

# GUNNER'S EAR



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MILLENNIUM SPECIAL

Welcome to the Battery's 145th yr, I hope everything survived the silly season and are keen for another year at the coalface. I was pleased to see some members get off their ass and submit articles, well done fella's. Just remember to keep it clean and if possible re type it or get it to us in Word format on a floppy.

Last year due to slackness, the Bty didn't have a Chrissie party (first time for years), however for the ones who turned up for the Bty pub-crawl (big crawl we stayed in the same spot) we all had a fun night. Does anyone remember or better still get the ph no of the blonde bird the BSM nicknamed "Dental Floss". We might have to make a Bty Pub crawl a yearly thing, possibly in the middle so it don't clash at Christmas, what do you readers think ?????  
PS.. Erina chaps can turn up also, the depot is always available for crashing.

Congrats to Gnrs Porter and Roworth for passing their Sub 1's ( who said Porter wouldn't last), they are now fully qualified to be BSM/BK lackies.. Also Gnrs John Holmes Greenwood and Boof Mateer for surviving the Driver course. Just remember Boof changing gears is supposed to be a smooth operation, obviously you drive a automatic, you big Sheila. And I can't forget the Enema party consisting of Evo, Snowman, Creasey and Carruthers, well since I haven't heard any bad reports, I presume you must have done OK, well done fella's.

## *In this months Issue*

The new mods for the Hamel gun by the Poms and Yanks, yes you don't have to take off the bloody wheel.

Capt Flatulence Newcastle Show

The New Pay Rates

Details of the secret tests being conducted on Gnr Porter

Plus the usual shite.....

The Bty Power Group welcomes onboard Pte's Jennifer Thew and Steve Caldwell (both RACT) who have seen the light and transferred over from 8 BASB transport, also Gnr's Johnathon Lawless Stephen Wright, Shannon Joyce and Pte Joshua Newmark who is going to be a cook. These blokes have or are now completing the 6 week CIT, at least we now have something who can properly cook the Bty BBQ.

## BSM'S BLOODY CORNER

Yes it suck eggs time

AIRN it ain't going to change get fit or get out

Pay keep track of your days (use the free Bty calendar)

Read the **Notice Board**

Ensure you have the **Pink** parade card ( if the pde card changes so will it's colour, good idea !!)

Personal Admin, keep it up to date at **all** times

Leave Apps no more bullshit excuses

The Bty Orderly room is **OUT OF BOUNDS**, this mean you, any business knock and wait until called in

The Phone no for Orderly room is 4979 3636, which is also the recording machine

Look these words up in a dictionary  
COMMITMENT, ATTENDANCE, FITNESS  
COMMUNICATION, TELEPHONE  
LEAVE APPLICATION.

## WANTED

TOASTER required for gun bays ask the misses has she got a spare one. See ED

GEARBOX for Unimog See Gnr Boof

DIGGERS for 113 Bty see BSM

## Bty Funds

After the success of the Footy jumpers and G strings Next on plate are T shirts (around the \$10 mark), Plaques and Denim Shirts or skirts for the BK woop woop nuk nuk nuk.

Classic advise the minimum number to do a run of Footy Jumpers is 15, so the ones who missed out you either wait and see if we can do another run or you go out and get you own Knights jumper, The 2 badges can be purchased for \$9 each. The BBQ will be fired up on a regular basis with some cold piss, remember the \$1 a beer night is monthly thing, also dig deep for the chook raffles.

Any ideas on bty socials etc,etc see the BK/BSM and run the ideas past them. One thing to remember we do have a few weekends in base so lets organise a few fun nights amongst ourselves as the boys from Erina we also be with us so we can develop a bit of misplaced Bty spirit, any volunteers for a social committee?.

## Hawaii 2001

Yes, the ex Pacific Reserve(PACRES) in Hawaii next year has been tasked mainly to us Gunners and Turret heads of the Bde ( the grunts got RCB). So the BK/BSM will be looking at AIRN, Attendance, Attitude and Performance, as the criteria for getting your name in the hat. At this stage bugger all is known ( except BK/BSM are going and Gnr Porter got buckleys chance) so once I know I'll pass it on.

## Next Parades

Tues 22 Feb

Tues 7 Mar **BFA** (for the ones who passed last year)

W/End 18 & 19 OST No1

or

W/End 25 & 26 OST No 1

Tues 28 Mar

1-2 Apr Bde Tewt for all J/NCO's and above , it's the big inside info on the Olympics

Tues 4 Apr

8-16 Apr OST Block Period No 1

Tues 11 Apr

Plus the various dates for the Recruiting (see notice board)

**OST**= Operational Search Training , (Olympics)

Remember all members of the Bty **must be** OP Gold qualified, and if your trying out for the RCB ensure you can get the time off first before anything else.

## In Your Next Issue

The background on the Hamel Light Gun

An article on the M2A2 (Ah what a gun) this is to be read by senior serving gunners only

Plus what else crops up

## Carry on Kosovo

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# UK Mail

## COMMENT

*From the leader columns of the Daily Mail*

# How our troops were betrayed in Kosovo

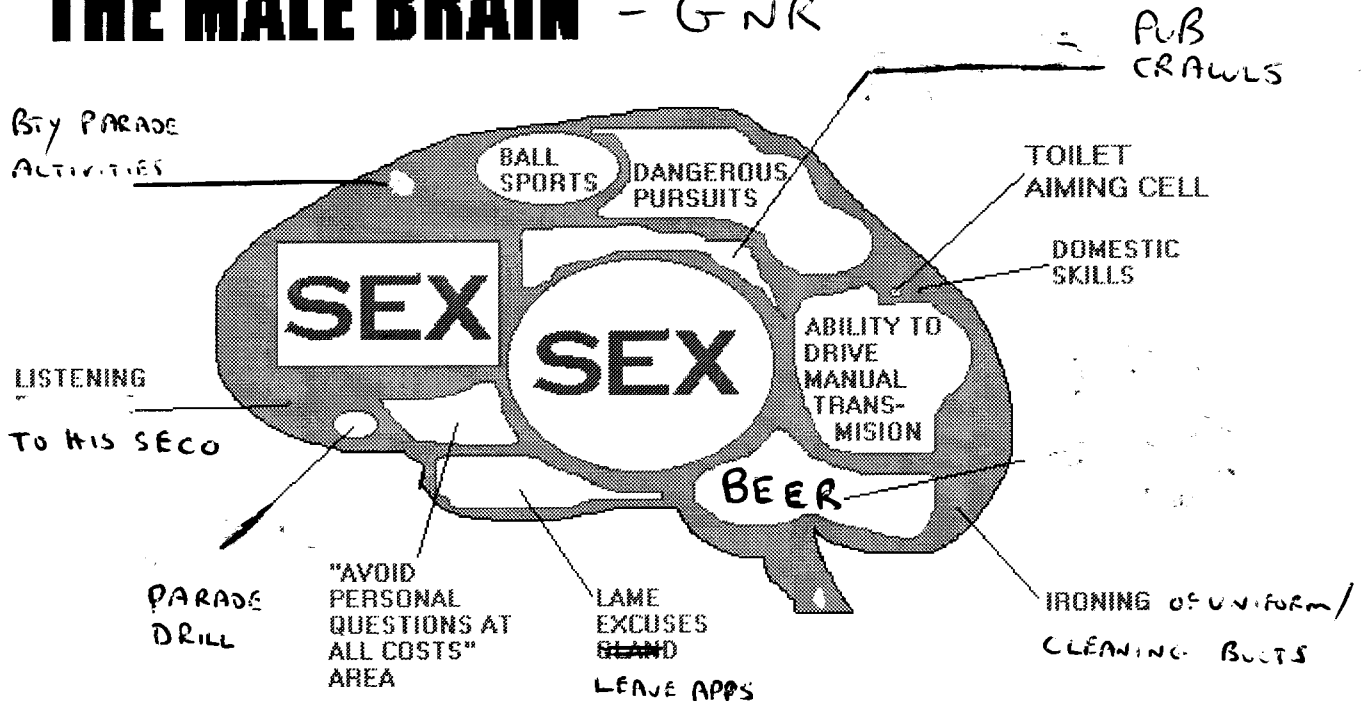
**WHAT** a shameful picture emerges from the leaked MoD report about the preparedness of British soldiers spearheading Nato's advance into Kosovo last June.

Faulty rifles; communications that could be monitored by the Serbs; men and officers having to buy their own night sights and camp beds; officers uncertain about what to do; time wasted helping Government spin doctors ... it reads like a script for Carry On In Kosovo.

Of course, there is undoubtedly an element of special pleading. And complaints about weapons and leadership are routine, even encouraged, after all campaigns. But this report was not compiled by grumbling squaddies. It is the considered work of two senior officers.

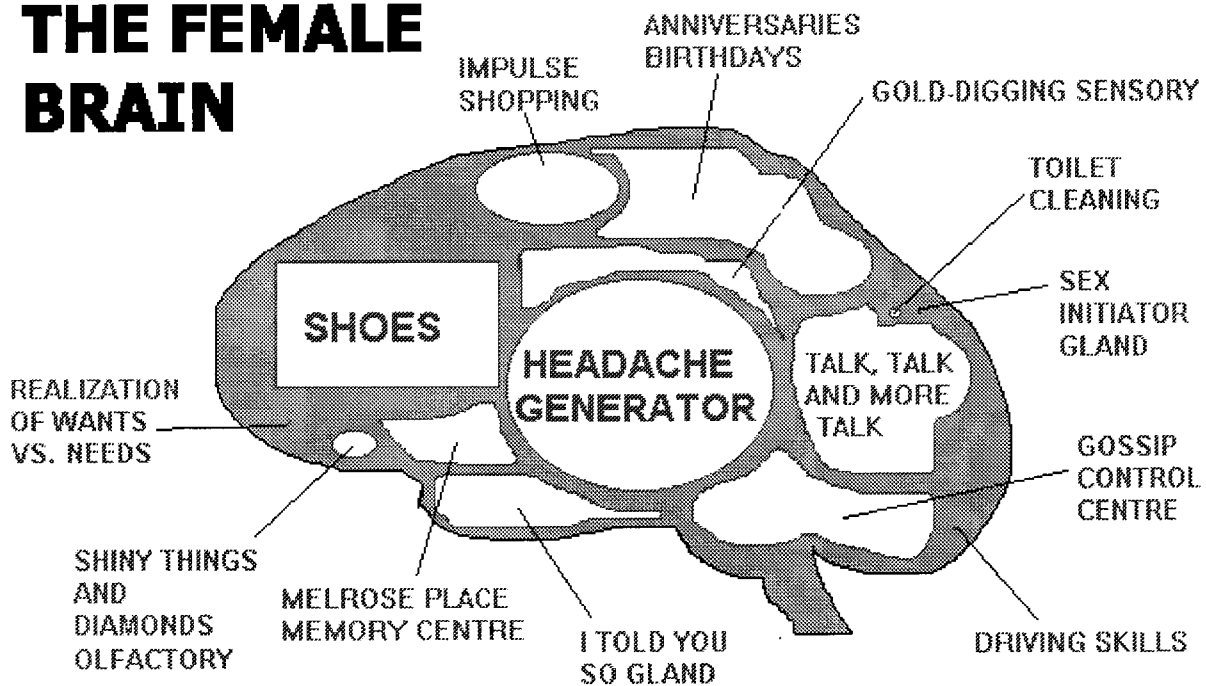
Fortunately, the Army's mission was to shepherd the Serbs out of Kosovo, not expel them forcibly. Imagine the casualties that might have been sustained had things

# THE MALE BRAIN - GNR



FOOTNOTE: the "Listening to children cry in the middle of the night" gland is not shown due to it's small and underdeveloped nature. Best viewed under a microscope.

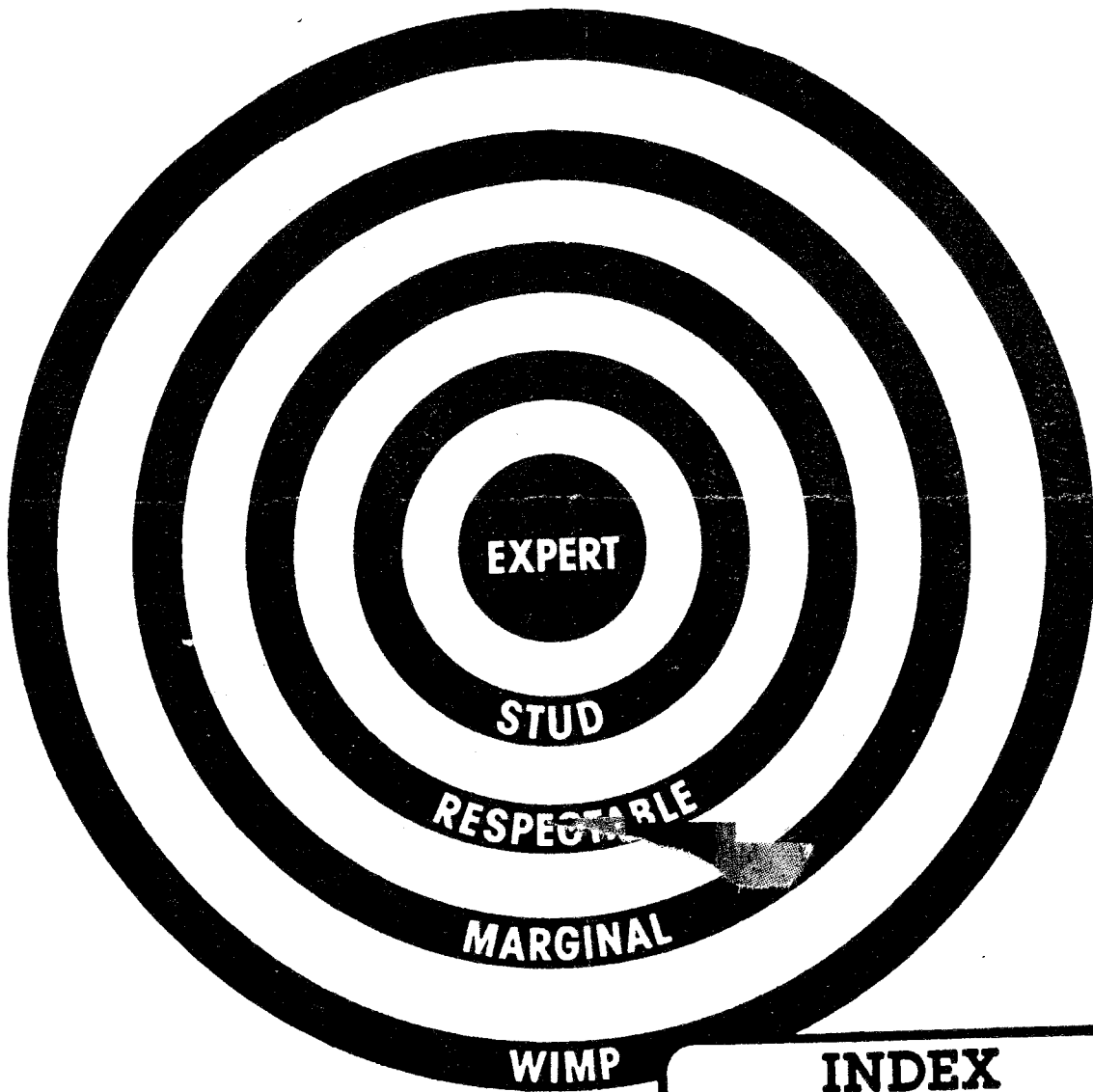
# THE FEMALE BRAIN



FOOTNOTE: The "Put Oil into the Car" and "Be Quiet During the Game" glands are active only when the "SHINY THINGS AND DIAMONDS" OLFactory has been satisfied or when there is a shoe sale.

GNR NEWLINS (ZULU)

DART BOARD



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# Capt Flatulence, Aussies answer to the Pussy Mr Methane.

Barge arse productions combined with Filthies  
enterprises have put together

"One Show Only"

\$20 payable at Rear door

Feb 30th Gods waiting Room Adamstown (RSECU)

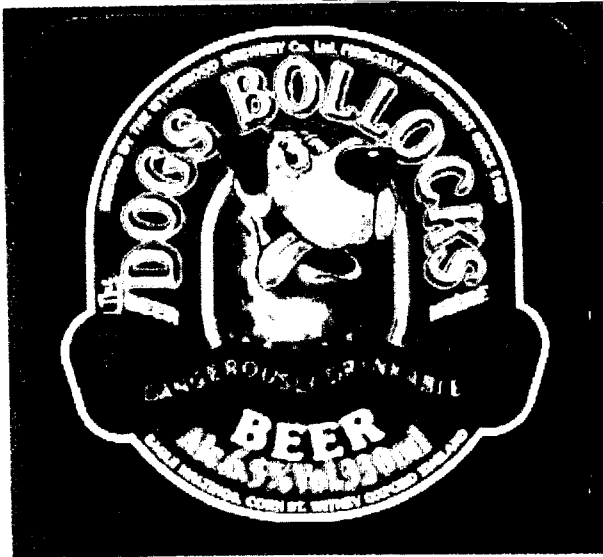
Free nibbles like egg sambos, Daked Beans and any other fart food.

This show is for adults only as it contains  
some Anal Humour and is guaranteed to "Blow"  
you away.

Any resemblance to Capt Joe Kelly is pure coincidental.



Barge Arses Beer of Month



Heard of Hair of the Dog  
Well here is Rear of the Dog  
Guaranteed to ~~be~~ leave that  
memorable taste in your mouth.

Dogs Bollocks  
6.5%

Said to be stocked by the Officers mess

This ain't a joke! Weapons can

KILL,  
also put holes in  
choppers, planes  
and ceilings.

## Soldiers' weapon training 'poor'

LACK of discipline and poor weapons training are being blamed for a dangerously high number of accidental rifle discharges by Australian soldiers in East Timor.

According to some sources up to 50 so-called unauthorised discharges (UDs) have occurred since Australian troops arrived in late September.

Defence officials refused to discuss the extent of UD's, claiming that the number of accidental discharges in an operational area was confidential due to "operational security".

A defence spokesman would not confirm or deny reports that a senior officer had been docked a week's pay after he shot a round through the ceiling of his office.

He also would not be drawn on

claims that one round had been accidentally fired through the fuselage of a C130 Hercules transport aircraft.

The spokesman would not say whether or not any injuries had been sustained from the accidental discharges. However, one military source said the army was extremely worried about the high rate.

"UDs are not acceptable and the penalties are very severe especially in an operational area," the source said.

The penalties include loss of pay, restricted duties and remedial weapons training.

A Government source said the high rate of UD's had nothing to do with the controversial Steyr rifle, but was entirely due to a lack of training and discipline.

Piss Poor  
effort by those  
concerned.

" BEAUT SIGN "

The power group wish to say thanks to Gnr Boof Mateer for the Bty Sign he got made up. It took x-3#-e x- long enough, but was well worth the wait. The sign is now proudly hanging in the Gun Bays. Bty funds will shoot you a few coddies at our next BBQ.  
Well fella's <sup>can</sup> anyone do any better? The challenge is there.

## Famous Quotes

"War is an ugly thing but not the ugliest of things; the decayed and degraded state of moral and patriotic feelings which thinks that nothing is worth war is much worse. A man who has nothing for which he is willing to fight, nothing which is more important than his own personal safety, is a miserable creature and has no chance of being free unless made and kept so by the exertions of better men than himself." - *John Stuart Mill*

"Let your plans be dark and as impenetrable as night, and when you move, fall like a thunderbolt." - *Sun Tzu, The Art of War*

"Hard pressed on my right. My center is yielding. Impossible to maneuver. Situation excellent. I am attacking." - *Ferdinand Foch at the Battle of the Marne*

"Pain is weakness leaving the body." - *Various Special Ops Instructors*

"Are you TOUGH? If so, get out. I need f@#\$ers with intelligence." - *Various Special Ops Instructors*

"Sure I am this day we are masters of our fate, that the task which has been set before us is not above our strength; that its pangs and toils are not beyond our endurance. As long as we have faith in our own cause and an unconquerable will to win, victory will not be denied us." - *From sign in SEAL training facility (Sir Winston Churchill)*

"It's a question of mind over matter, I don't mind and you don't f%\*king matter" - *The Elite, article on Royal Marine Commandos boot camp.*

"We want to be in a situation under maximum pressure, maximum intensity, and maximum danger. When it's shared with others, it provides a bond which is stronger than any tie that can exist." - *SEAL Team Six Officer*

"It is better to live one day as a lion than a hundred years as a sheep." - *Italian proverb*

"Cowards die many times before their deaths; the valiant never taste death but once." - *Shakespeare: Julius Caesar*

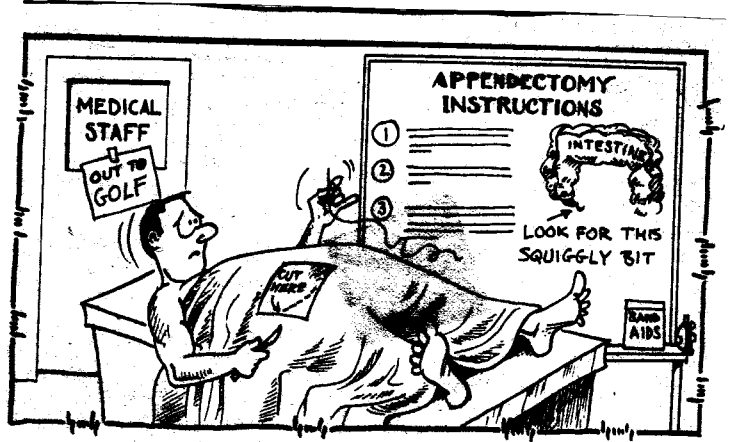
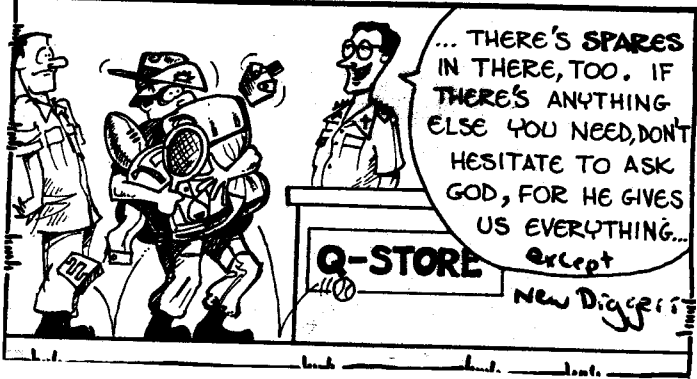
We will fight them on the beaches      Winston Churchill

I shall return      MacArthur

What the f\*#k was that      Lord Mayor Hiroshimi (after the bomb was dropped)

He who does not shout schnoors to the BSM is a tight arse      BSM

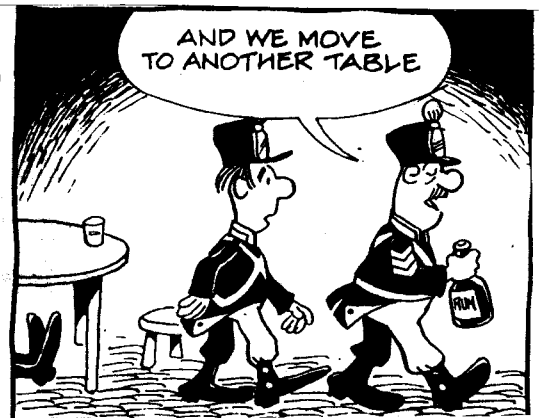
ARMY 21 RESTRUCTURE #39: MULTITASKING FOR CHAPLAINS



Gen Reay during his recent OP.



THE "SNAKES PIT"





>An American, a German and a Japanese guy are golfing one day and, at the 3rd hole, they hear a phone ring. The American excuses himself, puts his left thumb to his ear, his left baby finger to his mouth and proceeds to have a telephone conversation.

>When he is done, he looks at the other two and says "Oh, that's the latest American technology in cell phones. I have a chip in my thumb and one in my baby finger and the antenna is in my hat.

>They continue golfing until the 9th hole when, again, they hear a phone ring. The German tilts his head to one side and proceeds to have a conversation with someone in German. When he finishes, he explains to the other two that he has the latest in German technology cell phones. "A chip in my tooth, a chip in my ear and the antenna inserted in my spine. The

>wonders of German know-how! at the 13th hole, a phone rings again and upon hearing it, the Japanese guy disappears into some nearby bushes.

>The German and the American look at each other and then walk over and peek into the bushes, where they find the Japanese guy, squatting with his pants down around his ankles. "What on earth are you doing?!" asks the American.

>The Japanese fellow looks up and replies "Waiting for a fax".

Secret Tests conducted by US Army

**When I walk long distances I tend to get blisters on my feet. I have tried wearing different socks and different types of running shoes, but the problem keeps happening. Have you got any suggestions?**

I know it may sound a little bizarre, but using an anti-perspirant on your feet before hiking may help reduce blisters. That's because blisters are often triggered by a combination of shoe friction and moisture from sweat. One particular group especially prone to this problem are army cadets who have to walk long distances in sweaty boots. For this reason, West Point cadets in the US were recently selected to be the guineapigs for a study into walking and blisters. For these troops, wearing a roll-on anti-perspirant containing aluminium on their feet daily for at least three days before a hike was the key to avoiding blisters. It remains to be seen whether this now means anti-perspirants will be included in the list of essential army rations! Wearing cotton socks and well-ventilated shoes could also help.

Truth

# No kidding

HOOKERS got their name during the American Civil War. Prostitutes spent so much time servicing Union soldiers under the command of General Joseph Hooker that they became known as 'Hooker's girls' and later just 'hookers'.



OSTRICHES don't bury their heads in the sand to hide. At 2.5 metres tall and weighing in around 140kg, with great eyesight, good leg speed and a mean kick, these birds don't need to be paranoid. They stick their heads down to look for rocks to eat with their food. The big Os have to swallow gravel-sized 'gizzard' stones to aid the grinding digestive process. After dinner, they bring the stones up and spit them out.

YOUR stomach has to produce a new layer of mucus every two weeks or it will start eating itself. The stomach secretes hydrochloric acid to kill bacteria ingested with food and break down connective tissue and cell membranes in the food. This acid would devour you from the inside out if it wasn't for the slimy mucus stopping it in its tracks.

Saudi Arabian camel population has shrunk so severely that reinforcements have to be imported from Australian herds.

SHIPS weren't always launched with champagne. Until the 10th century, northern European vessels were often christened with the blood of sacrificial victims. The idea was that the spirit of the dead person would remain with the ship and guide it safely over the water. Wine replaced blood when sacrifice fell out of favour as public entertainment. Vino was replaced with bubbly when the Catholics winged that wine symbolised the blood of Christ.



SAUDI Arabia has to import sand from Scotland, and camels from Australia. The desert kingdom is 'blessed' with an abundance of sand, but it's too fine to use in construction work. Whereas the

(Ugly ones only)

DSTO have started their own tests and have enlisted the services of Gnr Porter. The rag editor has been told that tests being conducted involve the use of Murtain to control Body Lice (CRABS), more like lobsters. Results will be published next issue.

Submitted by Capt Slack Bladder

It may take you a while to decipher some of these notes written by parents. These are \*real\* notes written from parents in a Texas school district. The original spellings were left intact. I hope your English is good enough to see the hidden humor :-)

### Excuse notes from parents

#### **These examples are not to be used on Battery Leave APPs we have our own piss poor ones**

My son is under a doctor's care and should not take P.E. today. Please excuse him.

Please excuse Lisa for being absent. She was sick and I had her shot.

Dear School: Please excuse John being absent on Jan. 28, 29, 30, 31, 32 and also 33.

Please excuse Gloria from Jim today. She is administrating.

Please excuse Roland from P.E. for a few days. Yesterday he fell out of a tree and misplaced his hip.

John has been absent because he had two teeth taken out of his face.

Carlos was absent yesterday because he was playing football. He was Hurt in the growing part.

Megan could not come to school today because she has been bothered by Very close veins.

Chris will not be in school cus he has an acre in his side.

Please excuse Ray Friday from school. He has very loose vowels.

Please excuse Pedro from being absent yesterday. He had (diahre) (dyrea) direathe) the shits. [words were crossed out in the ( )'s]

Please excuse Tommy for being absent yesterday. He had diarrhea and His boots leak.

Irving was absent yesterday because he missed his bust.

Please excuse Jimmy for being. It was his father's fault.

I kept Billie home because she had to go Christmas shopping because I don't know what size she wears.

Please excuse Jennifer for missing school yesterday. We forgot to get the Sunday paper off the porch, and when we found it Monday, we thought it was Sunday.

Sally won't be in school a week from Friday. We have to attend her funeral.

My daughter was absent yesterday because she was tired. She spent a weekend with the Marines.

Please excuse Jason for being absent yesterday. He had a cold and Could not breed well.

Please excuse Mary for being absent yesterday. She was in bed with gramps.

Gloria was absent yesterday as she was having a gangover.

Please excuse Burma, she has been sick and under the doctor.

Maryann was absent December 11-16, because she had a fever, sore throat, headache and upset stomach. Her sister was also sick, fever and sore throat, her brother had a low grade fever and ached all over. I wasn't the best either, sore throat and fever. There must be something going around, her father even got hot last night.