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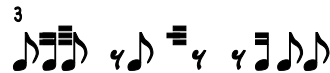
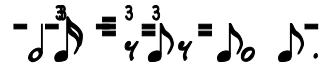
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A Bit Of Christmas History

When four of Santa's elves got sick, the trainee elves did not produce toys as fast as the regular ones, and Santa began to feel the Pre-Christmas pressure. Then Mrs Claus told Santa her Mother was coming to visit, which stressed Santa even more.

When he went to harness the reindeer, he found that three of them were about to give birth and two others had jumped the fence and were out, Heaven knows where. Then when he began to load the sleigh, one of the floorboards cracked, the toy bag fell to the ground and all the toys were scattered.

Frustrated, Santa went in the house for a cup of apple cider and a shot of rum. When he went to the cupboard, he discovered the elves had drank all the cider and hidden the liquor. In his frustration, he accidentally dropped the cider jug, and it broke into hundreds of little glass pieces all over the kitchen floor. He went to get the broom and found the mice had eaten all the straw off the end of the broom.

Just then the doorbell rang, and irritated Santa marched to the door, yanked it open, and there stood a little angel with a great big Christmas tree. The angel said very cheerfully, "Merry Christmas, Santa. Isn't this a lovely day? I have a beautiful tree for you. Where would you like me to stick it?" And so began the tradition of the little angel on top of the Christmas tree.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Greetings Everyone
throughout Australia,

Once again another year is coming to a close and once again our Association has gone from strength to strength, due mainly to three key factors: a very hard working executive committee, equally hard working state representatives, and of course all the wonderful support provided by Members. As your President I would very much like to thank you all as without your support we could not have achieved what we did.

It has been an up and down year, and by that I mean we did have the happy times, but we also had the sad times as once again we have had some wonderful Members pass away (mentioned in my Queensland Report).

Unfortunately we are all getting on. Indeed some of us who did the tour of South Vietnam in 66-67 are now in our seventies and most, if not all others, are over sixty. There is nothing we can do to stop our aging but we can try and look after ourselves the best we can, and avoid the habits that will harm our health - of course this is entirely up to the individual.

In my opinion the most important thing is that we must all stick together and help each other as best we can. The friendship we have formed over all these years is a wonderful thing that has happened to us all, and most certainly to me.

I must now say something about the 44th Anniversary Reunion which will be held at the scenic city of Coffs Harbour in NSW during 15-17 October 2010. Our Treasurer Rodger Eyles and his lovely wife Betty have it under complete control and they have assured me that there will be some pleasant surprises - which Rodger would not divulge to me. But he did assure me that we will be very happy with them.

I also want to mention that Dave Salter has been helping with arrangements and for that I thank him.

In this Issue of the Vampire there is the Registration Form for all reunion activities and as I already know the cost of functions I can assure you that these have been kept to the minimum. I urge all those members that are attending the reunion to complete the Registration Form as soon as possible and then post it directly to our Treasurer with the correct money. Please try and get this done ASAP as I am sure it would be appreciated by our Treasurer team.

In with this Vampire there also are some very interesting items including one that I must mention - a trip to Vietnam that was originally started by the late Terry Woolmer and now Casino Travel has passed on to me. An itinerary is shown on for you to read and decide if you wish to go on this trip. The cost is all inclusive and the trip has been very well put together by John Dougall OAM the owner of Casino Travel. John is a Vietnam veteran and in the past has donated Travel Vouchers for our Raffles. Also the RSL is organising a tour of Sabah, Borneo and Malaysia 8-17 May 2010. **If you require further information about these tours, please contact our Secretary who can post more detail about the tours to you.**

In closing may I politely ask all those Members who have not done so already, to forward their e-mail address to Phil Hay as it would be most helpful. (Recently I was able to locate a "missing Member" by e-mail after he inadvertently forgot to notify me of a change of address - Ed.)

Regards and best wishes to all. And as this is the last issue for this Year, my dear wife **Daphne and I wish you all a very happy Christmas and a very happy new year.**

John (Joe) Cauchi-Gera JP
President



SECRETARY'S SITREP

A very warm hello to everyone once again.

70th Anniversary Of The Start Of WW2

Reunion Registration

Included with this Newsletter is your (Blue) Reunion Registration Form. Please take the time to complete this form and forward it with your remittance ASAP to Rodger so that reunion numbers planning can proceed without too much delay.

This year marks the 70th anniversary of the start of WW2. Members who are interested in Australia's involvement can go line at: ww2australia.gov.au. If you want information on Australia's war dead visit the Office of Australian War Graves website which can be accessed from the DVA website: www.dva.gov.au.

New Shirt and Cap

Our Association has a new polo shirt and cap. This design is one of which we can be very proud, and many thanks must go to Treasurer Rodger for his effort in producing a great value-for-money combo.

Of course, the more people who wear our new polo shirt and cap on public occasions, the better recognition we will achieve – including Coffs Harbour next year.

Membership Renewal

It is membership renewal time for some. Please read the list of current members in the newsletter to determine if you need to renew your membership. The usual (yellow) Membership Renewal Form is enclosed for your use.

RAAMC Association

In our previous newsletter, President Joe foreshadowed that the RAAMC Association (Qld Branch) is becoming more active. He has asked me to represent our Association on the Committee, and I have attended two meetings so far. I have included a report to Members later in this newsletter, and will keep you updated as events unfold. Local RAAMC Associations are still being rolled out in other states.

Where Are They?

A number of our mates are in danger of dropping off our mailing list and losing contact with us. If anyone knows of their fate or of their whereabouts President Joe would appreciate a call or an email. The people I am missing and their last known suburb/town and state are:

- *Vince Coy (Tweed Heads, NSW)*
- *Kevin Lawler (Embelton, WA)*
- *John Neenan (Coogee, NSW)*
- *Fred Russell (Somerset, TAS)*
- *George Ruzicka (Maddington, WA)*
- *Max Sloss (Merriwa, WA)*

Useful Vietnam Website

I can't recall who referred me to this site, but I am passing this along because it is a good search list about the war in Vietnam. Somebody went to a lot of effort.

<http://www-static.cc.gatech.edu/fac/Thomas.Pilsch/Vietnam.html>

Rod's Vietnam Trip

As a postscript to the trip undertaken by Rod Guerin & Co. (see the SA report) Rod has been contacted by a person he met on the trip who is looking for help with a couple of book projects that are underway. The contact person is Denny Neave, and the relevant websites are:

www.bigskypublishing.com.au
www.aussiesoldier.com.au



Terendak Memories



As some of our Members served in Singapore, and/or Malaysia, and specifically in Terendak, I have included a couple of photos in the newsletter that might bring back some memories. I was with 8RAR at the time, so the photos are not from the Commonwealth Field Ambulance or the hospital; however, photos from those units would be very welcome for future editions.

Vietnam Veterans' Family Study

For those members who have elected to participate in the Vietnam Veterans' Family Study, you should know that recruitment targets for key participant groups have been met and the first stages of research are underway. More participants are still being encouraged by DVA to register for the study.

If you want more information, or you want to participate in the Vietnam Veterans Family Study, visit www.dva.gov.au/vvfs or free call 1800-502-302.

Timor-Leste Family Study

In the lead up to the 10th anniversary of the INTERFET deployment, the Minister for Veterans' Affairs has announced the Timor-Leste Family Study, which is the next stage of the Family Study Program. This study is examining the health effects of more recent service on families. If you are interested you can read more at the following website: http://www.dva.gov.au/health_and_wellbeing/research/Pages/timorleste.aspx

100 Club

Our Association is running a 100 Club for our reunion. Full details are provided on the (green) Application Form that is enclosed with this newsletter. As the title suggests, there are only 100 tickets and you can't win it unless you are in it!

RAAMC Tie

A new RAAMC tie is now available. The tie is in corps colours with the RAAMC badge featured prominently. We are considering buying a number of these ties to add to our merchandise list. If you would consider purchasing one of these ties to wear on Anzac Day and other suitable occasions, drop me a line (an email will be fine). If sufficient Members are interested, we could make the tie available by the time our next newsletter is issued.



Contributions to Vampire

Once again, thanks to everyone who sent their various contributions to our Vampire, your efforts are very much appreciated.

Until our next issue, best regards to everyone and take care.



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TREASURER'S REPORT

Greetings to everyone from lovely Coffs Harbour on the north coast of NSW.

I can report that the finances of our organisation are very healthy indeed, and that registrations for the 2010 Reunion are coming in, albeit slowly.

I would prefer a quicker response from Members because we need to determine numbers for the events we have planned. So I am hoping that people will respond soon by completing and forwarding the Reunion Registration Form.

The next page will provide an update on our reunion, especially for those members who have joined since the last newsletter. Betty and I are looking forward to seeing everyone at the reunion and showing you some of the beautiful Coffs Coast

New members who require more detail about this reunion can contact me by email or phone. Alternatively, they can contact our Secretary (Phil Hay) who will be only too happy to email or post a copy of our previous newsletter. Our contact details are on page 2.

Remember to obtain your share of the 100 Club by forwarding the green form. Each ticket has a 1-in-5 chance of winning a cash prize, and we have sold tickets already – so be quick.

Until next year, make sure you look after yourselves and get here safely.

Rodger & Betty Eyles
(We are the Treasurer)

An army Padre decided that a visual demonstration would add emphasis to his Sunday sermon, so he placed four worms into four separate jars.

The first worm was put into a container of alcohol. The second worm was put into a container of cigarette smoke. The third worm was put into a container of chocolate syrup. The fourth worm was put into a container of good clean soil.

At the conclusion of the sermon, the Padre reported the following results: The first worm in alcohol - Dead. The second worm in cigarette smoke - Dead. The third worm in chocolate syrup - Dead. The fourth worm in good clean soil - Alive.

So the Padre asked the good soldiers in the congregation - "What can you learn from this demonstration?" A wily old veteran in the back quickly raised his hand and said, "As long as you drink, smoke and eat chocolate, you won't get worms!"



2010 REUNION UPDATE

Well, everything is under control for our reunion in Coffs harbour.

Comprehensive details of reunion events and recommended accommodation were included in our previous newsletter. For those Members who have joined the Association since our previous newsletter, our official reunion activities are:

- Friday evening - Meet & Greet at the Ex-Services Club.
- Saturday morning - Coach Tour to the popular Bellingen Markets where you can buy lunch.
- Saturday night - Official Dinner at the Ex-Services Club.
- Sunday morning - Show & Lunch at the *Pet Porpoise Pool* which recently won the award for the Best Tourist Attraction in Australia.
- Sunday afternoon - General Meeting and Farewell BBQ at the Club.

Costs are included on the enclosed blue Registration Form (note the reduction if you register for all events).

For our new Members, and for existing Members who have mislaid our previous newsletter, the list of negotiated accommodation rates at our preferred sites is included on the next page.

I have included this website below for Members who might be looking for a good airfare to Coffs next year:

http://www.lastminute.com.au/domestic-flights/virgin-blue?sssdmh=dm14.160276&cid=SP_090722_FLD_DJ

Cheers for now, and we are looking forward to seeing everyone in Coffs next year.

Rodger (and Betty)
2010 Reunion Coordinator
Honorary Treasurer


For those who are driving - perhaps this person's tongue-in-cheek advice will make sure you get there safely (Ed)



2010 REUNION - ACCOMMODATION

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Hibiscus Villa	\$122.00
Family Cabin	\$109.00
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Twin share per night	Nightly
Ensuite Site*	\$46.00
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Unpowered Site	\$27.00
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All Motels are a basic Three & Half Star and across the road from the Services Club. The Holiday Park is a couple of clicks from the club but right on the beach front and good quality.



A WOMAN WILL UNDERSTAND

The first testicular guard was used in cricket in 1874 and the first helmet was used in 1974. So did it take 100 years for men to realize that the brain is also important?

Confucius Says...



*If at first you don't succeed,
do it like your wife told you.*

Light will travel a lot faster than sound.

That is why some men appear to be bright, until you hear them speak.

A veteran and his wife were sitting in the living room when he said to her, "I never want to live in a vegetative state, dependent on a machine and fluids from a bottle. If that ever happens to me, just pull the plug on both." So she got up, unplugged the TV, and threw out his beer.

A little girl asked her mother: "How did the human race appear?" The mother answered "God made Adam and Eve; they had children, and their children had children, and so mankind was made".

Some time later the girl asked her father the same question. "The father answered: "Many years ago there were monkeys from which the human race evolved".

The confused girl returned to her mother and said: "How is it possible that you told me we were created by God, and Dad said we developed from monkeys?" The mother answered: "Well, it is very simple dear, I told you about my side of the family, and Dad told you about his".



QUEENSLAND



Greetings Everyone.

Once again it's time for me to submit my report to our Secretary to include in this issue of the Vampire.

Daphne and I sincerely hope that this report finds you and your family in the best of health possible and enjoying life in this most beautiful State of all, Queensland.

To those who have not been enjoying the best of health, and we do know that there are some who are unfortunately that way, we wish you all the best and a quick recovery to better health.

It is always interesting to look back on the year and reflect on the good and bad happenings. Unfortunately this year we have lost three Members who have gone away to a better world I hope than the one we are living in at present.

To those who are left behind please do remember that the Association as a whole is always ready and willing to help in any way possible, so please do not hesitate to either ring me or any member of the Committee – our names and phone numbers are published in the Vampire

The Memorial Service held for two of our Members, namely Dennis Doyle and Terry Woolmer, were very well attended and were held at the-Kokoda Room at the Redcliffe RSL (where the President is one of our own, namely Neville Cullen).

The third Member (Keith Shepherd) passed away peacefully in the outback and it was not known to us until I happened to phone his wife, which I do periodically, and she gave me the sad news that he had passed away two months previously. These wonderful people, as well as all the others who have passed on, will never be forgotten by all of us that are left behind.

On the good times I must thank all those Members who have attended the Social occasions which were held periodically during the year, and particularly those Members who attended the Anzac Day March and joined us for the day. I am even hoping for a better turn out next year.

Whilst I am mentioning Anzac Day I am very pleased to tell you that the order of march for medical units march has now been sorted out. We will be marching behind the Medical Association as we are the senior medical unit. We are then followed by 8 Fd Amb, 11 Fd Amb and then 1 Aust Fd Hospital.

Our next social is the annual Christmas lunch which will be held on Saturday 5th December in the Kokoda Room at the Redcliffe RSL. The function will start at 1130 Hrs, and I am pleased to say that already 56 are attending. Of course I am hoping for many more to attend as this is a most pleasing get together for us because it is very much a family oriented occasion.

As I mentioned in my last Queensland Newsletter I will be standing down as of the General Meeting at Coffs Harbour as your Queensland Representative but I am willing to carry on as your National President unless someone else would like the task.

Of course I will continue to help the Association and the new Queensland Representative in any way possible. In fact I have already booked the Kokoda Room for the 2010 Christmas Lunch to be held on Saturday the 4th of December. I have also made the arrangements for the sale of Poppies and Anzac Day Memorabilia for April and November 2010.

I do thank you one and all and take Care

John (Joe) Cauchi-Gera JP
Queensland Representative





**Just A Few Of The Crew Who Turned Up For Our Most Recent Lunch
At Redcliffe RSL**



In Days Of Old This Unknown Person Would Have Been A Genius



WESTERN AUSTRALIA



Hi all

Well, with regards to the Association there isn't too much happening at the present in the good old WA.

Although there is a core of members staying in contact with one another, there has been only general communication.

Over here, we are organising the on-going flow of information for the forthcoming reunion for 2 Field Ambulance at Coffs Harbour in 2010, with notices being placed in local papers and ESO magazines.

Mid November is the yearly reunion for all Medical Corps, past and present, being run by Mick O'Sullivan for the last time after many years of dedicated and hard work, well done Mick.

I caught up with Rod Guerin after his "flying" visit to the west. It is always good to see people visiting our great state, and it was good to catch up with the latest gossip from South Australia.

Well people, over here we are all looking forward to meeting up with you at Coffs Harbour in 2010 so everyone stay safe and well.

Regards, to everyone

**Peter Bowring
Vice President
WA Representative**

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SOUTH AUSTRALIA & NORTHERN TERRITORY



Hello everyone.

I wasn't here for Anzac Day or Long Tan Day, but by all the reports I got back from the boys, both days went over very well here in SA.

In the meantime, four of us went over to Vietnam in August and we were among about 300 for the Long Tan Ceremony.

The Long Tan Ceremony was an excellent service, and we met some diggers from 6 RAR who were there for the service and then were heading to Afghanistan for their tour - top blokes.

After that we returned to Vung Tau for a BBQ at *Tommies Bar*.

At the bar there were a group of children from the orphanage who sang Aussie songs to everyone. They were excellent singers and lovely kids. Their teacher was a lady called My Thong who herself was an orphan there many years ago.

My Thong was adopted to Australia at 5 months old, her mother was Vietnamese and her father an Aussie Digger. She went back to Vietnam 6 years ago to find her Mother in Vung Tau.

She did find her mother, and also found out more about the other side of her life. She now runs the orphanage through the day and teaches English at night for her rent and expenses (a very lovely lady).

After we left the orphanage we decided that we should raise some funds for them (our little bit to help) so we put some photo's on a disk and made a presentation at the Walkerville RSL.

After that was done the VVA had a meeting and decided to come on board with a \$1,000 donation to get the ball rolling. We are holding a cabaret night in February or March next year and are also placing donation tins on the bar and in a few other places as well.

This whole episode has given us a good feeling as most vets who were there would have been to Vung Tau at some time during their tour. I Have included some photos to be shared with all (see the next page - Ed).

All of us here in good old South Aus are looking forward to catching up with every one at Coffs Harbour. With Rodger, Betty and Dave looking after proceedings it is sure to be a great reunion.

Keep looking after yourselves and your Ladies.

Cheers,

Rod Guerin
SA & NT Representative

The Upper Crust

Cooking bread in the olden days meant placing it as a raw lump of dough directly on the floor of the oven. The oven was heated by fire and very hot at the bottom. When the bread was done baking and taken out to cool, the base of the loaf was overcooked black and also dirty. The top of the loaf was done just right and still clean. The bottom of the loaf was for the servants to eat, while the '**upper crust**' was for the master of the house.





RAAMC ASSOCIATION UPDATE

There has been significant movement in the evolution of the RAAMC Association, both nationally and at the state level, with two meetings being conducted in Queensland since the previous Vampire.

Membership of the Queensland committee is by unit Association with the addition of the Queensland Honorary Colonel as Chair, representatives of current RAAMC soldiers, and the National President (ex-officio). The current committee is comprised as follows:

- Chair/Honorary Colonel (John Taske)
- Secretary (John Smith)
- Treasurer (David Scott)
- 2 Fd Amb (Phil Hay)
- 8 Fd Amb (Peter Harvey)
- 11 Fd Amb (Tim Stanley)
- 1 AFH (Rod Searle)
- 2 HSB RSM (Tony McKindley)
- National President (John Straskye)

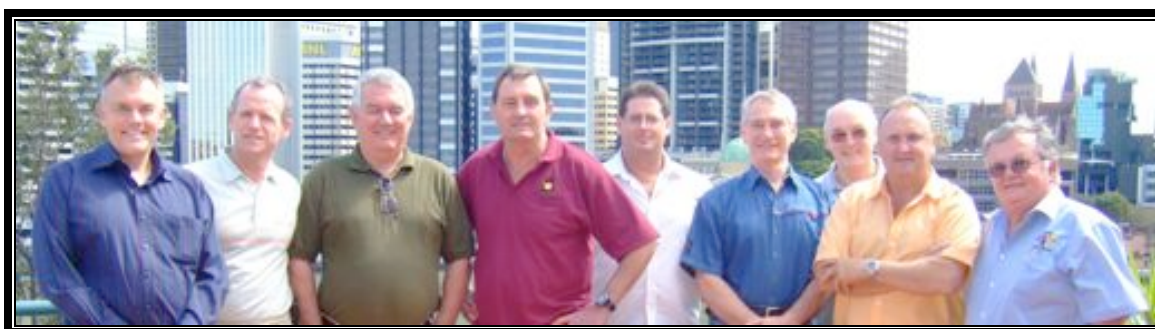
The first meeting was also attended by the Surgeon General (MAJGEN Paul Alexander) who is very keen to see the RAAMC Association succeed. The second meeting was held in August this year and was attended by John Straskye, National President of the RAAMC Association, (many Members would have met John at our Adelaide reunion).

At the second meeting a number of key principles were established, including that unit associations remain autonomous and are in no way subordinate to the RAAMC Association. Other key principles relating to the operation of the state RAAMC Association are that it will:

- be egalitarian (no reference to rank);
- provide support to unit associations where necessary;
- be a conduit to the RAAMC Committee (the Official Committee Chaired by HOC RAAMC);
- undertake a co-ordinating role when appropriate; and
- meet three times each year.

Following recent events in Brisbane, the RAAMC Association contacted HOC RAAMC to clarify the order in which units should march on Anzac Day. The HOC RAAMC has advised that the RAAMC Association should lead the RAAMC contingent and then to be followed by unit associations in this order:

- 2 Fd Amb
- 8 Fd Amb
- 5 Fd Amb
- 11 Fd Amb
- 1 AFH



Current members of the RAAMC Association Queensland State Committee from left: John Straskye, David Scott, Geoff Jones (invited guest), Tim Stanley, Tony McKindley, John Taske, Phil Hay, John Smith, and Peter Harvey. Rod Searle was absent on travel.



RAAMC ASSOCIATION MAGAZINE

A major initiative of the national RAAMC Association is to publish a magazine biannually (summer and winter). The magazine is to be named *Fetch Starlight*.

The magazine will be targeted at the broader RAAMC veteran community. It will contain items pertaining to the RAAMC as a whole, including personnel who have served and who are currently serving.

The magazine will also contain news from the RAAMC unit associations, including articles relating to their history and upcoming events such as reunions.

The editor of *Fetch Starlight* is Geoff Jones. Geoff was previously the editor of the official magazine of the RAAMC: *Paulatim*. Geoff has vast experience in this area and is currently the editor of the 6 RAR Association Newsletter.

The RAAMC Association is happy to have someone of Geoff's calibre as the editor of its magazine and looks forward to the first edition being published.

For those who do not understand the implications of the term "*Fetch Starlight*" an explanation follows.

"*Starlight*" is the appointment title for Medical in operational radio transmissions. The words 'Fetch Starlight' will be heard over the radio network when a medical officer or medic is needed, frequently in urgent situations.

Geoff's reasoning for using "Fetch Starlight" as the title for the RAAMC Association magazine, is that the phrase 'Fetch Starlight' emits a call to past and present members of the RAAMC to respond. That is, to provide input to the advancement of the RAAMC Association, Unit associations, and to contribute their stories and suggestions to this, their magazine.

It is intended that *Fetch Starlight* will have the widest distribution possible. It is anticipated that every serving member in the RAAMC will be sent a copy via his/her Unit. RAAMC unit associations and groups will be mailed copies according to their request.

Copies will be sent to organisations such as the RSL, the Vietnam Veterans Association and Foundation and overseas to organisations such as the RAMC Association.

The cost of printing the publication to Unit associations and other organisations will be free.

It is anticipated that the new magazine will be distributed to either individuals or associations, including those loosely termed "Olds and Bolds". John Straskye has requested that RAAMC unit associations inform Geoff how they wish to have their copies distributed.

I have asked that the magazine be forwarded to me in bulk. I will then distribute the magazine to Members with our newsletter.

I do not anticipate that this will incur an additional postage cost. However, I will reassess the situation after I see the size of the magazine and if there is in fact any additional postage cost.

Please remember, for this magazine to be successful it needs contributions from RAAMC members and unit associations.

Initial discussions between John Straskye and RAAMC unit associations have been extremely supportive. The first edition cut-off date is 15 January 2010. It is requested that Members make it a priority to have something to Geoff by this date. Geoff's email is: editor@raamc.org



FROM THE TARENDAK COLLECTION



The Irrepressible "Smiley" With His (Mazda) Milk Wagon
I can't recall exactly – But I think it was *Magnolia Milk* (Ed)



A Typical Mercedes Taxi
Back To Camp After A Good Night Out In Malacca



WORDS OF WISDOM

LEARN THESE NINE WORDS WOMEN USE

- 1 **Fine:** This is the word women use to end an argument when they are right and you need to shut up.
- 2 **Five Minutes:** If she is getting dressed, this means a half an hour. Five minutes is only five minutes if you have just been given five more minutes to watch the game before helping around the house.
- 3 **Nothing:** This is the calm before the storm. This means something, and you should be on your toes. Arguments that begin with nothing usually end in fine (see # 1).
- 4 **Go Ahead:** This is a dare, not permission. Don't Do It!
- 5 **Loud Sigh:** This is not actually a word, but is a non-verbal statement often misunderstood by men. A loud sigh means she thinks you are an idiot and wonders why she is wasting her time standing here and arguing with you about nothing. (Refer back to # 3 for the meaning of nothing).
- 6 **That's Okay:** This is one of the most dangerous statements a woman can make to a man. 'That's okay' means she wants to think long and hard before deciding how and when you will pay for your mistake.
- 7 **Thanks:** A woman is thanking you, do not question, or faint. Just say 'you're welcome'. (I want to add in a clause here - This is true, unless she says 'Thanks a lot' - that is PURE sarcasm and she is not thanking you at all. DO NOT say 'you're welcome' that will bring on a 'whatever').
- 8 **Whatever:** Is a woman's way of saying STUFF YOU!
- 9 **Don't worry, I got it:** Another dangerous statement, meaning this is something that a woman has told a man to do several times, but is now doing it herself. This will later result in a man asking 'What's wrong?' (For the woman's response refer to # 3).



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My wife said, "What are you doing today?"

I said "nothing."

She said, "You did that yesterday."

I said, "I haven't finished!"



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