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***Speech by Dr Mark Drummond at the
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Selected ADFA Crime Types

- rapes and other forms of sexual assault;
- indecent assault and other indecency type crimes falling short of sexual assault as generally understood;
- false imprisonment type crimes occurring when cadets have been locked in cupboards and rooms and forced to sit or stand out – often very dangerously – on ADFA accommodation block window ledges, for example;
- crimes arising when ADFA cadets were forced to consume so-called "animal brews" or "horror brews" following commonly held "morals trials"; and
- criminal negligence and recklessness offences in breach of Workplace Health and Safety Laws.

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In the Senate Additional Estimates Hearing on Wednesday 18 February 2004 Defence Minister Robert Hill stated that:

Mr Chairman, I am deeply concerned about the path the Committee appears to be taking. ... The Committee, for example, agreed to publish a submission which claims that there have been anywhere between 10 and 100 victims of gang rape at ADFA and that the perpetrators of these crimes are still within the ranks of the ADF. The claim was completely unsubstantiated.

Even the author of the submission acknowledges his estimate is based solely on rumours he had heard almost 20 years ago. ... In fact, Mr Chairman, there have been no reported allegations I am advised of gang rapes in the 18 years of its existence.

But there had been multiple significant media reports in 1997, 1998 and 2003 referring to allegations of multiple ADFA gang rapes, and official acknowledgements, past or ongoing investigations of, or failures to investigate, these alleged cases.

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The board is investigating allegations the naval officer's doctor shared his patient's medical history with other navy personnel.

Lawyer for Doctor McKenzie John Ley has been cross-examining the Lieutenant Commander about her relationships with men and asked her if she was generally distrustful of males.

Mr Ley also asked the Lieutenant commander if she had been gang raped by a group of male cadets in 1986. The naval officer replied yes.

The Lieutenant commander said she had made a formal complaint about the rape.

The inquiry continues.

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**‘Naval officer alleges gang rape at academy’,
by Kathryn Shine,
The Australian,
Wednesday 6 August 2003,
Page 4**

A SENIOR female naval officer was gang-raped by a group of cadets at the Australian Defence Force Academy, a medical board inquiry heard yesterday. The officer, whose name has been suppressed, told the hearing in Perth she had filed a complaint after being gang-raped in 1986.

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Page 24 of *The Bulletin* magazine,
14 October 1997
(part of Cover Story by Brett Martin titled 'Rape, Loot & Pillage')

COVER STORY

SEXUAL HARASSMENT

Ranks close on academy rape claims

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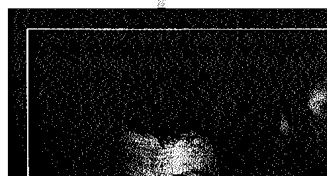
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did a raid on this particular gang and found the floor plans and electrical wiring plans for the armouries at Moore bank [in Sydney's west]."

Weapons and drugs were also allegedly smuggled into Australia aboard RAN vessels returning from overseas duty. In one instance, NIS investigators believe RAN gun-runners were tipped off about a raid on the amphibious landing ship *Manoora* in 1995: "NIS investigators had information that Beretta handguns and automatic rifles had been purchased in Hawaii and were being smuggled into

Australia on board the ship," recalls one of the raid team. "We obtained a search warrant, and a team of Customs and NIS officers with sniffer dogs boarded the *Manoora* as it came alongside. They went to where the informant said the weapons would be and found stained plastic sheeting under decking which the dogs reacted to, but no weapons. Obviously someone tipped them off and the guns went overboard outside the Sydney heads."

Senior officers are alleged to have regularly turned a blind eye to ships returning from overseas duty. Several



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'Blokey forces still deter women',
by Rachel Hawes, Michael Bachelard and Misha Schubert,
The Australian newspaper, 13 June 1998, page 7.

Includes:

Late in 1996, three navy trainees aged between 17 and 21, some at the Australian Defence Force Academy, complained of sexual assault and harassment.

PACK RAPE AT ADFA

A female navy cadet complained in 1996 of a rape she said happened at the Defence Force Academy in 1991, according to a story in *The Bulletin* late last year. The magazine quoted internal navy documents, which reported that the rape was perpetrated by three senior army cadets.

A Cover Story by Janine Perrett on Channel Nine's *Sunday Program* on Sunday 23 November 1997, titled 'Sexual Harassment in the Military', covered cases overlapping those referred to in Brett Martin's 14 October 1997 *Bulletin* Cover Story, and the following summary transcript of this story has been available online at least since 2004:

Following several disturbing claims and threatened lawsuits, the government last month ordered an inquiry into sexual harassment at the Australian Defence Force Academy in Canberra. This week, a number of women reveal what happened to them and talk about their cases, some of which prompted the inquiry. One reveals: "He raped me...in my room." Another says, "Two men came into my room and one put his hand on my thigh and then moved it up to my vagina." Two women who have never spoken out before also talk about their experiences.

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The 23 November 1997 Sunday Program Cover Story was referred to in a Monday 24 November 1997 article titled 'Rapists in Ranks, General Admits', by Matthew Horan in *The Daily Telegraph*, on page 18, which says that:

ONE of Australia's top soldiers has admitted the Defence Force is harbouring rapists in its ranks. ... Defence Science and Personnel Minister Bronwyn Bishop launched an investigation into claims of sexual harassment and abuse in the Defence Force after several harrowing complaints from servicewomen. One, from the elite Australian Defence Force Academy, said her claims that she was raped by cadets were ignored by senior officers.

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Table 2: Estimated Numbers of Selected Crimes at ADFA from 1986 till 2012

Classes of Crime	Examples of Crime Described as Generally Described or According to ADFA Culture Jargon	Maximum Prison Sentence	Estimated Numbers Over the 27 Years From 1986 to 2013 = <u>E1</u>	Estimated Number Per Year = <u>E2</u> = $E1 \div 27$	Estimated Number Per Year Per Division = <u>E3</u> = $E2 \div 20$ = $E1 \div 540$
Rape and Other Sexual Assaults	rape, gang rape, "woofering"	10 years or more	80 to 1000	3 to 37	0.15 to 1.9
Indecent Assault and Other Indecency Related Crimes Short of Sexual Assault	indecent assault, "running man" (previously known as "beaming" at Duntroon, in pre-ADFA times prior to 1986)	10 years or less	500 to 5000	19 to 185	0.9 to 9
False Imprisonment or Forcible Confinement	locking a person in a cupboard or room, or forcing them out on to an accommodation block window ledge	Would vary depending on the danger to health, but certainly 10 years or more for worst cases	500 to 5000	19 to 185	0.9 to 9
Forced Consumption of Toxic or Otherwise Hazardous Chemical	forced consumption of a "horror brew" or "animal brew" following a "morals trial"	Would vary depending on the danger to health of the chemicals consumed, but certainly 10 years or more for worst cases akin to assault occasioning grievous bodily harm or reckless endangerment	500 to 5000	19 to 185	0.9 to 9

In relation to locking cadets in rooms or cupboards, or forcing them to occupy dangerous positions on window ledges one and two floors up, etc.,

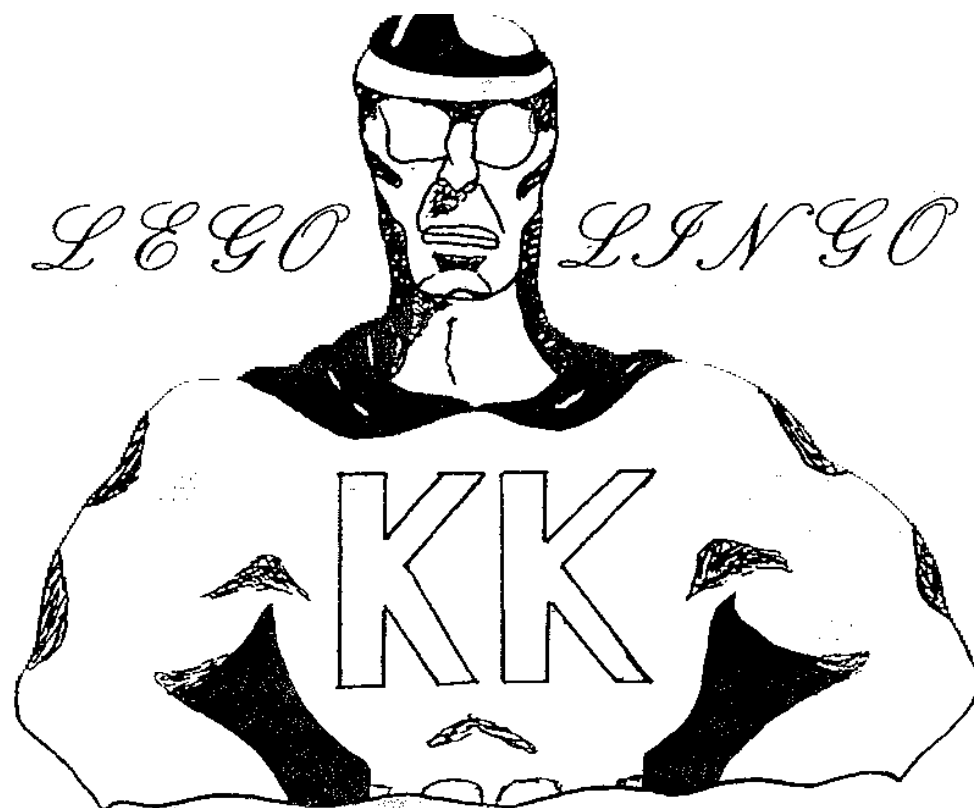
The Australian Capital Territory *Crimes Act 1900*, in Section 34 on **Forcible Confinement**, states that:

"A person who unlawfully confines or imprisons another person is guilty of an offence punishable, on conviction, by imprisonment for 10 years".

Lego Lingo

by Bill Cowham,

1987



THE CADETS' LANGUAGE

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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.

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."
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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**.

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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

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- In Section 28 of the ACT Crimes Act, on **Acts endangering health etc**, states that "A person who intentionally and unlawfully ... administers to, or causes to be taken by, another person any poison or other injurious substance with intent to injure or cause pain or discomfort to that person ... is guilty of an offence punishable, on conviction, by imprisonment for 5 years."

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Reporter: Geoff Thompson and Clay Hichens

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NEIL JAMES, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, AUSTRALIA DEFENCE

ASSOC.: My golden rule when I was at Duntroon, I had several golden rules, and one was you never did anything to anyone else that wasn't done to you. There had to be a military point to it and **the person who was on the receiving end had to see the humour of it.** And if you couldn't fulfil those three golden rules, you didn't do anything to anyone. Not everyone followed ah those type of golden rules. ...

In relation to forcing cadets to run naked through parts of Canberra where they could come into contact with and be seen by members of the public, in the "running man" practice,

The Australian Capital Territory *Crimes Act 1900*, in Section 392 on **Offensive Behaviour**, states that:

"A person shall not in, near, or within the view or hearing of a person in, a public place behave in a riotous, indecent, offensive or insulting manner.

Maximum penalty: \$1 000."