

Members of the **Australian military** (known officially as the [Australian Defence Force](#) or ADF) use many unique **slang** terms. The ADF is made up of the [Royal Australian Navy](#) (RAN), the [Australian Army](#), and the [Royal Australian Air Force](#) (RAAF). Each have their own distinct traditions but share a defence force culture. Some military slang words, such as [digger](#), have become widely used by Australians in general. However, most slang used in the ADF is restricted to its personnel. Keep in mind the lack of sources on this page. (Source: Internet Wiktionary)

A

- **ACE, spelt ASM**, Warrant officer Class 2 of a RAEME unit, Artificer Sergeant Major. "G'day ace, how are ya Sir?"
- **Ace fuckheads** - headquarters in an armoured unit. Comes from the callsigns 9A, 9C, 9E, 9F, 9H. '90s usage. Being the 2ic, Tech. O, LO, SSM and SQMS, respectively.
- **ACMS - Army Capability Management System** - Because entering all your data in three systems isn't enough (ROMAN, PMKeyS, and MILIS). ACMS excels at reversing the pareto principle, that is, instead of 20% of the work accounting for 80% of the assets, ACMS creates 80% of the work to account for less than 20% of the Army's assets.
- **Adgie** - Refers to a RAAF airfield defence guard. Commonly understood to not be seen past the FLOSS (see FLOSS)
- **Aero-flage** - The RAAF's ridiculous attempt to design camouflage for the sky. Can also be described as "Cloud-Cam" (See also Aqua-flage)
- **After fives** - Refers to the plain black spit polished dress shoe worn by soldiers either with their pollies or after dinner to give their feet a rest from their boots.
- **Air Base** - A RAAF Base as described by the Australian media, Army and Navy personnel. "Today, an Army C130 Hercules was seen landing at Air Base Amberly."
- **Airy-fairies** - Refers to Air Force personnel, usually used by the Army or Navy. Rarely heard these days.
- **A.J. (A Jay)** - Army Jerk. A derogatory term often used by civilians, RAAF and Navy personnel in reference to soldiers in townships with large concentrations of soldiers (particularly Darwin and Townsville). Also often used by soldiers in reference to other soldiers behaving badly in public, for example "He was being a real AJ" or "They were acting like a bunch of real AJ's and giving the rest of us a bad name". As in 'this was written by an A.J....'. Like many derogatory terms, AJ has been "taken back" by the AJs. In other words it's OK for us to say it, but you might get a slap if you say it, depending on tone and location.
- **A.J. fade-away** - Refers to a soldier's ability to disappear when they are required to do something or attend something "after 1600 hr marridies did the A.J fade-away from the boozier". also refers to the habit of Army personnel to fade away when having a night out, usually in the form of leaving without saying goodbye to the people they are there with. Often used to describe the habit of Army males leaving the females they have been trying to become romantically involved with. As in "Where'd you end up last night, I didn't see you after dinner?" "Yeah I did the old A.J. fade-away"
- **AJAX Packet** - Ajax packets were placed in the front windows of married quarters to indicate to single men that the man of the house was away, AJAX, AJ Away at Exercise. See OMO. See also FAB.

- **Anchor Wanker** -A derogatory term to describe Navy personnel by the members of the other two services. A synonym for Seaweed Sucker.
- **Angel Raper** - Air Defence Regiment (Surface-Air Missiles) member, part of the Royal Australian Artillery.
- **Angry Chook** - Army Chinook heavy lift helicopter.
- **Angry Palm Tree** - Army or Navy helicopter.
- **APC** - Armoured personnel carrier.
- **APC** - Arm, pits, and crotch, a type of bath taken in the bush with limited water.
- **Arc-up** - To initiate an engagement against an enemy force with offensive fire. Also to shout at, as in "Sarge arced-up at me for not ironing my DPCUs."
- **Arse-end Arnold** - Used to refer to the person who is guarding the rear in any field patrol formation (typically used by Army).
- **Arse Ripping** - RAN version of a Face Ripping. Also described as 'Getting torn a new one'
- **Argit** short for Arghhh get fucked!
- **Army appreciation day** - Pay day.
- **Ahp** response diggers may give if someone requires their attention, a general response to instruction, or when name is called on parade. It is a bastardisation of "Sir".
- **Aqua-flage** The RAN's attempt to design camouflage and make a cameo appearance beside Rihanna in the movie Battleship. Also known as Wet-Cam, Boat-Cam and...actually nobody cares ...it just looks silly. (See also Aero-flage).
- **AusCam** - An abbreviation of Australian camouflage, the standard camouflage pattern on Australian Military equipment.

B

- **Back-ups** - Seconds (when having a meal).
- **Bag, the** - Conduct After Capture (CAC) training. Formerly known as Resistance To Interrogation (RTI) training. Also referred to as "getting bagged" or "going in the bag".
- **Bagger** - Air Force term for a married member living off-base. Refers to *brown-bagging* meals from home instead of eating in the Mess.
- **Bagus** - From the Indonesian word for good, Bagus (pronounced in an Australian accent as baggis), is used by Indonesian linguists as an alternative for good.
- **Bait layer** - An Army cook. Refers to a person who drops poison meat to kill dingos.
- **Balder**- Refers to a conversation not worth having.
- **Bang Fuck** - The two sounds that make up a Negligent / Unauthorised Discharge. See also "Career Dissipation Light".
- **Bang Seat** - Ejection seat.
- **Bang Stick** - A rifle.
- **Banjo** - Refers to a bacon and egg breakfast roll wrapped in tin foil and delivered in hot boxes typically to troops staying overnight at the range.
- **Barbecue** - After firing weapons at the range, or on exercise, the unit will spend as long as it takes to clean all the weapons. This is called a barbecue. "After we finish here, we're going back to the barracks for a barbecue." "A barbecue! Great! Will there be beer and snags?" "Ha ha ha, no son, it's not that kind of barbecue." Derived from the similar

appearance of both a barbecue and a weapon cleaning bath made from a 44-gallon drum that has been cut lengthwise.

- **Barracks lawyer** - A soldier who professes to know everything about military law, who reckons he could have probably got David Hicks out of Gitmo by finding a technicality in his charge sheet.
- **Basby** - A slang way of saying BASB, meaning a Brigade Administrative Support Battalion, e.g. [6 BASB](#) - Not common after the 90s because all Basbys became Cosbys.
- **Base Rat** - A female civilian resident of a garrison town who can be frequently found on an Army barracks at the consecutive invitation of a high number of male soldiers.
- **Bash** - To mould a *KFF* (q.v.) or beret into an acceptable, close-fitting shape.
- **Bastardisation** - An archaic term used in reference to illegal initiations and punishments that often involved putting subordinates or peers in highly irregular situations.
- **Bat** - Masturbation.
- **Bat cave** - Secluded place adorned with or having access to pornographic material. (e.g., assemblage (Sigs Corps). connex, command bunker/pit (Infantry Corps, Engineers Corps), armoured command vehicle (Armoured Corps)). Usually used on long deployments or exercises. In training establishments, also denotes a supposedly secret location where dirty clothing and other contraband is hidden by recruits prior to an inspection.
- **Battle tranny** - Refers to a portable device (cf. transistor radio) used to access FM/AM radio stations (often cammed up by individual soldiers).
- **Bayo** - Bayonet Assault Course.
- **BBDA** - Back blast danger area a term used when firing shoulder fired rockets such as the M72 or 84mm Carl Gustav. Also used in emails that are sent out that nobody wants anyone else to see "check your BBDA" you would then check your rear for any onlookers
- **BBDA Bag** - A fabric sack designed to be attached to the rear of the 84mm Carl Gustav Medium Direct Fire Support Weapon to contain the back blast. Belongs to the same equipment set as 'left-handed screwdrivers' and 'long weights'
- **BBPAG** - Big Black Plastic Army Gun - refers to the M60 GPMG (in contrast to the LBPAG (M16) and LGPAG (F88))
- **Bed Wetter** - RAAF term for a RAAF apprentice who looks far too young to be enlisted
- **Bean counter** - Refers to anyone that knows the cost of everything and the value of nothing. Can also refer to military accountants and unit resource managers.
- **Beasting** - To Beast means to stand over or *monster* a subordinate. The expression is more commonly used by officers. For example, *He copped a beating off the Sergeant Major.*
- **Bedpan scrapper - medic**
- **Bear** - EW Operator. From the location of 7 SIG REGT at Cabarlah, QLD as in Cabarlah Bears
- **Beer Issue** - "Two beers per night perhaps" Refers to the practice of issuing each sailor two beers either on a special occasion or (rarely) when the time can be spared.
- **Bible** - Pornographic magazines.
- **Bin-A-Raffie** - A not so nice prank where members of the Army attached to the Air Force would throw intoxicated airmen in garbage bins and place bets on how long it takes for them to escape. Game first played at RAAF Williamtown by members of 16 Air

Defence Regiment the night before the start of Ex ACES NORTH, late 1987 or 88. The term "Get me another Raafie: This one is ripped!" was coined at the same time.

- **Bin chicken** - A designation at ARTC Kapooka for the recruit in charge of cleaning out the rubbish bins.
- **Bird bath** - Washing of Aircraft after coming back from a flight over water (salt water), Hygienic activity taken by a soldier in the field to clean body parts, utilising any available resources such as baby wipes or a small basin of water. This action replaces normal daily showering or bathing at home. Also refers to the airfield spray system used to wash salt residue from maritime patrol aircraft.
- **Biscuits-Fuck Off** - A popular reference for the Shrewsbury Jam Sandwich biscuits out of a ration pack which are highly popular. When someone wants one of these biscuits, the answer is always "Fuck Off"
- **Bird gunner** - Air Defence Regiment (Surface-Air Missiles) member, division of the Royal Australian Artillery.
- **Bird shit** - Officer pips. Older style DPCU had rank slides on the epaulettes, inferring a bird has shit on the officers shoulder.
- **BJ** - Big Juby.
- **Black Magic** - A term used by infantrymen to describe any process or discipline which is incomprehensible to them (eg Computers, radios, shoe laces etc).
- **Blade** - Descriptive term for an SAS soldier. "He's a blade". (From the Winged sword/dagger beret badge of the SAS.)
- **Blair** - A waste of Military funds
- **Black handers** - Air Force term for maintenance personnel working on mechanical systems; i.e., those who get their hands dirty because they are not well educated(cf. *gay traders*).
- **Black hat or Blackhead** - Refers to either Armoured Corps personnel (Black Berets) or to non-SAS personnel (who wear very dark blue berets that look black) posted to the SAS regiment.
- **Black plastic fantastic** - slang for the M16 when the SLR and M16 were the common service rifles.
- **Blanket stacker/blanket counter** - a Q-bloke. Trained to make large stacks of blankets in the Q-store, and to make sure that the blankets stay where they are. Fully aware of the risk of a collapsing stack of blankets, these highly trained warriors have the stealth of a ninja and the reflexes of a cat.
- **Blood bath** - The US Meritorious Unit Commendation. Awarded to some Australian Army units for actions during the Vietnam and Korean conflicts. *See Swimming Pool.*
- **Blowie/blow fly** - Refers to Royal Australian Army Medical Corps Environmental Health personnel.
- **Blowie** - Mean have a break, originally from submarines when surfacing.
- **Blow Flow** – see Blowies. Also the civilian contractor who removes the contents of a *Honey Pot* (see below) when latrines are not allowed to be dug.
- **Bludging on the Queen's shilling** - Derogatory term for any attempt to avoid overseas deployment. i.e. Being willing to serve and draw pay in peace time but not in war.
- **Blue orchids** - Derogatory term for Air Force personnel (used by soldiers and sailors in reference to their preciousness and scarceness). Also a non-derogatory term used to

describe RAAF personnel during WW2 due to their Service Dress Uniform appearing more glamorous than that of other Commonwealth Air Forces.

- **Blues** - Navy or Air Force (Blue) Service Dress uniform. Also **Blue Suiter** or **Blue job**, a member of the RAAF (not necessarily wearing blues). Army full dress uniform, commonly used at the RMC. Once issued to all ranks from Sergeant upwards.
- **Blunt** - A derogative term to describe anyone deemed not to be at the sharp end (i.e., front-line/operational). Always a favourite of fighter pilots, who believe that pretty much anyone that isn't strapped into a *bang seat* (q.v.) is a blunt.
- **Boffin** - An Army electronics/communications technician.
- **Bog/date roll** - Toilet paper.
- **Bodgie** - A rough repair or an unapproved activity, often done on the Sly.
- **Boggy** - Short for **bograt**, the slang term for a [Pilot Officer](#) (the most junior commissioned Air Force Officer rank).
- **BOHICA** - Bend Over, Here It Comes Again. Often heard prior to the delivery of a *pineapple* (q.v.); i.e., one is about to be lumbered with an unpleasant task.
- **Bomb up** - To be issued or restocked with ammunition, equipment, or stores.
- **Boned in** - To be yelled at for doing something wrong (RAN) e.g. 'The Buffer boned me in for being late on watch'.
- **Bongos** - In general, equipment; often refers to field equipment, webbing and/or packs carried on the person. *Pack up your bongos and get on that truck.*
- **Bookie [Bukie] or Bookoo** - Many. As in 'How many rounds do we need?' 'Bookie rounds, Boss' Presumably derived during the Vietnam period from the Indo China French 'Beaucoup'.
- **Boots** - A suck up. Refers to somebody who is so far up somebody else's backside that all that you can see is his/her boots.
- **Boozer** - Pub or Bar on an Army Base; usually a Soldiers' Boozer as distinct from a Sergeants' or Officers' Mess.
- **Boss** - A complimentary term used by soldiers to refer to their immediate superior officer, usually their Platoon Commander, but can be other Officers in their unit, in the chain of command like the Company Commander or Company 2IC (Second in Charge). E.g., *Do you know what we're doing today, boss?* Implies respect: unpopular and/or incompetent officers remain 'sir' or 'ma'am'. Also used in the British Armed Forces.
- **Brass** - A high ranking officer. Referring to the amount of brass on someone's uniform.
- **Brass Party** - Soldiers tasked with clearing the firing mound of spent brass and link after a range shoot. Not nearly as fun as it might initially sound.
- **Brass up** - To fire a lot of rounds at something.
- **Brew** - Coffee or tea. Usually made in **Standard NATO** - Milk and 2 sugars.
- **Bubba** - Useless Member of the Australian Air Force, and biggest RAAF Cock alive. See RAAF Cock.
- **Bucket** - As in bucket of shit. An M113 Armoured Personnel Carrier.
- **Buckets** - A-vehicles, tanks, APCs, ASLAVs, or the Royal Australian Armoured Corps in general. This usage is debated and appears to have been invented by a dumb grunt. *Fuckin' smartarse buckets, why do we have to walk?* (If we carried grunts, there'd be no room for slabs of coke, chocolate, salami, cheese, travel fridges or all the other stuff that the gentlemen of the Cavalry require when roughing it in the field. And we'd have to take our hammocks down. If you wanted to ride, you should have learnt joined up writing).

- **Buffer** - The NCO who runs the seamanship department aboard a ship.
- **Bug** - Someone with poor personal hygiene
- **Bug-mariner** - A collegial term for submariners. Refers to their austere hygiene conditions.
- **Bug out** - Leave an area.
- **Bullshit Castle** - Headquarters Air Command, [Glenbrook](#), [New South Wales](#).
- **Bunghole (Bung'ole)**- the very popular tinned fruit pudding in the old 10 man rat pack.
- **Bush Chook** - RAAC member with initial posting to 2nd/14th Light Horse Regiment (Queensland Mounted Infantry) because of the emu on their Unit Badge
- **Bush hat** - The floppy hat worn by soldiers in the field or in non-barracks training.
- **Bushie** - The Bushmaster Protected Mobility Vehicle (PMV) in use by the Australian Army.

C

- **Cabana boys** - Artillery Corp soldiers.
- **Cake and arse party** - Semiformal gathering of officers and / or senior NCOs where alcohol and nibbles are enjoyed. And or where an activity is being poorly run with multiple leaders not really doing a good job EG "Who the fuck is running this cake and arse party?"
- **Camel Brickers** Members of 26 Transport Squadron. Their mascots are a male and a female camel. Camel bricking is restricted to male camels and doesn't hurt unless you get your thumbs caught.
- **Can anybody drive a tractor?** - See Motorbike licence
- **Canteen medals** - Beer or food stains on the breast of a shirt or jacket.
- **Cams** - Disruptive Pattern Camouflage Uniform (DPCU), working dress for Army and Air Force and worn on exercises/deployment. Also used in the British Armed Forces.
- **Career Dissipation Light** - A brightly flashing beacon, often completely invisible to the owner, yet clear as day to SNCO's and the command hierarchy. Is known to spontaneously switch on after a "Bang Fuck" incident. Can attract Moths (see Moths).
- **CDF** - Chief of Defence Force; also Common Dog F@#k, See Common Dog Fuck.
- **C-Dubs** - Short for CWD, or Combined Working Dress; the obsolete, Hard Yakka-esque dark blue uniform worn by the Air Force as working dress until the turn of the century. Subsequently replaced by GPU (see *Smurf Cams*). Never yet seen past the FLOSS (see FLOSS).
- **Cent** - a *Centurion* Armoured Fighting Vehicle.
- **Chair Force** - Derogatory term referring to the RAAF.
- **Champ** - Derogatory.
- **Champagne Showers** - Expend ammunition.
- **Chef** - In the Navy, they call the chefs on board the ships Chef. And the food is much better too. Compare Army names such as Ration Assassin or Bait Layer.
- **Chicken strangler** - An SAS or Commando soldier; refers to ability to live off the land.
- **Chief Wheelnut** - Refers to a Warrant Officer of the Transport Corps.
- **Chit Monger** - See Linger.

- **Cissby or Cosby** - A slang way of saying CSSB, meaning a Combat Service Support Battalion, e.g. [7 CSSB](#).
- **Civvy** - (Pronounced "Siv-ie") The name given by members of the ADF to non-ADF members. Stems from the word *civilian*
- **Choco** - (Pronounced "Chock-o") A "chocolate soldier". First used in World War 2 to describe CMF units joining the AIF units in the war in Papua New Guinea. Thought to come about when the CMF passed the AIF on the Kokoda Trail, the CMF would give the AIF that they were replacing, chocolates from their ration packs. Many interpretations of the name's origin include the AIF belief they would melt like chocolate in battle or the fact that they were constantly caked in mud. The name has continued on, referring to current Reservists.
- **Choc-wit** - Term for Army Reservist.
- **Chooffer** – Immersion Water Heater, so called due to the noise it makes when lit incorrectly and explosively – CHOOFF !
- **Chooffer Face** – Last picquet to come off duty before stand-to in the morning (i.e. 3rd last picquet) who is required to light the chooffers by the mess tent. Also the typical singed hair and eyebrows resulting from incorrectly lighting a chooffer.
- **Chook** – A signals operator. The term comes from the days of Morse code communications, where an operator transmitting a message resembled a [chook](#) pecking the ground. 108th Signals Squadron has the famous cartoon chook Foghorn Leghorn as their unit mascot. However, 108th Signal Squadron ran a not so close second to the most famous Signals Squadron in the Australian Army: 139 Signal Squadron, who were well loved by the Brigade Commander especially after "Chooking" his personal Armoured Command Vehicle in the early ninety's. Also well known for their singing ability and known far and wide for their early 90's classic hit song "139 is on the piss again"
- **Chook on a stick** - the cap badge of 2nd Cavalry Regiment, - the 2 Cav cap badge is a wedge tailed eagle carrying a lance in its talon, with a guidon bearing the word "Courage". Also the term for the American-Australian monument at Russell Offices, Canberra.
- **Chookie Scrabble** - a friendly competition at after work drinks where the prize is a portion of barbecue chicken. The format of the game is thus: The company/squadron retires early on a Friday afternoon (or on sporties) to engage in some inter-rank fraternisation. Beer is drunk. Approx 30 minutes before the mess opens, when everyone is feeling quite hungry and suitably lubricated, a circle is formed and one or two barbecue chickens are produced, removed from their packaging and lobbed onto the floor. A companies worth of hungry soldiers (and it has been rumoured offices and SNCOs at time) race toward the chooks and compete - bodily and aggressively for a portion of chicken.
- **Clacker** - The hand-held firing device for a '[Claymore](#)' anti-personnel weapon. (As distinct from the mild Australian profanity meaning 'anus'.)
- **Clicker** - RAAC member with initial posting to 2nd Cavalry Regiment. Also any person who is prone to angry and or crazy outburst, "Man that guy is a clicker"
- **Clicks** - A measure of distance for grunts - how many clicks have we come? A click is a KM.
- **Clinton** - Refers to a person with a soft almost fairy like telephone voice.
- **Clockwinder** - refers to an Air Force Instrument Fitter.

- **Cloud puncher** – Refers to the Air defence branch of Artillery.
- **Clubs** - Navy PT Instructor, aka Clubswinger. Derived from the Crossed Indian Clubs (from their category badge) used by the RN over 100 years ago as strength training equipment.
- **Cluster** - Short for *cluster fuck*. A individual that has a tendency to get things wrong. Can also be used to describe the current situation in a negative light. E.g., *Exercise Mantail Sword 2005 was an absolute cluster*
- **Clutch Fucker** - Transport driver, derogatory term, joking term
- **Clunge** - Artillery term for a woman on the platform.
- **Cock Holster** - Refers to mouth EG, "shut your cock holster"
- **Cockroach** - An Ordnance Corps (Supply) person, also referred to as a 'ROACH'. From the Corps initials RAAOC.
- **Cockroach Farm** - Term of endearment for 292 Squadron, RAAF; the training and support unit for the RAAF [AP-3C Orion](#) maritime patrol aircraft.
- **Coffin nail** - A cigarette. Also known as 'lung lollie'.
- **Coke medal** - The Australian Defence Medal. Refers to the white and red ribbon colours. Also known as the 'thanks for coming medal', in reference to the eligibility requirements.
- **Colour, dash and daring**- what the gentlemen of the Cavalry bring to war. Without it/them, war would just be a mindless shitfight amongst grunts.
- **Combat PJs** - Term used to describe cams when well worn in the field. So known because they are never taken off, even when sleeping.
- **Combat Wombat** Term used to describe infantry soldiers away from home location as he "eats, roots, shoots, and leaves". Also a common name for a digger who is rather short and chubby(resembles the shape and size of a wombat).
- **Comfy Num Num** - the affectionate name given to the DPCU 'jacket' issued to Army personnel. Has a softshell type fabric with hardwearing cordura type fabric at the elbows and across the shoulders.
- **Common Dog Fuck** Term used when describing how easy something "should" be to understand, "A common Dog would know that, Fuck"
- **Conehead** - See "Boffin". Also refers to Airborne Electronics Analyst crew members on [AP-3C Orion](#) maritime patrol aircraft.
- **COT Death** - Derogatory Term used by RAAF Engineering/Trade Apprentices at Wagga to describe RAAF Technology Apprentices, derives from Certificate Of Technology the techapps graduate with. See "Spud App"
- **Crack the sads** - To be sad or upset about anything "Johnno why you cracking the sads mate?"
- **Craftie** - A private in the corps of Royal Australian Electrical and Mechanical Engineers (RAEME) - short for "Craftsman".
- **Crap Hat** - Name given to the slouch hat or any non Maroon beret by airborne soldiers who wear the beret. Also a derogatory term for a person who is not parra qualified. EG, Cav Black Berets are crap hats.
- **Cruds** - Recruits in trairng at 1RTB, also can refer to poor quality food EG "This food is crud" or "Dinner was crud"
- **Crump in** - To have a relatively bad landing when parachuting.AKA "Spudding" in.
- **Crust** - Usually an ancient W02 who has no life outside of the Army. Lives for drill, stage 3 revetted pits and wishes the SLR was still in use.

- **CSM** - Company Sergeant Major, AKA, Chief Sandwich Maker, usually out for the RSM's position.
- **Cunning Kick** - literally 'secret pocket' but used in particular to mean 'money kept secret from one's spouse'. e.g. "The wife sees my pay slips but the travel allowance for this course goes straight into my cunning kick"
- **CUNT** - A group of two or more officers. Cunt is also widely used in a non offence way EG When greeting a mate, "Whats going on Cunt, how ya been?"
- **Cunt Cap or Pencil Case** - Term used to describe a RAAF garrison cap.
- **Cut Lunch Commando** - A member of the CMF (Citizens Military Forces), precursor of the current Army Reserve.
- **Cyclone Training** - To be spread out on ones bed as if to be holding down your bed in a cyclone. Term is widely used in the northern parts of Australia, particularly in reference to soldiers shirking away from work to their rooms and getting some quiet sleep. Also used at Kapooka when instructors tear a Recruits room apart like a Cyclone.
- **Chucking a fergo** - To fall out of a unimog and break your back.
- **Champ** - Whilst not an exclusively army term, within the army it takes on an entirely derogatory meaning; "Oh alright CHAMP!", "Listen up champ", "Fucking count Champ-ula'. Can also sometimes be substituted with 'chief' and very occasionally 'sports fan'. Is acronym for 'Cunt Has A Mental Problem'
- **Cunt Scratcher** - Your hand. EG. If there are any questions raise your 'Cunt Scratchers'

D

- **Dad** - A derogative term used in conversation to describe a disliked and incompetent superior. "Mate, we are stuck here cleaning weapons past knockoff thanks to your Dad" (see 'Son')
- **Diesel Dyke** - A female member of the Transport corps.
- **Dart thrower** - A member of the Australian Intelligence Corps. Refers to the perceived method of identifying compounds/areas of interest for future operations, usually conducted eyes-shut with non-master hand to ensure statistically random results.
- **Dargan** - a Senior Non-Commissioned Officer or Warrant Officer in the Army.
- **Dark Side** - The Officer Cadre of the Australian Army. (To 'Cross over to the Dark Side' is to apply for appointment as an officer.)
- **Delta** - female recruits at 1 RTB (now ARTC) as Delta company housed/trained the female recruits (see groundsheet). Also, "to make a Delta (or D)" is to make a decision. "What's your Delta, Sir?"
- **Delta Romeo** - Direct Reflection. As in "your digger is a shit fight, delta romeo"
- **Diddly Bop** - to run under fire or conduct a patrol (Vietnam Era) *We took a quick DiddlyBop round the perimeter to see what Charlie was up to.*
- **Digger** – A soldier of the rank of private or equivalent in the Australian Army, for example *Look after your diggers, Lieutenant.* Term comes from the [Anzacs](#).
- **Diggers Breakfast** - Term used for a 'Smoke and coffee' undertaken during morning routine.
- **Digging With Your Eyebrows** - Refers to the act of taking cover during contact when in open terrain.
- **DILLIGAF** - Does It Look Like I Give A Fuck.

- **Dirked** : To be assigned a task by a superior, it usually not being a task an individual would volunteer to complete. E.g., I've been dirked by the boss to sell Unit T-shirts at our social function. From the Scottish term for a stiletto or dagger : a Dirk. (See also 'Stabbed'). Also, to be assessed while giving a lesson, particularly on a promotion course.
- **Dirt Dart** - A soldier undertaking Army parachuting.
- **Dirt Road Driver** - 80s RAAF term for a male suspected of being homosexual
- **Dish Licker** - Term used to describe a member of the Steward Mustering of the RAAF.
- **Dish Washer** - Term used by Telecommunication Technicians to describe the most junior member of that trade at the unit. A reference to the fact that these members are often tasked with washing the satellite dishes among other low level tasks (See also "Joob").
- **Dit** - A DVD; i.e., "What's the Dit?". Also the "." in Morse code (Dits and Dahs).
- **Dixies** - Small aluminium cooking and eating pans used by individuals in the bush; mess tins. Issued to all soldiers in the Australian Army and required for inspections during DP1 checks.
- **Dixie-bashing** - Washing up pots and pans.
- **Dhoby** - A wash, or shower, derived from 'Dhobi', a caste of launderers found in India and Pakistan.
- **Dhoby Dust** - Royal Australian Navy term for Laundry powder.
- **Doc** - Medic.
- **Doe** - A name referring to Commandos, usually by the SAS.
- **Dog and pony show** - A painstakingly prepared briefing, usually of little real substance or value, pandering to the whims of a senior officer. Also used to describe having to participate in some sort of display for civilians as a recruiting drive. E.g. 'The boys got stabbed to do a dog and pony at the footy on Friday night.' When Moths and those with an active Career Dissipation Light are present a Dog and Pony Show can turn into a Shit Fight.
- **Dog Biscuits** Name given to the hard tasteless biscuits issued by the Army as marching rations. Sometimes found in 70s 'One Man Ration' packs.
- **Donk** - Nickname given to engines by RAAF tradesmen. Can be aero or motor vehicle. 'CPL, go round up some troops to pull the left donk out of A8-109.'
- **Donkey Fucker** - Nickname given to soldiers from 1RAR because their Mascot is a shetland Pony (refer to SEPPIE).
- **Donga** - Term used to describe a sailors room on base. Also used by the RAAF to describe a small hut on the airfield or a workshop's SNCO office. "CPL have you seen the FSGT?" "Think he is in his donga, Sir";
- **Donga** - a large pothole or bump in the road. As in 'The driver hit that donga so hard I fell off my seat.
- **Doona wrestling** - a favourite "sport"; i.e., sleeping. ([Doona](#) is an Australian term meaning [duvet](#) or [quilt](#)). "What are you doing for sport this arvo?", "I'm doona wrestling." See *Cyclone training*. "[Arvo](#)" is regular Aussie slang for "afternoon".
- **Door kicker*** - A member of the SAS who is trained in gaining entry by force.
- **DP1** - Deployment preparedness level One. The status of soldiers' equipment and personal administration which renders them available for immediate deployment on operations or exercise. Usually attained subsequent to the conduct of innumerable "DP1 Checks".

- **DP1 Check** - An activity (the frequency of which is determined by the level of sadism prevalent in one's superiors) where soldiers present all of their personal equipment for inspection, lay it out on the ground, then stand around for several hours.
- **DPCU** - Disruptive Pattern Camouflage Uniform. see 'Cams'.
- **DPNU** - Disruptive Pattern Naval Uniform. see 'Cams'.
- **Drabs** - Air Force Tropical Dress which replaces Service Dress (see Blues) in tropical areas.
- **Draggie** - Device for converting noise into lift/thrust. RAAF term of endearment for the now sadly departed [Hawker Siddeley HS 748](#).
- **Drop shorts** – An artillery soldier, 'Drop shorts' also implied that gunners dropped their rounds onto our grunts rather than the enemy by accident.
- **Drut** - Driver Recruit Under Training, also a Backward Turd, A sometimes derogatory, sometimes affectionate description of an army recruit.
- **DS Solution** - The correct answer to a problem. DS Comes from the term 'Directing Staff'
- **Duck Fucker** - nickname for the M79 Grenade Launcher. AKA Wombat Gun or "The Blooper"
- **Durrries/darts/darbs** - A common army term for cigarettes. To smoke is to 'throw darts'.
- **Duty First** - The motto of the Royal Australian Regiment. It was selected because, "The unhesitating and unquestioning performance of his duty is the fundamental requirement of a soldier."

E

- **Eating irons** - Cutlery (mainly known in the army as KFS - knife, fork and spoon).
- **EABOD** - Eat A Bag Of Dicks
- **EAD** - term used when reminding someone of having been made to do something unpleasant or extremely time consuming and wasteful, ie 'Hey Davo you got stabbed for duty on Saturday, eat a dick!'
- **EADC** - Eat A Dick Cunt
- **EAD Knyvett** - Eat A Dick Knyvett
- **EADT** - Eat A Dick Trent
- **EKO** - Early Knock Off. Also 'Eventual Knock Off' when an announced early knock off is expected to result in working later than usual.
- **Elephant gun** - [LIAI SLR](#) Self Loading Rifle (not used while the SLR was the main rifle).
- **Elephant trackers** - [RAAF](#) security police. A derisive reference to their supposed lack of investigative acumen.
- **Emu bob** - A line of soldiers, under the control of a junior NCO, side by side, almost shoulder to shoulder, walking slowly forwards cleaning up an area, therefore bobbing up and down to pick up litter (usually cigarette butts or brass), which resembles an emu searching for food. Also known as an "Emu Parade".
- **Enemy Pam** - Woman's fashion magazine
- **Ent Moot** - an unnecessarily long bullshit meeting that achieves nothing and wastes a lot of fucking time. Often complemented with warries and the micromanaging of tasks that have already been done.

- **EX** - Shorthand for an "Exercise" or training mission/deployment.
- **Extras** - extra duties, used as a form of punishment, usually illegally awarded without hearing by NCOs. Can only legally be awarded after a trial by a summary sub-ordinate authority (i.e. OC level officer). But try telling that to your platoon sergeant. I dare you.

F

- **FAB** - FAB packets were placed in the front windows of married quarters to indicate to single men that the Man of the house home, FAB, Fucking Arsehole is Back. See also AJAX. Also used to describe an ample bottomed WAAF: Fat Arsed Bitch
- **FAC** - "Fucking ADFA Cunt", a Royal Military College Term used to describe ADFA (Australian Defence Force Academy) Cadets, or Officers who have previously attended ADFA.
- **Face ripping** - A one-way discussion, usually between a soldier and a superior, where the "face ripper" gets so close that the "face rippee" can see the pores on his forehead. This usually occurs on the drill square or in the CSM's office.
- **Fagpants** - Refers to a company commander from the early 80s who dressed in lovely technicolour pants - peach, crimson, lime civie daks at all functions. Now refers to metros.
- **Fake** - Referring to a civilian contractor usually working on a RAAF Base. 'That guy's fake.....'
- **Fang** - Food. To eat or in reference to food. For example "Go and get a fang" or to "Fang out".
- **Fang Farrier** - An Army dentist.
- **Fang Bosun** - An RAN dentist.
- **Farter** - Bed or sleeping bag. Normally refers to going to bed, for example "Hit the Farter". Also known as a **Fart Sack**, or in the RAN as a **Rack**.
- **Fatcans or Fat shop** - Describes Australian Defence Force Canteens, for example "I'm going to get some food from Fatcans". Probably derives from AAFCANS - the Australian Armed Forces Canteen Service, which now trades as Frontline
- **Fat-truck** - Vehicle used to supply hot food and cold drinks to soldiers in the lines. Driven by the "Fat-slut". Also known as the "Gut-truck" and "gut-slut" respectively or "pie-slut".
- **Fat, dumb and happy** – To be complacent or less than vigilant.
- **Fat pills** – Chocolate and lollies (sweets/candy).
- **Ferret** - Beret
- **F.I.G.J.A.M.** - Fuck I'm Good Just Ask Me.
- **Filled in** - RAN term for getting beaten up.
- **F.I.N.C.L.** - A Fucking Idiot No Cunt Likes. (See Also PTE Fry)
- **Fish head** - Maritime patrol aircrew.
- **Fisty Cuffs** - A term used when two soldiers fight over a disagreement, usually at the boozier. "Johnno and Smithy went fisty cuffs last night!"
- **Fissby** - A slang way of saying FSB, meaning a Force Support Battalion, e.g. [10 FSB](#).
- **Fitter and turner** - An Army cook. It means "to fit good food into a pot and turn it into sh-t".

- **Fitted for, not with** - Defence equipment can be expensive. In the interest of good economy therefore the Australian Government has developed the practice of purchasing defense equipment that has provision for certain facilities or features, but is not fitted with the afore said facilities or features. For example Guided Missile Frigates, without Guided Missiles. The idea being that should we even need them, we'll have plenty of time to procure them. And plenty of time will be needed, given the prodigiously spectacular lack of anything resembling movement at Russel Offices. The problem with this idea is of course that the enemy has on occasion been known to attack without letting their targets know (reference Blitzkrieg, Pearl Harbour, etc). This is referred to as a "surprise attack", because it is a surprise. The other problem is that we tend to buy equipment from the US, France, the UK, Sweden and other countries in the other hemisphere on the other side of the world. The ships and planes we'd need to import this equipment might not survive the voyage/flight, as they'd need to be escorted by frigates/fighters etc - most of which are fitted for, but not with key systems. To be fair defense has gotten better over the years and this practise is less common than traditionally was the case, but still occurs to some extent.
- **Fire Piquet** - A piquet that doesn't achieve a fucking thing. Probably not allowed to have a fire even with the presence of a goddamn fire truck.
- **Fizzer** - Getting charged for breach of discipline, Getting FIZZED
- **Flight Lewie** - Nickname for [Flight Lieutenant](#), Air Force Junior Officer rank.
- **Flight Stupid** - Term used to describe a RAAF member of the former Flight Steward mustering.
- **Flogg Off** - Spoken abbreviation for [Flying Officer](#) (FLGOFF), Air Force Junior Officer rank. Also used in the Army to describe the act of onanism. At least it was in the 90s.
- **FLOSS** - Forward Line Of Shower Support. Common deliniation between "Poges" and "Warfighters". Also understood to be the limit of RAAF ground personnel
- **Fobbit** - A soldier who, when deployed, remains confined to the relative safety of a Forward Operating Base (FOB). See Pogo. See Out The Wire.
- **Foreigners** - RAAF term for a job done for a mate as a favour or himself, by a specialist in that area such as a RADTECH fixing a mate's stereo or an MTFITT tuning a car. Usually in work time using RAAF facilities and tools. "Hey Dave, could you do a foreigners on my car tomorrow?" See also *Rabbit* (q.v.).
- **F.O.N.C** - Friend Of No Cunt.
- **Fornicatorium** - An armoured vehicle with a meeting room incorporated into its design or any office where (f***ed-up) decisions were made.
- **Four Star Hotel** - The accommodation used by Air Force members on exercise whilst Army members reside in dirt pits or tents if lucky.
- **Fraudline** - Another common name for the on base canteen monopoly 'Frontline'. The outrageous pricing of the canteen items could be investigated by ADFIS as fraudulent behaviour.
- **F.R.E.D** - A small device which is a combination of a can opener, a bottle opener and a spoon. Officially named a "[Field Ration Eating Device](#)", but more popularly known as a "F--king Ridiculous/Retarded Eating Device". In the Air Force this acronym can also denote a 'F--king Ridiculous Electronic Device'.

- **Free balling/furring/snaking** - Going without underwear. Often done in the field for hygiene and comfort reasons. Known also as "going commando". See also PTE McDonalds Pants
- **Freedom seed** - Refers to Ball ammunition used by any small arms weapon.
- **Frog** - Derogatory Term used by RAAF to describe RAAF Radio Apprentices at Laverton, possibly a "play on Words" of "Sprog" and "RAAF Frognall" where there were considerable Radio positions.
- **Frontscam** - Another common name for the on base canteen monopoly 'Frontline'.
- **Frozo** - Pre-cooked frozen delicacy provided for the enjoyment and nutrition of RAAF aircrew, primarily [AP-3C Orion](#) crews.
- **Fruit salad** - Medal ribbons.
- **Front Bum** - Female, also denotes a sad soldier.
- **FONC** - Friend Of No Cunt - An offensive term for anybody who is disruptive and who does not fit in.
- **FOX** - Used in armoured units for the Squadron Sergeant Major
- **FTA** - Fuck the Army
- **Fucktard** found everywhere but mainly 2/4 RAR roll book or a certain P3 maintenance crew.
- **Fuck yeah Northy!** The reply for when someone has a bad idea, or says something stupid.
- **Fudge factor** to inflate and estimation for unexpected events. 'Carry an extra 50 rounds each as our *fudge factor* ' or 'Carry an extra 50 rounds as *fudge* '.
- **Full-track** - Term used in place of the rank Corporal.
- **FOB** - Forward Operating Base

G

- **Galah** - Slang term for the in-service underslung grenade launcher (officially called a GLA).
- **Gammas** - Go get some sunlight on the upper decks.
- **G.A.F.** - Give A Fuck.
- **G'arn** garn (go and) get fucked, also see Argit
- **Gash** - Naval term for rubbish; also RAAF term for spare nuts & bolts kept usually in your hearing protection, or part of your Gash Kit
- **Gat** - Refers to a firearm e.g. 'Pass me that gat'. Apparently a shortening of Gatling Gun.
- **Gaz** - Used to describe someone of unparalleled skill. Also used to describe SAS troops.
- **Gazontopede** - An archaic term commonly used by the Army in the '70s and '80s used to describe somebody who was hopelessly uncoordinated in drill.
- **GDs** - General Duties or personnel on General Duties.
- **Gedunk Machine** - refers to a soft drink/candy bar dispensing machine.
- **Get Your Shit In One Sock** - Used to tell a soldier who is typically a shit fight to get organised.
- **Getters** - Sandals issued to sailors of the RAN. Modern use extends to personal thongs. Traditionally worn with long socks as part of the uniform, in the showers, or when catching gamma's on the uppers with some oppo's.

- **Get This** - Used to indicate thugs from the scallop industry. "Get this! Damn those thugs from the scallop industry!"
- **Ghan, the** - Afghanistan.
- **Giggle-hat** - Bush head dress; '80s term that is fading from use.
- **Giggle-suit** - Bush clothes.
- **Gin Jockey** - Term used to describe a member of the RAAF who had sexual affairs with an Indigenous woman, usually on exercise at Tindal.
- **Ginger Beers** - Term used to describe a member of the Royal Australian Engineers Corps or RAAF flight engineers.
- **Glenn Munsie** - Glenn is a Sportsbet Market Adviser, his name rhymes with onesies (one-ers), to get a brew for oneself only. "Old Glenn Munsie, got himself a brew again".
- **Glocksuckers** - refers to RAAF aircrew, who carry the 9mm Glock 19 pistol, as opposed to the Browning pistol carried by everyone else in the ADF
- **Go fast** - Unit or other baseball cap worn by RAAF members
- **Gob** - To talk incessantly or in a manner which others find annoying or disrespectful. To *Gob Off* to a superior is to contradict or challenge them directly in a discourteous way. The term is derogative and usually implies that the soldier being *Gobby* is in the wrong.
- **God Botherer** - The Padre or anybody remotely religious. (sometimes called "sky pilots" or "devil dodgers").
- **Goffa** - Term used by the Royal Australian Navy to describe a salute.
- **Goffer** - Soft drink.
- **Going commando** - See "Free Snaking".
- **Goinker** - Somebody who sucks up to people of superior rank. Also known as a rank watcher.
- **Golf bag** - Accessory pouch for the obsolescent [AN/PRC-77](#) manpack radio or the accessories bag used to carry spare barrels cleaning kit and other equipment for a machine gun.
- **Gold Tops** - High Explosive Dual Purpose ammunition for the 40mm Grenade launcher.
- **Gomper/Gumpy Bar** - A chocolate bar like a Mars bar or Picnic. "Have a goffer and a gomper mate."
- **Gong** - Medal.
- **Gonk** - To sleep. Also Gonking, the act of having a sleep.
- **Government Fat** - Description of military (tax payer funded) exercise or activity which results in a high level of excitement for an individual - ie, "During tonight's attack, be sure to use all remaining blank rounds before the exercise ends and get your Government Fat on!"
- **Grabbing Your Ankles** - To prepare for an unpleasant or inconvenient short-notice task. See also, Pineapple.
- **Green Slime** - Nickname for personnel of the Australian Intelligence Corps, in reference to their green lanyards.
- **Greenie** - Nickname for Electronics Technicians and WEEOs in the RAN. Originates from the green band that WEEOs had between the gold bands on their SRI/HRIs.
- **Grey Green Brown and Oakover** - The names used whenever diggers get in trouble with police or the MPs. Made famous by Gra Gra Kennedy in the movie *Odd Angry Shot*.

- **Grey Kingswood** - Term of endearment used exclusively by crews of the RAAF [AP-3C Orion](#) maritime patrol aircraft; a comfortable and reliable means of transport. Previously "grey and white Kingswood" till someone discovered how visible they were through a submarine's periscope.
- **Grey-Man** - A term used to describe a soldier within his unit who is barely noticed by either his peers or his superiors. This is either the result of him having no personality recognizable by human perception or because he is extremely skilled in the art of being ignored for a work party. Can be used either in a derogatory fashion (Oi cunt, have you been there the whole fucking time? You're such a fucking grey-man!), a respectful fashion (Oi cunt, have you been there the whole fucking time? You're such a fucking grey-man!), or a combination of both (Oi cunt, have you been there the whole fucking time? You're such a fucking grey-man!). Very useful skill when not out in the field. Often the person you least suspect who wins the Soldier of Merit Award on a course.
- **Groundsheet** - Derogatory slang for a female soldier. I.e., something you lay on the ground.
- **Greaser** - A vehicle mechanic. AKA VM
- **Gripper** - A soldier who lacks the intelligence to move his hand while masturbating. Not clever enough to be classed as a wanker.
- **Grumpy Old Cunt** - Ralph Blewitt
- **GRUNT** - An acronym meaning the same in Australia as it does everywhere else, a negative name for an infantry soldier. Often adopted with pride by the Grunts themselves. (Government Reject Unfit for Normal Training).
- **Gruntapede** - The term Tank drivers use for Dismounted Infantry.
- **Gucci** - A piece of kit that is really good or expensive.
- **Gumpy Bar** - Any form of chocolate bar that has not come from a ration pack. Highly sought after towards the middle of any exercise. Value has been known to exceed weight in Gold, Mir and Incense during Kangaroo exercises....especially K92 and K95.
- **Gun Bunny** - An artillery soldier.
- **Gunny/Gunnie** - Air Force term for an armaments fitter. No relation to the [US Marine Corps](#) rank of Gunnery Sergeant.
- **Gun Plumber** - A fitter/armourer, usually those attached to armoured units.AKA Tiffie, See Tiffie and Artificer, fitter.

H

- **Half Screw/Half Track** - Term used in place of the rank Lance Corporal. Also see Full Track.
- **Handbag** – A signals operator (archaic usage). The term is derived from the satchel used carry a VHF dipole antenna known as an Antenna Lightweight for either a 'Seventy Seven Set' or its modern equivalents. Particularly applicable to Royal Australian Signals Corps personnel as their corps badge resembles the [Interflora](#) symbol. Also used to be used to describe medics whose medical kits looked like handbags and were often carried like a lady carries a handbag.
- **Handbaggers** – Operator Movements, part of the [Royal Australian Corps of Transport](#). RACT soldier, who plans, coordinates, executes, controls and monitors the operational and strategic movement of personnel and equipment of the ADF.

- **Hard Corp** - RAInf, the Royal Australian Infantry Corps. The final activity School of Infantry before passing out parade. A test of all skill learnt to date.
- **Harden up** - A standard response to whinging or complaining, telling a person to shut up and get on with the job. Often provided in imaginary consumable form; e.g., *here's a harden-up pill, have a can of harden-up* or *"drink some concrete and harden the f..k up!"*.
- **Hash House Harriers**
- **Hat, Fur Fishing** - RAAF term for the blue "Slouch" style Fur Felt Hat that was issued in tropical zones in the 80s.
- **Healed By Jesus** - the miraculous cure of the company linger, just in time for an overseas trip.
- **Head shed** - Headquarters at any unit level.
- **Healthkeys** - Medical data base system that in theory is supposed to make life better for medics but in reality is a tool for blood sucking bean counters and auditors that load up the medical system with even more work.
- **Heartilage** - contraction of 'heart' and 'cartilage' - derogatory term used to describe an imaginary injury associated with a lack of Heart, Will and or any sign of weakness during moments of mental and or physical discomfort. Eg: *"What Happened to Pte ****? Why did he not finish the 30 K stomp? Is he injured?" "Nah the weak linging cunt just pulled a heartilage!"*
- **Heat seeker** - A soldier who routinely draws unwanted attention upon himself and those around him from superiors, usually as a result of misconduct.
- **Helicopter pad** - A badly *bashed* (q.v.) beret.
- **Helo** – Army/Navy term for helicopter (pronounced HEE-Lo).
- **Helicopter piquet** - Usually used when in the field, it refers to soldiers shirking away from work by lying down somewhere. From the idea of looking up for approaching helicopters. Similar to Cyclone Training.
- **Hilton Hotelers** - Term used by the RAR to describe RAAF personnel at RAAF Tindal during exercise Pitch Black 90 and Kangaroo 89 on learning most RAAFies slept in their quarters after their shift
- **Ho Chi Min Shuffle** - a slow run designed to conserve energy over long distances. The feet are not lifted very high.
- **(To get) Holes In Your T Shirt** - To get shot, usually on a "Two Way Rifle Range".
- **Honey pot** _ A cylindrical galvanized steel receptacle used for defecation out in the field. Usually emptied or replaced by soldiers lance corporal and below.
- **Hoochie/Hutchie** - Individual shelter sheet used in the field. Presumably derived from *hooch*, a term for a Vietnamese rural dwelling.
- **Hook in** - To perform a task aggressively or with gusto. "Hook in, get your work done and we'll have an early knock off". Army slang from the '60s, '70s, '80s, and '90s.
- **House on back** – To put on ones pack; because soldiers in the field are required to live out of their pack.
- **Hot box** - The large plastic containers which bring fresh rations to Diggers in a field environment, which contains inadequately small portions of cooked vegetables and a small helping of whatever yesterdays leftovers were from the base mess packed into tinfoil trays.
- **Hungry Wagon, The** - RAAF term for the mobile AAFCANS (later Frontline) canteen truck. See Roach Coach

- **Hurry up and Wait** - The repercussions of letting an officer organise an activity. Diggers are normally harassed to get their shit in one sock, only to wait as the PL COMD, OC, CO, and BDE Commander have all added a fudge factor into their planning numbers. Normally results in arriving at a rugby match at 0700 for a 1430 kick off.
- **Hurry up and Waiters** - RAAF term for the RAAF Air Movements staff who demand that all personnel regardless of rank who are scheduled for a flight must arrive 90 minutes before boarding time.
- **Howard Green** - An issued Khaki green Woollen Jumper with material sewn on the elbows Pre - 1992 (DPCU Version issued post 1992). Also a Common name used by soldiers when introduced to a female they just met at a nightclub, knowing they would never see her again (Refer to AJ Fade Away)and (Sam Brown).

I

- **IFIIK** - I'm Fucked If I Know.
- **Ink Stick** - A pen.
- **Iron Lung** - RAAF term for an airman who does little productive work, or shirks
- **Int Pest** - Term given to members Intelligence Corps
- **IFAK** - Individual First Aid Kit

J

- **Jack** – To be selfish or to go it alone, for example *Don't jack on your mates!*, *Going Jack*, or *Stop being jack and give us a hand*. The term comes from the phrase "Fuck you Jack, I'm all right". It is a serious insult. Alternate, "David"
- **Jack-up** - going on strike (akin to a mutiny but unable to identify ring leaders - comes from the industrial background of the mass armies of the world wars)(potentially archaic)
- **Jack** – A sailor, from the term [Jack Tar](#).
- **Jackhammers** – An elite section of technicians who not only strive to produce airpower but in fact succeed and excel.
- **Jack Rations** - civilian food taken to the field to liven up the issue rations. As in "I'm all right Jack Fuck you" or "don't be jack, let me have one of your goffas".
- **Jafa** - Just Another Fucking Admino (Administration Officer is a RAAF Officer Category).
- **Jam Shrewsbury** - a magical mystical morale biscuit found in ration packs. Often discovered heartbrokenly crushed. Can be used as currency out bush. Golden Rule - Never ever fuck with a man's Jam Shrewsbury.
- **Jedi** – An adjective or noun indicating respect for a colleague's military professionalism. *Nick gave us a totally Jedi briefing on the Musorian ORBAT - he's an INT Jedi*. A reference to the supernatural warrior caste depicted in [a well-known film series](#).
- **Jellybean-dispenser** – F1 sub-machine gun. Derived from the jelly-bean like appearance of low velocity bullets that may be observed leaving the barrel.
- **Jellybean-suit** - Offensive term for army camouflage used by RAN or RAAF. No longer offensive, now used by Army just to describe their cams.

- **Jet** - A soldier who consistently performs well in one or all aspects of training. *If you're struggling with nav, talk to Johnno, he's a jet at it.*
- **Jet Pack** - Refers to the small shitty day packs issued at 1RTB Kapooka, as they resemble gay little cartoon jetpacks.
- **Jockstrap or Jock** - A digger who is renowned for sporting prowess and his inability to go bush, or do his job with his mates.
- **Jube** - A new or inexperienced soldier, thought to be because they are soft and sugarcoated. Phonetically: Jewb, Joob, or Just Out Of Basic
- **Jubie juice** - Fruit flavoured cordial, for example, *Have a drink of jubie.*
- **Jundie** - Arabic word for soldier. E.g. 'That Jundie had a set of balls on him.' The term originally came into usage during the Iraq War and eventually evolved in meaning to refer to anything foreign. E.g. 'Have you tried these Jundie durries? They're fucking rough.'
- **Jungle** - Green, Thick and Dense
- **Jundie-Off** - Hand sanitiser.

K

- **Kelloggs Corporal** - RAAF derogatory term for an airman who received the rank of CPL "on time" after the introduction of "on time promotion" rather than "promotion on merit", ie he got his stripes out of a cornflakes box. See Plastics
- **Kepi** - Refers to a small peaked cap worn by some members of the Royal Australian Armoured Corps often closely resemble those worn by the German Afrika Corps.
- **KFF** - Khaki Fur Felt (Hat). More official term for the Slouch Hat.
- **KFS** - Knife, Fork, and Spoon. A piece of equipment which hosts all three cutlery items.
- **KFS Course** - A six week induction course undertaken by specialist officers who are not required to undertake 18 months training at Duntroon. Named so because pretty much all that can be taught in six weeks is how to use a knife fork and spoon.
- **Killick** - Pronounced Kelleck. Informally denotes the rank of Leading Seaman in the RAN, the word itself describes a type of anchor made from wood and stone and is applied as a result of the rank insignia of a Leading Seaman being a fouled anchor. A Killick is also know as a Leading Hand, or Leader. [Also known as the worst fucking rank in the Navy]
- **King-of-the-Shits** - a WO1, usually the RSM [See also Shit-of-the-Kings].
- **King Shitter** - A recruit at ARTC Kapooka who is charged with overseeing the cleaning of the lines during morning routine (specifically the SALs, or shitters).
- **Kip** - A short sleep or nap.
- **Koala Bear** - Refers to somebody who is generally considered a protected species and useless in the greater scheme of things. Usually accompanied by the phrase "Not to be exported or shot at" was used to refer to 1st Armoured Regt.
- **Knob Tickler** - Anyone who puts shit on 1RAR .
- **Knob Gobbler** - Anyone posted to 1RAR .
- **Knock-off Bird** - an action where soldiers within a group call "Knock-off!" in a high-pitched voice like a cuckoo clock, usually suggesting that they knock off for the day whilst remaining anonymous.

- **Knuck** - A fighter pilot; short for 'knucklehead'. Also used in US military slang. Also used to denote fighting, ie "going the knuck on that guy".
- **Klingon** - Term used to describe a waring race of aliens in the science fiction series Star Trek, and used to describe a RAAF member attached to a Squadron/formation/unit for a period of time. "Corporal, who are those numpties? Klingons Sir, from 10 SQN.

L

- **Lance Jack** – Term used in place of the rank Lance Corporal. E.g., *We have 3 Corporals and 2 Lance Jacks in this unit.* The term comes from a VC winner. Also used in the British Armed Forces.
- **Lance Propeller** – Derogatory Term used in place of the rank Lance Corporal for RAAF personnel.
- **Legend** - A Legend of the regiment - generally over used, but traditionally used to describe characters like Warry George, Richo Richardson and Blue Telford at the Battle School.
- **Legendary Battalion** - They believe they are legends when essentially they're reserve infantry. Leave it to the big boys.
- **Legend in their own Lunchbox** - A person who beats their own drum or has an over inflated opinion of their own abilities. See **Squeezers, Fucktards, Legendary Battalion**
- **Leave App Loser** - Term used to describe a Clerk in the Royal Australian Air Force.
- **Leslie** - Term to describe an insufferable ginger snake.
- **LBPAG** - Little Black Plastic Army Gun - refers to the M16 when the SLR and M16 were the common service rifles.(in contrast to the BBPAG (M60) and LGPAG (F88))
- **LGPAG** - Little Green Plastic Army Gun - refers to the F88 Austyer when the SLR and M16 were the common service rifles.(in contrast to the BBPAG (M60) and LBPAG (M16))
- **Lid** - Live-In Divorced and Single. Comes from Soldiers post-Vietnam. Also used to denote a new/ the most junior member of a section, ie 'Limited Intelligence Drone.Or Rhyming slang(for Kid) "Billy Lid" or shortened to Lid, eg "I'm not cleaning the shitters, let the Lids do it".
- **Lifer** - RAAF term for a member who loves everything Military about his/her job in the RAAF and is "in for life" ie serves until forced age retirement
- **Linger** - Abbreviation of [w:Malingering](#). Also pronounced as Lingering or Lingin. Refers to soldiers faking an injury to get our of certain activities. *He's a linger* or *he's Lingin again* (See Kav)
- **Light Colonel, Half Colonel** - Lieutenant Colonel
- **Limers** - Navy term for cordial fruit drink.
- **Living the Dream** - Sarcastic catchphrase used to express dissatisfaction with unpleasant duties.
- **Lobster** - Refers to a Physical Training Instructor, usually meaning "Hard on the outside and head full of sh-t" or "Great body, sh-t for brains". Also refers to their bright red training uniform.
- **Love Hearts and Bunny Rabbits** - Term used to describe DPCU's due to its camouflage pattern resembling that of love hearts and bunny rabbits.

- **Luncheon Meat Type 2** - An inedible can of pink stuff issued in some Ratpaks. Do not attempt to eat. Do not attempt to feed it to a dog - dogs won't eat it.

M

- **Maccas** - Chips, crisps, chocolate bars and other food sold in canteens or messes
- **Maggot** - A 2 RAR mortarman. Thought to come from Vietnam when after a contact they were found by the CO blind drunk who labled them maggots. Also, a term used for an Army Cook, due to the white working dress uniform they wear.
- **Maggoty** - Short for "maggot bag", meaning a meat pie.
- **Makan** - Pronounced Muc-Karn. From Bahasa Malaysia for meaning "eat."
- **Makers** - Naval euphemism for an early stand-down from work. Derived from the naval custom of 'make and mend', whereby sailors were allocated 'free' time to repair personal clothing and equipment.
- **Mango** - Term for Army Reservist. Green on the outside, yellow on the inside and too many of them give you the shits.
- **Manky** - Term for something/someone vile and disgusting with bad personal hygiene. For example, "Mate he's manky as!" or "Mate, that's manky as!"
- **Mask Test Facility** - the politically correct named for a gas chamber where soldiers practice being gassed.
- **Mattel Toy** - Term for the M16 and later the Steyr F88 when the SLR was in service, due to the use of plastic parts
- **McShit** - Modular Combat Body Armour System (MCBAS). Generally regarded as protective apparel inferior to any other ever devised in the history of mankind. Precursor to the superior Tiered Body Armour System (TBAS).
- **Mas** - Indonesian word for "brother" used by elderly to describe males of younger age or lower status, or by younger men to each other. A term of endearment used by Indonesian linguists as a substitute for "mate".
- **Meat Bomb** - See "Dirt Dart".
- **Meat Heads** - Derogatory term referring to Military Police (well in use before their red berets). Also known to refer to Army Physical Training Instructors (PTIs).
- **Mike-Mike** millimetre; often used to describe 9 mm ammo.
- **MIMMS** - A convoluted computerised materiel management system (Mount Isa Mines). The bane of the existence of RAEME and RASIGS trade personnel.
- **MILIS** - A 400 million dollar system that replaced MIMS and SDSS (Standard Defence Supply System), created to stop the Supply system. Very successful (see [sarcasm](#)).
- **Mog** - Referring to an ADF medium transport truck the Mercedes Unimog.
- **Morale Sponge** - Usually refers to any individual who complains excessively, attriting the morale or happiness of anyone nearby.
- **Mordor** - Canberra, the Australian National Capital and location of Army Headquarters.
- **Moth** - Young and easily influenced member of ADF, often attracted to bright lights, shiny objects and blatantly stupid acts, including other members "Career Dissipation Light".
- **Motion thickness** - Involuntary erection experienced by male personnel when sitting over the wildly vibrating wheel arch of a Unimog truck. A *traveller (q.v.)* or *travel fat* . The sort of pun you find really funny when you're 18 years old.

- **Motorbike licence** - A ruse to get diggers to volunteer for something. Sgt: Has anybody here got a motorbike licence? (Two or three new diggers jump to their feet) "I have Sergeant!" Sgt: Good. Grab these shovels and go dig a latrine. Diggers: What about the motorbike? Sgt: GRAB THOSE SHOVELS AND START DIGGING!
- **MSUPs** - Make Shit Up Publications
- **Muppet** - an un-coordinated or unintelligent individual. Usually used in terms of "fucking muppet" or "Bloody Muppet". Also an old apprentice Neumonic - "Most Useless Person Pussers Ever Trained"
- **Muppet-Arms** - someone who is either woefully inaccurate or incapable of throwing or carrying objects. Most often heard in grenade throwing when someone doesn't throw the grenade far enough from the bunker.
- **M&M's** - (Medals and Money) A term used to denote those in the RAAF who got a three month non-formation rotation to East Timor, and later other areas of operation (ie, a Flight Sergeant from Defence Personnel Canberra sent to East Timor in 2000 for guard duty) to get their M&Ms.

N

- **Narb** - Not a real boss. Term used to refer to an officer, commissioned or otherwise. Usually promoted to a higher rank in order to get them transferred. Extremely incompetent with non-existent leadership qualities.
- **Nard** or **Ratpack Nard** - A turd, particularly one that is layed after subsisting for days or weeks on Ratpacks, usually resembles a log, extremely dense, hard and painful to excrete.
- **Nard Roll** - Toilet Paper.
- **NATO** - White with two sugars (Coffee or Tea) as in Standard NATO - The 'normal'.
- **Navigation Aid** - bright blue or yellow potaloos placed in the field, usually located at checkpoints during a nav ex ensuring no one gets lost.
- **Nav Ex** - RAAF term for a "Navigation Exercise" usually an excuse for the aircrew to fly somewhere and overnight at the casino at public expense...
- **NFI** - No fucken' idea. Or No Fucken' Interest. Can be both. You choose.
- **Nigel** - Inhabitant of the area immediately surrounding Butter worth Air Base, Malaysia. Also use to describe Vietnamese during Vietnam conflict; i.e., "Nigel Nog", possibly from the very common Vietnamese family name Ngyuen. Also used by the RAAF to describe an airman with no friends, "Nigel No Mates".
- **Nine Mile Snipers** - Artillery
- **Nuk** - A RAAF Airman's Club Disco Night. "Are you going to the Nuk tonight mate, the topless barmaids are on for the raffles again?" Derived from Knuckles, ie an airman either gets into a Knuck or gets a Fuck. See Knuck
- **Nog** - Vietnamese person (not necessarily enemy). Used during the Vietnam conflict. See also 'Nigel'.
- **Noggers** - Nickname for Gallipoli Barracks, Enoggera
- **Numpty** - An individual who just doesn't get it, for example *This numpty recruit forgot his boots*. Also used in the British Armed Forces. From the Scots, as in, "He's a numpty heid" normally used in reference to the English.
- **Nungas** - Term for Canungra.

O

- **Off Cut** - Nickname for an [Officer Cadet](#), derived from the abbreviation OFFCDT.
- **O.F.W.** - See Other FEG Wang
- **Other FEG Wang** - Nickname used by Air Force Maintainers to describe a person posted in from another Squadron or Force Element Group who endeavours to change the way the gaining squadron conduct maintenance to suit the way they are accustomed to doing things. Usually to the detriment of the gaining Squadron. Often heard saying "When I worked on fighters we did it this way." Response... "Fucking OFW!"
- **Oci Dot** - Nickname for an [Officer Cadet](#), derived from the abbreviation OCDT.
- **O Group** - A meeting conducted by a commander where orders are distributed. The shortened form is an 'Owey'.
- **Old Mate** - Any person about whom you speak, for example "Old mate over there isn't working that much" or "Old mate came up and tried to bum a few ciggies off me."
- **Oncers** - RAN slang for tomato sauce - from something that happens to women "once a month".
- **OMO**-relates to an omo laundry detergent box being placed in a window in a married patch to indicate "Old Man Out" See AJAX & FAB
- **OP** - Shorthand for an "Operation".
- **On the pill** - to get with with, smarten up (used in the 1960s and 70s)
- **On the peg** - to suck up to or otherwise ingratiate oneself with superiors in order to seek better treatment or reward. Refers to the act of fellatio. See Peg Pirate.
- **One-ers** - Naval term for making tea or coffee solely for oneself, without offering to make a cuppa for your mates. A *jack* (q.v.) practice.
- **Onesies** - Army term for making tea or coffee solely for oneself, without offering to make a brew for your mates. A *jack* (q.v.) practice. Also referred to as a Glenn Munsie. Also beers for RAAF SNCOs, from the time in the 80s the SGT Mess Bar opened, with SGTS often staying after lunch until knock off time
- **Onion** - Air force nickname for a P-3 Orion.
- **Oppo** - A friend or comrade, usually also in the military.
- **Orangutans** – Uniformed pay staff (RAAPC). From the replacement of pay books with computerised pay system, when the then head of pay corps told programmers that he needed a “soldier proof” system. They assured him they would give him “a system that an orangutan couldn’t stuff up”. They lied.
- **Orphans** – Living In members of an Army Sergeants Mess. By the time they get promoted to Sergeant they should be married. If they are living in, they must be bloody orphans.
- **Oska** - The name of an infamous baitlayer in the Big Blue One who was alleged to have organised a long remembered function at the Copper Refinery in Townsville which led to financial and professional losses.
- **Other enemy** - Archaic term for Military Police or Provost, now little used.
- **Out the wire** - Refers to the area on the outside of the protective boundary of a Forward Operating Base.
- **Oxygen thief** - A person who is so useless that his/her existence deprives the rest of the human race of oxygen.
- **Operator** - Refers to special forces members.

P

- **Packed lunch commando** - a member of the CMF or Army Reserve.
- **Pam** - Military doctrine manual (from "pamphlet")
- **Pams, excitable** - Pornographic material. Derived from the army use of the term *pamphlet* to refer to a training manual.
- **Pam 19** - War comic. Usually the quarto sized 'Battler Britton' style. So called as there was no Pamphlet numbered 19.
- **Pansies** – Australian Intelligence Corps (AUSTINT) personnel. From their hat badge, “A rampant pansy, resting on its’ laurels”. Also, a reflection on their sexuality.
- **Paper, scissors, rank** - Similar to paper, scissors, rock, however rank always wins.
- **Parramatta Medal** - Older medal given for Long Service or Long Service/Good Conduct. Named for its stripe colours being similar to that of the Parramatta Rugby League team's colours.
- **Passion fingers** - A clumsy/incompetent soldier, sailor or airman, i.e. 'everything they touch, they fuck.'
- **Peanut Gallery** - Used when referring to a group of soldiers in a classroom environment.
- **Peg Pirate** - A soldier who routinely sucks up to or ingratiated himself with superiors in the hopes of receiving reward.
- **Penguin Swarm** - Where soldiers huddle closer together when standing outside in the cold. Often occurs when soldiers return from operations in tropical or desert areas to southern Australia during winter.
- **Pies and Beers** – A play on the term Ginger Beers. Refers to Pioneer specialists from the Royal Australian Infantry Corps who carry out less technically demanding engineering tasks than Royal Australian Engineers Corps personnel.
- **Pig Battalion** - The Seventh Battalion of the Royal Australian Regiment (because the first words spoken to it on parade by its first CO Lt Col. Eric Smith in 1966 at Puckapunyal Barracks was " you're nothing but a bunch of pigs" after a bad weekend by most ranks on the turps. As a result, their mascot is now a pig and adorns thier APCs. They used to own a pig as a mascot but it died after spending years drinking beer and eating bacon, cigarette butts and hotboxes (including the tinfoil container). Much like 7RAR soldiers.
- **Pig** - A less than affectionate term for the belt fed M60 GPMG (General Purpose Machine Gun). Although generally well thought of by vets who used it in action, they had their issues hence the name.
- **Pig** - An officer (within the RAAF, **Snorker** has become a popular alternative, to avoid confusion with the aircraft).
- **Pig** - An [F-111](#) aircraft. Also an Australian RAAF nickname given to SAAF's Piaggio "*Albatross*" aircraft.
- **Pig pen** - The officer's mess, Or a F-111 Hanger.
- **Pineapple** - A term used to describe an odious task or command, delivered by a Sergeant or above. Akin to having a pineapple jammed up one's arse. To get 'pineappled' or receive a pineapple.
- [pissaphone](#) - A conical metal funnel partially stuck into the ground for soldiers to urinate into. It looks a bit like a five foot long loud hailer, but those who use it for that purpose usually regret doing so.

- **Pit** - One's bedding.
- **Pixie shirt/greens** - 'Old school' name for the 'tropical' jungle green field uniform, distinguished by pockets on the shirt sleeves and slanted chest pockets. Refers to its tight-fitting cut compared to earlier versions; i.e., only a pixie could fit into it comfortably. Replaced by *DPCU* (q.v.) from the late 1980s onwards.
- **Plastics** - RAAF derogatory term for an airman who received the rank of CPL "on time" after the introduction of "on time promotion" rather than "promotion on merit". See Kelloggs Corporal
- **Plastic fantastic** - Steyr F88 rifle, standard assault rifle for Australian infantry. Not used as often now, but was once popular when the rifle was first introduced due to the (for the time) revolutionary use of plastics in construction.
- **Pleasure fingers** - A technical or mechanical challenged RAAFie who "fucks whatever he/she touches."
- **Pleb** - A derogatory term for someone who may be a good bloke, but is challenged for life experience, generally a recruit or junior rank. If a member who has been in for more than four years is called a pleb, its particularly derogatory, and implies the member should sort their life out.
- **PMKeyS** - The succubus Defence computer database that consumes 60% of all human endeavour. A staff officer's wet dream, it is particularly useful for creating nice pie charts to impress the CO (see also: *dog and pony show*).
- **Pollard** - Term of endearment for a retired Grunt who has lost most of their hair and has trouble drinking Shirley Temples.
- **Pollies** - The polyester dress, for example *Iron your pollies, dig!*. The term comes from the material they are made from (polyester). Also known as **polys**.
- **POETS Day** - Friday - *Piss Off Early Tomorrows Saturday*
- **POM** - 80s RAAF sarcastic term for a member who is suspected to have gained rank by dubious means rather than being "Promoted On Merit", ie "that bitch knob gobbled the WOFF to get a good 207, bloody POM my arse!".
- **Pongo** - A derogatory name for a soldier. "Where the army goes, the **pong goes**."
- **PONTI** - "Person Of No Tactical Importance" A derogatory term used to describe rear echelon staff
- **Pogo, Pogue or Poag** - A soldier not involved in combat. Usually in protected areas well behind the front lines. Comes from POAG (Posted On A Garrison) or POGO (Posted on garrison operations). Also the term was used in the Vietnam era as rhyming slang for 'Pogo Stick' (rhyming with 'Prick'). This term is often used by any soldier against any other soldier or group who he/she perceives as living an easier life than their own. Can also take the form "pogue" (Person Of Greater Use Elsewhere), same spelling as used for "Person Other than Grunt".
- **Poo tickets** - Toilet paper.
- **Poof Mat** - Insulating sleeping mat used out field.
- **POR** - Privilege of Rank
- **POS** - "Piece Of Shit" Originally conceived for a particular cadet whilst he was undergoing training, now commonly used to describe someone who is a social retard who makes everyone cringe when they open their mouth. Also used when someone does something stupid, annoying or Jack "You are such a POS". POS acronym can be extended if need be (i.e. Friend of POS = FPOS).

- **Prayers** - Orders group for example *The Boss has called us in for prayers.* - See also O Group
- **Prove** - Raising your hand on command - e.g. "All those with a Mog driver's licence - prove!".
- **Pop smoke** - To leave an area or an activity. Refers to the conduct of a withdrawal, using a smoke grenade for obscurity.
- **Popey** - Term used by clerks when problems occur with simple filing or lost documents. Named after a grossly incompetent Lance Corporal clerk.
- **PTE FRY** - Soldier with no concern for his mates welfare, especially on ops".
- **Pucka Tucka F-cka** - The Army Cooks at Puckapunyal.
- **Pusser** - A sailor, also used in the Royal Navy; derivative of 'purser'. Originally used to describe just the supply branch. (Pussers rum was issued to the British Navy)
- **Put'nTake** – A hot water system made from a 200 litre drum on a frame over a fire for bush showers. You put a bucket of cold water in to take a bucket of hot water out.

Q

- **Q** - Quartermaster - An officer who has the enviable job of making sure that the Q-store is always full of every kind of stuff ever invented, and making sure that those dirty diggers don't get any of it because they will break it for sure. Delegates these tasks to ordinary Q-blokes.
- **Q-blokes / Q-wallah / Quey** - People who work in the Q-store.
- **Q-store** - Quartermaster's Store - A large building full of stacks of every kind of stuff you could ever want or need. If you ask for any of it, you will be told: "Sorry mate, I've only got one left and somebody else might want it." You may be offered a few consolation tins of Luncheon Meat Type 2, or if you're really lucky, Ham And Egg In A Can.
- **Quarmbie** - Used by the Army, it refers to a highly uncoordinated person lacking in motor skills. Usually in relation to drill or weapon handling. E.g., *A Drill Quarmbie*
- **Queer Trader** - An Avionics Technician. Boffin on aircraft(generally Army) Smart enough to stay clean whilst working. (Cf: "Blackhand")

R

- **RAAF Cock** - An RAAF member who displays a lack of healthy disdain for RAAF values. also shows a disgusting level of enthusiasm in regards to his employment and RAAF assets. Example: Bubba: "gee! did you see that hornet doing a full AB takeoff!? how cool was that?!" Ryan: "Pfft Hornets are gay! your such a RAAF Cock!" See Lifer
- **RAEME** Officially stands for Royal Australian Electrical and Mechanical Engineers, although members of the infantry claim it stands for Regularly at the Arse End of Military Engagements, referring to their success in avoiding any combat situations. Similarly, Royal Arse End of the Military Establishment. More commonly referred to as the Royal Australian Easy Money Earners for similar reasons but mainly due to their high pay scales based on their significant engineering and technical skill level.

- **Rabbit** - RAN term for a job done for a mate as a favour or himself, by a trade specialist in that area such as a technician fixing a mate's stereo or repairing a car. Usually in work time using RAN facilities and tools. "Hey Dave, could you do a rabbit on my car tomorrow?" See also *Foreigner*
- **Racing spoon** - A large spoon carried by most front line soldiers for use in a group meal or "train smash". The bigger the spoon the more you can get in one go. Usually carried for weeks at a time, and cleaned by wiping it on your cams.
- **Rack** - Term used to describe a sailor's bed onboard a ship. Also as a verb - "to get some rack time", get some sleep. See also 'Farter' and 'Poof Mat'.
- **Raffie** - Used by the Army and RAN to identify Royal Australian Air Force personnel ... "He's a Raffie."
- **RAAF issued** - Used by men in the military when describing a female military member with a large behind "she is huge, def has a raaf issued" meaning her behind was issued with her kit
- **RAAF-nob/Ronnie RAAF** - Used to describe those RAAF personnel who take their job too seriously, examples include: MSIs (Military Skills Instructors, formally known as GSIs, General Skills Instructors) and WODs (Warrant Officer Discipline).
- **Raise a signal** -To signal an interest in something or intention to do something, particularly something that requires an administrative action.
- **Rank Skank** - A female soldier who sleeps her way through the Chain of Command.
- **Rang Sandwich** - Sandwiches sent to a "Range Shoot" or when on a "Training Activity" (in barracks), these are usually soggy and hot when you get them.
- **Ration Assassin** - An Army cook.
- **Rat-catcher** - Common and affectionate term for Royal Australian Air Force's Environmental Health members or hygienists.
- **Ratpak** - Referring to an ADF ration pack.
- **Rece** - Slang for Reconnaissance or Intel gathering missions.
- **Redders** - Tomato sauce. A tomato sauce stain on one's uniform is a *redders medal*.
- **Red Roosters** Members of 21 Construction Squadron. Their mascot is a red rooster. The duty NCO is responsible for ensuring that the chooks are fed and that they don't get kidnapped by some smart arse bastards from other units. But sometimes you find a fresh egg.
- **Red Roper** - A leading recruit at the RAN Recruit school. Distinguished by a red lanyard worn around the neck and an overinflated ego.
- **Red Tabs** - Referring to Senior Officers in the Army: Colonel and above. They are distinguished by the red tabs worn on their collars.
- **Resup** - a resupply, usually in the field of water, food and ammunition. AKA Replen.
- **Retread** - A soldier that is changing trades. Used while they on course to distinguish them from Initial Employment Trainees. Also refers to Officers who commission from the ranks.
- **Reg** - (rhymes with "egg") A regular (full-time) soldier.
- **Regi** - To be extremely regimental. E.g. Someone/something who is very down the line and extremely strict, ie '4 field is the regiest unit ever.' or ' Fuck I cant stand the RSM, he is so regi.'
- **Rick O'Shay** - (A.K.A) The Mad Irishman - slang for ricochete.

- **RIP** - Relief In Place. The handover/takeover process which occurs when a deployed formation is rotated back to Australia and replaced by the next formation.
- **Roach Coach, The** - RAAF term for the mobile AAFCANS (later Frontline) canteen truck. See Hungry Wagon
- **Roach, or sometimes Cock Roach** Ordnance Corps soldier, from RAAOC.
- **Rock, The** - Common name for Penang used by personnel at Butterworth Air Base, Malaysia
- **Rock show** - Used to describe a poorly planned or managed activity... "That exercise was a complete Rock show" or "This is fast turning into a Rock show"
- **Rocking horse shit** - Term to describe something that is rare.
- **Rocket Pod** - The two rear gun hatches on a Bushmaster Protected Mobility Vehicle. Refers to the tendency of the occupants to be forcibly ejected from the hatch recess in the event of a rear-wheel IED strike.
- **Rockers** - Wolloomooloo bay hotel, Wolloomooloo.
- **ROCL and ROCTFA** - Relief Out of Country Leave and Relief Out of Country Travel Fares Assistance. Refers to the leave taken by Defence members part-way through an operational deployment.
- **ROCL Trip** - An operational deployment, usually of shorter duration than normal, where the member is assigned to relieve other troops departing on mid-tour leave.
- **Rodeney** - A bloke who spells with a stutter, once again, more than likely associated with 2/4 RAR"
- **Rong Hill** - The name used to describe officers who cannot navigate.
- **Roofing Nail** - The modern, wide-brimmed hat for wearing out bush. Also used to describe such hats when still new- ie the brim is still straight.
- **Rooted** - To be very very tired or when something is broken. "God Im rooted after that pack march" and or "That Land Rover is rooted after Johnno drove it"
- **Roppers** - Also known as ROPs. Refers to Restriction of Privileges. A common punishment awarded for minor infractions.
- **RQMS** - Old warrant officer storeman who is convinced he is smarter than everyone and has all the answers to questions you didn't even ask.
- **ROP** - Restriction Of Privileges. A type of punishment handed to a person who has been found guilty of a military offence (a defaulter).
- **ROs Part 2** – ARMY Newspaper. E.g. "If your name is in ROs (Routine Orders) you are on duty. If your name is in ROs Part 2 you owe anyone who spots it a beer."
- **RP** - A Regimental Policeman. The sycophantic arse-lickers who follow the RSM around and lap up tasks like drilling defaulters and nailing parade ground markers into the ground. Out of the same stable as a "Meat Head".
- **R.H.I.P** - Stands for "Rank Has Its Privileges", sometimes quoted as "Rank Hath Its Privileges".
- **Rupert** - An Army Officer (from British Army - newly commissioned officer and therefore very inexperienced).
- **Rum Ration** - Term for the daily issue of Grog or Rum the used to be given to sailors, unfortunately they no longer issue rum and it doesn't come daily. See "Beer Issue"

S

- **Sack** - Sack of shit. All units have a few
- **Sad-on** - To be unhappy. *What's up mate? You've had a sad-on all day.*
- **Sads** - To whinge, as in *Crack the sads*.
- **S.A.L.**- Shit At Life- A nickname referring to a soldier whom fails at everything: *"Oi Sal, get over here"*. Also "showers and latrines" - old skool way of saying bathroom.
- **Sally Man** - A Salvation Army Officer. A term of endearment.
- **Sam Brown** - Leather Belt and shoulder strap worn by Army Officers when wearing polys and their ceremonial swords. Also a Common name used by soldiers when introduced to a female they just met at a nightclub, knowing they would never see her again (Refer to AJ Fade Away)and (Howard Green).
- **SAS** - Special Air Service or when used to describe Army Reservists means 'Saturdays and Sundays'.
- **Scablifter** - A medic.
- **Scarface** - the unpaved reverse slope of Enoggera Hill.
- **Scope Dope** - RAAF term for Airborne Electronics Analyst crew members on AP-3C Orion maritime patrol aircraft.
- **Scungies**- Number 4 Cams, or just the shittiest worn out crap looking DPCU you have, normally given to recruits for 'Shits & Giggles (see below)'
- **SCRAN** - Term used to refer to food - "Sultanas, Currants, Raisins and Nuts" and "Shit Cooked by the Royal Australian Navy".
- **Scran-bag** - Lost clothing bag. Also used metaphorically to describe a slovenly, disorganised or incompetent sailor: *I don't want 'X' on my watch, he/she's a complete scranbag.*
- **Screw** - Military Police soldier supervising prisoners
- **Screws** - Another derisive term for [RAAF](#) security police. *Quick, the screws are coming!*
- **Sea Squarie** - Navy term for the cloth needed as a result of indulging in self satisfaction, typically used when in ones rack (bed).
- **Secco** - Section Commander.
- **Second Class Ride** - what armoured corps soldiers get. Better than a first class walk, which is what crunchies do ('Crunchies' refers to anyone on foot near a moving armoured vehicle, as they make a crunching noise when they get run over).
- **Second To None** - The motto of The Second Battalion Royal Australian Regiment (2RAR). Frequently vandalised by 1RAR diggers to read "Second To One".
- **Seppie** - 1st Battalion RAR Mascot (Shetland Pony)
- **Sepo** - American. Americans also known as Yanks, tank rhymes with yank, tank developed into septic tank, this is abbreviated to Sepo.
- **Sergeants Mess** - Where sergeants go to avoid work, talk smack about their troops or sometimes eat... Also a place where RAAF Cocks are in high abundance. - See 'RAAF Cock'.
- **Seventy-Seven Set** - AN/PRC-77 manpack radio.
- **Sharpies** - Full Metal Jacket ammunition for any weapon system. Used to distinguish from blank ammunition.
- **Shit fight** Used to comment on the way a soldier looks, how his/her room looks or how something is turning out; e.g., 'You're a shit fight Gunner Dickson, sort your shit out' or 'This is turning into a shit fight'. Can be upgraded to *fuck fight* as necessary. Also known as SIG Robertson's room. Also an apt description of a Dog and Pony Show that has gone

rapidly south due to the presence of members with an active Career Dissipation Light, can be further amplified by the presence of Moths.

- **Shit-locker** Used to describe a large stomach of a service person; e.g., "Get that dog's eye into your shit locker".
- **Shit-of-the-Kings** - a 2nd Lieutenant. [See also King-of-the-Shits]
- **Shit pit** - A latrine. You'll be digging lots of these if you admit to having a motorbike licence.
- **Shits & Giggles**- Anything done for the sheer fuck of it
- **Shit tickets**- Toilet paper
- **Shit Job** - RAAF term for a task not popular, usually having been "volunteered by a senior rank" ie Guard Duty, Funeral Guard for a crusty old Senior Officer, Parking Attendant for Air Displays...
- **Shmooley-Tue** - A Vue-Tue filled with pornography.
- **Short arm parade** - Inspection of soldiers' genitals to discover any VD infection.
- **Show Bags** - Someone who is full of shit. Derived from the easter show gimmick bags full of useless crap.
- **Sig** - A private in the Royal Australian Signals corps, for example *Sig Smith go to the Q-Store to collect our equipment for the EX*. Abbreviation for Signalman.
- **Singo**- Location of the School Of Infantry, Singleton NSW home of the Australian Infantry. *So when did you go through Singo mate?*
- **SLATTERY** - refers to an individual weak in nature and non productive, also a dick (see woftam).
- **SL(u)R** - A name for the L1A1 rifle. It was a Real Man's Weapon... but then again our ancestors lamented the passing of the boomerang & spear.
- **Skippy Badge** - Hat or beret badge insignia for the Royal Australian Regiment (Regular Army Infantry organisation) Skippy for the kangaroo in the centre
- **Sleeve Trash** - Enlisted ranks. Prior to new DPCU's issued circa 2005, enlisted personnel wore rank on their sleeves, opposed to Officers wearing on shoulders.
- **Slouchie or Slouch Hat** - Unique form of wide brimmed khaki/light brown coloured fur-felt hat worn by Australian Soldiers with the left brim turned up for ceremonial occasions. *A KFF*.
- **Slowey** - Commonly referred to RASIG's "Radio Operators," most are thick as pig shit, a few roos short of the top paddock and a bit slow.
- **S.L.U.G.** - slow, lethargic, unco-ordinated, grot. Often used for those who are physically challenged or endemically hopeless.
- **Smellie** - A Short Magazine Lee Enfield rifle .303 (in Australian Service No1 MkIII or its variants in the main) (archaic).
- **Smock, psychological**- a camouflaged nylon rain garment intended for field use, issued from the 60s-early 90s. Provided only psychological protection from the rain.
- **Smoko** - RAAF term for officially sanctioned short breaks from work for a cuppa and a smoke if so inclined.
- **Smurf Cams** -Refers to RAAF GPU, a replacement for c-dubs. Origins of the term refer to there blue appearance or the ability to "not even cam a smurf -movie character"
- **S.N.A.F.U.** - Situation Normal All Fucked Up.
- **Snake** - Term used to refer to Sergeants. Also refers to Naval Police Coxwains in the RAN.

- **Snake Pit** - Term used to refer to the Sergeants Mess. Also shortened to "the pit". E.g., "See you down the pit."
- **Social Climber** - Derogative, used to describe a person who tries to mix and socialise in with higher ranking persons and groups.
- **Son** - A derogative term used in conversation to describe a disliked and incompetent subordinate. "That bag of shit there - that's your Son mate - sort him out" (See 'Dad')
- **Soggy Sao** - Equivalent to the British "biscuit race". "SAO" is a brand of cracker biscuit made by Arnotts.
- **Soldier's Five** - Euphemism meaning 'a quick brief on a subject.' It probably stems from 'A soldier's five minute instruction or lesson'. It can be used like "Corporal, can you give me a quick 'soldier's five' on how this weapon works?"
- **Sombrero** - Refers to the new bush hats which have extremely wide brims. "look at that jube with a sombrero. Get some time up."
- **SOP** - Shit Over Porcelain, Standard Operating Procedures.
- **Space Cadet** - 1). Name for a Staff Cadet(Officer in training) with rank abbreviated as SCDT. 2). An individual who has no idea, 'is off with the stars'. Nickname of SIG Zunker.
- **Spanner** - A member of the corps of Royal Australian Electrical and Mechanical Engineers (RAEME).
- **Spam in a Can** - Occupants and crew of an APC or tank. The after effects of being hit by anti-tank weapons.
- **Sparky** - An electrician or electronics tech of the RAEME. Also an "Electrical Fitter, Electrical Systems Specialist in the RAAF
- **Splat-cat** - See 'Dirt Dart'.
- **Splat-cats** - 3 RAR
- **Splice The Main Brace** - Order given by the Queen for the 'Rum Ration' to be doubled, this is only done only rarely done to celebrate occasions such as the birth or marriage of a member of the Royal Family.
- **Sponge** - Term of endearment for Russell Offices, Canberra. Also "The Grey Sponge", "Big Grey Sponge" or "Sponge Factory"
- **Spook** - A name used generally for personnel involved in an intelligence role. E.g. "Yeah, that FLTLT's a spook."
- **Sporty** - RAAF term for officially sanctioned down time for Sporting Activities, in the 70s and 80s usually just an excuse to have a BBQ and several beers and socialize with workmates, occasionally a tennis ball may have been hit by a cricket bat to please the boss.
- **Spring-Butt** - Derogatory term for a student, usually staff college, who loves to show the world how much he knows by asking interminable questions of guest lectures at every opportunity, usually preceded by a preamble demonstrating their own exemplary level of knowledge of the subject in question.
- **Sprog** - 1st year Army Apprentice. Used by "Senior" RAAF Apprentices to describe first year RAAF apprentices at Wagga, also used by civilians of Wagga Wagga to describe RAAF apprentices
- **Spud** - "Spud and Spud App" Derogatory Term used by RAAF Engineering/Trade Apprentices at Wagga to describe RAAF Technology Apprentices, unknown origin. See COT Death

- **Square Gait** - A term used to describe a soldier who marches with his arms and legs in sync, opposite to a natural gait.
- **Square Peg** - Short for "Square Peg Round Hole", See F.O.N.C.
- **Squashed Moth** The aircrew brevet - the 'wings' badge worn on a pilot's uniform. By extension, derogatory slang for aircrew.
- **Squeezer** - A jocular term of derision used to describe another soldier or person who is suspected of malingering (e.g., Old mate is a f#cking squeezer)
- **SSM** - Senior Sandwich Maker the same as CSM but 2nd in charge of a SQN
- **Stabbed** - To be assigned a task by a superior, it usually not being a task an individual would volunteer to complete. E.g., *I've been stabbed by the boss to sell Unit T-shirts at our function.*
- **Standard NATO** - Milk and two sugars.
- **Stars** - Infantry sleep under them, RAAF select their accommodation by the rating, Navy claim to navigate using them.
- **Steamer** - A crap.
- **Steppers** - Clothes worn while on shore leave by sailors of the RAN. (e.g. Bomber got filled in last night, we found him in the gutter outside rockers bleeding on his steppers!)
- **Sticky Bun** - Refers to sweet cakes and buns with icing on top, usually consumed at 'Smoko'
- **Stinger** - RAAC member with initial posting to 3rd Cavalry or B SQN 3rd/4th Cavalry Regiment.
- **Stomp** - A pack march and or a patrol.
- **Strangies** - Spotless Range Safety Officers. Ex military types that run the training areas. From "Rangies"
- **Subbie** - An officer of subaltern rank; i.e., Army Lieutenants, Air Force Pilot/Flying Officers, and Navy Sub-Lieutenants.
- **Subbie-wings** - An honorific title conferred upon enlisted soldiers who manage the significant achievement of convincing a commissioned officer to sleep with him/her. *Guess what. I got my subbie-wings on the weekend.*
- **Sumpie** - A RAAF Engine Fitter
- **Super-grunt** a member of the Special Air Service.
- **Super-Sub-Lieutenant or Super-Sub-Lewie** - RAN term used to describe a RAN Commodore as their rank (now sleeve rank) resembles that of a super large Sub-Lieutenant's rank.
- **S.W.A.T** - refers to the reserves. Some Weekends And Tuesdays
- **SWAT** - Students Wanting A Taste refers to gap year members
- **Sweating like an [ADG](#) in a spelling test** or **Sweating like a whore in church** - To perspire excessively.
- **Swimming Pool** - The US Presidential Distinguished Unit Citation. Awarded to some Australian Army units for actions during the Vietnam and Korean conflicts. *See Blood Bath.*

T

- **Tail-end Charlie** a soldier who is bring-up or protecting the rear of a platoon, or formation (same as "Arse-end Arnold").

- **Tailor mades** - Mass-produced cigarettes; i.e., bought as is, as opposed to rolling your own ('rollies').
- **Tally** - RAAF term; originally denoted visual acquisition of an airborne target, but has become frequently used in a bar/nightclub scenario. *'Ya see that brunette in the red dress?'* *'Tally.'*
- **Tanker/Tanky** - Member of the Armoured Corps.
- **Tankwit** - RAAC member with initial posting to 1st Armoured Regiment. Comes from the term "Dimwit" meaning that a crew is locked up inside their Tank and has no idea whats going on around them. *"Oh he's a Tankwit"*
- **Target** - Naval surface vessel according to submariners and aircrew.
- **TASMIS** - Training area and range booking system so complicated, it makes running up Castle Hill look easy in comparison.
- **Tazzed** - (aka Getting Tazzed) - RAAF officer term for drinking alcohol to excess and throwing up after a big night "you were really Tazzed last night"
- **Tea and medals** - A successful conclusion to an operation. From the British TV series ['Blackadder Goes Forth'](#).
- **Tea and Sticky Buns** - A one-way conversation during which a wayward member (usually an officer) is reminded of his or her short comings by a senior commander.
- **Ten That Cunt** - a card game played by members of 11PL "ZULUs" of Delta Coy 2RAR
- **Ter** - An Indonesian prefix generally meaning something is the "most" eg. "Terbesar", Besar = big, terbesar = biggest. Ter is used by Indonesian linguists in everyday English to add emphasis to something. eg. "I'm terhungry" or "that chick is terhot."
- **T.H.E.M.** - SAS
- **The Train** - Often a Domestic operation served by at least 3 diggers but usually as many as a young lass can handle in quick succession, i.e., "Did you end up picking that bird up last night?" "Yep, me and the boys ran a train on her, she just couldn't get enough."
- **The Ville** - Nickname for Lavarack Barracks, Townsville QLD
- **Throw Smoke** - To throw smoke is to cover a tactical withdrawal from a sticky situation, also to make a strategic withdrawal during a civilian outing with AJs (see also AJ Fadeaway)
- **(A) Thick** - An army tradesman who did not serve an army apprenticeship (generally in the days when Army Apprentices School existed)
- **Three-oh** - A Short Magazine Lee Enfield rifle .303 (in Australian Service No1 MkIII or its variants in the main) (1950's RAAF term) (see: Smelly)
- **Throw Down** - a enemy weapon held by a section for emergency legal reasons.
- **TIC** - Troops In Contact.
- **Tiffy** - Artificer, a member of the RAEME who works on and repairs Artillery and Tank guns. "My gun is rooted, took it down to the tiffies and they said it will be fixed in 3 to 5 hours"
- **Tillie** - An M548A1 Tracked Load carrier - member of the M113 family used for cargo/resupply duties.
- **Tink Tink** - A member of the army who wears glasses. 'Tink Tink' is the sound of the rounds from the sniper rifle finding their mark, as the the glasses reflect light and draw attention to the wearers location.
- **TK** - Tarin Kowt. The capital of Uruzgan Province, in southern Afghanistan.
- **TOADs** - Army Reserve. Tuesdays Only After Dark.

- **TOC** - Tea or Coffee, refers to self funded canteen of a unit.
- **Tooth Fairy** - A member of the Royal Australian Army Dental Corps.
- **Train Smash** - A meal made by combining any ingredients from one or more rat packs into a pot and heating. Usually eaten by a group.
- **Training Pam** or **Training Manual** - hard core pornography.
- **Traveller or travel fat** - Used to describe an erection caused by vehicle motion / vibration. Also known as 'motion thickness'.
- **Trail Ape** - A gun line member of Royal Australian Artillery.
- **Trip** - An operational deployment.
- **Trooper Seiko** - When you use a watch to do your picquet (preferably not on Ops).
- **Tubbin** - Thumb Up Bum Brain In Neutral.
- **Trash haulers** - Transport aircrew. Often shortened to 'trashies'.
- **Trashies** - Slang for AAFCANS, a RAAF canteen. (Trashies referring to the low quality fried food served there).
- **Triple Points** - An attractive female officer. Derived from the HMAS Success event in 2009.
- **Trucky** - A slang term used for soldiers of The Royal Australian Corps Of Transport.
- **Truckwit** - Used as a derisive term to describe a Transport Corps soldier (by other corps to describe an inept Transport Corp member).
- **Tubs** - A shower.
- **Tucker fucker** - An Army cook. 'Tucker' is an Australian word for food.
- **Tully** - Tully, home of the Field Force Battle School, with the highest rainfall in Australia. Run in the early 80s by a true legend - Warry George Mansford, and with great staff like Blue Telford, Blue Gleeson and some other ring ins. Renowned for the toilet humour, mostly left by depressed poges on their first visit away from their base, e.g. TULLY - Totally Unbelievable Lets Leave Yesterday.
- **Tupperware** - Steyr F88 rifle see Plastic fantastic. Derived from the name of a plastic kitchenware manufacturer (Tupperware is the name of the plastic kitchenware company which also makes the butt group and trigger mech of the rifle).
- **Turd Burglar** - A soldier from 2/4 RAR same as a Poo Pirate , Shirt Lifter or Nugget Puncher.
- **Turd toucher** - A plumber/gasfitter tradesman from the RAE.
- **Turps** - Any form of alcoholic beverage drank to excess.
- **Turret-head** - Member of the Armoured Corps.
- **Two-way rifle range** - The battlefield.
- **Two-dads** - A generic name for someone with a hyphenated surname. I.e., two surnames, therefore two fathers.
- **Tyre Biter** - A term used to describe a driver within the Tranposrt Corps.

U

- **Uckers** - A board game from the Royal Navy, similar to Ludo and thought to have originated in India. [\[1\]](#)
- **Underwater Panel Beating** - See 'Dixie Bashing'.

- **UNSWR'd** - To get completely screwed over regardless of actual successes. The obscuring of results in order to make someone feel [spesschal](#). *that result last Saturday got completely UNSWR'd Also to get posted to UNSWR - University of NSW Regiment [2]*

V

- **Vege bin** - An [armoured personnel carrier](#). Implies that the troops carried in the vehicle are 'vegetables'.
- **Veggies** - Royal Australian Armoured Corps Assault Troopers. Depending on the context the term can be one of endearment or derision.
- **Veggie Patch** - 2/4 RAR at Lavarack Barracks.
- **Vue Tue** - Pronounced 'viewee toowee'. Refers to a small green plastic folder with clear plastic sleeves for inserting notes and cribs commonly used by the Army. Aussie equivalent of a 'Nirex' (UK) or 'dope book' (USA).

W

- **[WAG](#)** - 'Wild Arse Guess'. Usually made by an Officer when "navigating".
- **Wagtail** - Sometimes affectionate term for the "Wagtail" radio due to its long antenna.
- **Wank booth** - A soldier's room on base.
- **Wanking chariot** - A single bed on base.
- **Wanking spanner** - Your prominent hand. E.g., "Stick your wanking spanner in the air if you". (Also known as (c__t scratcher").
- **Warned Out** - to be notified of an impending task.
- **Warry/warrie** - A colourful (if somewhat embellished) anecdote about military service 'back in the day'. Usually recited by a senior [NCO](#) after a surfeit of alcohol. The best warries eventually transmute into [urban legends](#). Australian equivalent of the USN/USMC term 'sea story'.
- **[waste of space](#)** - A member of the ADF that fulfills a posting that could be better done by a blind and mute primate. Usually fails the basics regarding ADF life, BFAs etc. Commonly throws junk food down their gullet and is a chain smoker yet talks about selection plans.
- **Wheelbarrow with a...** - Used by Army personnel when confronted with a long and/or difficult to pronounce name. E.g. a Corporal at 1 RTB might be calling out the roll and be confronted with the name 'Tsimbouklis', which he would then call out as "wheelbarrow with a 'T'". Commonly used when referring to soldiers from the Western Suburbs of Eastern Australian cities.
- **Whiskey Tango** - A term that refers to a female from another country. White Trash.
- **White Handers** - Air Force term for maintenance personnel working on electrical systems; i.e., those who don't get their hands dirty.
- **White Ninja** - To leave a round or a bar without informing your mates. E.g., "Where did Shane go...shit he's done a white ninja'.
- **Willy Foxtrot** - The Whimp Factor, Willy Foxtrot. Usually used when someone dogs it from a hard activity - he got a dose of the Willy Foxtrots.
- **[Willy Pete](#)** - White Phosphorus (WP).

- **WOFTAM** - 'Waste Of Fucking Time And Money'. Once used by Regulars to describe Reservists, but you don't hear it so much [these days](#).
- **WOMBAT** - As a nickname, Waste of military budget and time. Also an insensitive male, "he eats, roots, and leaves."
- **Wombat gun** - M79 grenade launcher. Because of the large bore, like looking down a wombat hole. More common now is the GLA (Grenade Launcher Attachment) for the in service F88 AUSTEYR.
- **(W)RANS** - A derogatory term for female sailors. Prior to 1985 women could only serve in the Women's Royal Australian Navy Service e.g. WRANS. Referring to a group of female sailors as (W)RANS or a single female sailor as a (W)RAN(S) singles out their service as being different than that rendered by male members, as it was done prior to 1985.
- **Wreckie mech** - An RAEME soldier who operates motor recovery equipment; i.e., a wrecker. Generally NOT very bright. Known as the LEGENDs of DRONG in RAEME. Also known as Bogoligists or Tow-rags. Also "GODS CHOSEN ONES." due to the recovery wizardry skills that they show.

X

- **Xongabong** - refers to the act of using marijuana while on active duty. ie- John got discharged because he was xongabong

Y

- **Yowie suit** - Heavily camouflaged garments worn by snipers, resembling a [mythical creature](#) of the bush. Australian term for a [Ghillie suit](#).
- **Yardie** - Glorified blanket stacker, also able to stack items on lage wooden pallets.
- **Yarma** - Bloody big hill, as in we just patrolled up that f%^&ing big yarma! The use of Yarma is usually an indicator that a "Warry" is about to be told. When a "Yarma" is described in a "Warry" they have on occassion, been given moderatly inaccurate heights and difficulty, just above the climbing ability of Sir Edmund Hillary.

Z

- **Zeds** or **Zees** to sleep is to "punch out zeds".
- **Zoom bag** - A flying suit.