# **GUNNER's EAR**



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Plus the usual crap

### Answers to last issues quiz

- 1. Can't remember
- 2. 9 Pdr
- 3. Shift Go to 39 RS
- 4. 115 cm
- 5. Cadets Tassie
- 6. 19
- 8 A
- 9 3"
- 10 8"

Congratulations to Cpl Ladmore and LBdr Evans on their recent promotions, hopefully when Flemo, Thomo and Ports get through their Sub 1's at the end of the year we might have some more, going rate is a carton per stripe.

Also Evo got presented the soldiers medallion for his efforts over the years, well done from the power group, and yes you can wear it on Anzac day as long it's not hanging from your ear, nose or genitals.

# **Battery Funds**

We have finally decided what we our going to put on the new jumper so I need the doe \$75 NOW, I can't place an order on Classic until I have the money, so If you said you wanted one cough up by the LFX in Oct or you will miss out. It's going to take 4-6 weeks to make so if you want them this bloody year hurry up with the cash.

The battery raffles are going great guns so keep up the support.

The buck a beer night went down well (like Gnr Porter) so we shall have them more regularly (once a month)

The next thing the battery will organise we be T Shirts and plaques. The plaques will have the Tricertops and will cost around the early \$30 buck mark, that's if the bty want's them, more to follow.

The Bty G strings are also being checked out by Capt Kelly so if you have any ideas please see him.



One for the new blokes don't forget you can claim on your Tax for Medicare exemption for the amount of days you have spent at the Army. Cpl Standley should have given you a copy of an offical Army letter stating how many days you have clocked up, if you haven't received this letter you have my permission to hang him up by his short and curlies.

## OP GOLD UPDATE

(Sydney Olympics)

The Op order is currently being put together, so here's what we have heard on the grape vine, just one thing since it's not in black and white be FLEX.

Training will be conducted over 2 modules of 2 ½ days (5 days) then we do a 2 day training exercise.

8 Bde are required to supply a search company of 160 pers between 29 Jul to 5 Nov, you can do 2 week blocks or more and even Full Time Service.

The Army plans to have 1400 diggers on the deck every day.

Also end of next year the Bde is sending a Rifle company to Butterworth, Malaysia (RCB) so if you can spare 3 months see the BSM, only thing is the regt has only a couple of slots at this stage, however since the grunts have the RCB sewn up they have assured the other Arms that Ex Pacific Reserve Hawaii 2001 will be mainly theirs.

# **Battery Profile**

Name: SMIG

DOB: 1 Apr 46 (I,m older than Gordo)

Favourite Teams: Adelaide Rams Western Reds and any other dud sides

Height: 5' 10"

Weight: 15 stone and growing

Hobbies: Punting, sitting on arse, eating

Favourite Drink: Fruitipyne Favourite Sport: Mens Ballet

Favourite Position N/A I'm a virgin

Favourite Food: MM's and Bty fund biscuits

Favourite Movie: Bambi

Favourite TV Show: Humphrey Bear

Favourite Music: Wiggles Favourite Medication Used: Valium

Pet Hates: Working and computers

Most Embarrassing Moment: Running out of field message note books on LFX's

4 People you would invite to dinner: Blatch, Sturman, Bulk kilos and Barge arse (they all pig out)

Sporting Hero: Any Jockey
Biggest Influence on career: 4 Fd with Jobo

Career Highlights: Selling phone cards in Cambodia

#### **BSM's Corner**

Personal particulars are always out of date, it's your responsibility to get off your arse and complete the relevant form and hand it to the orderly room.

The orderly room is for work, if you need to talk shit save it for the boozer

Uniform some members have forgotten thay you require to lightly iron your cams and put a bit of Dubbin on your boots, yes all ranks from digger to general.

AIRN, yes it's on again, this reporting period we will have everyone compliant by mid next year, so we don't do usual last minute panic in August, so be prepared to do a BFA anytime. The conditions of issue of the Steyr badge has now changed you wear it once you are compliant, no more waiting for Nov 11, however if you have lost it you start all over for the 5 year gold one. Your troop commanders will monitoring it extremely closely. Also, if you fail a BFA you are no longer AIRN complaint, thus you cannot do any extra activities such as Piss up salutes or courses etc etc until you pass it.

Issue of gear If you have not been issued your full kit go see the Q store ie: Pollies 1A for the upcoming CO's parade in November, also the Q have now got the u beaut yank torches to issue out.

#### UPCOMING EVENTS

Read the notice board for non unit activities.

8-10 Oct LFX Singo and open Day and we are doing a Direct Fire shoot 22-24 Oct 8 Bde CPX (FO's, acks and sigs) 27-28 Nov Sports day, piss up and Co's parade Plus the usual Tues nights

# ARMY-SPECIAL FORCES TRAINING CENTRE

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# SPECIAL FORCES THREE WEEK TRAINING PROGRAM

This training package is designed to prepare an already physically fit soldier for the selection tour testing phase. This is no training package to prepare personnel for the SASR Selection course.

Any questions regarding your physical training should be directed to your area PTI or Selection Wing at SFTC.

DAY	ACTIVITY	DRESS	REMARKS	
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	
1 a.m.	15 km March – Total weight 28 kg	МО	Less than 2 hrs 30 m	
p.m.	Swim 600 m in less than 25 min	Swim		
2 a.m.	Body weight workout	РТ		
p.m.	Swim 400 meters in less than 20 min	0 meters in less than 20 min Swim		
3 a.m.	Rope Session 1 DPCU		6 meter tower	
p.m.	2.4 km run in less than 10 min 30 sec	PT	Sealed road	
4 a.m.	Weight workout 1	PT		
p.m.	3.2 km run in less than 14 min	PT	Sealed road	
5 a.m.	30 min non weight bearing aerobic activity	РТ	Cycle or stepper	
p.m.	Rest – stretch		Recover	
6 a.m.	15 km March – Total weight 28 kg	МО	Less than 2 hrs 30 m	
p.m.	Swim 600 m in less than 25 min	Swim		
7 a.m.	Body weight workout	PT		
p.m.	Swim 400 meters in less than 20 min	Swim	Tread water 2 min	
8 a.m.	Rope Session 1	DPCU	6 meter tower	
p.m.	2 x 2.4 km run in less than 10min 30 sec each run	PT	5 min rest between r	
9 a.m.	Weight workout 2	PT		
p.m.	3.2 km run in less than 15 min	DPCU	Sealed road	
10 a.m.	35 min non weight bearing aerobic activity	PT	Cycle or stepper	
p.m.	Rest – Stretch		Recover	
11a.m.	20 km March – Total weight 28 kg	МО	Less than 3 hrs 15 m	

CURRENT PRICE LIST

MOOREBANK CLOTHING STORE PRICE LIST AS AT: 8 SEP 97								
BAG SEA KIT	2.50	HAT KFF	38.20	NECKTIE POLY KH	6.20			
BAG TOILET ACC	2.20	HOOK BELT BRASS	0.30	RAZOR SAFETY	2.40			
BAG TRAVELLING	38.50	INS COLLAR Pr	5.20	RAZOR BLADES Pkt	2.80			
BAND HEAD DRESS	7.90	INSIGNIA HAT	2.20	RIBBON AWARD cm	0.05			
BELT BLACK &POLY	1.55	INS SH SUM Ea	1.45	SHIRT LONG SLEEVE	30.00			
BELT BRASS MALE	0.40	INSIGNIA RANK		SHIRT SHORT SL.	24.80			
BELT BRS FEMALE	0.45	GOLD/SILV CROWN	2.90	SHIRT WHITE	26.50			
BELT KEEPERS BR	0.85	GOLD/SILV STAR	2.40	SHOES TRAINING	41.90			
BERET	9.80	ALL SEASON-BRIG	3.90	SHOES BLACK	48.60			
BOOTS Patent Ltr	53.00	" "COL	3.90	SHORTS KHAKI	32.90			
BOW TIE BLACK	5.10	" "-LTCOL	3.25	SHORTS LINED BLK	8.25			
BRA UNDERWIRE	23.85	" " -MAJOR	2.90	SHORTS STRETCH BL	7.30			
BRA SOFTCUP	22.20	" " -CAPT	3.40	SKIRT POLY KHAKI	50.00			
BRA CROPTOP	16.65	" "-LT	2.95	SKIRT POLY KH H/W	61.45			
BRACES WHITE	7.95	" " -2ndLT	2.65	SLEEVE SH KH Pr	3.60			
BRUSH CLOTHING	2.20	" " -WO 1	1.90	SOCKS ANKLE KHAKI	2.20			
BRUSH HAIR	1.90	" " -WO 2	1.25	SOCKS BLACK	3.50			
BRUSH INKING BLK	1.10	" " -S/SGT	0.55	SOCKS KH POL/WOOL	4.40			
BRUSH NAIL	0.90	" "-SGT	1.65	SOCKS STRETCH KH	2.90			
BRUSH POLISHING	1.30	" "-CPL	1.10	SOCKS WHITE	3.80			
BRUSH SHAVING	0.95	" " -L/CPL	0.55	STRAP CHIN BROWN	2.15			
BUTTON Ring Type	1.00	MESS DRESS-WO 1	2.40	SWEATER V-NECK KH	42.20			
BUTTON Screw T	1.30	" " -WO 2	1.30	TAG ID Rnd/Oct	0.05			
CAP SERVICE Kh	53.40	" "-S/SGT	0.55	TOWEL GREEN Lge	8.90			
CLOTH POLISHING	1.00	" "-SGT	1.65	TOWEL GREEN Sml	3.25			
COAT-Overcoat Kh	106.90	SER.DRESS-WO 1	2.40	TROUSERS/SLACKS	48.65			
COMB HAIR	0.40	" " -WO 2	1.30	TROUSERS/SLCKS HW	66.25			
CUMMERBUND	14.50	LACES BOOT 1650	0.50	TRUNK PLASTIC	129.00			
HAIR COMBS Pkt	1.30	LACES SHOE 26in	0.20	T-SHIRT DPCU	9.00			
HAIR NETS Pkt	0.85	LAKEYS	0.90	T-SHIRT WHITE	7.70			
HAIR PINS Pkt	0.90	LANYARD	4.10	UMBRELLA	10.25			
HANDKERCHIEF	0.30	NECKLACE ID	0.85	WALLET WATERPROOF	0.85			

Submitted by GG GPU.

This is supposedly a true story from a recent Defence Science Lectures Series, as related by the head of the Australian DSTO's Land Operations/Simulation division. They've been working on some really nifty virtual reality simulators, the case in point being to incorporate Armed Reconnaissance Helicopters into exercises (from the data fusion point of view).

Most of the people they employ on this sort of thing are ex- (or future) computer game programmers. Anyway, as part of the reality parameters, they include things like trees and animals.

For the Australian simulation they included kangaroos. In particular, they had to model kangaroo movements and reactions to helicopters (since hordes of disturbed kangaroos might well give away a helicopter's position).

Being good programmers, they just stole some code (which was originally used to model infantry detachments reactions under the same stimuli), and changed the mapped icon, the speed parameters, etc.

The first time they went to demonstrate this to some visiting Americans, the hotshot pilots have decided to get "down and dirty" with the virtual kangaroos. So, they buzz them, and watch them scatter.

The visiting Americans nod appreciatively...then gape as the kangaroos duck around a hill, and launch about two dozen Stinger missiles at the hapless helicopter.

Programmers look rather embarrassed at forgetting to remove that part of the infantry coding...and Americans leave muttering comments about not wanting to mess with the Aussie wildlife! As an addendum, simulator pilots from that point onwards avoided kangaroos like the plague, just like they were meant to do in the first place.



I hope the blankets agent Stained!

Beer of the month by Gar Brige Arse



#### **Bombardier**

A mild, smoky, malty cask beer (4.3%) from the Charles Wells brewery in Bedford. Brewed in old carteaser from special ingredients, grain teed to put the lead back in your pencil.

Soon to be stocked by your local burger