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Having fun on C.Q. duty

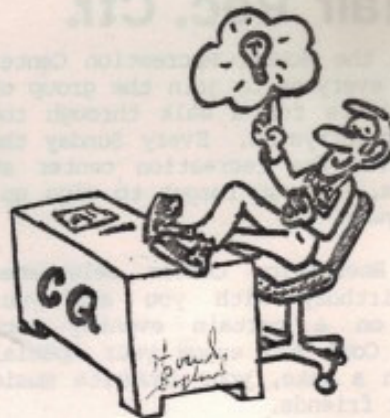
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If there is one particular aspect of Army life which grinds away systematically at your psychological innards, it has to be that four letter word that begins with D and ends with uty. It's that nagging annoyance that brings on various stages of anxiety to the troops who pull it and a battalion sized headache to the First Sergeant who doles it out.

At any rate, if you can't change your fate and no amount of begging and pleading to the First Sergeant gets you out of it, accept your lumps. But make up your mind to keep your spirits lively while you're at it.

To help you keep a lively outlook during your tour of duty as problem solver/phone answer, we've compiled a list of favorites pastimes provided by some of the 22nd Signal Brigades veteran CQs. Try them and Enjoy!

1. Scribble in your log book.
2. Shine your boots.
3. Put brasso in your partner's Pepsi then see if he notices.
4. Write to a friend back home and tell him how proud you are to be saving the free world against communism by beating off the enemy with a personnel register.
5. Write your will. Write your won't.
6. Sing the Marine hymn and check out



the reactions of passerby.

7. Write "I will not reenlist" 100 times. Write "I will reenlist" 200 or more times if you have a big bonus, or can get a good school.
8. Burn the staff duty officer's Spider man comic book.
9. Put gum on the door knob then sit back and watch the fun.
10. Write your epitaph, and write one for your commander and first sergeant.
11. Find an old picture of yourself and admire your hair.
12. Write your Congressman and have him declare CQ unconstitutional (cruel and inhumane punishment).
13. Throw a Pepsi can into the garbage can then watch your sleeping partner hit the ceiling.
14. Inadvertently misplace the wake-up list and see how many barracks dwellers threaten your life.

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