HOT ISSUE BRIEF CA 17/2011

ISSUE: BLACKHAWK PRECAUTIONARY LANDING - NEWCASTLE

SENSITIVITY: The media is aware of this incident

KEY ISSUES:

- A Special Operations Blackhawk Helicopter operating in the vicinity of AUSGRID Stadium in Newcastle has suffered a suspected bird-strike. The strike occurred at 1500hrs today.
- The Blackhawk crew undertook and immediate precautionary landing in the AUSGRID Stadium carpark.
- The Helicopter is currently being assessed for potential damage. 16 Aviation Brigade Headquarters have indicated that the Blackhawk will be recovered at 1720hrs this afternoon.
- It is believed that Newcastle based media will attend the carpark landing site.
- There was no threat to personnel operating the Helicopter or to any members of the public who may have been in the area.

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Date issued: 30 August 11
TALKING POINTS: BLACKHAWK PRECAUTIONARY LANDING - NEWCASTLE

- At 1500hrs today, an Army Blackhawk Helicopter operating in the vicinity of AUSGRID Stadium, Newcastle, has suffered a bird strike.

- The crew of the aircraft conducted an immediate safe precautionary landing to check the condition of the helicopter.

- The helicopter landed in the carpark of the stadium and will remain there until it is recovered at approximately 1720 this afternoon.

- At no stage was there a threat to the safety and wellbeing of the helicopter crew or any member of the public.

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HOT ISSUE BRIEF CA 21/2011

ISSUE: SOLDIER QUESTIONED BY NSW POLICE OVER SEXUAL ASSAULT ALLEGATION

SENSITIVITY: High. The media is currently unaware of this incident

KEY ISSUES:

- During the late evening of 23 Sep11, a male soldier of the 6th Aviation Regiment is alleged to have engaged in inappropriate sexual behaviour with a female soldier of the same unit. The extent of the inappropriate sexual behaviour is currently unknown.

- The incident is reported to have occurred in Service accommodation at Holsworthy Barracks in South Western Sydney.

- Both the complainant and the respondent, and a potential female witness to the incident, had been drinking alcohol at a local Holsworthy club throughout the evening.

- The female soldier reported her concerns to her chain of command on the morning of 25 Sep 11.

- The matter was viewed seriously, with the female soldier being directed to have a medical examination, and her allegations forwarded to both the NSW State Police and the ADF Investigative Service.

- NSW Police have secured the complainant's barracks accommodation bedroom for investigation purposes. NSW Police have also commenced questioning of the complainant and one witness.
Both Complainant and Respondent are being provided appropriate unit support

**Contact Officer:** LTCOL BYE  W: 02 62652010  M: 

**Authorised by:** COL STUART  W: (02) 6265 1790  (A-COFS)

Date issued: 26 September 11

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**TALKING POINTS: SOLDIER QUESTIONED BY NSW POLICE OVER SEXUAL ASSAULT ALLEGATION**

- Defence can confirm that a matter has been referred to the NSW Police involving allegations of sexual misconduct between Army personnel.

- The incident involves a male and female soldier of the 6th aviation regiment which is currently based at Holsworthy barracks in South Western Sydney.

- The matter is viewed seriously, and an initial investigation is currently underway.

- Both members involved in the incident are being appropriately supported.

- As this matter is being investigated, it would be inappropriate for any further comment.

**Contact Officer:** LTCOL BYE  W: (02) 6265 2010  M: 

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HOT ISSUES BRIEF CA 50/2010

ISSUE: DANGEROUS OCCURRENCE AND SAFETY INCIDENT

SENSITIVITY: The media are not aware of this incident.

KEY ISSUES:

- On 9 September 2010, 3rd Brigade conducted a combined arms live firing activity at High Range Training Area, Townsville.
- As part of this activity, a CH-47 Chinook conducted a serial firing a machine gun at the hover when dismounted soldiers were observed within the safety area.
- No injuries or damage to material occurred.
- The aircraft immediately ceased all firing and returned to the Landing Zone.
- A Quick Assessment has commenced into this matter.

Contact Officer: LTCOL Sowry  W: (02) 62654377  M: 
Authorised by: BRIG Mulhall  W: (02) 6265 1790  M: 

Date issued: 10 September 2010
TALKING POINTS - DANGEROUS OCCURRENCE AND SAFETY INCIDENT

- Army can confirm that a safety incident occurred yesterday (9 Sep) during a combined arms live fire activity at the High Range Training Area, Townsville.
- As part of this activity, a CH-47 Chinook aircraft conducted a serial firing a machine gun when soldiers were observed within the safety area.
- The aircraft immediately ceased all firing and returned to the Landing Zone.
- No soldiers were injured in the incident.
- An inquiry has commenced into the incident.

Contact Officer: LTCOL Sowry  W: (02) 62654377  M:
Authorised by: BRIG Mulhall  W: (02) 6265 1790  M:
PA Clearance by: Rod Dudfield  W: (02) 6127 1951  M:
HIB Number: 000687
Date/Time Transmitted: 03/07/2010 14:13
Subject: FIRE AT CAMPBELL BARRACKS, SWANBOURNE WA

Comment: CA

LIMITED DISTRIBUTION - NOT TO BE FORWARDED
SENSITIVITY: Media attention is likely.

KEY ISSUES:

• A fire broke out in an accommodation building on Campbell Barracks, Swanbourne WA early on Saturday morning, 03 July 10 (barracks accommodation for SASR).
• The circumstances of the incident are not suspicious.
• No injuries were sustained in the event.
• The Australian Defence Force investigative Service is working with both the West Australian Police Service and Fire Brigade, in their inquiries.
• Army is providing support to the unit members involved in the incident.

Contact Officer: MAJ Duffy W: (02) 6265 2010 M: 
Authorised by: BRIG Mulhall W: (02) 6265 1790 M: 

Date issued: 03 July 2010

TALKING POINTS – FIRE AT CAMPBELL BARRACKS, SWANBOURNE WA
• Defence can confirm that a fire broke out in an accommodation building on Campbell Barracks, Swanbourne WA (03 Jul 10).

• No injuries were sustained during the incident.

• Army are actively assisting police with their investigations.

• As the matter is currently under investigation, it would be inappropriate to provide further comment.

Contact Officer: MAJ Duffy
Authorised by: BRIG Mulhall
PA Clearance by: Rod Dudfield
LIMITED DISTRIBUTION - NOT TO BE FORWARDED

SENSITIVITY: The media is not aware of this incident; however this incident will attract adverse reporting.

KEY ISSUES:

• A F88 Styer Rifle has been reported as stolen from an Army field training activity.
• Officer Cadets from the Australian Defence Force Academy are conducting field training at the Majura Field Training Area.
• The weapon was discovered missing this morning and reported to Army.
• The Australian Defence Force Investigative Service and Military Police are conducting inquiries.

Contact Officer: LTCOL Graham  W: (02) 6265 2010  M: 
Authorised by: BRIG Mulhall  W: (02) 6265 1790  M: 

Date issued: 14 Jul 2010
HIB Number: 000694

Date/Time Transmitted: 30/07/2010 14:04

Subject: DEATH OF AN ARMY SOLDIER IN TOWNSVILLE

Comment: CA

LIMITED DISTRIBUTION - NOT TO BE FORWARDED

SENSITIVITY: The media are not aware of this incident.

KEY ISSUES:

- A male Army Corporal has been found deceased in his residence, in Townsville earlier today.
- The Corporal was on leave from 5 Aviation Regiment, Lavarack Barracks.
- The Corporal was scheduled to attend Townsville Court, next week, on Child Exploitation charges.
- The Corporal’s Next of Kin have been advised.
- The Defence Community Organisation and Army are providing support to the family.

Contact Officer: LTCOL Graham W: (02) 6265 2010 M: [Redacted]
Authorised by: LTCOL Graham W: (02) 6265 2010 M: [Redacted]

Date issued: 30 July 2010

TALKING POINTS – DEATH OF AN ARMY SOLDIER IN TOWNSVILLE

- Defence can confirm that a male soldier was found dead at his residence, in Townsville, earlier today.
- The soldier’s next of kin have been notified.
• Army and the Defence Community Organisation are providing support to the soldier’s family.
• As this is matter is under investigation by the QLD Police, it would be inappropriate for Army to comment further

Contact Officer:  LTCOL Graham  W: (02) 6265 2010  M:
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PA Clearance by:  COL Jeff Squire  W: (02) 6127 1952  M:
HIB Number: 000698

Date/Time Transmitted: 16/08/2010 18:19

Subject: ARMY SOLDIER CHARGED WITH POSSESSION OF CHILD EXPLOITATION MATERIALS

Comment: 

Action Area: CA

LIMITED DISTRIBUTION - NOT TO BE FORWARDED

SENSITIVITY: The media is not yet aware of the incident.

KEY ISSUES:

• An Army soldier in Townsville has been charged with possession of child exploitation materials.
• Member scheduled to appear before the Townsville Magistrate’s Court on Tuesday 17 August 2010.
• Army is assisting the Australian Defence Force Investigative Service and the QLD Police Service in their inquiries.

Contact Officer: MAJ Duffy W: (02) 6265 2010 M: 
Authorised by: BRIG Mulhall W: (02) 6265 1790 M: 

Date issued: 17 August 2010

TALKING POINTS – ARMY SOLDIER CHARGED WITH POSSESSION OF CHILD EXPLOITATION MATERIALS

• Defence can confirm that a soldier has been arrested by Queensland Police Service (QPS) on 17 August charged with accessing child exploitation websites.
• Army is fully cooperating with the Queensland Police Service (QPS).
• As the matter is now before the courts it would be inappropriate for Defence to comment further.
HIB Number: 000699

Date/Time Transmitted: 17/08/2010 18:22

Subject: ARMY SOLDIER CHARGED WITH ASSAULT

Comment: CA

LIMITED DISTRIBUTION - NOT TO BE FORWARDED

HOT ISSUES BRIEF CA 45/2010

ISSUE: ARMY SOLDIER CHARGED WITH ASSAULT

SENSITIVITY: NT media is aware of the incident.

KEY ISSUES:

• An Army soldier in Darwin has been charged with assault.
• Incident occurred whilst soldier was socialising in Darwin.
• Member has previously received a gallantry award.
• Member scheduled to appear before the Darwin Court on 3 September 2010.
• Army is assisting the Australian Defence Force Investigative Service and the NT Police Service in their inquiries.

Contact Officer: MAJ Duffy W: (02) 6265 2010 M:

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Date issued: 17 August 2010
HOT ISSUES BRIEF CA 44/2010

ISSUE: UPDATE, ARMY SOLDIER CHARGED WITH CHILD EXPLOITATION OFFENCES

SENSITIVITY: Local Townsville media aware of the incident.

KEY ISSUES:

• An Army soldier in Townsville has been charged with several child exploitation offences.
• Member appeared in Townsville Magistrate’s Court on 17 August 10.
• Member’s case will be heard by the Townsville Magistrate’s Court on 5 October 2010.
• Army is assisting the Australian Defence Force Investigative Service and the QLD Police Service in their inquiries.

Date issued: 18 August 2010
LIMITED DISTRIBUTION - NOT TO BE FORWARDED

SENSITIVITY: Channel 9 is involved in this incident.

KEY ISSUES:

• At 0655 this morning a Soldier from 6 RAR, verbally and physically engaged a Channel 9 cameraman, outside Gallipoli Barracks, Enoggera in Brisbane.
• The film crew were filming live feeds to the Channel 9, Today Show when the incident occurred.
• The cameraman appreciating the emotion of the soldier advised he would not pursue charges at this stage.
• The Soldier has been detained by the Military Police.
• The Brigade Commander spoke with and apologised to the Today Show crew for the soldier’s behaviour.

Contact Officer: LTCOL Graham W: (02) 6265 2010 M: 
Authorised by: BRIG Mulhall W: (02) 6265 1790 M: 

Date issued: 26 August 2010

TALKING POINTS – ARMY SOLDIER CONFRONTS MEDIA FILMING OUTSIDE BARRACKS

• Army can confirm that a soldier from the 6th Royal Australian Regiment (6RAR) was involved in an altercation with a Channel 9 cameraman this morning.
• Army understands that Channel 9 was conducting a live broadcast outside Gallipoli Barracks, Enoggera in Brisbane,
following the confirmation of a battle casualty from the soldier’s unit (6RAR) yesterday.
• This matter is being investigated by the Military Police and it would be inappropriate for Army to comment further.

Contact Officer: LT COL Graham  W: (02) 6265 2010  M: 
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PA Clearance by: COL Jeff Squire W: (02) 6127 1952  M:
KEY ISSUES:

• At 1720 this afternoon a Soldier from the 1st Combat Service Support Battalion at Robertson Barracks in Darwin, died from a motorcycle accident while riding home from work. The motorcycle collided with a bus in Palmerston.

• The Northern Territory Police and emergency services attended the accident scene.

• The next of kin and primary emergency contact have been advised.

• The Defence Community Organisation and the Army are providing support to the family.

Contact Officer: LTCOL Graham  W: (02) 6265 2010  M:  
Authorised by: BRIG Mulhall  W: (02) 6265 1790  M:  

Date issued: 31 August 2010

TALKING POINTS – ARMY SOLDIER DIES IN MOTORCYCLE ACCIDENT
• Army can confirm that a soldier from the 1st Combat Service Support Battalion, Robertson Barracks, Darwin has died in a motorcycle accident this afternoon.
• The Defence Community Organisation and Army are providing support to the soldier’s family. Further inquiries regarding the accident should be directed to the Northern Territory Police.

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PA Clearance by: COL Jeff Squire  W: (02) 6127 1952  M: 

HIB Number: 000705
Date/Time Transmitted: 06/09/2010 16:00
Subject: ALLEGATION OF SEXUAL ASSAULT ON AN ARMY ESTABLISHMENT
Comment: CA

LIMITED DISTRIBUTION - NOT TO BE FORWARDED
SENSITIVITY: The media are not aware of this incident.

KEY ISSUES:

• A female sailor has made an allegation of sexual assault, occurring at a hotel in Melbourne last Friday night, against a male sailor. Both sailors are students of the Defence Force School of Signals at Simpson Barracks, but are based at HMAS CERBERUS.
• The duty officer at HMAS CERBERUS escorted the female sailor to the South Eastern Centre Against Sexual Assault.
• The female sailor has also made a statement to the Victorian Police at Frankston Police Station.
• The Australian Defence Force Investigative Service are working with the Victorian Police.

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Date issued: 06 September 2010

TALKING POINTS – ALLEGATION OF SEXUAL ASSAULT ON AN ARMY ESTABLISHMENT
• Army can confirm that an allegation of sexual assault has been made by a student against another student of the Defence Force School of Signals.
• The matter has been referred to the Victorian Police.
• The Australian Defence Force Investigative Service is assisting the Victorian Police with their investigation.
• As the matter is under investigation it would be inappropriate to comment further.

Contact Officer: LTCOL Graham W: (02) 6265 2010 M: 
Authorised by: BRIG Mulhall W: (02) 6265 1790 M: 
PA Clearance by: Mr R Dudfield W: (02) 6127 1951 M: 
SENSITIVITY: The media are not aware of this incident.

KEY ISSUES:

• A trainee pilot was undergoing night vision device training in a Kiowa helicopter when an emergency was declared at 1918 hours, 6 September 2010. The incident occurred at a training area of the Army Aviation Training Centre near Oakey in Queensland.
• The aircraft landed safely, without damage and remains at the incident site. The crew were uninjured and were recovered back to the training centre.
• Army Aviation Safety personnel are investigating the incident.
• All Kiowa flying operations have been suspended until the cause of the incident has been determined.

Contact Officer: LTCOL Graham W: (02) 6265 2010 M: 
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Date issued: 07 September 2010

TALKING POINTS – SUSPENSION OF KIOWA FLYING OPERATIONS
A trainee pilot was undergoing night vision device training in a Kiowa helicopter when an emergency was declared last night (6 September).

The incident occurred at a training area of the Army Aviation Training Centre near Oakey in Queensland.

The Kiowa landed safely with no injuries to the (two person) crew and no damage to the aircraft.

As a safety precaution, Army has suspended all Kiowa flying operations until the Army Aviation Safety personnel have completed their investigation and the cause of the incident has been determined.

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LIMITED DISTRIBUTION - NOT TO BE FORWARD

ISSUE: VEHICLE ACCIDENT ON BRUCE HIGHWAY

SENSITIVITY: The media have been reporting this incident and Defence has released a media statement.

KEY ISSUES:

- At 1430 hours this afternoon a civilian semi trailer struck an Army truck on the Bruce Highway near Bajool, near Rockhampton, Queensland. Both vehicles have been destroyed by a fire caused during the incident.
- The civilian truck driver, the Army truck driver and his passenger were airlifted to Rockhampton Hospital for treatment.
- Queensland Police attended the accident and temporarily closed the Bruce Highway. The Military Police are assisting the Queensland Police in their inquiries.
- The Army truck and 20 ton trailer from the 2nd Combat Engineer Regiment in Brisbane, were travelling north as part of a military convoy to Exercise Hamel.
- The families of the injured soldiers have been notified.
Date issued: 29 September 2010

**TALKING POINTS – VEHICLE ACCIDENT ON BRUCE HIGHWAY**

Two soldiers from the Brisbane-based 2 Combat Engineer Regiment were injured when the truck they were travelling in and another truck collided near Rockhampton today.

The soldiers and a civilian were evacuated to the Rockhampton Base Hospital where their condition is stable.

Queensland Police are investigating the cause of the accident.

While the matter is under investigation Defence cannot comment further.
HIB Number: 000716

DateTime Transmitted: 01/10/2010 13:57

Subject: UNIDENTIFIED BODY FOUND AT ACCIDENT SITE INVOLVING ARMY VEHICLE

Comment: Action Area DCA

LIMITED DISTRIBUTION - NOT TO BE FORWARDED

ISSUE: UNIDENTIFIED BODY FOUND AT ACCIDENT SITE INVOLVING ARMY VEHICLE CA 52/2010

SENSITIVITY: This has already been reported in media. QPS has released a media alert advising of unidentified body.

KEY ISSUES:

- Defence previously reported a traffic accident between an Army vehicle and a civilian truck south of Rockhampton (HIB CA 51/10) on 29 Sep 10.
- Queensland Police Service (QPS) media advised Defence Public Affairs – South Queensland, an unidentified body had been discovered midday 30 Sep 10 at the accident site involving the Army vehicle.
- Liaison between ADFIS and QPS confirmed the body of a female between 25-40 years old has been found.
- All Army personnel from the scene are accounted for.
- Informal advice from QPS (which is not to be considered a formal finding), to ADF staff yesterday indicates a
 probable cause of the accident was the result of the civilian semi-trailer driving on the wrong side of the road.

- Confirm NO ammunition, explosives, or hazardous materiel were on the Army vehicle, instead there was a quantity of engineering stores including four mine detectors, dummy mines, and mock IEDs.

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ISSUE: SOLDIER ARRESTED FOR INJURING THREE PEDESTRIANS IN DARWIN

SENSITIVITY: The media have been reporting this incident but have not yet identified the driver as a soldier.

KEY ISSUES:

• At 0400 hours this morning a soldier in Darwin City, lost control of the car he was driving and ran into three pedestrians before hitting a tree.

• The driver and passenger are soldiers from the 1st Combat Services Support Battalion at Robertson Barracks in Darwin and were off duty at the time.

• The Northern Territory Police attended the accident and advised the driver was driving under the influence and lost control of the car while doing burnouts.

• The Military Police are assisting the Northern Territory Police in their inquiries.

• The driver and injured civilian pedestrians have been taken to Darwin hospital for treatment.
TALKING POINTS – SOLDIER ARRESTED FOR INJURING THREE PEDESTRIANS IN DARWIN

- The member will face civilian court proceedings, and as this matter is currently subject to a Northern Territory Police investigation, it would be inappropriate to comment further until the outcome of those proceedings are known.

- As has been recently reported, Darwin’s 1 Brigade has been engaged in a number of initiatives, designed to stop this type of behaviour, we are committed to addressing this issue.

- Defence expects the highest standards of behaviour from its members and has procedures in place to deal with incidents such as this.

- All 1 Bde soldiers have participated in alcohol awareness programs and the majority of the soldiers are doing the right thing.
LIMITED DISTRIBUTION - NOT TO BE FORWARDED

ISSUE: SOLDIER ARRESTED FOR COMMITTING A SEXUAL OFFENCE

SENSITIVITY: The local Townsville media have been reporting this incident and identified the individual as a soldier.

KEY ISSUES:

- An Army Corporal from the 3rd Combat Support Regiment at Lavarack Barracks in Townsville has been charged by the Queensland Police Service with committing a sexual act online with a person under the age of sixteen.
- The Army Corporal is to appear at court on 18 October 2010.
- The Military Police are assisting the Queensland Police Service.

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Date issued: 05 October 2010
TALKING POINTS – SOLDIER ARRESTED FOR COMMITTING A SEXUAL OFFENCE

• The Army is aware of the incident and is providing full cooperation to Queensland Police Service (QPS).

• The QPS and the courts are the appropriate source of comment with regard to any police action on the matter.

• The soldier was off duty at the time of the alleged incident.

• Soldiers in the Australian Army have the same responsibilities as any citizen and can expect be held to account for any breach of the law.

• If the allegations are proved to be true (guilty verdict) the soldier will face disciplinary/administrative action (Termination Notice).

The inappropriate actions of Defence members should not tarnish the reputation of the rest of the ADF.
HIB Number 000722
Date/Time Transmitted: 30/10/2010 16:20
Subject: SOLDIER KILLED IN SINGLE VEHICLE ACCIDENT
Comment: DCA

LIMITED DISTRIBUTION - NOT TO BE FORWARDED
HOT ISSUES BRIEF CA 54/2010

ISSUE: SOLDIER KILLED IN SINGLE VEHICLE ACCIDENT

SENSITIVITY: Local media interest is expected.

KEY ISSUES:

• An Army Craftsman from the Army Logistics Training Centre at Albury Wodonga in Victoria has died in a single vehicle accident at 0100 hours on Saturday morning 30 October 2010, near Geelong in Victoria.

• The Army Craftsman was the only defence member in the vehicle and was off duty while travelling in a ‘ute’ with four other people at the time of the accident. The vehicle rolled on a dirt road after the driver lost visibility of the road due to dust.

• The Army Craftsman was killed and the two other passengers in the back of the ute were seriously injured. Both of those passengers were airlifted to Geelong Hospital for treatment.
• The soldier’s parents have been notified. His Primary Emergency Contact is his girlfriend in Albury and she has been notified and the Officer Commanding and an Army Chaplain from his Army Unit are now with her.
• Defence and the Defence Community Organisation are also providing support to the family and girlfriend of the soldier.

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Date issued: 30 October 2010

TALKING POINTS – SOLDIER KILLED IN SINGLE VEHICLE ACCIDENT

Army can confirm that a soldier from the Army Logistics Training Centre has died in a single vehicle accident today (30 October 2010), near Geelong, Victoria.

The soldier was a passenger in the vehicle and he was off duty at the time of the accident.

The soldier’s family and girlfriend have been notified.

Army and the Defence Community Organisation are providing support to the soldier’s family and girlfriend at this difficult time.
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HOT ISSUES BRIEF CA 55/2010

ISSUE: QUEENSLAND POLICE SERVICE DRUG RAID

SENSITIVITY: The media are not currently aware of this incident.

KEY ISSUES:

- The Queensland Police Service conducted a drug related raid in the Townsville region over the weekend. The activity was not targeting the ADF however, two defence related people are now involved.
- An ex member of the Army was detained with an F3 Practice Grenade and a drill (expended) 66 mm Short Range Anti Armour weapon in his possession.
- A serving soldier from 3 Brigade in Townsville was also detained with $38,000 in cash, a number of pills and a 0.38 weapon, in his possession. The soldier is due to be voluntarily discharged from the Army next week.
- The serving soldiers unit is now undergoing drug testing.
- The Australian Defence Force Investigative Service is assisting the Queensland Police Service in their investigations.

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TALKING POINTS – QUEENSLAND POLICE SERVICE
DRUG RAID

- The Army can confirm that a soldier was arrested and charged on a drug related matter.

- The soldier was off duty at the time of his arrest.

- Any questions relating to the alleged offence should be directed to QPS.

- The Army has fully cooperated with the QPS on this matter.

- Soldiers in the Australian Army have the same responsibilities as any citizen and can expect be held to account for any breach of the law.

- Army has a zero tolerance policy for illegal drug use, and precedent has seen soldiers convicted of drug offences issued termination notices.

- The member is in the process of undergoing voluntary discharge from the Army (for reasons unrelated to this matter).

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Date issued: 08 November 2010
HOT ISSUES BRIEF CA 57/2010

ISSUE: SOLDIER INJURED IN VEHICLE ACCIDENT

SENSITIVITY: Local media interest is expected.

KEY ISSUES:

- An Army Landrover has been involved in a vehicle accident near Proserpine in Queensland, while returning from Exercise Hamel at 1550 hours (Queensland time). Exercise Hamel was conducted at High Range Training Area near Townsville.

- Two soldiers from the 3rd Royal Australian Regiment have been injured. One soldier is very seriously injured with head injuries and a collapsed lung and is currently at Proserpine Hospital before being airlifted to Townsville General Hospital. Prognosis is he is unlikely to survive. Notification of his next of kin in Sydney is currently being conducted by Army.
• The other soldier is being treated at the accident scene and is in a satisfactory condition. He is currently notifying his next of kin.

• Civilian Police and emergency services are at the scene.

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Date issued: 08 November 2010
HIB Number: 000731
Date/Time Transmitted: 08/11/2010 17:21
Subject: SOLDIER EXTRADITED FROM QUEENSLAND TO VICTORIA
Comment: DCA

LIMITED DISTRIBUTION - NOT TO BE forwarded
HOT ISSUES BRIEF CA 56/2010

ISSUE: SOLDIER EXTRADITED FROM QUEENSLAND TO VICTORIA

SENSITIVITY: The media are not currently aware of this incident.

KEY ISSUES:

• An Army Corporal serving with the 51st Far North Queensland Regiment has been arrested by the Queensland Police Service and is currently detained in the Cairns Watch House.

• The Army Corporal will be extradited to Albury in Victoria to attend court on 10 November 2010 on a number of child exploitation related charges.

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Date issued: 08 November 2010
TALKING POINTS – SOLDIER EXTRADITED FROM QUEENSLAND TO VICTORIA

- Defence can confirm that a member is currently in custody related to alleged civil offences in NSW.

- The exact nature of the allegations would be better addressed by the civilian police.

- Defence takes allegations, of all inappropriate or unlawful behavior seriously and assists civilian authorities with their investigations.

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HOT ISSUES BRIEF CA 57/2010 - UPDATE

ISSUE: UPDATE - SOLDIER INJURED IN VEHICLE ACCIDENT

SENSITIVITY: The media are now aware of this incident.

KEY ISSUES:

- The very seriously injured 3\textsuperscript{rd} Royal Australian Regiment soldier from the vehicle accident earlier this afternoon, has died at Proserpine Hospital.
- Army was conducting the original injury notification at the time of his death. The notification team were contacted and have now advised his next of kin in Sydney of his death.
- Army and the Defence Community Organisation are providing support to the family of the deceased soldier.

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HOT ISSUES BRIEF CA 58/2010

ISSUE: FEMALE SOLDIER SEXUALLY ASSAULTED

SENSITIVITY: The media are not aware of this incident.

KEY ISSUES:

- A [REDACTED] female soldier from the 16th Air Defence Regiment, based at Woodside near Adelaide, was sexually assaulted by a civilian male at Glenelg Beach at 0230 hours this morning. The female soldier is participating in the gap year program.

- After the sexual assault the female soldier contacted a member of her unit who called for an ambulance and the South Australian Police.

- The South Australian Police are treating this as a civilian criminal matter.

- Army and the Defence Community Organisation are providing support to the soldier and her family.

Contact Officer: LTCOL Graham  W: (02) 6265 2010  M: [REDACTED]
HOT ISSUES BRIEF CA 59/2010

ISSUE: FEMALE SOLDIER KILLED IN VEHICLE ACCIDENT

SENSITIVITY: The media are not aware of this incident.

KEY ISSUES:

• A female Sergeant from the 6th Aviation Regiment, based at Holsworthy near Sydney, has died in a two vehicle accident on Heathcoat Road at 1300 hours this afternoon.

• The New South Wales Police are still at the scene.

• Army is currently notifying the Primary Emergency Contact and Next of Kin.

• Army and the Defence Community Organisation will be providing support to her family.

| Contact Officer: | LTCOL Graham | W: (02) 6265 2010 | M: |
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Date issued: 16 November 2010
HIB Number: 000750
Date/Time Transmitted: 25/11/2010 17:29
Subject: BLACKHAWK EMERGENCY LANDING
Comment: DCA
Action Area: DCA

LIMITED DISTRIBUTION - NOT TO BE FORWARDED

HOT ISSUES BRIEF CA 60/2010

ISSUE: BLACKHAWK EMERGENCY LANDING

SENSITIVITY: The media are not aware of this incident.

KEY ISSUES:

- A Blackhawk Helicopter from the 5th Aviation Regiment, based in Townsville, in Queensland, conducted an emergency landing near Yass yesterday afternoon.
- The Blackhawk was conducting a training activity and was carrying eight soldiers at the time of the incident.
- The crew of the Blackhawk were able to rectify the problem and then continue their flight, with the soldiers onboard.
- This was an isolated incident and the flight crew followed standard emergency procedures.

Contact Officer: LTCOL Graham  W: (02) 6265 2010  M: 
Authorised by: LTCOL Graham  W: (02) 6265 2010  M: 

Date issued: 25 November 2010
HIB Number: 000765

Date/Time Transmitted: 23/12/2010 13:37

Subject: HOAX PHONE CALLS TO FAMILIES OF DEPLOYED SOLDIERS

Comment: DCA

LIMITED DISTRIBUTION - NOT TO BE FORWARDED

HOT ISSUES BRIEF CA 61/2010

ISSUE: HOAX PHONE CALLS TO FAMILIES OF DEPLOYED SOLDIERS

SENSITIVITY: NTNews (Mr Justin O’Brien) made an enquiry through the 1 Bde PR Officer, AM 23 Dec 10.

KEY ISSUES:

- Army has become aware of two unsolicited calls to families of deployed soldiers.
- Call One - 02 Nov 10. The girlfriend of a deployed soldier received a call on her mobile phone from an unidentified man with an Arabic accent. The man threatened to kill her and wanted to know why her partner was fighting in Afghanistan.
- Call Two - mid-Nov 10. The mother of a deployed solder received a hoax call from an unidentified man stating her son had been shot and killed in Afghanistan. The caller did not identify her or her son by name.
- Both incidents have been reported to the ADF Investigative Service and reporting to civilian police has been encouraged.
- CO MTF-2 is aware of both incidents and deployed soldiers have been informed to alert their family.
- Families have been notified via Unit Facebook sites to protect their personal information.
• 1 Bde will write to the family of all deployed members to highlight this issue and encourage the reporting of hoax calls to Police.
• Army continue to provide welfare support to the Primary Emergency Contact of all deployed soldiers.

Date issued: 23 December 2010

TALKING POINTS – HOAX PHONE CALLS TO FAMILIES OF DEPLOYED SOLDIERS

• Army are aware of hoax calls being made to families of deployed soldiers.
• The matter has been referred to the civilian authorities and therefore it would be inappropriate for Defence to comment on these investigations.
• Army will always ensure that families of deployed soldiers are always supported and therefore welfare support will be made available for those affected.

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Subject Matter Expert
Group/Service 1 Star or above
DGPA or delegate

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Subject: DEATH OF AN ARMY SOLDIER IN BRISBANE
Comment: DCA
Action Area: LIMITED DISTRIBUTION - NOT TO BE FORWARDED

HOT ISSUES BRIEF CA 01/2011

ISSUE: DEATH OF AN ARMY SOLDIER IN BRISBANE

SENSITIVITY: The media are not aware of this incident.

KEY ISSUES:

- A male Army Soldier was found deceased in Brisbane on 19 Jan 11.
- The Soldier was expected to return from leave on 19 Jan 11, to his unit in Brisbane.
- The Soldier’s Next of Kin have been advised.
- The Defence Community Organisation and Army are providing support to the family.

Contact Officer: MAJ Duffy W: (02) 6265 2010 M: [Redacted]
Authorised by: COL Stuart W: (02) 6265 4377

Date issued: 20 January 2011

TALKING POINTS – DEATH OF AN ARMY SOLDIER IN BRISBANE

- Defence can confirm that a male soldier was found dead in Brisbane, on 19 Jan 11.
- The soldier’s next of kin have been notified.
• Army and the Defence Community Organisation are providing support to the soldier's family.

• As this is matter is under investigation by the QLD Police, it would be inappropriate for Army to comment further.

Contact Officer: MAJ Duffy W: (02) 6265 2010 M: 
Authorised by: COL Stuart W: (02) 6265 4377
PA Clearance by: COL Squire W: (02) 6127 1952
HOT ISSUES BRIEF CA 02/2011

ISSUE: DEATH OF AN ARMY SOLDIER IN TOWNSVILLE

SENSITIVITY: The media are not aware of this incident.

KEY ISSUES:

- A female Army Soldier was found deceased in Townsville on 26 Jan 11.
- The Soldier’s Next of Kin have been notified.
- Notification was conducted with Queensland Police
- The Defence Community Organisation and Army are providing support to the family.

Contact Officer: LTCOL Bye  W: (02) 6265 2010  M:  
Authorised by: BRIG Bottrell  W: (02) 6265 1790

Date issued: 27 January 2011

TALKING POINTS -- DEATH OF AN ARMY SOLDIER IN TOWNSVILLE

- Defence can confirm that a female soldier was found dead in Townsville, on 26 Jan 11.
- The soldier’s next of kin have been notified.
• Army and the Defence Community Organisation are providing support to the soldier's family.

• As this is matter is under investigation by the QLD Police, it would be inappropriate for Army to comment further.

Contact Officer: LTCOL Bye  W: (02) 6265 2010  M: [redacted]
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PA Clearance by: Celia Perkins  W: (02) 6127 1950  M: [redacted]
HOT ISSUES BRIEF CA 03/2011

ISSUE: AUSTRALIAN SOLDIER CHARGED WITH SEXUAL OFFENCE IN NEW ZEALAND

SENSITIVITY: The media are not aware of this incident.

KEY ISSUES:

- A Soldier has been charged by New Zealand Police, (on 20 Jan 2011), with the Charge of Rape of a female over 16 years of age.
- Member was on leave in New Zealand at the time.
- Member was allowed to return to Australia by New Zealand Police and is scheduled to appear in Court in Hamilton, New Zealand, on 28 March 2011.
- Member is being provided Legal support by ADF Legal Services.

Contact Officer: LTCOL Bye W: (02) 6265 2010 M: [redacted]
Authorised by: BRIG Bottrell W: (02) 6265 1790

Date issued: 27 January 2011
• Defence can confirm that a Soldier has been charged by New Zealand Police with the Charge of Rape of female over 16 years of age.

• Member is being provided Legal support by ADF Legal Services.

• As this is matter is under investigation by the New Zealand Police, it would be inappropriate for Army to comment further.

Contact Officer: LTCOL Bye W: (02) 6265 2010 M: [Redacted]
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HOT ISSUES BRIEF CA 04/2011

ISSUE: UNACCOUNTED MILITARY ORDNANCE

SENSITIVITY: The media are not aware of this incident.

KEY ISSUES:

• An Army Reserve Unit in Queensland has reported it cannot account for ordnance used in the conduct of Training activities which occurred over the period 23-28 January 2011.

• The ordnance is one M18A1 Claymore Mine.

• The Mine was identified as being unaccounted for on 04 Feb 2010, whilst Army staff were conducting mandatory checks on ammunition used in the training activities. No other munitions have been identified as unaccounted for.

• The incident has been notified to Queensland Police by Defence Investigative Services.

• Investigations to account for the Mine are ongoing.

• An investigation into Unit actions associated with the handling of munitions and ordnance used throughout the training is also being conducted.
TALKING POINTS – UNACCOUNTED MILITARY ORDNANCE

• Defence can confirm that an Australian Defence Force Investigative Service (ADFIS) investigation is underway following a report of unaccounted ordnance.

• An M18A1 Claymore Mine has been reported as unaccounted for following training at the Green Bank Range Training Area, (SE QLD) over the period 23-28 January 2011.

• Defence takes weapons security seriously. Any discrepancies are reported immediately to the Defence Security Authority for assessment and further investigation.

• ADFIS has notified the Queensland Police Service.

• As the investigation is underway, it would be inappropriate for Defence to comment on this matter.

Members of the public:

• If you should find a suspicious item, that may be ordnance, for safety reasons, do not touch or disturb it. Contact your local police and they will
arrange for military experts to attend and dispose of it.

Note for background: A weapon is considered to be **missing** when it cannot be accounted for and the investigation has not been completed. Weapon **losses** include weapons lost or stolen, and the investigation report finalised.

Contact Officer: LTCOL Bye W: (02) 6265 2010 M: 
Authorised by: BRIG Bottrell W: (02) 6265 1790
PA Clearance by: John Anderson W: (02) 6127 1955 M: 
HIB Number: 000780
Date/Time Transmitted: 09/02/2011 23:15
Subject: UNACCOUNTED MILITARY ORDNANCE - UPDATE
Comment: CA

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HOT ISSUES BRIEF CA 04/2011 (UPDATED)

ISSUE: UNACCOUNTED MILITARY ORDNANCE

SENSITIVITY: The media are not aware of this incident.

KEY ISSUES:

- An Army Reserve Unit in Queensland has reported it cannot account for ordnance used in the conduct of Training activities which occurred over the period 23-28 January 2011.
- The ordnance is one M18A1 Claymore anti-personnel weapon.
- The weapon was identified as being unaccounted for on 4 Feb 2010, whilst Army staff were conducting mandatory checks on ammunition used in the training activities. No other munitions have been identified as unaccounted for.
- The incident has been notified to Queensland Police Service (QPS) by Defence Investigative Services.
- Investigations to account for the weapon are ongoing.
- An investigation into Unit actions associated with the handling of munitions and ordnance used throughout the training is also being conducted.
- QPS will issue a media release on 10 Feb 11 to notify the members of public.
Contact Officer: LTCOL Bye          W: (02) 6265 2010          M: 
Authorised by: BRIG Bottrell       W: (02) 6265 1790

Date issued: 04 FEB 2011

TALKING POINTS – UNACCOUNTED MILITARY ORDNANCE

• Defence can confirm that an Australian Defence Force Investigative Service (ADFIS) investigation is underway following a report of unaccounted ordnance.

• An M18A1 Claymore anti-personnel weapon has been reported as unaccounted for following training at the Green Bank Range Training Area, (SE QLD) over the period 23-28 January 2011.

• Defence takes weapons security seriously. Any discrepancies are reported immediately to the Defence Security Authority for assessment and further investigation.

• ADFIS has notified the Queensland Police Service (QPS).

• As the investigation is underway, it would be inappropriate for Defence to comment on this matter.

Members of the public:

• If you should find a suspicious item, that may be ordnance, for safety reasons, do not touch or disturb
it. Report the matter to Crimestoppers on 1800 333 000. The local police and they will arrange for military experts to attend and dispose of it.

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Authorised by:  
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PA Clearance by:  
Col Jeff Squire  
W: (02) 6127 1952  
M: [Redacted]
Date issued: 18 FEB 2011

TALKING POINTS – DEATH OF ARMY MEMBER IN ADELAIDE

- Defence can confirm that a male Army Officer was found dead in Adelaide, in the early morning of 18 Feb 2011.
- The Officer’s next of kin have been notified.
- Army and the Defence Community Organisation are providing support to the Officer’s family.
- As this matter is under investigation by the SA Police, it would be inappropriate for Army to comment further.

Contact Officer:   LTCOL Bye    W: (02) 6265 2010  M: [redacted]
Authorised by:    BRIG Bottrell  W: (02) 6265 1790
PA Clearance by:  COL J Squire   W: (02) 6127 1952
HIB Number: 000789

Date/Time Transmitted: 05/03/2011 20:41

Subject: SOLDIERS HELD IN CUSTODY BY VICTORIAN POLICE

Comment: DCA

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HOT ISSUES BRIEF CA 06/2011

ISSUE: SOLDIERS HELD IN CUSTODY BY VICTORIAN POLICE

SENSITIVITY: The media are not aware of this incident.

KEY ISSUES:

- Two soldiers are currently being held by Victorian Police, and are being interviewed in regard to an alleged sexual assault which occurred in the early hours of 05 March 2011.

- The alleged sexual assault occurred in Nagambie, central Victoria.

- Victorian Police executed a search warrant on a private residence at 1222 hrs today. Based on the findings of the search, two members were taken into Police custody at 1400hrs.

- The soldiers will remain in police custody tonight.

- At this time, no charges have been laid against the two soldiers.

- The two soldiers are from 8/9 RAR (Brisbane). They are in Puckapunyal undertaking a Protected Mobility Vehicle (PMV) Drivers Course at the School of Artillery, Combined Arms Training Centre.
Australian Defence Force Investigative Service (ADFIS) Personnel have been assisting Victorian Police in their investigations.

Date issued: 05 MAR 2011

**TALKING POINTS – SOLDIERS HELD IN CUSTODY BY VICTORIAN POLICE**

- Defence can confirm that two of its members are currently being detained by Victorian Police.
- The two members are currently assisting Police in an investigation into an alleged sexual assault.
- Australian Defence Force Investigative Service personnel have assisted Victorian Police in the conduct of their investigations throughout the day.
- As a Victorian Police investigation is underway, it would be inappropriate for Defence to comment on this matter.
HIB Number: 000791
Date/Time Transmitted: 07/03/2011 16:52
Subject: SOLDIER INVOLVED IN SERIOUS ASSAULT WITH MEMBER OF PUBLIC
Comment: DCA

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HOT ISSUES BRIEF CA 07/2011

ISSUE: SOLDIER INVOLVED IN SERIOUS ASSAULT WITH MEMBER OF PUBLIC

SENSITIVITY: The media are aware of this incident. The incident has been reportedly captured on film.

KEY ISSUES:

- Police allege an Army Reserve recruit was involved in an assault where a member of the public was beaten and his head stomped on. The incident occurred at the Rocks, in the Sydney CBD, in the early hours of Sunday 06 March 2011.

- The member is a Reserve recruit from 5 BDE and is posted to 1/15 Royal New South Wales Lancers. He was not on duty at time of incident and was socialising with a number of other civilians.

- On questioning by NSW police, the Member advised authorities that the civilians he was socialising with were responsible for the assault. While identifying that he was a Defence member, he declined to provide details of their identity to Police.

- Allegedly, the Member then fled the scene, only to later return and assault members of a Channel 7 Media Crew who had been, and were continuing to, observe and film the incident.
range of ADF Disciplinary and Administrative actions leading to termination of Service.

• Provost Marshal Personnel are currently assisting New South Wales Police in the conduct of their investigations.

• As a New South Wales Police investigation is underway, it would be inappropriate for Defence to further comment on this matter.

• At this time Army has not been provided an opportunity to see any footage taken by Media sources relating to the alleged incidents.

• Army is unaware of the condition of the Civilian involved.

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Authorised by: BRIG Bottrell W: (02) 6265 1790
PA Clearance by: COL Jeff Squire W: (02) 6127 1952
HIB Number: 000792
Date/Time Transmitted: 08/03/2011 13:52
Subject: DEATH OF STAFF CADET AT ROYAL MILITARY COLLEGE-DUNTRROON
Comment: DCA
Action Area: LIMITED DISTRIBUTION - NOT TO BE FORWARDED

HOT ISSUES BRIEF CA 08/2011

ISSUE: DEATH OF STAFF CADET AT ROYAL MILITARY COLLEGE-DUNTRROON

SENSITIVITY: The media are unaware of this incident.

KEY ISSUES:

- A Staff Cadet was found hanging in his room at the Royal Military College Duntroon at 0633hrs this morning. Fellow cadets immediately attempted to resuscitate the member.

- The area was secured by Australian Federal and Military Police. The Staff Cadet was officially pronounced deceased by AFP medical staff / forensic elements at 0940hrs.

- The member's next of kin, (Mother and Father), were notified of his death at 1115hrs this morning.

- The Staff Cadet was last seen by colleagues at 2200hrs on the evening of 07MAR11.

- The member was a recent graduate of the Australian Defence Force Academy, who had subsequently moved to RMC to complete his military training.

- The member's body is now being held by the Australian Capital Territory Coroner's Office.
• The family have not yet given permission for the name of the deceased Staff Cadet to be released.

• Provost Marshal – Army personnel continue to assist Australian Federal Police with their investigation.

Contact Officer: LTCOL Bye W: (02) 6265 2010 M: [Redacted]
Authorised by: BRIG Bottrell W: (02) 6265 1790

Date issued: 08 MAR 2011

TALKING POINTS – DEATH OF STAFF CADET AT ROYAL MILITARY COLLEGE-DUNTRROON

• Defence can confirm that early this morning (8 March), a male Staff Cadet was found deceased at the Royal Military College - Duntroon. Fellow Cadets immediately attempted to revive the member.

• Military Police and the Australian Federal Police were notified and attended the scene. Paramedics called to the location were also unable to resuscitate the member.

• Defence has notified the member’s next of kin and other family members and is providing support to his family.

• Royal Military College staff will inform the Staff Cadet’s classmates in due course and provide appropriate counselling and support.
• Defence will not publicly release personal details at the request of his family and no further comment will be made at this point in time.

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Authorised by: BRIG Bottrell  W: (02) 6265 1790
PA Clearance by: COL Jeff Squire  W: (02) 6127 1952
HIB Number: 000797

Date/Time Transmitted: 10/03/2011 18:50

Subject: KIOWA PRECAUTIONARY LANDING - SYDNEY

Comment:

Action Area: DCA

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HOT ISSUES BRIEF CA 09/2011

ISSUE: KIOWA PRECAUTIONARY LANDING - SYDNEY

SENSITIVITY: The media are aware of this incident.

KEY ISSUES:

- An Army Kiowa helicopter conducted a precautionary landing this afternoon at Granville Oval, Merrylands in Sydney's west.

- The Kiowa was flying in formation with another Kiowa aircraft at the time. Both aircraft are from the Sydney based 173rd Aviation Squadron of the 6th Aviation Regiment. The aircraft completed a precautionary landing to have maintenance personnel from the Unit confirm that the aircraft is airworthy.

- The crew safely landed the aircraft in accordance with normal civil and military aviation safety procedures. The second Kiowa monitored the precautionary landing before landing alongside.

- There were three personnel on board, two crew members and one passenger.
• The Kiowa aircraft indicated a possible minor fault in the engine. A security element will remain with the aircraft which will remain in location overnight.

• NSW Police are assisting the security element with provision of additional Police patrols in the area.

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Authorised by:  
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Date issued: 10 MAR 2011

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TALKING POINTS: KIOWA PRECAUTIONARY LANDING - SYDNEY

• An Army Kiowa helicopter conducted a precautionary landing this afternoon at Granville Oval, Merrylands in Sydney’s west.

• The Kiowa was flying in formation with another Kiowa aircraft at the time. Both aircraft are from the Sydney based 173rd Aviation Squadron of the 6th Aviation Regiment.

• The aircraft completed a precautionary landing to have maintenance personnel from the Unit confirm that the aircraft is airworthy. The crew safely landed the aircraft in accordance with normal civil and military aviation safety standards.
procedures. The second Kiowa monitored the precautionary landing before landing alongside.

- The Kiowa aircraft indicated a possible minor fault in the engine. A security element will remain with the aircraft which will remain in location overnight.

- Safety is of the utmost importance in Army Aviation.

- Maintenance will be carried out and the aircraft will depart as soon as possible.

- The indication of a minor engine fault does not affect any other aircraft. There were three personnel on board, two crew members and one passenger.

Contact Officer: LTCOL Bye  Authorised by: BRIG Bottrell  PA Clearance by: COL Jeff Squire  W: (02) 6265 2010  M:  W: (02) 6265 1790  W: (02) 6127 1952
HOT ISSUE BRIEF CA 10/2011

ISSUE: M113AS4 ARMoured PERSONNEL CARRIER FLEET GROUNDING

SENSITIVITY: The M113AS4 Armoured Personnel Carrier (APC) is a high profile land project (LAND 106) to upgrade Army’s M113 APC fleet. Media interest is expected to be framed in the context of Defence’s inability to successfully manage and deliver major projects. The issue of the safety of Australian soldiers is a related issue. The Minister may be asked to respond to questions from the media and / or the Opposition on this matter.

KEY ISSUES:

- On Wednesday 30 Mar 11 at 7 Battalion, Royal Australian Regiment (RAR) based in Adelaide, the brakes failed on an M113AS4 Armoured Personnel Carrier, causing injury to a soldier acting as a vehicle ground guide.
- The Soldier was not seriously injured and was released from hospital on Saturday morning, 02 April 11.
- Initial investigations conducted by 7 RAR Staff over period 31 March-01 April 11, identified that there was no hydraulic fluid in the high pressure brake assist reservoir and that this had caused the brake failure.
• Consequently, an immediate inspection of all M113AS4 at 7 RAR was conducted by Army and Defence Material Organisation (DMO) Personnel.

• 46 x M113AS4 Armoured Personnel Carrier vehicles at 7 RAR have been visually inspected for external evidence of hydraulic fluid seepage over the period 01-05 April 2011. 22 x vehicles are showing signs of leakage.

• Concurrently, Army is conducting a full inspection of the 201 x M113 AS4 presently delivered under the LAND 106 Project.

• Due to the identified leakage problem, the Chief of Army has decided to ground the M113AS4 Armoured Personnel Carrier fleet until the full extent of the issue is known, repairs are actioned, or prudent measures to continue the safe operation of the vehicle are implemented.

• The two major units operating the M113AS4 Armoured Personnel Carrier (5th and 7th Battalions, RAR), are not scheduled to undertake field training with vehicles until after 26 April 2011.

• Impacts on wholistic Army training are expected to be limited to the School of Armour.

Contact Officer:  LTCOL M. Bye  W: 02 62652010  M: 
Authorised by:  BRIG A Bottrell  W: 02 62651790  M: 

Date issued: 06 April 2010

BACKGROUND: M113AS4 ARMoured PERSONNEL CARRIER FLEET GROUNDING
• LAND 106 was endorsed by Government in the 2000 Defence White Paper to provide a major upgrade of 350 of the Army's in-service M113A1 vehicles. Approval to upgrade a further 81 vehicles was received under Army’s Enhanced Land Force initiative. The upgrade will provide significant enhancements in protection, lethality and mobility whilst also providing improved supportability.

• At the completion of the upgrade, the new variants will be designated AS4 vehicles.

• The contract is structured in three stages to mitigate development risk for the Commonwealth:
  
  • Stage 1 was the development and preliminary testing of two Demonstration vehicles.
  
  • Stage 2 was the design, construction and testing of 14 Initial Production Vehicles (IPV).
  
  • Stage 3 is the delivery of vehicles and the associated logistic support requirements.

• Stages 1 and 2 of the Project have been completed.

• Stage 3 is still ongoing.

**TALKING POINTS: M113AS4 ARMOURED PERSONNEL CARRIER FLEET GROUNDING**

• Defence can confirm that on Wednesday 30 Mar 11 at 7 Battalion, Royal Australian Regiment (RAR) based in Adelaide, the brakes failed on an M113AS4 Armoured Personnel Carrier, causing injury to a soldier acting as a vehicle ground guide.

• The Soldier was not seriously injured and has returned to duties.
• Initial investigations have identified that the accident was the result of a hydraulic fluid failure actioning brake failure in the vehicle.

• Defence can confirm that an inspection of all M113AS4 Armoured Personnel Carriers in Army is underway, and until such time as the full extent of the problem is identified and addressed, the Chief of Army has decided to ground the M113AS4 Armoured Personnel Carrier fleet.

• This issue has no impact on Army’s ability to meet ongoing operational commitments

Contact Officer: LTCOL M Bye W: 02 62652010 M:
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HOT ISSUES BRIEF CA 11/2011

ISSUE: UNACCEPTABLE BEHAVIOUR INCIDENT – 6 RAR

SENSITIVITY: Matter is considered highly sensitive given ongoing media attention to the case of a female ADFA Cadet. The Media are unaware of this incident

KEY ISSUES:

At 08.30 today, a female soldier of the 6th Battalion, (the Royal Australian Regiment) in Brisbane, was having a shower in the female showers, after conducting physical training.

It has been reported that while having a shower, an unknown individual placed a digital camera or mobile phone camera under the door of the shower cubicle.

As soon as the incident was reported, the Australian Defence Force Investigative Service (ADFIS) was notified. ADFIS arrived at the transport yard approximately 15 minutes after notification.

A Quick Assessment is being completed by Unit staff and ADFIS have commenced an investigation.
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TALKING POINTS: UNACCEPTABLE BEHAVIOUR INCIDENT – 6 RAR

Army can confirm that an incident has been reported that involves inappropriate behaviour at the 6th Battalion, The Royal Australian Regiment in Brisbane.

The incident involves a female soldier and an unknown individual.

An ADFIS investigation is currently underway and as such it would be inappropriate for Defence to further comment on this matter.

The Chief of Army is particularly frustrated that regardless of the circumstances surrounding this incident, the poor individual judgement of a small number of personnel can seriously tarnish the reputation of Army, which the majority of the organisation is working to support.
HIB Number: 000829
Date/Time Transmitted: 18/05/2011 13:40
Subject: SOLDIER INVOLVED IN ALLEGATIONS OF CHILD EXPLOITATION AND POSSESSION OF CHILD PORNOGRAPHY
Comment: DCA

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HOT ISSUES BRIEF CA 12/2011

ISSUE: SOLDIER INVOLVED IN ALLEGATIONS OF CHILD EXPLOITATION AND POSSESSION OF CHILD PORNOGRAPHY

SENSITIVITY: Matter is considered highly sensitive given recent political focus and media attention on cases of sexual misconduct within Defence. The Media are unaware of this incident.

KEY ISSUES:

- A member of the Puckapunyal based School of Artillery, is to be interviewed by Queensland Police in regard to allegations of child exploitation and possession of child pornography. The allegations stem from 2008, when the soldier was serving in Townsville, North Queensland.

- On 17 May 2011, Queensland Police informed the Australian Defence Force Investigative Service that an interview with the Member is likely to occur in late May. The exact date is yet to be determined.

- Details of the allegations are yet to be determined by Army.
- The interview may occur in Puckapunyal or the Soldier may be requested to travel to Townsville.
- Unit Command and Staff personnel are implementing a personnel management plan to fully support Australian Defence Force Investigative Service and Queensland Police investigations.

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Authorised by:  BRIG Bottrell  W: (02) 6265 1790

Date issued: 18 May 2011

**TALKING POINTS: SOLDIER INVOLVED IN ALLEGATIONS OF CHILD EXPLOITATION AND POSSESSION OF CHILD PORNOGRAPHY**

- Army can confirm that a soldier is currently assisting Queensland Police with regard to allegations of child exploitation and possession of child pornography.
- No charges have yet been laid against the soldier.
- A Queensland Police investigation into the matter is currently underway. As such it would be inappropriate for Defence to further comment on this matter.
- The exploitation of women and children is entirely unacceptable, completely at odds with Army's values and will not be condoned.

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HIB Number: 000831
Date/Time Transmitted: 18/05/2011 17:38
Subject: MULTI-ROLE HELICOPTER-90 SERIOUS INCIDENT IN FLYING TRAINING
Comment: DCA
Action Area: DCA

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HOT ISSUE BRIEF CA 13/2011

ISSUE: MULTI-ROLE HELICOPTER-90 SERIOUS INCIDENT IN FLYING TRAINING

SENSITIVITY: The Multi Role Helicopter 90 (MRH-90) is the newest helicopter in the ADF. The MRH 90 program was recently subject to a Gate Review because of continuing issues, including engine problems in 2010. The engine problems and the Gate Review both attracted media attention. This serious incident is likely to attract further negative publicity if made public.

PRIVACY CONSIDERATIONS: Names of flight crew not released

KEY ISSUES:

- On 17 May 11 an Army MRH-90 helicopter experienced roll, pitch and drift oscillations during a flying training mission near Townsville.
- Commander 16th Aviation Brigade deemed the incident to be serious.
- On 18 May 11 Commander 16th Aviation Brigade directed an Aircraft Incident Investigation Team be formed to deal with the matter.
HOT ISSUES BRIEF CA 12/2011 (UPDATED)

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Date issued: 18 May 2011

**BACKGROUND/ADDITIONAL FACTS: SOLDIER INVOLVED IN ALLEGATIONS OF CHILD EXPLOITATION AND POSSESSION OF CHILD PORNOGRAPHY**

1. The soldier’s Chain of Command has been fully involved in the notification to the member, of Queensland Police intent to conduct enquiries into the allegations of child exploitation and possession of Child Pornography. Army is actively ensuring that the soldier is fully available to assist Queensland Police with their investigations.

2. The soldier involved is also subject to a comprehensive management plan which has been implemented by the Chain of Command at the School of Artillery. The management plan includes:

   - Provision of appropriate access to Defence legal support whilst in the process of assisting Queensland Police with their enquiries.
   - Limiting the soldier’s access to weapons.
• Provision of comprehensive health and mental wellbeing support given potential risk of self harm.
• Limiting exposure to trainees to occasional supervised access.
• Daily monitoring and supervision by members of the chain of command in the workplace.
• Ensuring that the soldier is adequately supported by his family.

3. Army has not yet taken administrative or disciplinary action against the soldier, as he is yet to be formally charged with any offence. In the event of a civil conviction being effected against the soldier, Army will initiate appropriate administrative action to remove the soldier from service.

4. No other members of Defence are known to be involved in or effected by the Police enquiry.

**TALKING POINTS: SOLDIER INVOLVED IN ALLEGATIONS OF CHILD EXPLOITATION AND POSSESSION OF CHILD PORNOGRAPHY**

• Army can confirm that a soldier is currently assisting Queensland Police with regard to allegations of child exploitation and possession of child pornography.

• No charges have yet been laid against the soldier.

• The Soldier is being appropriately managed while assisting Police, through use of a comprehensive command management plan. This plan limits workplace exposure and affords the Soldier the ability to fully support Police enquiries.
• A Queensland Police investigation into the matter is currently underway. As such it would be inappropriate for Defence to further comment on this matter.

• The exploitation of women and children is entirely unacceptable, completely at odds with Army’s values and will not be condoned.

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Subject: CAR ACCIDENT INVOLVING ARMY MEMBERS – NORTHERN TERRITORY
Comment: DCA

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HOT ISSUE BRIEF CA 14/2011

ISSUE: CAR ACCIDENT INVOLVING ARMY MEMBERS – NORTHERN TERRITORY

SENSITIVITY: The media is not aware of this incident.

KEY ISSUES:

- Two Darwin based junior Army officers have been involved in a car accident 30 km from Timber Creek in the Northern Territory on the afternoon of Thursday 30 June 2011.

- Both were transported to Darwin Hospital on a fixed wing Care-Flight aircraft where they received emergency medical treatment.

- One officer suffered head injuries and was initially considered to be at high risk.

- Both officers are now considered to be in a stable condition.

- Both officers’ Next of Kin have been informed of the accident.

- The two officers were on leave at the time of the accident and were travelling from Darwin to Broome. No other party is reported to have been involved in the car accident.
The officers are Lieutenants and members of the 1st Aviation Regiment located at Robertson Barracks.

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Authorised by: BRIG Bottrell W: (02) 6265 1790

Date issued: 1 July 11

TALKING POINTS: CAR ACCIDENT INVOLVING ARMY MEMBERS – NORTHERN TERRITORY

- On 30 June 2011 two Army members currently serving in Darwin were involved in a car accident 30 KM from Timber Creek in the Northern Territory.
- Both members were flown to Darwin via NT Care-flight aircraft due to the nature of injuries.
- Both members are now reported to be in a stable condition
- Both members were on leave. No other service member or member of the public has as yet been identified as involved in the accident.
- The families of both members have been informed and are receiving support from Army.

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HOT ISSUE BRIEF CA 16/2011

ISSUE: ARMY MEMBER REPORTED MISSING

SENSITIVITY: The media is aware of this incident.

KEY ISSUES:

- An Army member was participating in a private kayaking activity with two other people on Lake Hume at Albury-Wodonga on 10 July 2011.
- The individual became separated from his fellow kayakers and was subsequently reported as missing.
- A civilian police-led search, which took place on the afternoon and evening of 10 July 2011 involving aerial assets, failed to locate the member. The search has recommenced today.
- The member's next of kin have been notified and are being supported by Defence.

Contact Officer: LTCOL Sowry W: 02 6265 4377
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Date issued: 11 July 11

TALKING POINTS: ARMY MEMBER REPORTED MISSING

On 10 July 2011, a police-led search commenced in the vicinity of Lake Hume at Albury-Wodonga for a missing Army member.

The Army member was participating in a private kayaking activity at the time he went missing.

His next of kin has been notified and is currently receiving support from Defence.

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HOT ISSUE BRIEF CA 15/2011

ISSUE: DEATH OF ARMY MEMBER IN YASS

SENSITIVITY: The media is not yet aware of this incident.

KEY ISSUES:

• New South Wales Police have found a currently serving Army member deceased in Yass, New South Wales. He was discovered at approximately 1230hrs today.

• The soldier was a staff member of the 1st Recruit Training Battalion.

• NSW Police and Army had been looking for the member in Wagga and greater NSW since the evening of 13 July, after the member had threatened self harm.

• The member’s Next of Kin have been informed of the death by NSW Police. Additional family members residing in Melbourne have also being notified of the death by Victorian Police and an Army Notification Team.

• The Family is being supported by members of the deceased’s Unit and by the Defence Community Organisation.
Date issued: 14 July 11

TALKING POINTS: DEATH OF ARMY MEMBER IN YASS

• On 14 July 2011, an Army member was found deceased near Yass, New South Wales.
• The Family of the deceased member has been notified and is currently being supported by Defence.
• A New South Wales Police investigation into the matter is currently underway. As such it would be inappropriate for Defence to further comment on this matter.
ISSUE: CLASSIFIED DATA SPILL

SENSITIVITY: High – knowledge of the spill is restricted and therefore the likelihood of external interest is assessed as low. However, the classification and content of the data creates the potential for significant interest.

KEY ISSUES:

- Late on 21 July 2011, CIOG ICT Security Operations notified Army of alleged inappropriate use of the Defence Information Environment (DIE), specifically that an individual has sent classified material from the DIE to an external email account.
- The matter was immediately referred by Army to ADFIS.
- The member responsible is voluntarily cooperating with ADFIS in the conduct of a Defence Force Discipline Act (DFDA) investigation.
- The initial aims of the ADFIS investigation are to contain the data spill and to preserve and collect evidence.

A Defence Security Authority (DSA) security investigation will determine the impact of the data spill and the associated risks.
Date issued: 22 July 2011

BACKGROUND

Defence ICT Security Operations content filters detected the transmission of an email with a classified attachment from the DRN account of a Defence member to the member's private email account late on 20 July 2011.

ICT Security Operations informed Army at 1600 hours on 21 July 2011. Army immediately referred the matter to the ADF Investigative Service (ADFIS). The member was subsequently questioned by ADFIS and continues to cooperate with the ongoing investigation.

In addition to the Defence Force Discipline Act (DFDA) investigation, which aims to contain the data spill and secure evidence, a Defence Security Authority (DSA) security investigation will be conducted to assess the consequences of the data spill with the aim of understanding and treating the identified risks.

TALKING POINTS

Defence is investigating an allegation of inappropriate use of the Defence Information Environment.

As the investigation is ongoing it would be inappropriate to make any further comment at this stage.
| Authorised by: | MAJGEN Paul Symon | W: 02 6265 4258 | M: [redacted] |
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KEY ISSUES:

- A Brisbane based soldier has been charged overnight with assaulting police after he was found in the company of persons possessing amphetamines.
- The soldier’s personal mobile phone was also found to contain messages relating to the sale of prohibited substances around Gallipoli Barracks, Brisbane.
- In the afternoon / early evening of 06 Sept 11, the soldier was in a private motor vehicle with three civilians when the vehicle was stopped by Queensland Police for a random check. One of the civilians was found with amphetamines in her possession.
- The soldier was detained and taken to Logan Central Police Station where he was questioned but was not initially charged.
- On departure from the Logan Central Police station (under escort from Army personnel), the soldier became agitated and resisted attempts to return him to Gallipoli Barracks. In the process, he assaulted two Queensland Police Officers who had moved to assist Army Duty Personnel.
- The member was charged for assault by Police. On return to unit he was subsequently subjected to a targeted Defence Prohibited Substance Test at 10.00am on 07 Sep 11. The results returned a reading that
suggests possible use of methamphetamine and cannabis, (but that needs to be fully confirmed through laboratory testing).

- The ADF Investigative Service is currently assisting in initial investigations into the conduct of the soldier and the possibility of sale of prohibited substances at Gallipoli Barracks.
- The Soldier is understood to have been on convalescence leave at the time of the incident.

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(acting COFS)

Date issued: 07 September 11

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TALKING POINTS: SOLDIER INVOLVED IN POSSESSION OF PROHIBITED SUBSTANCES SITUATION AND CHARGED WITH ASSAULTING POLICE

- Defence can confirm that a soldier has been charged with assaulting police in Logan during the evening of 06 Sept 2011.

- The soldier has been questioned by the Queensland Police Service in relation to the possession of prohibited substances.

- The soldier is currently based at Gallipoli Barracks, Brisbane.
• As Queensland Police and Defence Force Investigative Service enquiries are currently underway, it would be inappropriate for further comment at this time.

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PA Clearance by: Chris Linden  W: (02) 61271952
HIB Number: 000877
Date/Time Transmitted: 09/09/2011 15:01
Subject: THREE AUSTRALIAN SOLDIERS TAKEN INTO CUSTODY BY NEW ZEALAND MILITARY POLICE FOR PROHIBITED SUBSTANCE USE
Comment: 
Action Area DCA

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SENSITIVITY: High. The media is currently unaware of this incident

KEY ISSUES:

• At 2245 hrs 08 Sept 11 (NZST), three Australian Soldiers, in New Zealand on an exchange program, were taken into custody by New Zealand Military Police for alleged use of a Synthetic Marijuana Substance.
• The soldiers were detained after an incriminating video came into possession of Military Police.
• This morning, the three soldiers admitted to use of a Synthetic Marijuana Substance.
• The three soldiers are currently under the direct supervision of the Australian Army contingent commander and other Australian officers at Linton on the North Island. They have been confined to the barracks.
• New Zealand Military Police are seeking to complete their investigation and request that the soldiers remain in New Zealand until evidence has been collected and investigative action is completed.
• Army is investigating the extent of jurisdiction and the requirements of the Status of Forces Agreement (SoFA) between New Zealand and Australia.
TALKING POINTS: THREE AUSTRALIAN SOLDIERS TAKEN INTO CUSTODY BY NEW ZEALAND MILITARY POLICE FOR PROHIBITED SUBSTANCE USE

- Defence can confirm that three soldiers are currently assisting New Zealand Military Police with regard to a matter involving a prohibited substance.

- The soldiers are currently in New Zealand as part of a Military Exchange Program.

- As this matter is currently being investigated, it would be inappropriate for further comment at this time.
HIB Number: 000878
Date/Time Transmitted: 09/09/2011 15:03
Subject: ALLEGATION OF SEXUAL ASSAULT MADE BY MEMBER OF PUBLIC
Comment: Action Area DCA

LIMITED DISTRIBUTION - NOT TO BE FORWARDED
SENSITIVITY: High. The media is currently unaware of this incident.

KEY ISSUES:

• At approximately 1535hrs today, a female member of the public approached staff at the Royal Military College - Duntroon and alleged that she was sexually assaulted by a Defence member.
• The member of the public alleges that the sexual assault occurred on the 1st of September on the grounds of RMC.
• The allegation was immediately reported to Service Police, who notified the Australian Federal Police.
• The AFP are currently interviewing the complainant.
• No further detail is available at this stage.

Contact Officer: LTCOL Bye
Authorised by: COL Stuart (acting COFS)

Date issued: 09 September 11

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TALKING POINTS: ALLEGATION OF SEXUAL ASSAULT MADE BY MEMBER OF PUBLIC AGAINST RMC-DUNTOON MEMBER
Defence can confirm that a female member of the public has approached military personnel in Canberra and alleged that she was sexually assaulted by a Defence member.

Australian Federal Police are currently interviewing the woman.

As this incident is currently being investigated, it would be inappropriate for further comment at this time.

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CAM Clearance by:  MAJ C Linden
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SENSITIVITY: High. The media is currently unaware of this incident. The NSW Police are involved.

KEY ISSUES:

• At approximately 1530 hours on 12 September 2011, Access Control Officers at Holsworthy Barracks reported a range of security issues involving a soldier from 3 RAR to the Army chain of command. The issues included use of a photocopied identification pass and inappropriate use of visitors passes.
• The initial investigation also revealed that two females (aged 15 and 17) had been living in soldiers’ accommodation on the base for approximately two weeks.
• The matter was immediately referred to the Service Police who notified the NSW Police just after 1530 hours. NSW Police indicated that they would be delayed in attending and subsequently arrived at 1940 hours.
• At 1940 hours NSW Police took custody of both females. Neither of the females had identification or authorised access to the base.
• Investigations are underway by NSW Police, Service Police and the chain of command and will cover the range of issues inherent in this matter.
TALKING POINTS: UNAUTHORISED ACCESS AT HOLSWORTHY BARRACKS

- Defence can confirm that it is investigating a matter involving the unauthorised access to Holsworthy Barracks by two civilian girls aged 15 and 17.

- The matter is being dealt with by the NSW Police and Service Police.

- As this incident is currently being investigated, it would be inappropriate for further comment at this time.
HIB Number: 000882

Date/Time Transmitted: 16/09/2011 17:10

Subject: A RESERVE SOLDIER FROM 1ST COMMANDO REGIMENT HAS PUBLISHED A BOOK ENTITLED ‘KEEP YOUR HEAD DOWN: ONE COMMANDO’S BRUTALLY HONEST ACCOUNT OF FIGHTING IN AFGHANISTAN’. THE BOOK IS DUE FOR PUBLIC RELEASE ON 24 SEPTEMBER 2011. THE BOOK HAS NOT BEEN AUTHORISED FOR PUBLICATION BY DEFENCE OR CLEARED IN ACCORDANCE WITH OPSEC AND PUBLIC COMMENT REQUIREMENTS.

Comment: LIMITED DISTRIBUTION - NOT TO BE FORWARDED
Action Area: DCA
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HOT ISSUES BRIEF

ISSUE: A Reserve soldier from 1st Commando Regiment has published a book entitled ‘Keep Your Head Down: One Commando’s Brutally Honest Account of Fighting in Afghanistan’. The book is due for public release on 24 September 2011. The book has not been authorised for publication by Defence or cleared in accordance with OPSEC and public comment requirements.

SENSITIVITY: High. Efforts to establish whether the book has been circulated further than the publisher are presently underway.

KEY ISSUES:

- Yesterday (15 September) Special Operations Headquarters (SOHQ) received notice of the book’s public release date (Saturday 24 September 2011) from the publisher Allen & Unwin.
• A copy of the manuscript was submitted by the author to his unit earlier this year. A copy was obtained by SOHQ today. An assessment of the matter is currently underway.

• The manuscript has not been authorised for publication in accordance with DI(G) ADMIN 08-1 Public comment and dissemination of official information by Defence personnel.

• The manuscript is currently being reviewed for OPSEC breaches.

• Prevention or delay of public release will be sought pending the outcome of the review and compliance with security and public comment requirements.

| Contact Officer: | COL SA Stuart DCOORD-A | W: (02) 6265 4377 |
| Authorised by:   | BRIG AW BOTTRELL COFS AHQ | W: (02) 6265 1790 |

Date issued: 16 September 2011

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TALKING POINTS

- I am aware that a soldier has sought to publish a book about his experiences in Afghanistan.

I am advised that the book has not been authorised for publication in accordance with Defence's security and public comment requirements.

The matter is currently being assessed.

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Date/Time Transmitted: 24/09/2011 18:02

Subject: TANK SIGNIFICANTLY DAMAGED BY ONBOARD FIRE AT MOUNT BUNDY TRAINING AREA, NORTHERN TERRITORY

Comment: **** FURTHER EMAIL ADVICE PROVIDED BY ARMY @ 1816 26/9/11 TO OFFICES OF MINDEF; MINDSP; MINDM - UPDATING THE ADVICE PROVIDED IN THE HIB - SEE PDR MA11-873 ***

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HOT ISSUE BRIEF CA 20/2011

ISSUE: TANK SIGNIFICANTLY DAMAGED BY ONBOARD FIRE AT MOUNT BUNDY TRAINING AREA, NORTHERN TERRITORY

SENSITIVITY: Low. The media is currently unaware of this incident

KEY ISSUES:

• On 23 Sep11 an M1A1 Abrams Main Battle Tank caught fire whilst involved in training at the Mount Bundy Training Area.

• The internal fire suppression system discharged and hand held extinguishers were used by the crew of the vehicle to initially fight the fire onboard. The fire continued and a fire tender was called to fully extinguish the fire.
• One soldier was medically evacuated after suffering smoke inhalation. He has now been released from medical treatment and is continuing training.

• Initial assessments indicate that the fire started in the battery compartment of the tank and that the vehicle is now damaged beyond repair. All vehicles involved in training are being inspected to determine any further potential problems.

• The incident is now subject to a full investigation. There is no indication that the vehicle fleet will need to stop operations.

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TALKING POINTS: TANK SIGNIFICANTLY DAMAGED BY ONBOARD FIRE AT MOUNT BUNDY TRAINING AREA, NORTHERN TERRITORY
Defence can confirm that a tank has been significantly damaged by an onboard fire whilst involved in training in the Northern Territory.

On member of the tank crew suffered smoke inhalation but has subsequently been released from medical care and is now back in training.

A full technical investigation is underway.

This unfortunate accident is a one off incident. The Abrams tank fleet still remains fully operational and the vehicle itself enjoys the full confidence of personnel who operate it.

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Subject: SOLDIER INVOLVED IN PROHIBITED SUBSTANCE INCIDENT AT DARWIN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT
Comment. Action Area: DCA

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HOT ISSUE BRIEF CA 21/2011

ISSUE: SOLDIER INVOLVED IN PROHIBITED SUBSTANCE INCIDENT AT DARWIN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

SENSITIVITY: Medium. The media is currently unaware of this incident

KEY ISSUES:

- A soldier from the 1st Armoured Regiment in Darwin has been involved in a prohibited substance related matter at Darwin Airport.
- The soldier claims to have injured his back while travelling in Thailand and to have been prescribed medications by a Thai doctor for the injury.
- On return to Darwin, the prescription medication and the prescription scripts were confiscated by Customs Officers, as the drug involved was identified as an illegal substance.
• The nature of the drug has not been disclosed to Defence.
• The soldier was issued an infringement notice by Customs.
• An initial investigation is currently being conducted by Defence.

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TALKING POINTS: SOLDIER INVOLVED IN PROHIBITED SUBSTANCE INCIDENT AT DARWIN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

Defence can confirm that a soldier from the 1\textsuperscript{st} Brigade in Darwin has been issued an infringement notice by the Australian Customs Service at Darwin International Airport.
Customs confiscated a substance that had allegedly been prescribed to the soldier for back pain while on a recent holiday.

Defence and the soldier concerned are co-operating fully with Customs.

Defence is currently assessing the matter.

As this matter is being investigated, it would be inappropriate for any further comment.

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HOT ISSUE BRIEF CA 22/2011

ISSUE: SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND IMPORTATION

SENSITIVITY: High. The media is currently unaware of this incident.

KEY ISSUES:

- A Darwin based soldier has admitted to long term self administration of the anti-depressant XANAX and the importation of approximately 1200 XANAX tablets into Australia from Afghanistan when he returned from operations.
- The means by which the tablets were imported into Australia is unclear at present.
- The soldier has indicated that he purchased the tablets over a series of patrols in and around the Tarin Kowt marketplace.
- XANAX is a prescription relaxant and is used to temporarily suppress anxiety.
- An initial assessment has been conducted by Defence. The matter has been referred to ADFIS and civilian Police.
TALKING POINTS: SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND IMPORTATION

- Defence can confirm that a Darwin based soldier has admitted to long term drug dependency and importation of a quantity of prescription medication.

- The soldier has been admitted to an appropriate medical facility and is receiving care and supervision consistent with his medical condition.

- Defence considers the unauthorised use and importation of any drug to be serious and has referred the matter to the ADF Investigative Service and civilian Police.

- As this matter is now subject to investigation, it would be inappropriate for any further comment.

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HOT ISSUE BRIEF

ISSUE: SUSPENSION OF CH-47D CHINOOK FLYING OPERATIONS

SENSITIVITY: Medium. Media are unaware at this stage.

KEY ISSUES:

- The Australian CH-47D Chinook helicopter fleet has been suspended from flying operations by the Acting Army Operational Airworthiness Authority (A/OAA).
- The suspension includes the two aircraft deployed to Afghanistan.
- The suspension is the result of the identification of two potential issues that relate to the operation of the Automatic Flight Control System (AFCS).
- It is unclear how long the suspension will remain in effect at this stage.
- Of the five Australian CH-47D aircraft operated by Army one is currently deployed to Madang, PNG; one is on Horn Island; two are deployed to Afghanistan; and one is in Townsville.
BACKGROUND:
On 30 May 2011 an Australian CH-47D Chinook crashed in Afghanistan, killing one Army officer. The Directorate of Defence Aviation and Air Force Safety (DDAAFS) subsequently deployed an Aircraft Accident Investigation Team (AAIT) to Afghanistan in June 2011.

The AAIT delivered a 30 day report in early July 2011, identifying Uncommanded Pitch Oscillations (UPO) as a likely causal factor.

On 12 July 2011, the Operational Airworthiness Authority directed a number of actions including an immediate review of Aviation Risk Management Plans (RMP) and Mission Risk Profiles (MRP) for CH-47D aircraft with a focus on addressing the issue of UPO.

The tandem rotor configuration of the CH-47D makes it susceptible to pitch instability, which may lead to UPO in certain circumstances. In the first instance, UPO should be controlled by the Automatic Flight Control System (AFCS) and pilot actions. DSTO, sponsored by DDAAFS, conducted analysis on both of these control measures and concluded that further investigation is warranted.
A functioning AFCS is designed to apply control inputs to oppose and dampen UPO without pilot input. DSTO have identified that the AFCS may in fact sustain rather than dampen the UPO, particularly if the initial oscillation is of sufficient magnitude and rapidity.

Where the onset of UPO is severe and rapid, the flying pilot may instinctively manipulate the flight controls. If these pilot inputs are out of phase with the AFCS inputs, the initial UPO may be compounded and lead to a continuing and divergent oscillation known as a Pilot Induced Divergent Pitch Oscillation (PIDPO).

PIDPO may require significant altitude to recover. DSTO have identified that the pilot checklist actions initially implemented by the OAA in July 2011 may inflict sustain or compound UPO.

On 30 Sep 11 the AAT provided this information to the A/OAA. The A/OAA subsequently suspended CH-47D flying operations.

It is unclear at this stage when the matter will be resolved. DDAAFS are liaising with the Boeing Safety Team to determine.

The impact upon operations in Afghanistan and the preparation of the next rotation into theatre cannot be accurately assessed at this stage.

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TALKING POINTS

- Defence can advise that the Australian Army’s CH-47D Chinook helicopter capability has been temporarily suspended from flying operations.
- Army has suspended flying operations as a result of identifying issues relating to the operation of the Automatic Flight Control System (AFCS).
- To ensure the safety of flying operations, Army will suspend Chinook flying operations until AFCS issues are resolved.
• The suspension includes the two CH-47D Chinook aircraft deployed to Afghanistan.
• The Australian Army operates five CH-47D aircraft. Of the five aircraft, two aircraft are deployed to Afghanistan, one is deployed to Madang, Papua New Guinea; one is on Horn Island; and the remaining aircraft is in Townsville where the Chinook fleet is based.

If Asked - CH-47F Chinook fleet:

• The CH-47F Chinook is planned to enter into service in 2015 has a new digital automatic flight control system and will not be affected by this issue.

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HOT ISSUE BRIEF CA 23/2011

ISSUE: AUSTRALIAN SOLDIER CHARGED WITH ASSAULT IN NEW ZEALAND

SENSITIVITY: Medium. The media is currently unaware of this incident

KEY ISSUES:

- A soldier currently serving as part of the ANZAC Exchange Program in New Zealand has been taken into custody by NZ civilian Police and charged with Assault with a Blunt Object.
- The arrest was effected at approximately 0330 hours (local) this morning in Ohakuni on the North Island.
- It is alleged that the soldier was seen throwing a “ready to drink” glass bottle at hotel security staff.
- The soldier has been released on bail and is scheduled to appear at Taihape Court on 0930 hours on Friday 7 October.
- The soldier remains on duty in the custody of his chain of command.
- The soldier will be returned to Australia and administrative action will be initiated should he be found guilty of the offence.
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TALKING POINTS: AUSTRALIAN SOLDIER CHARGED WITH ASSAULT IN NEW ZEALAND

- Defence can confirm that an Australian soldier currently serving as part of a short term exchange has been arrested by New Zealand Police.

- The soldier has been charged after an incident at a local hotel, and is due to appear in Court on Friday 7th of October.

- Defence is co-operating fully with the New Zealand Police Force.

- As the matter is before the New Zealand court it would be inappropriate to make any further comment.
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HOT ISSUE BRIEF CA 22/2011

ISSUE: ARMY MEMBER PARACHUTING ACCIDENT

SENSITIVITY: The media is aware of this incident.

KEY ISSUES:

• In the early hours of Monday 3 October 2011, an Army Special Forces soldier was participating in a parachute activity at Narrandera Airport, NSW.
• The member was performing a night team descent and landed outside the designated Drop Zone, striking power lines.
• The member was stabilised at the scene before being evacuated to the local hospital, where he was subsequently airlifted to the Royal North Shore Hospital, Sydney.
• The member is in Intensive Care having undergone surgery, and has been classified as ‘Very Seriously Ill’, but stable.
• The member has notified his next of kin (spouse). The member’s spouse is being supported by Defence. Defence is organising for the member’s spouse, daughter and mother-in-law to visit the member in Sydney.
TALKING POINTS: ARMY MEMBER PARACHUTING ACCIDENT

- On 03 October 2011, an Army member was injured during a parachute training activity at the Narrandera airport, NSW.
- The member was stabilised at the scene before being evacuated to the local hospital, where he was subsequently airlifted to the Royal North Shore Hospital, Sydney.
- The member is in a stable condition.
- The member’s family has been notified and is currently receiving support from Defence.
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SENSITIVITY: The media is aware of this incident.

KEY ISSUES:

- At approximately 2200hrs (ACDT) time on Monday 10 October, an Armed Reconnaissance Helicopter (ARH) conducted a precautionary landing in a field approx 50m north of the Arnhem HWY, (40 km east of Darwin). The crew were conducting Night Vision Device flying training activity.
- The crew reported hearing a loud noise and noticing a crack of the Battle Captain's (rear) windscreen but do not associate it with hitting anything whilst airborne.
- Civil police and ambulance attended in response to a PAN (precautionary advice to civil air traffic) call by the crew and a Forward Recovery Team arrived at the location at 2330 hrs.
- The damage is assessed as serious enough to prevent flight. The windscreen will need repair/replacement in location as road recovery of the ARH has not yet been tested.
- It is believed that the aircraft will need to remain in place until Wednesday morning. At that point a repair part will be available to allow repair to the helicopter.
- The repair scheme requires 24 hour of drying time for the adhesives used in replacement of the screen.
DATE

TALKING POINTS: PRECAUTIONARY LANDING- ARH NORTHERN TERRITORY

- Defence can confirm that an ARH conducted a precautionary landing due to a cracked windscreen 40 km east of Darwin on the night of 10 Oct 11.
- Neither of the crew were injured in the incident and the aircraft was not damaged during the landing.
- The aircraft will be recovered within two days.
- A full technical investigation is underway to determine the cause of the crack and recommend any necessary remedial engineering action.
HIB Number: 000803
Date/Time Transmitted: 18/10/2011 17:29
Subject: LOSS OF HEADS UP DISPLAY (HUD) FLYING EQUIPMENT - MASCOT AIRPORT, SYDNEY
Comment: Action Area DCA

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SENSITIVITY: Medium. Loss of Defence equipment in a metropolitan area is likely to draw public interest. The media is currently unaware of this incident.

KEY ISSUES:

- At 3.30 pm on Saturday 15 October, a military bag containing a pilot's flying helmet, a daytime Heads up Display (HUD) helmet device and its associated equipment log book, was lost during transit somewhere along Airport Drive, Mascot, Sydney.
- The bag containing the equipment fell out of a baggage trailer being towed by a Defence vehicle. The vehicle was transporting personnel from the 6th Aviation Regiment back to Holsworthy barracks after their participation in training for CHOGM.
- The baggage trailer contained equipment used by pilots, loadmasters and aircraft support personnel and has been quarantined for fault testing.
- A member of the public flagged the vehicle over to report that the baggage trailer door was open and that an item had fallen from the trailer.
- Searches were conducted immediately, however were unsuccessful.
- NSW Police were alerted to the loss along with the NSW Roads and Traffic Authority and Sydney Airport management.
BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

- The item lost was a day time Heads up Display (HUD), used when flying a Black Hawk Helicopter. The HUD includes a monocular Liquid Crystal Display (LCD) block, mount and control box.
- The HUD is used for the aircrew to view critical flight information such as aircraft speed, engine power and engine temperature.
- The HUD does not store any data.
- The HUD is of Israeli manufacture and will only function in Australian and Israeli Blackhawks.
- The HUD can not operate unless it is connected to the Black Hawk aircraft.
- The servicing log book that accompanies the HUD records information such as the chain of custody for the equipment and servicing and repair dates.

TALKING POINTS: LOSS OF HEADS UP DISPLAY
FLYING EQUIPMENT-MASCOT AIRPORT, SYDNEY

- Defence can confirm that a military equipment bag containing a helicopter pilot's flight helmet and associated equipment was lost along Airport Drive in Mascot, Sydney on Saturday afternoon 15 October 2011.
- A fault with the baggage trailer carrying the equipment caused the bag to fall out onto the roadway.
- A search of the area has been conducted.
• The equipment bag and its contents are believed to have been picked up off the road by a passing motorist.
• The bag and its contents are neither sensitive nor dangerous. They are, however, difficult and time consuming to replace. If found they should be handed into Police or the nearest Defence establishment.
• Anyone with information regarding this equipment loss should contact Police or Defence.

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SENSITIVITY: Medium. The media is currently unaware of this incident.

KEY ISSUES:

• On 21 October 2011 the ADF Investigative Service acted on an allegation from an ADF member that some personnel from a Townsville based unit had used or possessed prohibited substances.
• The ADF member provided a list of names in support of the allegation. The ADFIS commenced targeted prohibited substance testing by urinalysis of the soldiers who were the subject of the allegations.
• The ADFIS conducted interviews with affected personnel and in cooperation with the unit conducted a search of on base living accommodation.
• The Queensland Police Service were notified, obtained a warrant and conducted a search of an off-base residence. QPS seized some material for examination and will advise their intended actions, through the ADFIS, in due course.
• Urinalysis test results are expected in seven to ten days time.
TALKING POINTS: ALLEGED PROHIBITED SUBSTANCE POSSESSION AND USE

• Defence can confirm the ADF Investigative Service is investigating an allegation involving the use of a prohibited substances by ADF members in Townsville.
• Defence considers the use or possession of any illegal substance to be a serious offence and actively supports investigation of any circumstance involving Defence Members.
• As the matter is currently being investigated it would be inappropriate to provide further comment.

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Subject: ALLEGED PROHIBITED SUBSTANCE POSSESSION AND USE
Comment: DCA

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SENSITIVITY: Medium. The media is currently unaware of this incident.

KEY ISSUES:

- On the 20th of October 2011 the ADF Investigative Service received a broad allegation from an ADF member that some personnel from a Darwin based unit had used or possessed marijuana or a synthetic cannabis in the last 7 days.
- The ADF member provided a list of names in support of the allegation. The unit chain of command has mustered those against which allegations have been made and is in the process of conducting prohibited substance testing.
- Concurrently, ADFIS are interviewing affected personnel and intend to conduct searches of living accommodation this evening to support their enquiries.
- Northern Territory Police have been notified of the matter. ADFIS retain jurisdictional authority at present.
- The immediate investigation into the allegations is likely to continue throughout the evening and into tomorrow.

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TALKING POINTS: ALLEGED PROHIBITED SUBSTANCE POSSESSION AND USE

- Defence can confirm the ADF Investigative Service is investigating an allegation involving the possession and use of prohibited substances by ADF members in Darwin.

- Defence considers the use or possession of any illegal substance to be a serious offence and actively supports investigation of any circumstance involving Defence Members.
- As the matter is currently being investigated it would be inappropriate to provide further comment.

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Subject: BRISBANE-BASED SOLDIER CHARGED WITH SEVERAL OFFENCES, INCLUDING RAPE
Comment: DCA

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SENSITIVITY: High. The media is currently unaware of this incident

KEY ISSUES:

• Defence has been advised that a Brisbane-based soldier has been charged with Rape, Stalking, Deprivation of Liberty and two counts of Assault.
• The soldier was arrested and held by Queensland Police overnight. The soldier will appear before the Magistrate’s Court later today.
• The offences were alleged to have occurred on Enoggera Barracks, on 10 Nov 11.
• The alleged victim is a civilian female.
• The allegation was reported to Queensland Police, who notified the Australian Defence Forces.

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TALKING POINTS: BRISBANE-BASED SOLDIER CHARGED WITH SEVERAL OFFENCES, INCLUDING RAPE

• Defence can confirm that a Brisbane-based soldier has been charged in relation to allegations of sexual assault.

• The Australian Defence Force is assisting Queensland Police in this matter.

• As this incident is currently being investigated, it would be inappropriate for further comment at this time.

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