

Re: "par coeur" origin

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TOF wrote:

Paul J Kriha wrote:

I doubt it. Where I come from (Australia) I've not heard
someone split
"off" from "by" (although the "off" is occasionally omitted.)

Oh really?

"By now, you must be able to recite it off, you bloody drongo, by heart."

That's cheating. A parenthetical aside can go most anywhere, though I
stand by my claim. Why not put the "you bloody drongo" at the end or
after "By now,"?

Oh, puh-leez. Some of Jim McCawley's most notorious early work showed
that "parenthetical asides" are very, very strictly rule-governed. The
"printable" standard example is "abso-bloomin'-lutely."

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