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AUSTRALIAN ARMY ALPINE ASSOCIATION (AAA) SUCCESSFUL EVEREST EXPEDITION – MAY 2001

In any Everest Expedition you rely on a large number of factors, a well trained and committed team, extensive support, reliable equipment, and good weather. The AAA Expedition had all of these and more when we successfully placed three members on the summit of Mt Everest on 25th May 2001.

Our team communicated back to base camp and to the rest of the world through portable computer technology. We were reliant on the Openfire – Rugged Portable Computer to carry out this task for the duration of the expedition.

The Openfire RPC is successfully used operationally by the Australian Army in predominantly hot, humid and dusty conditions. We tested it in the opposite type of climate.

Everest is one of the most extreme environments that man or machine can ever endure, the Openfire Rugged Computer performed continuously for three months, keeping us in contact with the rest of the world.

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