

## Ken Rundell

10 hrs

BOS can DO

YARN! As many of us remember Bruce Warnes was 2/4 RAR Pay Sgt for 'Donkeys Years!' Bruce was a 'genius at anything 'Pay' but fucking hopeless as a Soldier or about anything to do with Parade Grounds or Drill and when he was Rostered for BOS he always got extras hahaha! Well every Wednesday the Guard Mount was a FULL Ceremonial Guard Mount with Pipes and Drums, Beating the Retreat, the FULL nine yards of Ceremonial activity; usually watched by the CO, RSM and being at around 1630 so the ANF and Bn Flag could be lowered Ceremonially at end of Parade before Marching Off, that meant most Senior NCO's and BHQ would be watching and especially your OC and CSM! Anyway someone with a sense of humour Rostered Bruce for this Mount, My section from Charlie Coy was the Guard (plus 1 so there was a Best Dressed and then 9 Man Guard)! We won't go through the whole Mount but enough so you get the 'drift'! So we March on with the P&D's, halt, left turn, right dress, eyes front; I'm standing out the front waiting to 'hand over' to the BOS, who then Hands over to the DO (so BOS doesn't do anything or give any Orders, he "usually" just follows the DO around so Bruce "SHOULD" have been Safe)? Out marches Bruce by himself (little did we know there is no DO as he been called to an emergency at the Hospital), so I already 'twig' there is something amiss or Bruce wouldn't be alone; Bruce is just standing there looking at me, his mouth is opening and closing like a just landed fish and nothing is coming out! So brain goes ("Oh fuck, no DO and if this Ceremonial Guard Mount fucks up we will all be on extras and I can see the CO and RSM standing at the left of BHQ watching")! So I say to Bruce and Guard in 'soto voice', "Bruce you don't know the Orders right, so shut the fuck up, I will give them and then you just do what I tell you after them", "You blokes on the Guard just listen to me no one else and help Bruce as he comes along if he needs it"! So I start giving orders to myself and the Guard (making out its the BOS giving them) like, "Guard Comd Take Post" and I answer myself "Sir", then I order "Guard Right Dress", then I as Guard Comd dress the ranks; back at Post I then whisper "Bruce come and Inspect the Guards Dress" and when he comes over I say "Just Halt at each bloke and Inspect them, then go around the back, inspect their rear, then do the Rear rank, then the P&D's and go back out the Front", so that happens Bruce back out the front, so now I yell like "Guard For Inspection Port Arms" Bruce marches over next to me and I tell him "Just go to each bloke and Inspect down the Barrel then around the back and Inspect the Bore" anyway the whole Mount goes like this me yelling out Orders then Bruce doing whatever I said! Anyway at the end I say "LRB Smith you going to be the Best dressed, so when I call you out go over to Bruce and report, then to Flag Pole and tell him what to do on The Last Post to get the Flags down ok", so I yell out "Best dressed Pte Smith" he goes Sir and marches out to BOS reports and then to Flag Pole! I then yell Guard Comd "Take Post" and of course answer myself straight away "Sir" (hahaha)! I say to Bruce, "just go to the Flag Pole now and do what LRB tells you"! Anyway I give the remaining orders so the Flags get lowered, I then as the DO order "Guard to the Guard Room March off" and answer myself "Sir" and Guard and P&D's march off! Next morning as the Guard Commanders used to do, at 0730 hrs I report with the Guard Report to RSM, RSM reads my report and says "OK Cpl Rundell is there anything ELSE to report" I say "NO Sir" so I'm dismissed, as I just get outside the door the RSM says, "Oh Rocket, myself and CO were discussing last night while watching the Parade a funny thing happened, we were commenting on how weird it is that Yours and Sgt Warnes voice sounds exactly the same, would you know why that could be possible"? I said "No Sir, I wouldn't have a clue but that would definitely be weird" and got the Fuck out of there hahaha