

# DOG SOLDIERS



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The Duke of Gloucester Cup – or DOG Cup – is a prestigious event for infantry battalions of the Royal Australian Regiment (RAR).

Since its inception during the occupation of Japan in 1947, the DOG Cup has challenged its competitors in a series of activities that test each soldier's skills and technique in the art of soldiering.

All seven of the regular Army's battalions came together from around Australia to vie for this year's honours.

The event ran from 2-6 August at Singleton Military Area with sections competing in a range of activities.

DOG Cup activities include section attacks and fighting withdrawals, urban assault, security, night navigation, night shooting, casualty evacuations, vehicle IED incidents, vehicle check points, and culminated in a 15km pack march and a bayonet-assault-course run-through.

The range of activities was designed to assess team dynamics and individual soldier skills and endurance under stressful conditions.



## WINNERS:

<b>Duke of Gloucester Cup</b> for best overall section	2RAR
<b>Sir Arthur McDonald Trophy</b> for best section in night navigation and firing	6RAR
<b>Gurkha Trophy</b> for best section shooting	1RAR
<b>Falling Plate Trophy</b> for best section falling-plate shoot	2RAR
<b>OSCMAR Trophy</b> for best section urban assault	2RAR

