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### PREFACE

This work attempts to put down on paper the peculiar slang used by cadets at the Australian Defence Force Academy. In no way can it be reckoned a definitive work, since the slang vocabulary of cadets is continually changing. I have tried to put in all the words that are in use at present, whether they are common or not.

No apology whatsoever is made for profanity, for bias, or for sexist definitions; these are the words used by cadets, and to censor them would be to destroy the unique language that is Legolingo.

In the definitions, if a word is written in capitals, this means that it is defined somewhere else in the dictionary. Where possible, I have tried to give an example of the word's usage in a phrase so that the reader will get a better idea of the overall language of cadets.

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## INTRODUCTION

It was actually before the threat of closing time at the Wellington Rugby Club started us into stocking up the table with fifteen schooners that Bill Cowham, very competently, sang a traditional Duntroon song about a girl who wore a yellow ribbon and a cordie who was far, far away. After the schooners Bill might not have got the tune so precisely nor pronounced the words so clearly; and I would probably not have remembered it, much less appreciated the significance of what I was hearing with such enjoyment. I realised that the song was only one expression of what must be a whole cadet folk culture, developed over years of collective life and in relative independence from the wider society. What other riches might cordie culture have to offer?

At some stage later, when the hangovers had cleared, I told Bill that I thought the recording of Duntroon/ADFA folk culture—slang, stories, traditions, customs etc.—was a matter of urgent national importance, more important even than Chemistry. With the integration of the three services, the culture which Bill had experienced as a Fourthie at Duntroon would change rapidly, and much would probably be lost for ever. So male-centred a culture would be further transformed by the presence of female cadets at ADFA. There was no time to lose if a significant part of Australia's cultural heritage was to be saved for posterity.

Bill did not need much urging. Before I knew where I was he showed me the first draft of a dictionary of current ADFA slang, then titled *Cordiespeak*, and this became the basis of the present publication. It must be emphasised that *Legolingo* is a compilation of current slang: the cadets' language is constantly changing, and many expressions do not seem to last for more than a few years. No attempt has been made to record older, obsolete or superseded usages. Bruce Moore, of the English Department, is working on a large-scale scholarly project in this direction, and the results of this research should be available within the next few months.

Any language is a verbal expression of the society which uses it; jargon is the specialised language of sub-cultures; but slang is hard to pin down precisely. The

Oxford English Dictionary defines it as "language of a highly colloquial type, considered as below the level of standard educated speech, and consisting either of new words or of current words employed in some special sense". Slang is like a strident whispering among the grass roots of sub-cultures, the sharp, economical, racy truth about life as lived by those at the base of power structures. To study such uses is to learn of both language and the culture which has produced it. To record such uses is to tread the path of some great names in the lexicography of demotic speech, notably the great New Zealand-Australian scholar, Eric Partridge (1894-1979). Before him there were such works as W H Downing's *Digger Dialects* (1919), and afterwards there was Sydney Baker's chapter on service slang in his *The Australian Language* (1945). Today there is the forthcoming *Australian National Dictionary*.

Eric Partridge, compiler of the most amusing dictionaries since Dr Johnson, has written that there were two principal influences which made him become a lexicographer. The first was his move from New Zealand to Australia when he was a boy; the second was his experience as a soldier in the Great War. The family migration taught him that language reflected, and was the product of, a way of life:

New Zealand and Australia are 'poles apart' in physical composition and nature; in fauna and flora; in climate; ethnically, in respect of their native peoples; and in the very character of their white populations, with their fundamentally different history of settlement and early growth and with the tremendous influence of environments differing so sharply. Not least of the differences was that in speech; a difference of accent and tempo, of intonation and enunciation. The difference in vocabulary was perhaps even greater: new names to learn for the beasts and the reptiles, the birds and the fishes; for the trees and shrubs and grasses; for the soils and the winds; for customs and occupations, and, in short, a new way of life.

As a private in the Australian Imperial Force, Partridge learned far more about Australian English than he would have done even in outback Queensland, and he picked up, in particular, "a not inconsiderable stock of slangy and colloquial and other unconventional words and phrases and senses and idioms". His experience of military life showed him that language had "its collective as well as its individual aspects, its

deviations as well as its usage and usages; that it springs not from books but from life, not from pundits but from the people”.

Life in the army, navy and air force generates a slang so rich as to bear comparison with that produced by traditional working class communities. As Baker put it, “few vulgates have left a more emphatic impression upon our language than the Australian soldier”; and as Partridge wrote in the Introduction to his *Dictionary of forces slang* :

The corporate life favours the growth of slang, not only in the great Barracks of Army, Navy and Air Force, but in the separate units. ... Among members of a Service there is a kind of freemasonry, which expresses itself in many ways; not least in a speech of their own. ...

In the Services ... the men live ... a fuller, more exciting life. They wear different clothes, deal with new equipment, handle many sorts of weapons, and even drill has its humour, hence its special vocabulary; they do many things they've never done before and swear, almost too vehemently, they wish never to do again; ... they find that danger sharpens their wits and therefore their vocabulary; all of them experience such a companionship as they never enjoyed before they enlisted ....

Such conditions of life, such activities, such stirring adventures lead inevitably to a rejuvenation, a refreshment, a tonic bracing of language. They lead also to vividness and vigour and picturesqueness. Servicemen's language becomes youthful, energetic, venturesome—and often quite delightful. ... Those who speak vividly and vigorously, pluckily and pertinently, do not stop at slang: they enrich and vivify the standard language itself.

As an older authority remarked, “Any sudden excitement or peculiar circumstance is quite sufficient to originate and set going a score of slang words”. There are plenty of those around ADFA.

Reading through *Legolingo* , my impression of cordie slang is similar to Partridge's comments on the slang of the Royal Air Force:

RAF slang is virile and vigorous, graphic and picturesque, irreverent ... yet not irresponsible, often humorous, occasionally witty; “packing a

punch", yet usually good-natured. ... Youthful, it is sometimes imitative and sometimes almost truculently original and independent.

I am struck by the inventive genius in some expressions; the convoluted derivation of others; and the mixture of service tradition with the worldly wise language of contemporary youth culture. More striking still is the newness of so many words. In the second edition of *The Australian Language* (1966), Baker gives some examples of Duntroon cadets' slang, taken from a newspaper account. With *dash* meaning to study excessively; *stook* a cigarette; and *surl* to show a bad temper, it is clear that usages change very quickly. Among his examples, only *toc* is still in use with the same meaning. *Bumph*, of course, is an old British Army word which goes back, through the public schools (where it was short for bum fodder, or toilet paper), to Thomas Urquhart, the seventeenth century translator of Rabelais. Interestingly enough, Baker gives *on the back* as a Word War 2 Australian Army expression meaning "on the bed", and *backta* as a Duntroon word meaning "illegal sleep after reveille". Could this be the derivation, by means of a sound shift, for *rack*?

For all Partridge's sympathy and diligence, his published work suffered from a problem we do not face in such chronic form today: prudery. He had to omit rude words and expressions from the respectable pages of his dictionaries of forces slang, with the result that much of the colour and earthiness of service life got left out. Young men between the ages of 17 and 21 (and not only them!) think a lot about sex, so it is hardly surprising that the single largest category of words in this dictionary is to do with sexual activity (or the lack of it). Here, as elsewhere, language reflects the conditions of the cadets' life. Nor should it come as a shock that many such expressions, reflecting a male dominated community, should fall into a class which might be denounced as male chauvinist or sexist. Quite correctly, Bill makes no apology for the inclusion of such words. They are an integral part of current Legoland culture, and to censor them out would be to give a "cleaned-up" and thus distorted picture. The language recorded here represents a male view of women; in the future, as their number increases, it is likely that the female cadets will evolve a vocabulary which expresses their view of men. We are fortunate to live in an age where frankness has routed prudery and pretence; nobody should take offence at attempts to describe the way things are.

I found this dictionary a witty and entertaining read. I am amazed by the inventiveness it evidences in the students of ADFA, and I am impressed with Bill Cowham's efforts to record their culture. I hope this little booklet gives you as much pleasure and instruction as it has given me.

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# A

**ABC** The ABC of pool or snooker is **ARSE** beats class.

**ABORTION** One who has no value whatsoever to life—a **LOSER**. Hence the expression "Gammy **Abortion**". Sometimes just shortened to **Bortion**.

**ABO** See **ABOSHIT**.

**ABOSHIT** If something does not meet approval, it is often **aboshit**—it stuffs you around, wastes your time, is badly organised, or is just generally not wanted. "0600 roll call is **aboshit**." Sometimes shortened to **ABO**, when it is usually used as a brief comment:

"What do you think of 0600 roll call?"

"It's **abo**."

**ACCA** 1. In the noun sense, **acca** generally refers to the university staff—the academics.

2. If one has a lot of work to do, one has "heaps of **accas**."

**ACCATRON** "That bloke works a lot."

"Yeah, he's a real **accatron**."

**AEROBAR** 1. A "dumb blonde"—any female with more looks than sense.

Also called **AIRHEAD**.

2. An aeronautical engineer.

**AIRHEAD** See **AEROBAR**. This word describes the "dumb blonde" perfectly—their heads are full of nothing but air.

**ALLNIGHTER** When work is left to the last minute (as always!), often an **allnighter** is required. Essential requirements for the **allnighter** are 2,000 words plus or equivalent, heaps of coffee and No Doze, and many visits to your mate to see how he's getting on.

**ANIMAL BREW** A brew that contains anything and everything, from differing forms of alcohol through to any type of edible or inedible food. Everything is mixed together and you are either thrown into it on your birthday, or forced to drink it as a punishment at a **MORALS TRIAL**.

**APESHIT** See **ABOSHIT**, but this word is never shortened to "ape".

**APPLE GIRL** Usually a Canberra girl who is a bit of a **BONK**. She goes down to the Corps (core), or is good to the Corps.



**ARSE** Used in reference to luck. "That shot was pure arse" or "You really pulled that shot out of your arse". Hence the ABC of pool.

**ARTIST** Those cadets who ticked the right box at enrolment and so have few periods on, get **BULK FARTER** and have mastered the art of the 2,000 word **ALLNIGHTER**.

**ASAP** Pronounced as one word meaning 'As Soon As Possible'. "Make sure you pay those bills **ASAP**, or she'll come round looking for you."

**ATROCITY** If you have sex with a **DENTHOR ARGABAG**, you have performed an atrocity that will undoubtedly get punished at a **MORALS TRIAL**.

**AWESOME** Huge, Mega, excellent.

## **B**

**BACON DANCE** Someone who is doing a **bacon dance** is going through the last stages of a painful death like that got from nerve gas. The idea can be got from watching a pig die after its throat has been cut.

**BAG** 1. Someone who dresses untidily. "That bloke is a real **bag** on parade".  
2. A female.

**BASH** Used in reference to hats or berets. To **bash** means to wet the hat and pull the sides down to make it look better. A beret is **bashed** by wetting it and moulding it to your head.

**BASTARDISATION** The boys having fun. Nothing whatsoever as harrowing as the Press make out. Simply Character Building.

**BEAM** To strip someone and then dump them far away and let them come back however they can. A punishment usually reserved for **JACK LOSERS**.

**BEARDED CLAM** Strictly a vagina. However used loosely with reference to women: "Behold, the **bearded clam** approaches".

**BEEWAH** "Let's go to the bar and sink a few **beewahs**." Beer.

**BICKIES** Biscuits. Also called **TOC** rocks. A vital part of **TOC**.

**BIN** The ultimate in sleazy dives, the Private **Bin** holds the same attraction to **CORDIES** as Mecca does to Muslims.

**BIN MUSIC** The faggot dance music where the words are repeated over and over. Played, not surprisingly, at the **BIN**, usually upstairs, which gives the mind the chance to **SWITCH OFF** so the sleaze work can begin.

**BIN RAT** One who is seen so often at the **BIN** that they are often mistaken for furniture. Can be either a **CORDIE** or a Canberra girl.

**BISH** Originally short for Rubbish, to **bish** someone's room is to make a complete mess of it. A standard **bish** is to throw everything into the middle of the room and throw in a **SHAVING CREAM BOMB**. However, this is not the only type of **bish**—the scope is only limited by your imagination.

**BISH BIN** Your own rubbish bin. These are personalised, kept from year to year, and are highly prized. Woe betide the **FOURTHY** who lets his third year's **bish bin** get lost while it's waiting to be emptied in the morning.

**BITE THE PILLOW** An expression used to a **BONK** when you want her to turn over so you can go **LANA**.

**BLOCKRAT** One who never goes out on weekends.

**BLOWRAG** The third year underground magazine that offers as its prime aim the chance to **STAB** anyone, particularly the **PUTSCH**. Usually funny and invariably filthy, it is produced whenever the editors get interested.

**BOG** Anything domesticated dealing with cleaning, polishing or ironing is known as **bogging**.

**BOGAN** A Westie—one who wears tight jeans, flannel shirts, ugh boots, smokes Winfield Reds or drives a car with a huge engine and a very loud exhaust. **Bogans** are not usually popular and tend to inhabit Queanbeyan.

**BOGGED ON** "That cadet there is always immaculately turned out with very high standards."  
"Yeah, he's a **bogged on digger** all right."

**BOGGER** One who is always **BOGGING**, whether he be a cadet or a cleaner.

**BONER** An erection. Also used in reference to something that's **TAG VALUE**.  
"I got a **boner** over that drill movement."

**BONK** As a verb—to have sex. As a noun it refers to a loose woman who will probably have to be buried in a Y-shaped coffin.

**BOT** To borrow. "Can I bot a **DURRY**?"

**BOUNCY-BOUNCY** To have sex. "Would you like to go up to my room for some **bouncy-bouncy**?"

**BOZ** Usually used in conjunction with the word "drill". A drill **boz** is someone who can't tell his left from his right and is generally an **ABORTION**.

**BREW** An all-important part of life. Usually a cup of coffee, however tea-**brews** or **milo-brews** are often used. The **STANDARD NATO brew** is white with two sugars.

**BREW MUG** The mug you drink your **BREWS** out of. The legend is that the first thing you buy when you arrive is your **brew mug**. If you break the handle off it, you will have to repeat a year, and if you break the body of it, you will not graduate. Thus **brew mugs** are highly treasured items.

**BROWN BALL** Used with reference to pool or snooker. Refers to a shot that was pulled out of your **ARSE**—hence the colour of the ball. "He closed his eyes, went for **THE OLD** six pocket **OPTION** and pulled off the best **brown ball** shot I've ever seen."

**BULK** Lots of. "I'm going to get **bulk FARTER** today."

**BUMPH** 1. The general routine paperwork.  
2. To punish someone—a drill **BOZ** normally gets **bumphed** by **DRILLIES**.

## C

**CAPTAIN CASIO** One of the most important bits of kit in the **FID**. When it's your **gun picquet** at 3 am, you stand in the **gun pit**, set your **Casio** watch, go to sleep and let **Captain Casio** look out for the enemy till his alarm wakes you at the end of your **picquet**.

**CHAP A RAAFIE**. From the Battle of Britain days where **chaps** used to take on the jolly old Hun in the sun.

**CHARGE** A formal punishment whereby the offender is trialed in front of a senior officer, usually his **OC**. The **charge** is supposed to be for serious offences, and almost invariably the offender is found guilty. The **PUTSCH** reason that he wouldn't have been charged unless he had done something wrong.

**CHECKIE** A punishment for less serious offences, the **checkie** involves the offender reporting to the duty NCO at specified times during the evening to show that he is still within the confines of the Academy. Checkies are a real **DICK AROUND**.

**CLACK** The sound the firing device on a Claymore mine (M57) makes. A **clack** is an Asian person because Claymores were used best in Vietnam. On seeing an Asian the cry "One-M57-hand-held-pulse-generating-firing-device-**CLACK!**" means that the **CORDIE** is a racist.

**COMM** The Commandant.

**CORDIE** A cadet. There are two theories as to the origin. The first is that the name came from a cartoon strip in the 1950s about Keordies who were fascist bully boys. The second is that it came from the days when minimum standard of dress in town was corduroy trousers.

**CPA** The Commandant's Personal Assistant—three second years from each service and representing each degree stream who advise the **COMM** on what's going on in the Corps. The job is given to the biggest **HOSERS** and should stand for Commandant's Personal Arselicker.

## D

**DAFF** To have sex. "You **daffed** her yet?"

**DARK** To be annoyed or angry. "When he finds out that you broke his **BREW MUG**, he'll be pretty **dark** about it."

**DAYBOY** A cadet who habitually spends the night away from the Academy, usually at his girlfriend's place.

**DEAD ANT** To do a **dead ant** is to lie on your back and wave your legs and arms wildly in the air, in imitation of a spastic ant going through the last stages of death. Used as shock value at parties, for a good performance see the movie "Animal House".

**DEMILITARISED ZONE** The area around the blocks and from the library to the Geography building. You won't get **DRILLIE AMBUSHES** here, so they can't **BUMPH** you for not marching properly. On entering the **demilitarised zone**, the arms go from swinging shoulder high to at best belt high, and you talk and act almost human. The **demilitarised zone** is the only thing that saves **CORDIES'** sanity on the way to **ACCAS**.

**DENTHOR ARGABAG** Not a very common term, but it describes the absolute worst type of woman (?) able to be picked up at the **BIN**. There is a sliding scale of ugly women, and **Denthor Argabag** is definitely at the bottom.

**DEPRESSURISATION** The worst type of room **BISH**. Picture the effects of a pressurised can being punctured. Normally the room ends up spread over the ground outside the window.

**DICK AROUND** Something designed purely to waste time. Most of the military program is nothing but a **dick around**, **CHECKIES** are a **dick around**, 0600 roll call is a **dick around**, etc. From this is got the expression that something **dicks** the boys around.

**DIDDLEY** A nice term for the female cadets. Derived to take the sting out of the word **SQUID**.

**DIDDLEY BOP** "Let's **diddley bop** down and see the **DO**." To wander.

**DIRTBAG** The type of woman to whom the expression **BONK** was derived. Sometimes pig ugly, but not necessarily so, a **dirtbag** is usually seen at the **BIN** for a short time at the beginning of a night. She is usually the first person picked up.

**DMATE** A bastardisation of the title **DMET**. In 1986, the **DMET** was so friendly with the first years and so antagonistic towards second and third years that he was christened the first year's mate. Thus his title became **DMATE**.

**DOONA** The most important bit of kit that a cadet can own. There is nothing that beats coming back from a heavy session with the **ACCAS** and jumping under your **doona**. The ultimate way to get even with someone is to steal their **doona**—but be warned, that is a declaration of war. **Doonas** have an amazingly strong homing signal, and **CORDIES** hear their **doonas** calling for them from miles away. To obey this call has often been described as the **CORDIES'** most powerful primeval urge.

**DORK** An **ABORTION**. A real wipe-out. The ultimate **LOSER**.

**DOUCHE BAG** Yet another term of abuse. A **DORK**.

**DOUCHE OUT** To fail or stuff up. "I **douched out** in Maths last session."

**DRILLIE** A mindless robot dressed as a man wearing Sergeant's stripes. **Drillies** have two functions only in life: first to teach drill in the most impersonal manner possible, and secondly to **DICK** the boys **AROUND**. **Drillies** always have some trait in their character which is picked on and mimicked to perfection by cadets. **Drillies'** functional heads stop about ear level, the rest being there only to hold on their hats. **Drillies** are the only

people who voluntarily wear **WOKKAS**. Life would be very dull without **drillies**.

**DRILLIE AMBUSH** These occur when **DRILLIES** hide themselves behind corners or pillars so that they can **BUMPH** cadets for not marching properly around the area. Once in the **DEMILITARISED ZONE**, one is generally safe.

**DS** 1. Deadly Serious. If someone does everything by the book, he is said to be very **DS** about life.  
2. Directing Staff. The regular NCOs and officers who organise and run exercises, and mark you on how you went. **DS** are usually very **DS** about their exercises!

**DULL** An expression designed to describe first years who have a habit of doing and saying very stupid things in their first few months.

**DUNPOOKA** The present day RMC, Duntroon. The place has become so strict and regimented that it resembles the first Recruit Training Base (1RTB) Kapooka. Thus the expression 2RTB **Dunpooka** was born.

**DURRY** A cigarette. The most important morale booster apart from a **BREW** ever invented for the **FID**. When it is cold and wet, nothing helps like lighting up a **durry**. Tailor mades are best even though they take up more space than rollies—you can't roll a rollie if your hands are wet. Tailors are the most stable currency in the **FID**, sometimes selling for **AWESOME** prices. Your best mate is one who has a spare **durry** that you can **BOT** off him.

## E

**ENDEX** The end of an exercise. The time all **CORDIES** desperately hope for except **MILITARY CRIPPLES**. **Endex** signifies that most satisfactory of all expressions: "Mag Off, Pack Off, Fuck Off!"

**ENGINEER** A cadet who made the mistake of ticking the wrong box at enrolment. Most **engineers** have to be such **ACCATRONS** that they have no personality whatsoever, although some go out of their way to prove this wrong. **Engineers** get very little sleep, are usually tense, and justify their mistake by saying that they will end up with a decent degree. Not many of them end up with any degree at all.

**ERIC ENDAWAY** There are four very definite stages in sleazing onto a woman: **GARY GROUNDWORK** is where the initial approaches are made, **SIMON SUPERSTRUCTURE** is just above the groundwork, **IVAN IN THERE** is when there are definite prospects, and **Eric Endaway** speaks for itself.

**EXTRA DRILL** Half way between **CHECKIES** and a **CHARGE**, the **ED** involves a huge **DICK AROUND** over the weekend when you do half an hour's drill at 7am, 9am, 2pm, and 5pm on Saturday and Sunday depending on how many **EDs** you get.

## **F**

**FACTION** A group of people who stick together like glue. The biggest **faction** at the Academy is the **RAAF GD Faction**, caused because not only do they only ever speak of flying, but they don't understand anything else.

**FARTER** Your bed. Next to the **DOONA**, the **farter** is the most important bit of kit to a **CORDIE**. The humble **farter** set up by the heater and covered by a **DOONA** creates an irresistible force that claims **CORDIES** 90% of the time they walk into their room.

**FEELING LAZY** If someone says that he's **feeling lazy**, then **SQUIDS** watch out! He means that he's too lazy even to resort to **MRS PALMER**, so he needs a **SQUID**. **SQUIDS** can be trained to do all the work.

**FID** From **Fd**, the abbreviation for field. One is seldom "out bush", one is "in the **fid**". A whole range of cheap equipment is essential for comfort in the **fid**, like **fid mug**, **fid camera**, **fid spoon**, etc. Everyone hates being in the **fid** when they're there, however once in the Land of **ACCA**, the **fid** is longed for. It invariably rains in the **fid**.

**FID FAT** An erection got in the **FID**, usually caused by **FREE SNAKING**. Fairly rare occurrences, **fid fats** are essential topics of lunch time conversations.

**FIFTY PERCENT SYNDROME** Often wrongly called the 51% syndrome, this is used because of the fact that **CORDIES** hate doing more work than they have to, and 50% is a pass in **ACCAS**. 51% is wasted effort, and 49% is a wasted year.

**FILTH** "That woman is **filthy**" means she is a real **BONK**. If a film "is pure **filth**", then it is full of sex, and everyone watches it.

**FIRE UP** To get motivated—"I've got to **fire up** for my **ACCAS** tonight."

**FIVES** Five minutes before parade, the time when you form up ready to march on.

**FLEXIBLE** Not strict or rigid. If someone is **flexible** it means that they will

occasionally turn a blind eye and not go straight down the line with policies.

**FLEX OUT** The cry "Flex out!" means that you are becoming too strict and must become more **FLEXIBLE**.

**FOURTHY** A first year. Originally from Duntroon, where first years were Fourth Class, second years were Third Class, etc. The words "**DULL**" and "**fourthy**" are synonymous and generally inseparable.

**FOURTHY TELLER** One of the most useful things a third year can have. Even though they get paid more, third years invariably run out of money by the Friday before pay, so to go out on a weekend they resort to borrowing off the nearest **FOURTHY**. **FOURTHIES** should always keep some money available to be borrowed, and good **FOURTHIES** can produce immediately on demand.

**FREE SNAKE** When in the **FID**, **CORDIES** usually don't wear jocks as they cause jock rash. Loose boxer shorts are worn instead which means that you are **free snaking**—your **snake** is hanging free.

**FURPH** 1. The same as a "furphy" without the "y". A rumour. A hot **furph** is one that is hot off the press, and the hotter it is, the more unlikely it is to be true. "That's a hot one!" refers to a hot **furph**.  
2. A bludge, a soft option. Geography Major is the **furphiest** way to get a Science Degree.

**FURPH CONTROL CENTRE** **DMET** building, where the truth is sometimes revealed.

## G

**GARY GROUNDWORK**—See **ERIC ENDAWAY**.

**GAZOOLES** Breasts. "She's got huge gazoolies." Normally only used when words like "huge" or "beautiful" are appropriate. One seldom has small gazoolies—one has small tits.

**GET OFF MY CASE** The same as "get off my back". In other words, stop bothering me.

"Why haven't you done all those things I asked you?"

"Get off my case, would you? I'll do them tomorrow."

**GOAT A WORK PARTY** or a **SHAFT**. A **DICK AROUND**. Short for "Goat Fuck", a **goat** involves you doing something you don't want to that will take up your time, e.g. cleaning up the Mess after a Corps Party. **Goats** usually go to **FOURTHIES**.



**GOFFER** A can of soft drink.

**GOLF SQUADRON** The "Autonomous Collective" to which cadets who are fed up with their Squadron **PUTSCH** wish to be in. The idea was thought up by members of Delta Sqn. **Golf Sqn** is the ideal place where only rules that do not **DICK** the boys **AROUND** are enforced. Unfortunately, **Golf Sqn** is still fictitious.

**GOOK** An Asian. See **CLACK**.

**GRAD** Graduation. The time that all **CORDIES** hope for, and probably the only reason that keeps most third years at the Academy.

**GRAND WIZARD** See **MORALS TRIAL**.

**GREYMAN** A cadet who exists but does not live. **Greyman** are invariably **BLOCKRATS** and never get into trouble for anything because they never do anything except their **ACCAS**. It is a fact that if you get through the Academy without a **CHARGE** then you are either very lucky in not getting caught or you are a **greyman**. **Greyman** are not very popular.

**GROGAN** The type of ugly woman who is just better than a **THUGLY**.

**GRUB** The Navy term for a **FOURTHY**. Unlike the **RAAFIES**, the **MIDS** treat **grubs** with as much disgust as **CORDIES** treat **FOURTHIES**. **RAAFIES** are too interested in flying or **ACCAS** to realise that such creatures exist.

**GUMPY** An all-purpose word that has a number of very strict meanings. Strictly, a **gumpy** is a lollie, or chocolate. However it can also mean any other food that is for sale within the division, for example pies, pasties, or sausage rolls. But if these foods are bought outside in a shop, they are not called **gumpies**! This is a delicate, but important, distinction.

## H

**HONEYCHILD** An attractive looking woman, preferably blonde. Normally on sight they are called **honeychilds**, but on speaking to them they are reclassified as **AIRHEADS**.

**HONEYPOT** See **HONEYCHILD**.

**HOSE** To suck up or brown-nose. Usually done to **ACCAS**, **hosing** is often the only way to ensure you passing. If you **hose** to the **PUTSCH**, it normally means that you are looking for promotion or a good mark for your record. Good officers recognise **hosing** and treat it with the contempt it deserves.

**HUGE** 1. The normal meaning of the word except that when spoken the pitch of the voice rises dramatically on the "u".

"She's got **huge GAZOOLIES!**"

2. Excellent.

"Did you hear that the **PUTSCH** are thinking of abolishing 0600 roll call?"

"Really? **Huge!**"

## I

**IN AFTERS** To go next. If you want to use a tennis court that someone else is already playing on, just ask "**In afters?**"

**IN FOR** "Do you want to go to the **BIN** tonight?"

"Yeah, I'm **in for** that."

An expression of interest in a subject.

**INTEREST** Motivation. A quality that is generally lacking in **CORDIES'** attitudes towards **ACCAS** or anything else remotely resembling work.

**IVAN IN THERE** See **ERIC ENDAWAY**.

## J

**JACK** This is the ultimate word that generations have been searching for. Basically it means to do the wrong thing. If you tell on your mate, you've **jacked** on him. If you continually **BOT** something without ever having it to let others use, you're a **jackman**. If you refuse to do favours for your mate like lending him your notes to study, you're a **jackman**. If you tell your mate's girlfriend that he's **jacked** on her by **DAFFING** a **GROGAN**, you've **jacked** on him, etc.

**JUMP UP** A person who arrives at the Academy and who is given advanced standing because they've done a year at a civvy uni. A **jump up** gets all the privileges of second year without any of the hardships of being a **FOURTHY**, so they have to be very diplomatic if they don't want to be rejected by both years.

## K

**KAPTAIN KORDIE** This fictitious man is the saviour of all **CORDIES**. He is all seeing, ever present, and usually features in the cartoon sequence of the **BLOWRAG** punching out those members of the **PUTSCH** who see their only role in life as **DICKING** the boys **AROUND**. Hated and actively pursued by the **PUTSCH**, **KK**'s true identity will always remain a closely guarded secret.

**KELVIN** Absolute zero, from the Kelvin temperature scale. The ultimate in **LOSERS**, **ABORTIONS**, **DORKS** and total misfits are nicknamed Kelvin. Kelvin is not a word advised to be used when describing someone who is bigger than you. Someone may **JACK** on you and tell him what you said.

**KICK ARSE** An expression designed to show that one did well in something.  
"How did you go in the exam?"  
"I kicked arse."

**KISS THE PILLOW** See **BITE THE PILLOW**.

**KIWI** The New Zealand cadets. Kiwis are often big, black and mean, or big, white and mean. Either way they have a penchant for sheep and for speaking funny, and are usually very popular.

## L

**LANA** If spelt backwards, **lana** says it all. The **Lana Club** is a club of sick, deviate **CORDIES** who have made themselves legends in their own minds by going **lana**. **AIDS** has become a big worry to the **Lana Club**.

**LARRY** Larry **LOSER** is the man who epitomises the ultimate **DORK**. To be called **Larry**, however, is only a fairly mild nickname.

**LEGOLAND** The Academy, because all the buildings look like Lego models.

**LEMON** A lesbian. In a **STICKY**, people always make sure that they see the lemon scene.

**LINE BOOK** A book that is kept in each division's **REC ROOM** and in which anyone may record any verbal blunder made by members of the division. Inevitably profane, these comments make for interesting and often educational reading.

**LOOSEN** A comment given to those who are rather uptight about something, or who are being too **DS** about a policy.

**LOSER** See **LARRY**.

## M

**MAGGOT** On the sliding scale of ugly women, a **maggot** comes between a **THUGLY** and a **GROGAN**. A **maggot** would not win very many beauty contests.

**MAGGOTTED** Very drunk indeed. A **CORDIE** can be judged **maggotted** if he is so drunk that he is seeing redeemable qualities in a **MAGGOT**.

**MASTER KEY** **DOs** hold keys which open all the accommodation room doors, enabling them to carry out inspections any time of the day or night that they see fit. These inspections are known as **Master Key** inspections, are always **JACK**, and often end up in the cadet getting **BUMPHEd**.

**MAX** Short for "maximum".  
"He **LARRIED** to the max with that **GROGAN**."

**MEGA** See **HUGE**.

**MESS FOOD** Stuff that is served up in the mess and is often inedible. Makes a truism of the joke: Why do they call cooks fitters and turners?—Because they fit food into pots and turn it into shit!

**MID** Short for Midshipman. Even more arrogant than Army cadets, **Mids** are God's gift to the Navy. Just ask them. If you want a second opinion, ask them again.

**MILITARY CRIPPLE** One whose whole life is ruled by the military, who enjoys wearing military clothing into town, and who loved going into the **FID** and being very **DS**. Sad cases.

**MINIMUM EFFORT** The only way to get through the Academy with some semblance of enjoyment. The minimum effort is the perennial bugbear of the **PUTSCH** who have tried since the dawn of time to eradicate it. They have always failed.

**MMM...RECKON** An expression of disbelief that something is to be done, and a realisation that it never will be.  
"After 0600 roll call, no-one is to go back to bed."  
"Mmm..reckon."

**MODE** Your present mood. If you are tired, you are in **RACK mode**. If you are **FIRE UP** for **ACCAS**, you are in **ACCA mode**, etc.

**MOGAN** The least ugly form of ugly woman. This creature usually only has three or four horrible points about its body.

**MONSTER** There are mainly three types of monster—the **RACK monster** creeps up and bites you when you are trying to **ACCA** so you immediately have to go to the **FARTER**; the **Fluff monster** is a deadly species of fluff which inhabits unvacuumed carpets or unkempt jumpers; and the **TOC monster** is a cadet, usually an **ARTIST**, who is always at **TOC** from five minutes before it is put out until lunch.

**MORALS** Something very few cadets have.

**MORALS TRIAL** A public trial full of invented evidence that punishes a sinner who has committed an **ATROCITY**, usually with a **DENTHOR ARGABAG**. Presided over by the **GRAND WIZARD** of Morals, the verdict is left to the gathered masses who inevitably find the sinner guilty. A typical punishment is cleansing by drinking an **ANIMAL BREW**.

**MORRIE MUSO** The Musorian army is the fictitious force that is the enemy of **CORDIES** in the **FID**. Full of **CLACKS**, the term for a Musorian soldier is **Morrie Muso**.

**MR JELLY IN A CUP** An aberration produced by the mess that looks like jelly with bits of fruit in it, stale fake cream on top, which is encased in a plastic cup and stays on the dessert tray for months at a time. The Queen has been known to send a "congratulations on your 100th birthday" telegram to **Mr Jelly in a Cup**.

**MRS PALMER** If you can't make it with a woman, you can always resort to **Mrs Palmer** and her five daughters. Your hand.

## N

**NAAFI** Said as one word, meaning Not At All Fucking Interested.

**NI** Not Interested. A state of mind that occurs to **CORDIES** about June in their first year and lasts till **GRAD**.

**NIGEL OF THE 901st** The usual Musorian battalion that attacks **CORDIES** is the 901st Raider Battalion. Manned entirely by hordes of screaming yellow **Nigels**, this is an awesome battalion that always wins massed attacks on the last day but loses out on ambushes. Nigel of the 901st is a respected but very dull soldier who can't hear snores from a night ambush position even if he's only five metres away.

**NON EVENT** An event that the **PUTSCH** look forward to with great anticipation, and have the false impression that cadets do too. A typical example would be the presentation of Academic and Military Awards which is generally a celebration of the biggest **VORTS** and **HOSERS** in the Academy.

**NURRIES** "Will you do that for me?"  
"Yeah, nurries."  
Short for "No Worries".

Will you do  
"Yeah, nurrie  
tion for "No

**NUTS** Short for Not Up To Standard, this general purpose word applies to uniforms and cadets alike.

## O

**OBNO** Short for "obnoxious". "I hate that **STROPPI FOURTHY**, he's an **obno** little bastard!"

**OIL** Orders In Lines. A way of passing messages whereby a **FOURTHY** stands at the head of a corridor and shouts with all his might "Excuse me please, Ladies and Gentlemen". He then delivers the message in a voice designed to wake not only the dead but also any sleeping **CORDIES**, and finishes off with "Please!" If he stuffs up any word he has to do it again till he gets it right. The **OIL** is designed to strengthen the vocal cords.

**ON THE RAGS** If a female is having her period, she is **on the rags**. However, this expression is also applied to describing anyone who is rather **TENSE**.

"The **DO** was **TENSE** this morning."

"Yeah, you want to steer clear of her, she's **on her rags** today."

**OQs** If one is deemed unfit to be an officer by the **PUTSCH**, one can be put on a warning for a lack of Officer Qualities, known as **OQs**. It is interesting to note that very few people who pass all their **ACCAS** are on **OQs**, whereas

those who fail, even if it is obvious to Blind Freddie that they will be top class officers, often find themselves about to be kicked out for a lack of **OQs**.

**OUT FOR** "Do you want to go to the **BIN** tonight?"  
"Nah, I'm out for that."

The opposite of **IN FOR**.

**OUT OF CONTROL** An expression of disgust usually at the **PUTSCH's** organisation (or lack of it) of some function, or when you find out that you've been **SHAFTED** for a **GOAT**.

**OVER THE HILL** An expression for **RMC**—to go there is to go **over the hill** since physically you have to go over Mount Pleasant to get there.

## P

**PBJ** Short for Peanut Butter Jar, a euphemism for **LANA**, for fairly obvious coloured reasons.

**PISSED OFF LOLLIES** The butterscotch lollies that are in the 24-hourration packs issued when out in the **FID**. The **pissed off lollie** is eaten when morale is low and needs a big boost (not that they are very nice anyway!). They are the second most stable currency in the **FID** after **DURRIES**.

**POLICY BUMPH** A mass **BUMPH** handed out simply because you feel like it, or because you think a group of people (usually **FOURTHIES**) need it. An example would be doing an inspection when you've decided already to **BUMPH** everyone for shoes **NUTS** no matter how good they are.

**POONTANG** Sex. "I'll take her up to my room for a little bit of **poontang**."

**PRAVDA** A magazine of the middle class revolution, this is the second years' equivalent of the **BLOWRAG**. Whereas the **BLOWRAG** hacks the **PUTSCH** and **SQUIDS**, **Pravda** hacks third years and **SQUIDS**.

**PUSSER** A term for Navy personnel.

**PUTSCH** Officers. The **Putsch** are those who bring down decisions that **DICK** the boys **AROUND**, and as such **CORDIES** have as much affection for them as roos do for roo-bars.

## Q

**QB** The Queen's Birthday Parade at RMC. However, it is a general term for the time when third years become somewhat more **FLEXIBLE** with **FOURTHIES**. If someone, especially an **ACCA**, calls you by your surname then he calls others by their Christian name, you should say to him "FLEX OUT, it's after **QB**—you can call me by my Christian name."

## R

**RAAFIE** A **CHAP**. **RAAFIES** at the Academy are divided up into **GD** (General Duties—Flyers), Engineers and Supply. They engage in a continual argument about which branch is best, which is rather like arguing about which is best between syphilis, gonorrhoea and herpes.

**RACK** Bed. The most treasured institution a **CORDIE** has, the rack plays an integral part in everyday life. Set up by the heater and covered by a **DOONA**, **CORDIES** have an eternal love affair with their rack, and attempt to consummate this love as often as possible. To "Hit the rack" means to go to bed, and woe betide the **FOURTHY** who drags you out for a trivial reason.

**RACKED OUT** To be **racked out** is to be asleep. Sometimes abbreviated to **racked**, this is the condition that keeps **CORDIES** going through the day.

**REC ROOM** Short for Recreation Room—the common room located in the centre of each accommodation block. This is the most populated area of the Academy because not only does it hold the **TV** and **VID** machine, but also the **BREW** gear and **GUMPIES**.

**REPEAT** If you fail your **ACCAS**, it is possible to be offered a **repeat** year. **Repeats** generally have an easy existence as they have had the extra year's experience, but if they fail anything again, they are automatically out.

**RESIGN** This is the call that often goes out to the **LOSERS** that are wanted out of the Corps. Once started, cries of "Resign" echo from all parts of the Academy in an effort to drop a subtle hint to the offender that he is no longer wanted.

**RINGPIECE** The very end of one's backside. On hearing of a surprise inspection, there is quite often heard the clang of falling **ringpieces** as **CORDIES** realise they are about to be **BUMPED**.

**ROCKSHOW** An incredibly badly organised non-event. Muttered sarcastic choruses of "This is not a **rockshow**" permeate the atmosphere as **CORDIES** give vent to their feelings about being **DICKED AROUND** to the **MAX**.

**ROCK UP** "Aren't you going to English?"



"Yeah, but I'll rock up ten minutes late."

## S

**SCALER** One who is eternally medically restricted and so can never go on parades or do PT. Scalers can easily be identified by being very unpopular.

**SCHLONG** The Jewish word for penis. Hence "Long schlong."

**SCIENTIST** The last type of degree stream. A scientist has an amount of work halfway between an **ARTIST** and an **ENGINEER**. This means that scientists are usually in limbo being neither one thing nor the other.

**SCOFF** The RAAF word for TOC.

**SCORCHED EARTH** If you and your mates happen to be first at TOC one morning, it is compulsory to eat as much as you can, and when you are absolutely stuffed, you must totally ruin anything left so that **ENGINEERS** who arrive late having had a lecture are faced with a scene from Armageddon. This is the **Scorched Earth TOC** policy and is excellent fun.

**SCREAMER** Yet another type of **LOSER**, the difference being that a **LOSER** can't do anything right, while a **screamer** purposely sets out to be a **JACKMAN** and enjoys doing it.

**SCUNGE** The ultimate in untidy clothing. You come back from being in uniform all day, you have a **BREW** and a **DURRY** and change into scunge. There are acceptable types of scunge, very scungy scunge not being allowed outside your room.

**SEAL** A steward in the Mess. Derived from the word Imbecile, this usually describes them.

**SECRET** "What are you doing tonight?"  
"Secret."  
"Why did you miss that goal on the weekend?"  
"I didn't—it was a secret goal."

**SEEN** A word used originally in the **FID** that has been adopted for everyday use:  
"Where's the sugar?"  
"On top of that bench to the left of the **BREW MUGS**."  
"Seen."

Used when confirming that something you have been looking for has been found.

**SERGEANT SEIKO** An alternative to **CAPTAIN CASIO**.

**SHAFT** 1. "I've been shafted to be host to some **PUTSCH** at the conference.  
2. **A GOAT.**

**SHAVING CREAM BOMB** The most useful **BISH** weapon. A can of shaving cream that is shaken up and then punctured in the bottom. The shaving cream comes out in a fine mist settling on everything. If not wiped off immediately, it sets like concrete and is a bastard to clean off.

**SLAM** Punch. "If you don't watch out I'll slam you."

**SLUG** Short for **Slow, Lazy, Ugly Grunt**. A slug is one who is fat and doesn't pass the PT test.

**SMACK** An expression both of appreciation of the female sex and of intention to do more with her. On seeing a **HONEYCHILD** on TV, a chorus of "smack" runs round the **REC ROOM**. Alternatively, "See that woman over there? I'd like to smack her!" This can be abbreviated to smacking your lips or your hands together.

**SNAP** To **SPIN OUT** or **SPIT THE DUMMY**. If someone is having a **snap**, then you can infuriate them even more by just looking at them and calmly saying "**Snap!**" as a short, sharp word.

**SPANNER** Still another term of abuse.

**SPIN OUT** To get angry.  
"She came up and abused me, so I spun out at her."

**SPIT** 1. To **SPIN OUT**.  
2. To be sick, usually after a hard night on the grog.

**SPIT THE DUMMY** To **SPIN OUT** in a major way.

**SPLIT** To change very quickly from one set of uniform into another is known as doing a split.

**SQUID** A term for female cadets. Called squids because they're flabby, they smell of fish, are easy to get into, enfold you with their tentacles and squeeze the moral life out of you. If a female cadet is called a squid in passing, she should not take offence; however if she is referred to as a "Dirty fucking squid" then she should get the hint that she's not liked.

**SQUID ANKLE** To be seen **DIDDLEY BOPPING** around on crutches or limping having twisted your ankle means you have been infected with squid ankle. This was got from the fact that it is a very common sight to see **SQUIDS** on crutches or limping whenever there is a parade or PT test.

**SQUIDWOMAN** The sworn enemy of **KAPTAIN KORDIE**, **Squidwoman** is the creature that threatens to morally destroy the Corps. So great was the danger of her succeeding in 1986, that **KK** had to come back from the Middle East to save the situation, and look what has happened in the Middle East since then.

**STAB** A backstab on someone. Something like the **BLOWRAG** is the perfect outlet for all the pent up stabs that people need to get out of their systems. Stabs are normally very cutting in the **BLOWRAG**, but should be amusing as well.

**STANDARD NATO** The usual thing. A **standard nato BREW** is milk with two sugars; a **standard nato** Wednesday morning parade is **ACC's** parade; and a **standard nato** sport result is a loss.

**STANDARDS** Military standards mean that you are a **BOGGED ON** cadet. However, if you are called a standards man as you **ROCK UP** for parade dressed in clothes that look like they've just come out of the dryer, you shouldn't think that it is a serious comment. The **RAAF** in general have no **standards** at all.

**STICKY** A **sticky** is an X-rated movie. A **stick mag** is a pornographic publication. "Got any **stick**?" means that he's asking you for a **stick mag**.

**STROP OUT** To **SPIN OUT**. However, this term is generally used with reference to **FOURTHIES** who **SNAP** at third years. This is not tolerated.

**STROPPY** A **stroppy FOURTHY** is an arrogant little bastard who reckons he knows so much about the system that he doesn't need third years to tell him anything. **Stroppy FOURTHIES** normally find themselves **BISHED** out of existence.

**SUCK IN THE ZEDS** To go to sleep. "I was fair **sucking in the zeds** during that lecture, it was so boring."

**SUS** 1. Someone who is usually unpleasant and who **SNAPS** easily is said to be **sus**.  
2. A **sus ACCA** is one who is failing.  
3. "It was a bit **sus** that he said he was in the library, when I saw him at the **BIN**."

**SWITCH OFF** See **SWITCH ON**.

**SWITCH ON** A command given to those who are daydreaming or who have answered a question with a very silly answer. In other words, a command given to those who have **SWITCHED OFF**.

**SYDNOS** Sydney, the place where all **CORDIES** go for as many weekends as possible. If you want to go out with a girl who is not an **APPLE GIRL**, you generally have to either **GARRY** onto a schoolgirl who's in grade 10, or go to Sydnos. Even there you have to choose carefully.

**SYPH** Short for syphilitic, when used as a noun it is in reference to a **JACK SCREAMER**. When used as a verb, it describes a **JACK SCREAMER**.

## T

**TAD** A little bit.  
"Want some more sugar in your **BREW**?"  
"Just a **tad**."

**TAG** To masturbate.

**TAG VALUE** Something worth **TAGGING** over—something that excites you or gives you a buzz.  
"That shoot on the M60 was real **tag value**."

**TAKE TWO** The **STANDARD NATO BUMPH** is to do two **EXTRA DRILLS**. Thus you only ever have to say "Take two."

**TAMPON SQUADRON** The Commandant's Squadron, called such because the white gorget patches they have to wear on their collars look like tampons.

**TANG** The noun use of **POONTANG**.

**TAP DANCE** To speak and think very quickly in an effort to avoid trouble when you've been busted doing something wrong. It doesn't really matter if the story's true or not, as long as it sounds convincing and is difficult to check up on. For example if you were asked "Why did you miss that lecture yesterday?" by your **DO**, the simple answer is usually "Because I couldn't be bothered to go." This, however, means that you will probably be **CHARGED**. So you tap dance. Under prolonged interrogation you must ensure that you don't contradict yourself, or you might get **CHARGED** both for Integrity and missing the lecture. The **PUTSCH** sometimes recognise tap dancing (having done it themselves when they were **CORDIES**), and throw in awkward questions to see how good a **tap dancer** you really are. This is very **JACK**, but a good **tap dance** is often appreciated and enjoyed by them. A good **tap dancer** can dance rings around the **ACCAS**—they're too trusting!

**TASMANIAN** Tasmanians are renowned for inbreeding, so if any reference to it comes up (e.g. in a **STICKY**), that is a **Tasmanian** scene.

**TATTOO** The messages that come out each night telling the Corps what is happening the next day are called **tattoo**.

**TENSE** Someone who is uptight, overwrought or **SUS** is said to be tense. Usually they are told to **LOOSEN**.

**TFE** Short for **Too Fucking Easy**. If something seems to be very complicated to someone and another bloke explains it very simply, he usually finishes his explanation with the words "**TFE**" to boost up the confidence in the first person who is undoubtedly still baffled. Alternatively, "This task is **TFE**—just move that piano up three flights of narrow stairs."

**THANKS MURRAY** There is a bloke by the name of Murray who is renowned for making really stupid comments. Thus if anyone makes a stupid comment, a good reply is "Thanks, Murray."

**THE OLD . . . OPTION** "To win this game it looks as if I might have to use the **old ABC option**."  
"Never mind, if that fails there's always the **old win-next-time-if-you're-lucky option**."  
Your choices.

**THOUSAND DAYS** This is a tradition brought over from the old RMC. Cadets in their second year encounter **1000 days** before they get their commission. On this monumental occasion, the **FOURTHIES** in their division take them out for a night of hard drinking. **FOURTHIES** pay for the whole night, so huge amounts of money are required to be taken. The idea is that you make sure that however much you spent on your second year the previous year is recovered when it is your turn to be taken out.

**THUGLY** The kind of woman who is liable to **SLAM** you if you are **STROPPI** to her. A thugly is only one step better than a **DENTHOR ARGABAG**.

**TOC** Originally this stood for "Tea Or Coffee", but now it encompasses everything that is found at morning tea, afternoon tea, or a snack. The solid food, if it is not bread, is known as **Toc Rocks**.

**TOCCY** If you go out and get takeaway food in town, this is known as going on a **toccy**.

**TOO EASY** A polite way of saying **TFE**.

**TOPS** excellent, **MEGA**, **HUGE**.

**TWILIGHT ZONE** Often shortened to "TZ" or "The Zone", if one is in the Twilight Zone one is in the **RACK**. The TZ is the world of hidden dreams, which is why the Academy is often referred to as the **Twilight Zone**—everything that happens is not real.

## U

**UP YA** If you went up to a **CORDIE** and asked "Excuse me, but would you think it presumptuous of me to offer you a lamington?", he would either take your temperature or **SLAM** you, depending on his mood. However, if you said "Get a lammo **up ya**" he would gladly take one, and might even invite you to "Get a **DURRY up ya**" in return.

**USE YOUR BALLS** If someone is speaking, and people can't hear him, the cry "Use your balls" informs the speaker that he should speak louder. This expression ran into great problems when **DIDDLEYS** arrived at the Academy, as it was hardly deemed appropriate. "Use your ovaries" is the generally accepted compromise for those who are unfortunate not to possess balls.

## V

**VID** A video cassette or recorder.

**VORT** From vortex, an expression for engineers. Used because most of them possess no personality, so the individuality in their makeup is just a vortex. "I'm vorting" is the engineers' expression for "I'm **ACCAING**".

## W

**WAA** Very dapper and very cool. "That man is waa cool" is a compliment.

**WAIT OUT** From the radio/telephone procedures meaning wait and I'll get back to you.

**WAR-Y** 1. A **VID** about war, watched religiously by all.  
2. A yarn. "Spin us an **ACCA war-y**."

**WEETIES** The breakfast cereal, used in reference to them building up one's strength. Usually used in sport—if a shot is too powerful you've had too

many weeties this morning, and vice versa—but not exclusively a sporting expression.

**WHO CARES** An NI expression that conveys to the listener that you don't give a stuff about what they have been talking about.

**WIFE** If you go out with a girl for more than a week, you are seen to have been married off, so expressions like "How's the wife?" are to be expected.

**WINNER** Originally there was a **LARRY LOSER** and **Wally Winner** was the bloke who did everything right. However, now it is used in a derogatory sense—"That bloke is a real **winner**" means that he's a real **LOSER**.

**WIPE OUT** 1. A scuff mark on your spit polished shoes.  
2. A **DORK**.

**WOOMPAH** 1. Sex. Used in a similar fashion to **SMACK**.  
2. The noise your fist makes as you **SLAM** someone. "He got **TENSE** with me, so I laid into him and **woompah**, he was flat on his back."

**WOOS** A derogatory term for Computer Science.

**WOKKA** The issue Army hat. They have a flat top that cannot be **BASHED** and an enormous peak. **Wokka** comes from the noise a helicopter's rotor blades make as the helicopter comes in to land on the top of the hat, having mistaken the wide flat expanse as the deck of an aircraft carrier. No **CORDIE** voluntarily wears a **wokka**.

**WOOSH** The sound you make when you **HOSE**. If someone has been **HOSING**, a chorus of whispered **wooshes** reverberates around the rafters.

**WOOZA A BEARDED CLAM**. If you asked a male "How's your **wooza**?", you wouldn't be casting doubts on his manhood, you'd be asking after his girlfriend.

**WORK PARTY** See **GOAT**.

## Y

**YEAH WHATEVER** An expression of complete disinterest used as a response to a request to do something you don't want to do.

"Will you take the **SCHOOLIES** to the lecture tonight, look after them, and make sure none get lost on the way back?"

"Yeah whatever."

## **Z**

**ZED** See **SUCK IN THE ZEDS**.

**ZERO** A **LOSER**, a person with **zero** personality.

**ZIPPER** A **ZERO**.

**ZIPPERHEAD** A **ZIPPER**.

**ZONE** See **TWILIGHT ZONE**.

**ZOT** A **LOSER**, an **ABORTION**, a **DORK**, etc. The list goes on.

**ZOZZLE** Yet another derivation of **ZERO**.

**ZZZZZZZ** The sound you make when someone is being a **ZERO**.