

Text A (Operation Pechtaw) Sergeant LOCKETT

Listen to the interactive site, read the accompanying text, and answer the following questions:

Together with the others in your A group, discuss these questions:

1. Why did your boys 'create a sort of disco'?
2. Why were you the 'party pooper' who broke it up?
3. What was your role in this operation?
4. What relationship do you have to Lt Cupples, your platoon commander?
5. For you, what was the most difficult part of the aftermath?

Be ready to summarise your discussions.

Check your answers to the following exercise with your colleagues

Special terms

Match the following military terms to the definitions.

1) to draw fire	A. Bullets / munitions coming at you.
2) to check fire	B. Shooting at the enemy from one place to help your attack from another.
3) to put down fire	C. To attract the enemy's attention (and fire!)
4) incoming fire	D. Shooting at the enemy to stop them shooting at your own troops
5) fire support	E. To stop firing.
6) covering fire	F. Vulnerable to being shot at; can be hit.
7) friendly fire	G. To lay down a weight of fire.
8) in the line of fire	H. Shooting at your own troops by mistake

General vocabulary

Find the equivalent of these words and phrases in the text:

Considerably, by a large margin. Astonished, surprised Strike at, hit out in fury Prioritise the wounded according to need Encourage, exhort	
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These phrases come up in your interviews. Explain their meaning in this context.

Bearing the brunt of the action
Couldn't make head or tail of
(Lockett's) opposite number
Concurrently to this
Different kettle of fish

Service Slang

Match the military slang phrases with their meanings:

1. (I was) gobbing at him	A. brilliant, outstanding, fantastic
2. (who was) a blinding (medic)	B. someone who pays close attention to detail
3. a stickler	C. shouting, talking loudly non-stop
4. got a grid for him	D. calm someone down, stop them panicking
5. (I'm) gripping (my boss)	E. know where he is, have his location

Military Terms

Use dictionaries and other sources to find out what these military phrases mean:

Prone position
(Right boys,) Close in
Point man
Fixed the enemy

Abbreviation Hell

Give the full version of these abbreviations, and what they actually mean.

e.g. I called the **FOO** = Forward Observation Officer (person who can direct artillery fire)

Intermingle with **ANA**
The **GPMG** group
Got some **FFD's** on him