

GUNNER'S EAR

CAMP KRUSTY SPECIAL

AFX 99

WIDE BAY QLD



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The Regiment deployed to Wide Bay QLD for its annual training. AFX was broken up into 5 stages.

1. Deployment to Camp Kerr. The road move was conducted without too much drama. We travelled over a 1000 ks (some members who took the scenic Brisbane route clocked up a few more) with an overnight stay at Wallangarra Supply Depot which is on the NSW/QLD border. A note for future moves in colder climates, make sure the bloody heater works

2. Bullring Activities. Stands were conducted for a Minimi qual shoot, Leadership and mine warfare, Water crossing and Gas chamber. I am pleased to announce all members survived these activities.

3. Live Firing /Deployments The Regiment deployed 3 guns in the scrub, also 1 Fd provided a gun and a few spare diggers for a couple of days. The guns worked hard considering the manning levels and heaps of big bullets (we even returned some). The Fo's also fired a couple a few Air OP missions from choppers courtesy of 162 Recce Sqn and a few lucky digs also got to go for a spin in them (I'm still waiting the six pack per person fee) We also had a Met section providing Ballistic met every few hours and a Div locating Radar putting itself through it's paces, as well as APC's and Caribou rides it was bigger than the Easter show. The guns also provided the finishing touch to a mini fire power demo by setting the guns to auto and firing 2 x 10 FFE 60 bullets (If I remember rightly more rounds than some LFX weekends). Yes the gunners came out of the Demo squeaky clean not like the Buckets and Grunts who screwed up big time.

4. ARTEP The combined bty put in a good effort in the assessment, however we have heard this before, so best await the report the assessors put out.

5. Return to depots. The bty returned to Adamstown in 1 piece and with the generosity of the

Bty Officers and SNCO's put on a few FREE cold ones, the first for 2 weeks, and yes, they didn't touch the sides.

Highlights of AFX

Stacks of bullets

Gnr Porter's first mission as a FO ack up in the clouds a mission which has re written the Regimental history. At least he chewed up a few bullets in adjustment and gave the bad guys a time to finish their brews.

The occasional deployment of HQ's main attack weapon the "Battle Barbies"

The appearance of the 5 man 24 hour combat ration, yes Gordo, they have 2 cans of "Date" pudding in them.

BSM's present to Sgt Dorkie Fairbairn for leaving behind the honey pot.

Rainbow Beach BBQ (first barbie I've been to without any piss)

Gnr Bargearse exposing his arse whilst visiting the legendary Triceratops at Ballandean (just after Wallangarra)

The 8BASB cooks who thought the gunners were fat slugs and sent out skim milk to the gun line.

SMIG's request to play Lion King on the bus.

Camp Awards

Best navigator SMIG for getting lost leaving Adamstown with the advance party

Best wet dream in field. This was a close one but the BK just pipped Boof (please see these members for intimate details.)

Best Malingers 28 Bty

Useless STATS from AFX

Boggings

CO 1 CP 1 K 1

Ammo Truck 2 Guns 2

Gordo 1 Tractors 3

Hiace 1 BSM Zero

Blow outs /Flats (Rovers) 3

UD's 2 Tampers 1 x HQ

Flemo's spews 15

SMIG note books 3

Battery Profile

Name: Gnr Barge-arse

DOB: Can't remember

First Words Spoken: Another round please spunk rat

Favourite Teams: Newtown & Newcastle

Height: 6"

Weight: Plenty

Hobbies: Drinking and Football and more Drinking

Favourite Drink: Alcohol

Favourite Position: Prop and Doggie

Favourite Food: Crumpets, Pies & Chocolate Donuts

Favourite Movie: Debbie does Dallas

Favourite TV Show: Simpsons

Favourite Music: Meat Loaf

Favourite Medication Used: Rectinol

Pet Hates: People who can't hold their piss

Most Emarrassing Moment: Shitting pollies on Anzac Day

4 People You would invite to dinner:

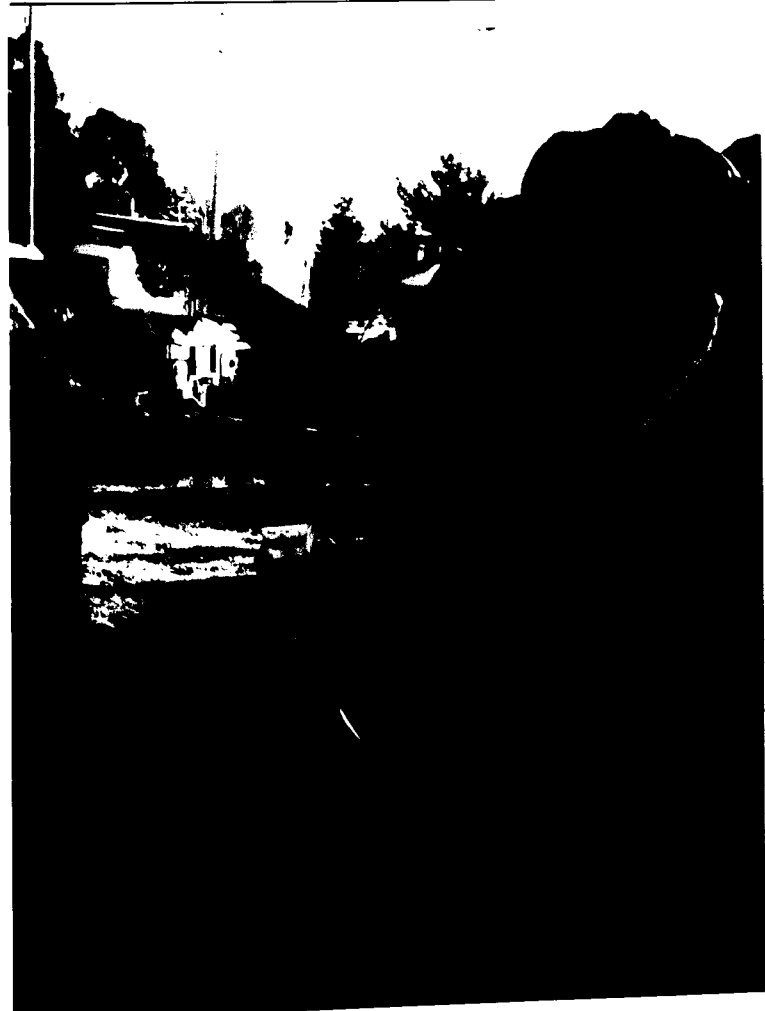
Mimi McPherson , Debbie Byrne , Jo Beth Taylor, Gina Boon
(I've seen their movies)

Sporting Hero: Sumo wrestlers

Biggest Influence on career: 2 weeks in Holsworthy Cells

Career Highlights: Anzac Day 1986 43 schooners, 1/2 bottle of port, 9
pies, 7 Pizzas , 3 BBQ chooks, 4 Hot Dogs, 3 packets Winnie Blues, 5 spews
and a root.

We even made the
local Central Coast
Mag. →



Gnr Barge Arse meets
the Legendary Triceratops

Reserves in

ARMY Reserve soldiers from Erina's 7th Field Regiment and 2nd/17th Battalion Royal NSW Regiment will take part in a major military exercise in Queensland next month.

Commanding officer of 7th Field Regiment Lieutenant-Colonel Ray Brennan said Exercise Malo Boy would provide soldiers with experience in working with different elements in the Army.