



## 3RAR: THE PARACHUTE BATTALION

"Old Faithful", 3rd Battalion, the Royal Australian Regiment (3RAR), is the core of the ADF's parachute battalion group (BPG). 3RAR BPG is a flexible, high-readiness, light infantry group, capable of conducting airborne and infantry operations. The BPG must be prepared to conduct an parachute insertion as if it were conducting a combat assault onto the drop zone. The Sydney-based infantry paratroopers wear the distinctive airborne-forces maroon beret with the Royal Australian Regiment's 'Skippy' cap badge. Below is a 3RAR digger with combat equipment (CE), ready for deployment, plus all the equipment broken down for display.

- 01** T10B-D main parachute
- 02** M18A1 Claymore mine and satchel
- 03** 30m blasting-cap assembly, M57 firing device, M40 testing device
- 04** Folding ET (entrenching tool)
- 05** Kevlar helmet with Ninnox night-vision goggle
- 06** Personal webbing
- 07** 30-round clear-plastic magazines
- 08** Weapon cleaning kit including rods, brushes, oil and flannelette
- 09** F88C Steyr, weapon sleeve and sling
- 10** M9 bayonette
- 11** Night aiming device (attached and zeroed to Steyr, used together with night-vision goggle)
- 12** Field pack
- 13** Section med kit. Also, individual saline drip kit and stretcher top
- 14** T10R reserve parachute
- 15** Sleepingbag, hootchie, mozzie net and 'wimp' mat
- 16** Waterproofed inside pack – spare shirt, socks and other personal items
- 17** Other items inside

pack – goggles, boot-cleaning kit, sunscreen, insect repellent, wash and shaving kit, sewing kit, water filter and raincoat

**18** 24-hour one-man ration pack, cups canteen, cooking stove, KFS (knife, fork, spoon set) and water bottles (8ltr)

**19** Inside webbing – toggle rope and karabinear, cylume sticks, compas, torch, leathermans tool, cam kit, 10m hootchie cord, map, field dressings, range card, OoF (orders for opening fire) cards, notebook and pens

**20** Bush hat

