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2003 RAEME CORPS BIRTHDAY - CENTRAL REGION



MAJ Andrew Kelly (left), RAEME Regional Representative Central Region, and CFN Brett Wilkeson, 107 Field Workshop, cut the Birthday Cake

A very late welcome to 2004 from the Secretary to Association Members. As usual, I am late with the January Newsletter. For this I sincerely apologise. Anyway, I hope you all had a happy Christmas and New Year and this Newsletter finds you well and in good spirits.

The AGM in December saw some changes in the Committee of Management. Dutchy Holland did not renominate as he and his wife plan to spend a lot more time in their travelling. He's been involved with the Committee of Management since 1982 so he has accumulated quite a bit of Long Service Leave (thanks and good luck, Dutchy). Grant Kuchel and his wife Christine have now settled in Victoria, although they plan to return to South Australia as their family is here. WO1 Noel Thomas, ASM at 107 Field Workshop, has become a civilian and is now living in Victoria (thanks for all your help, Noel). David Renshaw now has a full time civilian job which involves a lot of shift work (thanks for all your assistance over the years, David). New faces on the Committee are Gary Howell as Vice President (welcome back, Gary), Eric Kelly as a Committee Member (welcome, Eric) and WO2 Shane Buckley, EME WO at 107 Field Workshop, as a Committee Member (thanks for "volunteering", Shane).

Approval has been received for the 2004 RAEME Mixed ANZAC Reunion to be held on **Saturday 17 April**. The Committee of Management puts in a lot of effort to organise this function so please make every effort to support them by attending.

DIARY DATES 2003

<u>Activity/Function</u>	<u>Date</u>
- 62 nd Anniversary of the Bombing of Darwin	Thursday 19 February
- Committee of Management Meeting	Thursday 26 February
- RAEME Luncheon	Tuesday 9 March
- Fort Largs Guns Restoration	Saturday 3 April
- Committee of Management Meeting	Thursday 15 April
- 2004 RAEME Mixed ANZAC Reunion	Saturday 17 April
- 2004 ANZAC Day March	Sunday 25 April
- Fort Largs Guns Restoration	Saturday 5 June
- Committee of Management Meeting	Thursday 17 June
- 2004 Officers, WOs & SNCOs Formal Dinner	(tentative) June
- Fort Largs Guns Restoration	Saturday 7 August
- Committee of Management Meeting	Thursday 19 August
- RAEME Luncheon	Tuesday 14 September
- Fort Largs Guns Restoration	Saturday 2 October
- Committee of Management Meeting	Thursday 21 October
- 2004 RAEME Birthday All Ranks Mixed Function	(tentative) 28 November
- Fort Largs Guns Restoration	Saturday 4 December
- 2004 Annual General Meeting	(tentative) 12 December

62nd ANNIVERSARY OF THE BOMBING OF DARWIN

Adelaide Branch of Darwin Defenders 1942-45 Inc. have advised that there will be a Commemoration Ceremony at the State War Memorial, North Terrace, on Thursday 19 February at 11:00am. Navy Reserve Chaplain Reverend Graham Pitman will lead the Service. Her Excellency the Governor will lay the Darwin Defenders' Wreath and other wreaths are welcomed but are to be laid at the end of the Service. Decorations and medals are to be worn. There will also be an Ecumenical Service to Commemorate the first bombing of Darwin at St. Francis Xavier Cathedral, Wakefield Street, on Sunday 22 February commencing at 2:30pm. For further information contact the Chairman, Ray Buttery, on phone (08) 8297 2171.

COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT MEETING

The first Committee of Management meeting for 2004 will be held on **Thursday 26 February** at 7:30pm in the **Warradale Area Sergeants' Mess** (southern side of the oval, first building from the south west corner). Entry to Warradale Barracks is through the Oaklands Road gate. **All members are very welcome.**

RAEME LUNCHEON

The next luncheon get-together will be held on **Tuesday 9 March** at the **Cremorne Hotel**, 207 Unley Road, Unley, at 12:00pm. An invitation is extended to all serving and ex-serving members of AEME or RAEME. **Please ring Fred Brown on (08) 8297 7408 or Max Adams on (08) 8296 6463 before Friday 5 March so they can let the Pub know how many to cater for!!!!** If you know of others who spent time with AEME or RAEME, please bring them along.

2004 RAEME MIXED ANZAC REUNION

LTCOL Andrew Gillespie, Commanding Officer, 9th Combat Service Support Battalion, has given permission for our Association to conduct the 2004 RAEME Mixed ANZAC Reunion in the **Warradale Area Officers' and Sergeants' Mess** (southern side of the oval, first building from the south west corner) on **Saturday 17 April** commencing at 7:00pm. Format will be similar to last year, a BBQ meal available for \$5 per serve and a "Remembrance Ceremony" at 9:00pm.

This function is for serving and ex-serving members and their partners and friends. It will be an opportunity to renew old acquaintances and reminisce. Assistance will be required with Set Up, cooking the BBQ, collecting money at the door, selling Raffle Tickets and Clean Up. **Please let me know on phone (08) 8381 3644 if you can help in any way.** An Invitation with all the details will be attached to the March Newsletter. **Mark the date in your diary now.**

OLD CODGERS!

Two elderly gentlemen from a retirement centre were sitting on a bench under a tree when one turns to the other and says, "Slim, I'm 83 years old now and I'm just full of aches and pains. I know you're about my age. How do you feel?"

Slim says, "I feel just like a newborn baby."

"Really? Like a newborn baby?"

"Yep. No hair, no teeth, and I think I just wet my pants."

- *Courtesy "The Horse's Mouth" Summer 2003-04*

2003 RAEME CORPS BIRTHDAY

On Sunday 30 November 2003, a family day was held at Warradale Barracks to celebrate the 61st Birthday of the formation of the Corps.

This year the function was held in the Warradale Area Officers' and Sergeants' Mess. Approximately 90 people attended. The weather was perfect for the BBQ Lunch and for the kids to play on the oval. Formalities were limited to a Birthday Cake Cutting Ceremony followed by the presentation of the inaugural Central Region "RAEME Soldier of the Year" awards, sponsored by the Association. Finally there was time to catch up with mates for a chin wag and then be home in time for tea.

This function does not just happen and sincere thanks must go to the persons responsible for making it the day the success that it was:

MAJ Richard Moyses, Officer Commanding 107 Field Workshop, PMC of the Officers' Mess, opened the Officers' side of the Mess and assisted with set up, assisted Frank Owen with cooking on the Sergeants' Mess' BBQ and clean up (thanks, Sir).

WO1 Noel Thomas, ASM of 107 Field Workshop, DPMC of the Sergeants' Mess, opened the Sergeants' Mess side of the Mess and arranged for tables and chairs and other equipment to be brought in and set up, served behind the Bar, and assisted with clean up and return of the tables and chairs and equipment (thanks, Noel). Noel also donated a Birthday Cake (sincere thanks, Noel, for your generous gesture, it was delicious).

David Renshaw again arranged for the Serco BBQ Trailer to be available to assist with speeding up the cooking of the BBQ Lunch (thanks, David).

Mike and Margaret Culley ordered, collected and delivered the meat and salads and assisted with set up and clean up (thanks, Mike and Margaret).

Keith and Margaret Tainsh brought all the other condiments, tea, coffee, sugar, milk, plastic cutlery, plates, etc and assisted with set up and clean up (thanks, Keith and Margaret). Keith also collected money at the door and issued Meal Tickets (thanks again, Keith).

Dutchy Holland collected the Serco BBQ Trailer, did the cooking on it (assisted by Sam Nowak from 107 Field Workshop, thanks, Sam), then cleaned up the BBQ Trailer and returned it (thanks, Dutchy).

Frank Owen did the cooking on the Sergeants' Mess' built-in BBQ assisted by MAJ Richard Moyses (thanks, Frank).

Various serving members of 107 Field Workshop who pitched in and helped behind the Food Table and/or the Bar and/or assisted with clean up and return of stores to the Workshop (thanks, fellas).

Judy Turner who helped me by setting up a display of RAEME items available from the Corps Shop at the Army Museum Bandiana, answering questions and issuing copies of price lists (thanks, Judy).

If you weren't there you missed an excellent function. Plan to be there in 2004.

RAEME "SOLDIER OF THE YEAR" CENTRAL REGION

As indicated in the last Newsletter, the inaugural awards to the best ARA and GRES "RAEME Soldier of the Year" in Central Region were presented at the 2003 RAEME Corps Birthday function on Sunday 30 November.

MAJ Andrew Kelly, Senior RAEME Representative Central Region and Battery Commander of Support Battery 16th Air Defence Regiment, presented the ARA Award to CPL Ruben Hannola. CPL Hannola enlisted in the Regular Army in January 1993. His trade is Technician Electronic Systems. Previous postings included 25/49 RQR and 6 RAR. He has been a member of Technical Support Troop, Support Battery at 16th Air Defence Regiment, since January 2002 when he was promoted to CPL. In November 2002 he deployed aboard HMAS Kanimbla on Operation Falconer in the Persian Gulf as the Technician for the RBS70 Surface-to-Air Missile system and was awarded a CO's Commendation.

MAJ Richard Moyses, Officer Commanding 107 Field Workshop 9th Combat Service Support Battalion, presented the GRES Award to CFN Chris Rajasingham. CFN Rajasingham enlisted in the Army Reserve in September 1990. His trade is Vehicle Mechanic. He was initially posted to 8 TPT SQN. He has been a member of Vehicle Platoon, 107 Field Workshop for the last eight years. He was awarded the Soldiers Medallion and a CO's Commendation in 2003.

CFN Charlie Gauci, under the supervision of WO1 Noel Thomas, at 107 Field Workshop, designed and made a Perpetual Plaque for each award. CFN Gauci also designed and made an individual Trophy for each winner based on a miniature RAEME Craftsman Statue (thanks, Charlie).

On behalf of the Association members, I congratulate the winners. I hope to include photos in the next Newsletter.

2003 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The AGM was held on Sunday 14 December 2003 in the Workshop Building at Warradale Barracks. 24 members and partners enjoyed the "free" Sausage Sizzle lunched cooked by Mike Culley (thanks, Mike) prior to the meeting.

After the presentation of the usual reports, MAJ Andrew Kelly, Senior RAEME Representative, Central Region, chaired the meeting for the election of Office Bearers and updated the meeting on what RAEME had been doing during the previous twelve months, together with observations on the 2003 Corps Seminar and its conclusions.

The following personnel did not re-nominate for the Committee of Management:

- Dutchy Holland - too busy spending time in his caravan anywhere but in Adelaide,
- Grant Kuchel - now working and living in Victoria,
- David Renshaw - civilian employment involves shift work, and
- WO1 Noel Thomas (ASM, 107 Field Workshop) - moving to Victoria.

The Committee of Management sincerely thanks you for your time and effort in support of the Association.

New faces in the Committee of Management are:

- Gary Howell - Vice President,
- Eric Kelly - Committee, and
- WO2 Shane Buckley (EME WO, 107 Field Workshop) - Committee.

Welcome to the Committee of Management, gentlemen.

The President, Mike Culley, presented a "Certificate of Appreciation" to WO1 Noel Thomas in recognition of his service to the Association. Mike also showed the meeting a "Certificate of Appreciation" which will be presented to Dutchy Holland in recognition of his service on the Committee of Management of the Association since 1982. Mike will present the Certificate when Dutchy is next in Adelaide (if he can catch him).

Special thanks go to WO1 Noel Thomas who opened the Workshop for us and set up the meeting area (thanks, Noel).

PRESIDENT'S REPORT TO AGM 14 DECEMBER 2003

It hardly seems a year since the last AGM but our ever reliable Secretary has posted out notices as per the constitution so today is the day.

Your Committee have performed a top job throughout the year by organising social functions, sending out Newsletters, keeping the finances in good shape and generally promoting the good reputation of RAEME. Everyone's job becomes so much easier when you work with such a helpful and positive group, my thanks to you all.

Without support from within the "System" our Association would have a battle to survive, thank you to all those insiders who come up with the goods when we require them. The Officers' and Sergeants' Mess is an ideal venue to hold our various functions and judging by the number of younger ones and their families attending, the facility is proving to be user friendly, our thanks to those personnel from Warradale who help to make it all happen.

Support is a two way thing and the Committee is justly rewarded when the various functions are supported by the members.

This year saw the AEME/RAEME Association of South Australia Inc sponsor the inaugural "RAEME Soldier of the Year" Awards for Central Region. Hopefully this award will create interest amongst RAEME soldiers within Central Region and they will become aware that past RAEME members still have an interest in how the Corps is going. From the exercise we may even get some current serving members wanting to join us, all will be most welcome because without new members we will cease to exist. Today's RAEME soldier may think we old dinosaurs are only interested in yesterday's technology, we may be too old to enlist but we are never too old to talk and learn from the current serving RAEME soldier.

In closing I do thank all the Committee and people inside the system for their support during the past year.

- Mike Culley - President

FORT LARGS GUNS RESTORATION REPORT TO AGM 14 DECEMBER 2003

First let me thank the Work Party members for their continued support in attending every two months. Mike Culley, John Howard, Peter Schumann (a non RAEME person but very welcome) Lindsay Johnson, Graham Janz, and two new volunteers this year in Eric Kelly and Robin Maslen.

This year we discovered that visits three months apart were too far apart and that the elevation and traversing mechanisms could not be properly maintained. When we lost days because of bad weather or other reasons then we tried to have a work party on the following month but because we all have lives to live this wasn't always possible.

Although we were mostly concerned with keeping the two Naval guns lubricated and exercised this year we did continue with the repair and overhaul of the southern lifting mechanism and on the last work party of the year managed to remove the stuck bottom pulley and housing. This we placed into a diesel/oil mix and at the first work party next year (7th February) we hope that this will have freed up the pulley enough so that it will be able to be assembled again.

During the year I presented the members of the work party a plaque painted in the RAEME colours on which was mounted two ball bearings and that were removed from the traversing race. The plaques had the following notice on them:

Their name
 FORT LARGS
 NAVEL GUNS (I know the spelling is wrong, deliberate mistake)
 WORK PARTY MEMBER IS
 PRESENTED WITH THE
 RUSTY BALLS AWARD

Thank you for your assistance Keith Tainsh

I must thank my wife Margaret for the suggestion to make the plaques using the removed ball bearings. I have a sneaking suspicion that it was probably to get rid of some of the rubbish that I seem to hold onto.

- *Keith Tainsh*

PS - At the AGM I presented one of these plaques to Eddy Kaminski our first class parts chaser. Then I was reminded that Gary Howell was a founding team member and so at least I know why I have an extra blank one at home! Sorry Gary for the oversight (but it is on the way).

FISHING

It was a cold winter day. An old man walked out onto a frozen lake, cut a hole in the ice and dropped in his fishing line. He was there for almost an hour without even a nibble, when a young boy walked out onto the ice, cut a hole in the ice not far from him. The young boy dropped his fishing line and minutes later he hooked a Largemouth Bass. The old man couldn't believe his luck but chalked it up to plain luck.

But, shortly thereafter, the young boy pulled in another large catch. The young boy kept catching fish after fish. Finally, the old man couldn't take it any longer. "Son, I've been here for over an hour without even a nibble. You have been here only a few minutes and have caught a half dozen fish! How do you do it?"

The boy responded, "Roo raf roo reep ra rums rram."

"What was that?" the old man asked.

Again the boy responded, "Roo raf roo reep ra rums rram."

"Look," said the old man, "I can't understand a word you're saying."

The boy spit the contents of his mouth into his hand and said, "You have to keep the worms warm!"

- *Courtesy "The Horse's Mouth" Summer 2003-04*

TRIBUTE TO 42809 CFN D.G.BORLACE

The AEME/RAEME Association of SA Inc. paid tribute to 42809 Craftsman D.G.Borlace on the Sunday the 3rd of August 2003 at 1400 hrs.

Born 10 July 1944, fostered to the Peacock/Little family at age nine months, Doug grew up in Anzac Ridge Road, Bridgewater. After leaving school enlisted in the Army on 29 Dec 1961 entering 1RTB 10 Jan 1962, after which he was allocated to RAAC 12 April 1962 as a trainee driver/signaller and posted to 1st Armoured Regiment on the 20th August 1962 as a Centurion Tank crew man. He must have got interested in the mechanical monsters because he Corps transferred to RAEME to train as an adult tradesman in the 3/65 Vehicle Mechanics course from 29/9/65 to 13/9/66.

Posted back to 1st Armoured Regiment LAD as a VM 14/9/66 posted to A SQN 3rd Cavalry Regiment LAD at his request before it was sent to Vietnam. He arrived in Vietnam on 11 June 1968.

He celebrated his 24th birthday on the 10th of July 1968. Unfortunately on the 15th July 1968, whilst travelling on a M113 APC 30B, driven by Tpr Gerard O'Neill of Perth, with a troop from A SQN during a reconnaissance in force, (Operation Albany?) he was killed by an enemy mine explosion in the scrub of the Long Green area of Phouc Tuy Province. He had been in country

just over a month. Doug was sitting on the rear hatch of the carrier, the vehicle driver believes the mine was possibly tied up in the trees, the blast raking across the top of the vehicle killing Doug and wounding the crew commander/machine gunner, after the blast the vehicles were raked by auto weapons fire, confirming that it was probably a tree mounted command detonated mine.

When we realised the official headstone made no mention that Doug was killed in action, we sought therefore to distinguish his grave from graves of other old soldiers, who returned and lived normal lives for many years, we thought, in the "Spirit of Lest We Forget", that we should seek permission to fit a supplementary plaque to emphasize this point and remember Doug's sacrifice. For this to happen, we sought permission from and we must thank Doug's family, Mrs Margaret Little, Ms Lyn Little, also Mr Keith Thorogood from the Adelaide Office of Australian War Graves and Ms Gaye Abel from the Adelaide Hills Council.

Doug would be entitled to the Australian Active Service Medal 1945-1975, Australian Vietnam Medal and the Vietnamese Campaign Medal from the former South Vietnamese Government and the family are seeking to acquire his medals which hopefully can be achieved with due respect for Doug's sacrifice.

Lest we forget. 42809 Craftsman Douglas Graham Borlace 10/7/1944-15/7/1968.

- Courtesy "RAEME CRAFTSMAN" Issue No.51 Summer 2003/4

PS - Written by Bob Killoran at the request of the Editor of "RAEME CRAFTSMAN" magazine.

MOVEMENT

WO1 Noel Thomas, ASM, 107 Field Workshop, is taking discharge from the Army and moving to Victoria. The Committee of Management has benefited from the hard work and dedication of Noel, as ASM of 107 Field Workshop at Warradale Barracks. WO2 Shane Buckley, as EME WO of 107 Field Workshop and a member of the Association, has agreed to join the Committee of Management and continue the close association with 107 Field Workshop (thanks, Shane).

106 FIELD WORKSHOP ASSOCIATION

The 106 Field Workshop Association has advised that a "Gathering of RAEME" will be held in Brisbane from 23-25 April 2004. For further information contact:

Mr. Phillip Bond
11 Marri Street
ASPLEY QLD 4034

Or try the web site: www.106fdwksp.com

EQUALITY

Famous journalist Barbara Walters did a major story on gender roles in Kuwait before the Gulf War. She drew attention then that women customarily walked about 10 feet behind their husbands.

She returned to Kuwait some time ago and observed that the men now walked several yards behind their wives.

Ms. Walters approached one of the women and said, "This is amazing. Can you tell me and the free world just what enabled women here to achieve this marvellous reversal of roles?"

"Land mines," said the Kuwaiti woman.

- Courtesy "The Horse's Mouth" Winter 2003

XMAS MESSAGE DECEMBER 2003

Head of Corps RAEME - Brigadier David McGahey, CSC

At the end of our 61st year as the Corps of Australian Electrical and Mechanical Engineers it is appropriate to reflect on our many achievements over the last twelve months. This year the operational demands on RAEME in the Middle East, Timor, Bouganville and the Solomons have been the highest since the Vietnam War thirty years ago. On this note I am delighted to report that the level of support provided by our craftsmen, artificers and engineers to maritime, air and ground equipment on ADF operations has been universally endorsed by all levels of command as exemplary.

On the home front, we have seen a number of changes to the way the Corps is structured, operates and is organised. In part this is driven by the relentless change of technology, a general upgrading of ADF equipment and by the irresistible pressures to make the Defence dollar go further. This year we have admirably faced the challenges of Technical Mastery; the Technical Regulatory Framework; the DIDS Implementation, the Kinnaird Review and the Upgrade and Implementation of the SDSS-MIMS Maintenance Module. Many of these changes, although inevitable and necessary for our future, have at times been difficult to accept, however, the constant note in a sea of change has been the dedication and professionalism of the men and women who selflessly serve and proudly wear the cap badge of RAEME.

On a personal note, I would like to make special mention of my own team in the RAEME HOC cell who have gone the extra yard to ensure that nearly all units of the Corps have been visited, your issues listened to and that our organisational and Corps needs are brought to my attention and addressed into the future.

Finally, my thanks for an excellent 2003, to you and the families of RAEME a happy and holy festive season, safe journeys and good soldiering in 2004.

Arte et Marte

- Courtesy "RAEME CRAFTSMAN" Issue No.51 Summer 2003/4

MESSAGE FROM DEPUTY HEAD OF CORPS

Deputy Head of Corps - Lieutenant Colonel David A. Creagh

Like most of you I am somewhat surprised at how quickly 2003 has drawn to a close. I suspect that as the RAEME CRAFTSMAN hits the streets many of you will either be in "wind down" mode, on leave or about to proceed on a new posting!

I have just returned from a visit to 5 and 8 Bde, SME, 3RAR, 4RAR (Cdo) and 17 Const Sqn. As has been the case throughout the year, I remain impressed with the professionalism and dedication of our many Unit Wksp and TSSUs! The usual range of sticky questions arose and where we have taken them "on notice" feedback will be forthcoming in the last RAEME Newsletter for 2003. We hope to have this on the streets by early December.

During our visit to the Eastern Region, we travelled to Adamstown (Newcastle) to attend the 8CSSB Fd Wksp parade night. During this visit the Corps RSM and I were fortunate to be able to speak with a number of Army Apprentices who are undertaking trade training as part of the Army Reserve Apprenticeship Scheme. This scheme continues to go from strength to strength and will be "rolled out" to a number of other 2 Div Bdes as well as 11CSSB in the New Year.

By now most of you will have heard that the Corps Seminar was an outstanding success. We had over 200 Officers, Warrant Officers and SNCOs present and it proved to be an ideal opportunity to catch up with old friends and to discuss the many issues affecting the Corps. The RAEME HOC cell is currently finalising the annual brief (including a synopsis of the major seminar outcomes) we are required to present to CA each year. The HOC will keep you abreast of developments once we have presented the brief and received feedback

On a training specific note I can now confirm that Army has recently signed a new five-year trade-training contract with Scientific Management Associates (SMA). SMA is perhaps best known for its role as the in-house contractor for the delivery of trade training for the RAN at HMAS Cerberus and for its work with Defence contracts, the most notable being its involvement in the new ANZAC class of warship. December 2003 also marks a significant milestone in that we will graduate from MSD, ALTC the first batch of ECN 421s. Exciting times indeed!

We intend to continue with our practice of visiting as many regions as practicable in each calendar year. For those of you in 1, 4, and 13 Bdes and Oakey I look forward to catching up with you in the first half of 2004. I hope to also visit 3 Bde and 7 Bde at some stage during 2004.

For those of you proceeding on leave and/or posting, good luck and God Speed! I wish every member of the Corps and their families a safe and merry festive break.

Arte Et Marte

- Courtesy "RAEME CRAFTSMAN" Issue No.51 Summer 2003/4

CORPS RSM REPORT

Corps RSM - K.D.Packer

It is with a large amount of regret that this is my last report as the Regimental Sergeant Major of the "Royal" Corps. I have been honoured to hold the position of the Corps' senior soldier for the past two years as it has given me the opportunity to have some input into the positive direction the Corps has gone in those two years.

There have been numerous issues that the Head of Corps Cell has tackled on behalf of the "Crafties", several of which we have had wins with. Two of the key changes this year that have been pleasing are the ownership of the Subject 2 for Corporal Course handed over to Training Command and the successful delivery of that course at Integrated Logistic Division (ILD) at ALTC and the renewal of interest in the Regimental Stream.

Subject 2 Corporal

At the beginning of 2002, the corps had a significant backlog of soldiers awaiting Subject Two for Corporal. This was due to the increase in operational tempo within Land Command and the resulting reduction in manpower and resources to conduct these courses in the Land Army. The conduct of the Subject 2 Corporal Course was handed over to the RAEME Cell at ILD and with a revamp of the course content the pilot course was conducted early this year with the first of the courses kicking off on the 7 July. By the end of this year the cell will have completed five courses of twenty students and the topics covered on the course will round out our tradesmen with the skills that they all require in order to become effective JNCOs.

The course also standardises the training taught to our soldiers and impresses the importance on how we go about our "Black Art" particularly in the field environment. And, yes, it is of relevance to the aviation side of the corps. The knowledge obtained from this course will ensure the safe conduct of FRTs if properly applied during exercises and operations. The importance of having "RAEME aviation" input into this course has now seen the RAEME Cell manning increase with two aviation tradesmen on establishment to provide their expertise, input and provide continuity to the course.

Regimental Stream

For the past two years I have pushed my regimental barrow around the Corps touting its importance to the Corps and the Army. I have also impressed that leaving the trade for a stint at the regimental side of the Corps not only benefits the Corps by the soldiers who undertake the challenge. I view a regimental posting to ARTC as a further development of the other skills good junior and senior NCOs should possess. It also offers one of the few respite postings available to our tradesmen from the constant grind they are placed under in Land Command. It will still be a challenge posting but allows the soldier to recharge the batteries by being out mixing it with their peers from other corps and broadening their military and man management knowledge. Our tradesmen today see that their days of managing their soldiers first hand are limited and at the sergeant and warrant officer level they will be driving a desk inputting data into SDSS, extracting reports, and ensuring that the unit complies with the TRF. Those that go to a regimental position are not obliged to remain in that trade stream and can go back to their base trade without detriment to their career progression.

The Corps now has a strong base to start developing a structured regimental stream with the following positions now filled: a full complement of SGTs and CPLs at Kapooka, 2 Sgts at RMC, 1 SGT at ADFA, 3 diggers on the Federation Guard and the ability to post sergeants and warrant officers to any of the logistic instructor positions at the various RTCs around Australia. We also have seen an increase in the number of RAEME CSM/SSMs back in our units.

I would finish by reminding the members of the corps in supervisory roles that the equipment we issue our tradesmen and the systems we introduce to capture data are just another tool in our tool box. The major asset we have is the guys and girls turning spanners. If we could only

focus our attention more on them rather than on the implementation of new kit that we are not allowed to repair and on systems that capture data that we do not put into use.

Conclusion

To you all, good soldiering and I wish you all the very best for your future careers and endeavours. I will not be that far away and will look forward to maintaining those friendships I have established within the Corps.

Arte et Marte

- *Courtesy "RAEME CRAFTSMAN" Issue No.51 Summer 2003/4*

SO2 CORPS REPORT

By Major Graham Anderson

As the festive season for 2003 fast approaches I would like to take this opportunity to summarise some of the HOC cell activities and to acknowledge and thank members of the Corps for their support. In addition there are a few activities that we are still in the process of finalising prior to the block leave period and posting cycle kicks in.

Corps Seminar

The 2003 Corps Seminar was held at Bandiana over the period 16-17 October 2003. The seminar theme was "RAEME - Successes and Challenges". The event was well supported with over 200 Corps members in attendance. The seminar featured guest speakers from MINCOM and Tenix who provided very informative presentations on Industry in the Defence Environment. Throughout the course of the two days participants heard from a number of presenters on a broad range of topics and issues impacting on the Corps. The seminar provides a very important opportunity for members of the Corps to be updated on issues and activities occurring within and impacting upon the Corps and at the same time contribute to the future shaping of the Corps. The seminar is to be conducted each year in October. Members of the Corps are encouraged to attend. In addition to the actual seminar a number of successful social events were included in the seminar program. These include the all ranks function, the annual Corps Officer Dinner, and the annual WO SNCO Dinner. The dinners and all ranks functions were very enjoyable and provided an excellent opportunity to renew old acquaintances. During the officer's dinner BRIG McGahey took the opportunity to formally farewell and acknowledge the significant contributions of BRIG Colin Sharp (outgoing HOC), COL Larry Foley (outgoing Representative Col Comdt), and COL Jack Wilson (outgoing Col Comdt Vic/Tas Region).

There was a comprehensive program of issues discussed over the two days. A more detailed summary of the seminar will be provided in the HOC Newsletter to be released this month. A comprehensive summary is also available on the Intranet Corps website, along with copies of presentations and photos from the dinners.

Corps Port

The 2003 Corps Port was arranged by the HOC cell. This year's release, which includes a collectors miniature, is a fine Rutherglen selection which features BRIG Field (our first Corps Director) and lists all Corps Directors/Heads of Corps. The main distribution of port has occurred however a quantity is still available for \$15 per bottle from the HOC cell, POC is SO2 Corps, MAJ Graham Anderson, (02) 6055 4308, or graham.anderson@defence.gov.au.

Prince Philip Banner Miniature

Hopefully by now you would be aware of the limited release Prince Philip Banner Miniature. The 2003 "Foundation" issue of the miniature is limited to 200 and is currently available for order at \$160 each. Of the 200 there are only about 25 remaining for purchase so if you are interested you will need to act fast. Delivery is programmed for late December however that is yet to be confirmed and may carry over until after Xmas. Subsequent releases of the miniature (yet to be confirmed) will incur a 20 per cent price increase.

The framed miniature is a limited numbered series restricted to currently serving and ex-serving members of the Corps. The miniature is a quality replica of the Prince Philip Banner. Each miniature will be individually certified and numbered within a limited numbered series. The size

of the miniature is approx 240mm x 360mm. The POC for Banner miniatures is MAJ Graham Anderson, details above.

- *Courtesy "RAEME CRAFTSMAN" Issue No.51 Summer 2003/4*

16 AD REGT EX CROC 03

By CPL Latham and CFN Luxford

G'day to all from the guys at 16 AD REGT TST. Well it's bush time again and the boys are doing it hard in Shoal Water Bay Training Area (the bay). Our fearless leaders B1 and B2 (CAPT Fullick and LT "cuddly bear" Sibeneler) graciously opened their tent up in the evenings to become the TST cinema. Cold coke and hot popcorn with melted butter soon became the SOP's for watching DVD's.

Vehicle repairs kept the VM's busy on the long boring drive from Adelaide to the bay. Once the travelling was complete the VM's (Heaven, Hirdy, Nick and Brownny) settled into the daily routine of brewing up and watching videos. The unshakable "Cuddly Bear" was somewhat disgruntled by the apparent lack of manners shown by the plethora of dead kangaroos on the side of the highway as they all seemed to be chucking "brown eyes" at him!

The techs (Boardie, DJEllio, Lathe, Curbs, Lucky, and Ranny) were busy maintaining the serviceability of the Rapier kits throughout the exercise, but maintained high morale through taunting Cuddly bear and our lone storeman Harry. The GE boys, Skins and Kacks, fixed a couple of generators and did the odd bodgie or two. Kacks was lucky enough to be picked for a platoon "observation and harass" patrol up North, but all he did was sit on a beach and soak up the sunrays.

Just to break up the monotony of the toastie/brew up routine, CAPT Fullick, CPL Heaven, Nick and Lucky volunteered to harass some recon elements at Williams airfield just up the road with a couple of tag alongs from 110 Bty and our RP CPL Griegy. Super grunt CPL Grieg managed to set off an early warning party popper early in the piece but every thing was pretty quiet with our clearing patrols coming up empty handed. As we were preparing to pack up shop and hand over to a 2 Cav element a convoy rolled in allowing us to successfully capture the first prisoner of the war. Some of his classic quotes were "who's in charge?" Reply "we are", "can I speak to my boss out of EX", "no", "but I'm on an admin move", "not anymore". But perhaps the best one came after the casual stroll towards seven of us in enemy cams (all training rifles at him), "are any of you guys movers?", "we are now get on the ground!".

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107 FD WKSP, 9CSSB

by 2LT Eugene Wasilenia

The past twelve months have seen more than the usual run of changes and challenges presented to the Workshop. Despite our status as a GRes unit (or perhaps because of it), we have worked hard to acquit ourselves in these turbulent times.

2003 began with the regular changes in personnel after the posting cycle, the Workshop bidding farewell to MAJ Ian Cartland, MAJ Buck Rogers, CAPT Alan Wilson, LTs Rebecca Irwin and Ian Stewart, WO2s Grant Kuchel and Doug Pammenter. In return, we welcomed OC MAJ Dick Moyses, 2IC CAPT Peter Reynolds, OPSWO WO2 Shane Buckley, and CPLs Craig Smith (Vehicle Platoon) and Chris Venning (EIR Platoon). Throughout the year, we have been fortunate enough to have our numbers bolstered by new march-ins for each of the platoons, with varying degrees of military experience among them. Additionally, the command element has welcomed two officers newly-graduated into the Corps (2LT's Craig Williams and Lucien Tasovac) and the return of two officers from the inactive list (LT Penny Mayman and 2LT Ben Renfrey). Meanwhile, potential disruption to the Workshop has been kept in check by the guiding hand of the ASM, WO1 Noel Thomas.

The implementation of SDSS and the TRF has caused headaches for all concerned, especially the small complement of ARA cadre staff. However, change is inevitable and these changes have brought us closer into line with the rest of the Army. To keep things interesting, we have adapted to form FRGs for the CSST environment, as well as providing personnel for the new

Reserve Reaction Force. These developments will doubtlessly ensure the 9 Brigade AFX will be busy for all concerned. With AIRN and All-Corps Soldier Training added to this mixture, somewhere we still find time to receive jobs and carry on with production work - proving the rule that our Craftsmen can achieve anything.

- Courtesy "RAEME CRAFTSMAN" Issue No.51 Summer 2003/4

FAREWELL CFN BARRY NAULTY

By 2LT Williams, AE PL COMD

Tuesday 25th May 2003 sees the DHOC Lt Col Creagh and Corps RSM, WO1 D.Packer, visit 107 Fd Wksp 9CSSB, to raise some issues and give updates on current RAEME activities. Quite timely, it seemed, was their arrival as that night was also the official farewell to CFN Barry Naulty.

After 22 years of service with the army reserve, more importantly 9CSSB and its various other predecessors, CFN Naulty reached the age of compulsory retirement. During his time with 9CSSB CFN Naulty demonstrated a high level of competency and technical proficiency and to acknowledge these efforts received the soldiers medallion in 1997 for exemplary service.

CFN Naulty is a well-respected member of 107 Fd Wksp and he will be greatly missed. After successfully receiving 2 age extensions, time ran out for this craftsman and CFN Naulty needed to hang up his RAEME spanner.

A character as good as his word "Don't worry about that!" he was almost lost for words and somewhat humbled when presented with his workshop memento comprising of a very large wood-mounted chromed bolt and spring washer assembly.

All members of 107 Fd Wksp will miss CFN Naulty and his happy demeanour.

CFN Naulty, we wish you well in the future and sincerely thank you for your enormous contribution over the years.

- Courtesy "RAEME CRAFTSMAN" Issue No.51 Summer 2003/4

HONOURS AND AWARDS

Bob Killoran has advised that the mailing address for all queries regarding medals is:

Directorate of Honours and Awards
Department of Defence
Locked Bag 2003
COOMA NSW 2630

OH TO BE TEN AGAIN

A man asked his wife what she'd like for her birthday.

"I'd love to be ten again," she replied.

On the morning of her birthday, he got her up bright and early and off they went to a local theme park. What a day! He put her on every ride in the park: the Death Slide, the Screaming Loop, the Wall of Fear, everything there was! Wow! Five hours later she staggered out of the theme park, her head reeling and her stomach upside down. Right to a McDonald's they went, where her husband ordered her a McHappy meal with extra fries and a refreshing chocolate shake. Then it was off to a movie, the latest Star Wars epic, a hot dog, popcorn, Pepsi and M&Ms. What a fabulous adventure!

Finally, she wobbled home with her husband and collapsed into bed.

He leaned over and lovingly asked, "Well dear, what was it like being ten again?"

One eye opened. "You idiot, I meant my dress size."

The moral of this story: Even when the man is listening, he's still a goner!!!

- Courtesy "The Horse's Mouth" Summer 2003-04

WEB SITE ADDRESSES

RAEME Corps Web Site: www.defence.gov.au/armyweb/sites/raeme
AEME/RAEME Association of SA Inc: www.ausmil.com/users/raasa
AEME/RAEME Association - ACT: www.members.austarmetro.com.au/~lwedd/raeme

RAEME Association NSW Inc.	www.raemensw.com
The RAEME Association (Vic) Inc:	www.nex.net.au/users/vraeme (under construction)
The RAEME Association of WA Inc:	www.redbackwebs.com.au/raemewa
106 Field Workshop	www.106fdwksp.com
The RAEME Association of QLD:	www.raemeqld.org
National Service Association:	www.nasho.asn.au
Vietnam Veterans Federation:	www.webmaster.net.au/vvf
Department of Defence:	www.defence.gov.au
World War II personnel details:	www.ww2roll.gov.au
Australian/Commonwealth Honours:	www.itsanhonour.gov.au

If there are other Web Sites that you know of that may be of interest to other members, please let me know. If any of the Web Sites listed are not working please let me know.

SOCRATES WISDOM - THREE WAY TEST

In ancient Greece (469-399BC), Socrates was well known for his wisdom. One day the great philosopher came upon an acquaintance who said excitedly, "Socrates, do you know what I just heard about one of your students?"

"Wait a moment," Socrates replied. "Before telling me anything I'd like you to pass a little test. It's called the Triple Filter Test."

"Triple filter?"

"That's right," Socrates continued. "Before you talk to me about my student, it might be a good idea to take a moment and filter what you're going to say. The first filter is Truth. Have you made absolutely sure that what you are about to tell me is true?"

"No," the man said, "actually I just heard about it and..."

"All right," said Socrates. "So you don't really know if it's true or not. Now let's try the second filter, the filter of goodness. Is what you are going to tell me about my student something good?"

"No, on the contrary..."

"So," Socrates continued, "you want to tell me something bad about him, but you're not certain it's true. You may still pass the test though, because there's one filter left: the filter of Usefulness. Is what you want to tell me about my student going to be useful to me?"

"No, not really."

"Well," concluded Socrates, "if what you want to tell me is neither true nor good nor even useful, why tell it to me at all?"

This is why Socrates was a great philosopher and held in such high esteem.

It also explains why Socrates never found out that Plato was dallying with his wife.

- Courtesy "The Horse's Mouth" Summer 2003-04

RAEME CORPS ITEMS

I visited the Corps Shop in the Army Museum at Bandiana early in January 2003. Below is an up-to-date list of RAEME Corps Items held by the Museum and their costs. I bought one of each item that I did not already have so that I can set up a display of most of the items below at the RAEME Birthday together with a supply of order forms (the items will not be for sale as they belong to me, not the Association).

Folio 9	RAEME Prince Philip Banner Parade print (unframed)	\$5
Folio 19	RAEME Coasters (Pewter - 2 per pack)	\$8
Folio 30	RAEME Stubby Holder	\$7
Folio 31	RAEME Corps Plaque (3 styles)	\$40
Folio 39	RAEME Coffee Cup	\$7
Folio 40	RAEME Mouse Mat	\$6
Folio 57	RAEME Thermal Mug	\$15
Folio 60	RAEME Book "Craftsmen of the Australian Army"	\$45
Folio 61	RAEME Tie	\$25

Folio 70	RAEME Statue "Craftsman"	\$85
Folio 101	RAEME Key Ring (Australian Map)	\$5
Folio 102	RAEME Fridge Magnet (Australian Map)	\$3
Folio 115	RAEME Tie Bar	\$8
Folio 116	RAEME Tie Tack	\$7
Folio 125	RAEME Mug Khaki	\$12

If you are interested in purchasing any items, phone *Army Museum Bandiana* on (02) 6055 2525, Monday to Friday between 8:00am and 4:00pm on fax them on (02) 6055 2886. The prices include GST, they do not include postage and handling, however they will tell you how much your order will cost when you ring to enquire. They will accept all normal forms of payment including Money Order, Cheque, Bankcard, Visa and Mastercard. The Museum display is not bad either, so if you are over that way drop in and have a look around.

PRINCE PHILIP BANNER MINIATURE

Further information on the Prince Philip Banner miniature arrived just after the September Newsletter was posted last year. This was attached to the AGM Notice, however I have included an Order Form with this Newsletter.

The framed miniature is a limited number series restricted to currently serving and ex-serving members of the Corps. The miniature is a quality replica of the Prince Philip Banner. Each will be individually certified and numbered within a limited numbered series. The size is approximately 240mm x 360mm.

The series is limited to 600 miniatures. There will be three releases of 200 each. The first "Foundation" issue of 200 will occur in 2003. The cost for the first issue is at a reduced price of \$160 per miniature. Subsequent releases of 200 will occur in 2004 and 2005. Each subsequent issue will incur a 20% price rise.

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RAEME CORPS PORT 2003

The 2003 Port is named the "Directors Tawny" and the label on the back of the bottle lists the RAEME Corps Directors from the time the Corps was formed in 1942 to the present day. Cost is \$15 per bottle, which includes a 95 ml collectors miniature, as per last year.

As the orders closed early in November, the Committee of Management of the Association decided to purchase thirty six (36) bottles for sale to members. If you would like to purchase some, please contact Keith Tainsh on phone (08) 8326 2581. If there are any left, they will be on sale at the 2004 RAEME Mixed ANZAC Reunion on Saturday 17 April.

MEMBERSHIP

New Members

On behalf of the Association, I would like to welcome the following new Members:

Peter Berk, Geoff Kohler

I would like to sincerely thank all members who have responded to my green "reminder slip" in the June and September Newsletters and paid their Subs. Subs are still \$5 for one year or any multiple thereof eg \$20 for four years. Subs are due at 1 July in the year your membership is "current to".

According to my records, the following persons are financial members of the Association. The number in brackets is the year your membership is "current to".

Honorary Life Members

Reg Glass, Dutchy Holland, David Turner

Ordinary Members

Walter Ade (2006), Milton Ahrens (2005), Jeff Allen (2004), Ernest Atkinson (2007), Peter Badcock (2005), Joe Barton (2005), Richard Beare (2005), Paul Berk (2004), Wayne Birch (2004), John Black (2006), Helmut Bohn (2008), David Brand (2007), Bob Brown (2005), Fred Brown (2005), Roger Burzacott (2005), Nicholas Cashman (2004), Trevor Clerke (2005), Geoff Coat (2007), Brian Cogan (2006), Don Collins (2004), John Corkran (2007), Brian Cox (2004), Peter Cox (2007), George Craig (2005), Mike Culley (2007), Bob Davis (2007), Gavin D'Cruz (2004), Graham de la Rue (2005), Chris Duffield (2007), Robert Duffield (2006), Nick Ebbs (2006), Bluey Etheridge (2007), Kym Everett (2004), Andrew Ferguson (2007), Jim Fisher (2005), Brian Flavel (2006), Jan Gancarz (2005), Bob Gell (2004), Nick Gogilis (2005), Steve Gough (2006), Steve Gould (2007), Robert Hansford (2007), Jock Hart (2004), Don Harvy (2006), Arthur Hasse (2005), Greg Hay (2005), Norm Hay (2004), Colin Haynes (2006), Viv Helps (2004), Brian Holmes (2008), Darryl Horner (2006), John Howard (2005), Gary Howell (2004), Tony Ivens (2007), Graham Janz (2007), Juris Jaudzems (2006), Jeff Johns (2007), Lindsay Johnson (2004), Eddy Kaminski (2006), Eric Kelly (2008), Bob Killoran (2007), Bob King (2004), Geoff Kohler (2007), Les Kovacs (2005), Grant Kuchel (2007), Alf Lee (2006), Lou Leeuwrik (2011), Ken Lorraine (2005), Greg Lowe (2007), Chris Macintosh (2010), A.D.Marks (2007), Trevor Martin (2007), Robin Maslen OAM (2004), Bob Matthews (2007), Fred McInerney (2006), Philip McKelliff (2004), Pete McKenzie (2007), Gordon Mead (2005), Jake Meaney (2004), Don Morgan OAM (2007), Richard Moyses (2006), Barry Naulty (2005), Ian Nicholls (2006), Murray Nitschke (2005), Jim Nurse (2005), Dave O'Brien (2005), Alex Oschmanns (2013), Mick O'Toole (2004), Frank Owen (2005), John Owen (2004), Dick Pailthorpe (2007), Doug Pammenter (2004), Nick Papanicolaou (2004), Geoff Parker (2007), Trevor Parrott (2007), Roger Parsons (2006), Lionel Penley (2005), Jason Polgreen (2004), John Raftery (2006), Harry Ralph (2007), Hank Ramm (2004), Ben Renfrey (2004), Lionel Renfrey (2007), Dave Renshaw (2006), Peter Reynolds (2007), George Robinson (2004), Bill Roch (2005), Greg Rosser (2007), Ray Ryan (2007), Perry Sangster (2005), Brian Sayers (2009), Barra Schmidtke (2007), Glendon Shaw (2007), Harold Shipp (2005), Robert Silcock (2006), Victor Sobotnik (2006), Walter Soroka (2006), Max Sparrow (2004), Debbie Spicer (2005), Ian Starick (2006), Murray Stock (2004), Donald Sutherland (2006), James Szpunar (2008), Keith Tainsh (2007), Ian Taylor (2007), Paul Teague (2005), Howard Terry (2008), Noel Thomas (2004), Dick Tischer (2007), Donald Tremethick (2009), Danny Trewick (2005), Joe Tuckwell (2007), Mark Van Oostveen (2004), Eugene Wasilenia (2006), Bruce Watson (2007), Graham West OAM (2006), Brett Wilkeson (2004), Craig Williams (2004), Warren Williams (2012), Alan Wilson (2004), John Wilson (2007), Betty Winstanley (2004), Curly Woolcock (2007), Pat Wright (2004), Brian Yelds (2007), John Zander (2004), Pete Zander (2007).

Associate Members

Marg Culley (2005), Anne-Michelle Howell (2006), Joan Lorraine (2006), Judy Turner (2004).

LOST MEMBER

John "Curly" Woolcock has changed his address and his Association mail is being returned. If anyone is in contact with him, please ask him to advise me of his new address on phone (08) 8381 3644.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Please inform me or a member of the Committee of Management of any Change of Address. This will ensure that you receive the latest copy of the Newsletter.

VALE - LEST WE FORGET

4/905 - Peter (Bluey) NOBES - Passed away 19 September 2003

MAJ Bill BAKER RL - 29 August 2003

- *Courtesy "The Lightning Flash" Issue 40 November 2003*

Kenneth Brian Fitzgerald - 7 August 2003

WO1 Peter John GALLAGHER - 18 September 2003

- *Courtesy "RAEME CRAFTSMAN" Issue No.51 Summer 2003/4*

BRIG Roger Stuart Phillip AMOS RFD, ED - 18 August 2003

Steven WARRINER - 4 November 2003

COL Donald RENNIE - 6 November 2003

COL William Ross BLUNDEN - 2 December 2003

Robert (Bob) DUNNACHIE - 12 January 2003

- *Courtesy RAEME Association NSW Inc. Newsletter Issue 105 January 2004*

ARTE et MARTE

(Corps Motto: With Skill and Fighting)

David Turner

Hon. Secretary