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A yarn for 2/4 RAR blokes because being down South and it's winter, I am just reminded of an incident? Bruce Golledge exSig Pl 2/4 RAR! When we were (most of us anyway) were cleared out of 2/4 (and posted South) because before the 80's Townsville was a 'shit-hole' and the Army couldn't get anyone to be Posted there except 'IET's'; so from the 80's on it became trendy to accept a Posting to Townsville, so all the Old and Bolds got kicked out of 2/4 RAR and Townsville! So many of us ended up in the School of Inf; Bruce Golledge, Joe pepe Turra, Barry McCosker, Spiersy, Jethro, Marty Harvey, JPA, Cliff Savage, Kenny Stevens, Wally Sebenik, Jock Gall, Jock Kaminski, Brian Boughton and I know there was more so if I left anyone out sorry that's a long time ago haha! Anyway it is winter in Singleton, RSM SOI is Lofty Wendt, Bruce is in the 'Important Position' of "Fish member" in the SOI Sergeants Mess (the Fish are expensive Tropical fish as becomes the SOI Sgt's mess), he's getting in the shit because the Fish Tank is going greenish and it's Friday Happy Hour and we are all making sure that the RSM is hearing about that, so as his 'Mates' we can get him 'extras' as BOS hahaha! So at this Friday Night Happy Hour Lofty is into Bruce about the Fish tank and wants it cleaned TONIGHT before Bruce goes home! So while we are all hitting the Piss Bruce is cleaning the Fish Tank, he puts all the fish into a metal fire bucket (you know the red tin ones) and puts them outside the back of the Mess! Once he cleans the tank he gets on the piss with us and says "There the Tanks clean Sir, I'll put the water and fish back in tomorrow" and gets on the piss with us and then we all go home! Well its fucking freezing in Winter in Singleton, anyway Bruce gets a phone call at home early Saturday morning to come into the SOI Sgt's Mess 'immediately' (if not sooner)! Bruce goes to the Mess and here is Lofty and the Mess Sec standing by the empty fish tank, they ask Bruce "Sgt Golledge can you tell us where the fish are", Bruce goes "There out the back Sir, hang on I'll just get them" so he races out the back and comes back with his 'red fire bucket' and says "here they are Sir"? Well , Lofty and Mess Sec look into the Fire Bucket and it's Frozen 'solid' with the 'expensive 'Tropical Fish' now encased in ice isn't it!!! hahaha! What a fucking 'hoot', we are laughing over this for months, especially while Bruce is doing his extras and getting the 'ultimate' Punishment, being sacked as "Fish Member" by a vote of the Mess Committee at an extraordinary General Meeting hahaha! Well I thought it was funny 'as fuck', I guess you just had to have been there, haha