



FUN ON THE RUN

As the section beds down for the night after a gruelling day of Mil Skills, they began to reflect on the day's activities. The stretcher carry creates some light entertainment. The section commander, who lays back on the stretcher with a feeling of concern and the obvious relief from not having to do it, recalling the pained expressions on the faces of his men and the many assorted sounds one normally hears in movies not permitted for the general public. A grunt and a groan there as one many approaches his endurance level.

Or it is the mixed reactions of moves up the goat track, down the road and then back up the hill only to move back down the road, that causes one to think back and have a

giggle as to the futility of it all. The older members say "I don't need this anymore," while the younger ones spit the dummy and let loose with a series of profanities that make the SATANIC VERSES seem like a childrens' school book.

The comedy of errors that follow; such as, the 2IC from a Sig section who uses the wrong set of codes, the digger who looks confused as he realises he doesn't know where the new sight of a 66mm SRAAW is, or the section commander who takes out the instructions on how to prepare a vehicle for aircraft pickup and without looking at them packs anyway.

All very frustrating and certainly not funny then but once its all been said and done certainly worth a laugh over a beer now.

BN HQ ATTITUDE TO TAKING LEAVE "A DAY OFF"

So you want the day off. Let's take a look at what you are asking for. There are 365 days per year available for work. There are 52 weeks per year in which you already have two days off per week, leaving 261 days available for work. Since you spend 16 hours each day away from work, you have used up 170 days, leaving only 91 days available. You spend 30 minutes each day on coffee break that accounts for 23 days each year, leaving only 68 days available. With a one hour lunch period each day, you have used up another 46 days, leaving only 22 days available for work. You normally spend 2 days per year on sick leave. This leaves you only 20 days available for work. We are off for 5 holidays per year, so you available working time is down to 15 days. We generously give you 14 days vacation per year which leaves only 1 day available for work and I'll be damned if you're going to take that day off!!!