK for this one.

## Contact With The Enemy:

One of the enemy has a problem with his wpn constantly jamming. The Snowman (Frosty): Yells 'You must have an Australian made weapon, mate.....'
A Classic From Flemo: Hasn't gove yet $\left.\right|_{0} ^{1}$
Flemo: No response from $K$-phone on strong-point when he tests the connection after deployment. Flemo goes to the S.P., someone from 28 Bty is manning the S.P.
Flemo: 'Mate, i'm here to check the K-phone to see if it's working.' 28 Waller: 'Yeah, it's workin', it's bin ringin'. '
Flemo: 'Mate, if it rings you s'posed to *\&\%\$@ answer it!!!!'
28 Waller:'Duh??!!'
We'll say no more about that one. Must have been on the same gun cse as Ossie...

Speaking of Ossie, his grandfather must have served in the $2 / 9 \mathrm{th} \mathrm{Bn}$, AIF in New Guinea as he set a precedent for Ossie's meeting with Bronny (Bronwyn Bishop) the other year. This is another excerpt from 'In the Footsteps of Ghosts', an excellent read by Bill Spencer and $\$ 24$ in the mil history section of the bookshops.
The second-ninth gets a visit from the Minister of the Army, Mr Forde, who
introduces himself as 'Minister for the Army.' He is a bit taken aback by the enthusiastic response from the digger (as all diggers hate politicians).
Digger: Grabs Forde's hand and shakes it vigorously: 'Put it there, pal, you ruddy padres done a mighty job!!'

Amen to that.
Finally, can't resist including this one from earlier last year:
During Fireplan...
On Call Target
CAPT Wends: '1 this is 12, VS 2113 FIRE, over.'
BCP : '1, VS 2113, FIRE, out.'
couple of minutes later..
CAPT WENDT:'Send reason for delay over.'
BCP: 'We need a method, over.'
CAPT WENDT: 'I sent VS 2113 FIRE. That is the executive order to fire over.'
LT JOHNSON : 'Esr... Roger out.'
2 seconds later:'BOOM!BOOM!BOOM!BOOM!BOOM!BOOM!' (Just jokes, the Regt only mans 4 guns...)
MAJ PALLOT : 'F@*\&wit!' - lots of laughing on the hill.
BK awaits the GPO's comeback in the next riveting issue of Gunnerear....

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Subject: Jokes
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Got this book today with some funnies in it. It's called 'In the footsteps of ghosts' and is about the $2 / 9 \mathrm{Bn}$ AIF during WWII. Two diggers are in Alexandria, Egypt on $R \& R$ in 1941 and of ese like all diggers head straight for the red light district to check out the show. They roll up in front of an establishment and 2 ladies of the night say, 'come here digger, and we'll give you something you've never had before.' One of the diggers looks up and replies, 'What have you got, leprosy?.......'

A man walked into a pub and sat next to a spunky woman. He shot her a quick glance and casually loked at his watch for a second. the woman noticed the man's odd behaviour and asked, 'Is your date running late?'
'No', replied the bloke, "I just bought this watch, it's state-of-the-art and I was testing it."
'A state-of- the-art watch? What's so special about it?', the intrigued woman asked.
'It uses alpha waves to telepathically talk to me,' the man revealed.
'What's it telling you now?', the woman asked.
'Well, it's telling me you're not wearing any panties', the man said.
'Well, it must be malfunctioning then 'cos I'm wearing panties!', the woman declared.
'Hmmmmm.......damn thing must be running an hour fast........'

> Loud to see some people get off their arse and contribute to the mag, well done to those. Wets see a bit more from you readers next year. ED.

## The Colours

The colours of the Royal Regiment of Australian Artillery are the guns. On ceremonial occasions the guns are accorded the same compliments as the Standards and Gideons of the Royal Australian Armoured Corps, and the colours of the Corps of Staff Cadets and Infantry Regiments. The origin of the guns being the Colours is found in the period when the largest piece in an artillery train carried the equivalent of the current Queens Colour. It was referred to as the 'Colour' or 'Flag Gun'. The operational employment of a 'Colour' or 'Flag Gun' was last recorded in 1783 and the guns evolved as the Colours when this practice ceased.

The Colours represent the heart, soul and spirit of the Regiment. Today, the guns on parade constitute both the Queen's and Regimental Colours. When the Guns and the Banner are paraded together, the guns take precedence in order of Colours and the requirement to pay associated compliments. The Banner is still afforded the respect of Colours but is paraded after the guns. Although there are many occasions when it is impracticable to pay compliments to the Colours, at all times they are to be accorded the greatest dignity and respect. It is customary to salute a formed body of guns when they pass either in a ceremonial capacity or when in a convoy and deploying from, or returning to, the Regiment.

## SPECIAL ONE TOR THE BTY <br> The Artillery Prayer HEATHEN:

## 'Almighty God,

You kindle in the lives of all who follow You the flame of courage and devotion to duty.
May we, the members of the Royal Regiment of Australian Artillery, never lack courage to serve loyally under our Captain General, our Gracious Sovereign Lady, Queen Elizabeth, especially in places of hardship, isolation, and danger.
Let the memory of those who have given their lives be an inspiration to us that we may grow in wisdom and justice, and in the love of God and our fellow men, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

## The Artillery Grace

'For what we are about to receive, thenk God.'

The new aged digger.


Shots for Gar Frost's Album. (The snide man)




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## The JUNGlE



- Loner; Feisty
- Makes the occasional kill on a weaker animal

- Hunts in packs
- Can bring down a larger animal with coordination
- Easily slays the "Cheetah"

- Aging, slower beast, but--
- Cannot be brought down by just a single "Lion"

- Slow and cumbersome on land
- Safe in own environment
- Lays low to avoid enemies

Elephants = Colonels


- Rules the "Jungle"
- Impossible to bring down except by his own vile

- Laughs continuously at the "Cheetah"
- Helps "Lions" complete the kill on larger animals

Sloths $=$ Warrant Officers


- Skilled in one area only
- Comes around only to feed and take care of bodily functions

Dung Beetle $=$ Soldiers


- Forced to deal with the "Crap" created by other animals submitted by Capt (shack barde) Kelly

