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THE PRESIDENT'S PIECE

Welcome to all members and readers of the June edition of the AEME/RAEME Association of South Australia Inc. Newsletter. I trust you are all prepared to ward off the wogs that winter brings with it.

This year saw the 62nd Anniversary of the first bombing of Darwin and to mark the occasion the Darwin Defenders 1942-45 Inc. held a Commemoration Service at the State National War Memorial on 19 February (commemorations are held annually on or about 19 February). My school Australian history certainly did nothing to enlighten me as to what happened in our own country back in 1942. Reading the fact sheet of the 64 bombing raids on Darwin 1942-43, I see two air raids were made on the civil dome and Katherine dome. I never knew that war came 200 miles inland. The Governor "Our Marj" and her aide walked from Government House to the service and placed the wreath of the Darwin Defenders. The saying "you are never too old to learn" holds true because I learnt a lot that day.

I attended the ANZAC Day Commemorative March Sunday 25 April 2004 Pre march Briefing at Anzac House on the 13 April. Our ever reliable Marshals, Bob Killoran and John Howard (not THE little Johnny) also attended to get the most up to date information to help our Association participate in the smooth running of the event. This year saw significant changes to band and transport positioning along with no more band recycling which in the past has added to the cost of the march. Bands were positioned to give maximum use of their sound to the marching

groups. The transport pod positioning may have seen marchers requiring transport some distance from their unit. By doing this vehicles were away from the bands so as to provide maximum sound to the ones who needed it. I haven't heard any comments re the march but for me I say the new system worked well.

Frank Owen and Bob Matthews carried the Association Banner and they kept me informed of my positioning. Thanks to WO2 Shane Buckley for taking care of our Banner by bussing it back to 107 Field Workshop for future pick up. Thanks also go to Major Andrew Kelly from 16AD for providing a vehicle to ferry our non-marchers, and to the courteous Corporal driver, thanks for being at the right place, on time and waiting for your position in the correct transport pod (my apologies but I can't recall your name).

At one of our recent committee meetings Major Dick Moyses passed on some positive information re our honourable secretary David Turner. It has been noted by the powers to be at Warradale that our Association is to be commended on the way all communication (ie requests and thankyou's etc) regarding our use of Warradale facilities are conducted. I do believe all our members should know just how we are regarded by the system. There has been other praise of our AEME/RAEME Association of South Australia Inc. so from all of us David, thank you for dotting the i's and crossing the t's.

Our Anzac function didn't see a huge number of returns but for those who attended we all had a great evening. Many thanks to those who made it happen. From Warradale Major Dick Moyses and WO2 Shane Buckley supplied support from within and many thanks go to WO1 Peter Seeley, his wife Gaby and their family for the work they did behind the bar, serving the food and cleaning up afterwards. Peter is the PMC of the Sergeants Mess.

We have two more functions arranged for this year, the 2004 Officers, WO's and SNCO's Formal Dinner and the 2004 RAEME Corps Birthday Family Function. I would urge members to keep these function dates free and come along and enjoy. David has advertised the functions in our Newsletter so when the attendance slip is available make a commitment and be there. A lot of people put in a lot of work to arrange these functions and a good attendance is the best THANKYOU you can give them.

To keep your association running a healthy committee is at work making sure of this, sounds like a life sentence but it is a most pleasurable and satisfying task, just ask a committee member. Give some thought to nominating for a committee position when the AGM comes at the years end. I have learnt a lot during my past 10 years as your President and have met a lot of never to be forgotten people along the way. My position as your President has been a most rewarding experience, but I will not be standing for another term.

Health and happiness to you all and I hope to see you at our next function.

- Mike Culley

DIARY DATES 2004

<u>Activity/Function</u>	<u>Date</u>
- 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
- RAEME Corps Seminar	14/15 October
- Committee of Management Meeting	Thursday 21 October
- 2004 RAEME Birthday Family Function	Sunday 28 November
- Fort Largs Guns Restoration	Saturday 4 December
- 2004 Annual General Meeting	Sunday 12 December

COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT MEETING

The next Committee of Management meeting for 2004 will be held on **Thursday 19 August** 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

Fred Brown has advised that the next luncheon will be held in the **Cremorne Hotel at 12:00 pm on Tuesday 14 September 2004**. The function is open to all serving and ex-serving RAEME personnel so please make every effort to attend. If you know of other ex-RAEME personnel, please bring them along.

Numbers were disappointing, only 16, at the Luncheon in March, although \$20 was donated to the Legacy Club of Adelaide - **well done!**

So, **mark the date in your diary now** and **contact Fred on phone (09) 8297 7408 or Max Adams on phone (08) 8296 6463 before Friday 10 September so they can let the pub know how many to cater for!!!!**

RAEME CORPS SEMINAR

This year's Corp' Seminar is to be held at Bandiana over the period 14-15 October. Similar to previous years there will be an all ranks function on the afternoon/evening of Wednesday 13 October, the Officer Dining-In night will be held on Thursday 14 October and the WO/SNCO Dining-In night on Friday 15 October.

The theme for the 2004 Seminar is "RAEME - doing things better". Guest speakers from industry will be invited to present keynote addresses on the theme. Industry will be represented from the heavy automotive, IT and aviation sectors.

Attendance at the seminar is via nomination (forms available from HOC cell or Corps Website). Cost for the seminar is \$10 per head. Cost for the Dinner (Officers and WO/SNCO) is \$50. Accommodation is available, under members own arrangements, bookings via the Bandiana Accommodation Cell on phone (02) 6055 4398. Dress for the seminar is DPCU; dress for dinners is summer mess kit.

Last year numbers for the seminar and dinners exceeded capacity so people are encouraged to get nominations (and payment) in as early as possible.

- *Courtesy HOC Newsletter April 2004*

2004 RAEME BIRTHDAY FAMILY FUNCTION

MAJ Richard Moyses, Officer Commanding 107 Field Workshop, 9CSSB, is planning a **mixed all ranks family function** with a BBQ lunch at Warradale Barracks to celebrate the RAEME Birthday. Date is **Sunday 28 November 2004**.

An Invitation with all the details will be attached to the September Newsletter, so **mark the date in your diary now!!!!!!**

2004 RAEME "SOLDIER OF THE YEAR" CENTRAL REGION

Last year the Association initiated an award to the best ARA "RAEME Soldier of the Year" and the best GRes "RAEME Soldier of the Year" in Central Region. This is a separate award from the annual "RAEME Craftsman of the Year" award because that award is restricted to the rank of Craftsman and excludes the ranks of Lance Corporal and Corporal.

The award consists of a personal trophy for each recipient and a perpetual plaque that is held by the recipient's unit. All RAEME soldiers in South Australia, including Broken Hill, are eligible for nomination and candidates will be assessed on trade skills and soldier skills.

The Battery Commander of Support Battery 16AD, MAJ Karel Dubsky who marches-in in mid August, is responsible for promotion of the award among all ARA personnel in South Australia and selection of the winning candidate. The Officer Commanding 107 Field Workshop 9CSSB, currently MAJ Dick Moyses, is responsible for promotion of the award among all GRes personnel in South Australia and selection of the winning candidate.

The **Award Ceremony** will take place at the **2004 RAEME Birthday Family Function** on **Sunday 28 November** (good luck to all serving RAEME soldiers - Ed).

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting will be held on **Sunday 12 December 2004** in the **Workshop at Warradale Barracks**.

The 2004 AGM will mark the end of Mike Culley's 10th year as President and he will be stepping down from that position. **Please give serious consideration to giving some of your time to the Association by becoming a member of the Committee of Management in 2005.** We meet bi-monthly on the 3rd Thursday of the month at 7:30pm. The meetings are of a relaxed, informal nature and include plenty of social chitchat. Please let me know if you are interested.

If you have any items for the Agenda, would you please let me have them, in writing, by Sunday 31 October 2004. The Committee of Management will then set the Agenda and post out the Notice of AGM so you receive it at least three weeks before the AGM, as per the "Statement of Purposes and Rules".

ROMAN WAR HORSES, TRAINS AND SPACE SHIPS

Does the statement "We've always done it that way" ring any bells? The US standard railroad gauge (distance between the rails) is 4 feet, 8.5 inches.

That's an exceedingly odd number. Why was that gauge used? Because that's the way they built them in England, and English expatriates built the US Railroads.

Why did the English build them like that? Because the first rail lines were built by the same people who built the pre-railroad tramways, and that's the gauge they used.

Why did "they" use that gauge then? Because the people who built the tramways used the same jigs and tools that they used for building wagons, which used that wheel spacing.

Okay! Why did the wagons have that particular odd wheel spacing? Well, if they tried to use any other spacing, the wagon wheels would break on some of the old, long distance roads in England, because that's the spacing of the wheel ruts.

So who built those old rutted roads? Imperial Rome built the first long distance roads in Europe (and England) for their legions. The roads have been used ever since.

And the ruts in the roads? Roman war chariots formed the initial ruts, which everyone else had to match for fear of destroying their wagon wheels. Since the chariots were made for Imperial Rome, they were all alike in the matter of wheel spacing.

The United States standard railroad gauge of 4 feet, 8.5 inches is derived from the original specifications for an Imperial Roman war chariot. Thus, bureaucracies live forever.

So the next time you are handed a spec and told we have always done it that way and wonder what horse's a*se came up with that, you may be exactly right, because the Imperial Roman war chariots were made just wide enough to accommodate the back ends of two war horses.

Now the twist to the story...

When you see a Space Shuttle sitting on its launch pad, there are two big booster rockets attached to the sides of the main fuel tank. These are solid rocket boosters, or SRBs. The SRBs are made by Thiokol at their factory in Utah. The engineers who designed the SRBs would have preferred to make them a bit fatter, but the SRBs had to be shipped by train from the factory to the launch site. The railroad line from the factory happens to run through a tunnel in the mountains. The SRBs had to fit through that tunnel. The tunnel is slightly wider than the railroad track, and the railroad track, as you now know, is about as wide as two horses' behinds. So, a major Space Shuttle design feature of what is arguably the world's most advanced transportation system was determined over two thousand years ago by the width of two horse's a*ses.

And you thought being a horse's a*se wasn't important!!

- *Courtesy Peter Sarris*

FORT LARGS GUNS RESTORATION

The April Work Party reinstalled the bottom pulley of the Ammo Lift of the southern Gun, however the pulley housing cracked when the chain was reinstalled. Robin Maslen arranged for the crack to be repaired (thanks once again, Robin).

The June Work Party was well attended. This allowed the pulley housing to be reinstalled while the southern Gun was cleaned with a high pressure water gun. Work also started on rehangng some of the wooden doors on the upper level.

Each Gun is greased and fully exercised at each Work Party. Most mechanisms now operate reasonably freely, however the traversing mechanisms are the main problem. The northern Gun will traverse with the handwheel, however it needs help by pushing on the barrel to get it going. On the other hand the southern Gun, despite all our efforts, will only traverse with the aid of a winch. It appears unlikely that this situation will improve without actually lifting the Guns clear of their pedestals, which is beyond our capability.

We intend to clean the northern Gun with the high pressure water gun at the next Work Party on Saturday 7 August. We will also grease and exercise all mechanisms on both guns. All members are most welcome to drop in for a chat. In case of inclement weather you can check with me, Keith Tainsh, on phone (08) 8326 2581 to see if it has been postponed.

- Keith Tainsh

2004 RAEME MIXED ANZAC REUNION

This function was again held in the Warradale Area SGTs'/Officers' Mess which is an excellent venue for this function. Unfortunately numbers were well down on previous years with only approximately 50 people attending.

We were very fortunate because WO1 Peter Seeley, RSM of Warradale Barracks and PMC of the SGTs' Mess, set up the venue for us (**thanks very much, Sir!**). This meant that we did not have to brow beat people into helping with set up. Thanks go to the following people who helped make the evening a success:

MAJ David Smith, PMC of Warradale Area Officers' Mess, and WO1 Peter Seeley, RSM of Warradale Barracks and PMC of Warradale Area SGTs' Mess, for allowing the use of their facilities.

107 Field Workshop 9CSSB provided the necessary stores and we sincerely thank the Officer Commanding, MAJ Dick Moses, and the EME WO, WO1 Shane Buckley, for their assistance in this.

WO1 Peter Seeley was there early on the Saturday evening to open the venue. He and his family, and SGT Kaminski, did a sterling job serving behind the Bar and elsewhere to ensure a smooth running function (thanks very much). They also worked hard during the evening with cleaning up and dixie bashing. This meant that it was not necessary for us to brow beat people into helping to clean up on Sunday morning (**thank you!**).

The Warradale Area SGTs' Mess has a built-in BBQ. However, although the area has shade sails, there is no rain protection. Trevor Clerke brought his BBQ Trailer so that if it was raining we could BBQ under the Verandah. This was not necessary and with both BBQs going the wait for a cooked meal was significantly reduced. Thanks go to Trevor (for bringing the BBQ Trailer, cooking on it, cleaning it up, and taking it home), and to Frank Owen and John Howard for cooking on the SGTs' Mess BBQ and cleaning it up.

Mike Culley and his wife Margaret assisted by supervising the meal (thanks Margaret and Mike). Mike and Margaret also purchased the meat, onion and salads and Keith Tainsh and his wife Margaret purchased the bread, condiments, tea and coffee (thanks Margaret and Keith).

MAJ Dick Moses, CAPT Peter Reynolds, WO2 Shane Buckley and others from 107 Field Workshop helped out where necessary to ensure a smooth running function (thanks, guys).

MAJ Dick Moses recited the "Ode" (thanks, Sir). Unfortunately, the Bugler from Australian Army Band - Adelaide was not able to attend due to a last minute civilian work commitment. Keith Tainsh came to the rescue with a CD which he played on the stereo in the SGTs' Mess and we had our "Bugler" (thanks, Keith).

Keith Tainsh organised the Raffle Prizes and sold Raffle Tickets with assistance from Bob Killoran (thanks, guys). He reports that the profit from the evening was \$63:71.

Judy Turner set up a display of RAEME Corps Shop items and answered questions during the evening. She also assisted with issuing meal tickets at the door (thanks, Judy).

The Committee of Management welcomes any comments, positive or negative, because we consider this function is the most important on our calendar.

ANZAC APPEAL BADGES

Fred Brown has asked me to pass on his sincere thanks to all those who bought one of his Badges at the 2004 RAEME Mixed Anzac Reunion. Donations from the evening totalled \$127:35 (**well done** - Ed).

ANZAC REPORT 2004

The RSL ANZAC Committee is continually looking at ways to improve the conduct of the ANZAC March through the city. Every year, concerns and/or complaints are evaluated and recommendations put in place to make the March run smoother and maintain it as a spectacle for the thousands of South Australians who line the streets and applaud the rapidly ageing veterans.

For those of us who do march, the clapping and calls from the crowd are most heartening, we are all intent on maintaining the Spirit of ANZAC.

This year changes were made to the positioning of vehicles used to carry those who can no longer march to prevent exhaust smoke being breathed in by those following close behind. It seems to have worked.

The use of live bands still receives a small amount of criticism, however, when compared to the use of "canned" music a few years ago, there is no doubt that live bands are much preferred by the majority. They add colour and a sense of pageantry for the onlookers and if on occasion the beat from the band in front is not in time with the one at the rear, it is no big deal. The presence of the bands also gives them welcome exposure.

I don't know how it can be changed but the commentators often missed some of the units while they were describing others at length.

The after-march activities at the Parade Ground received some undeserved criticism. What some critics failed to take into account was that this was the first time that the Torrens Training Depot tenants had the opportunity to organise the event. The initial service of "warm" beer was beyond the organisers control but it didn't take long for a supply of ice to be located.

Many of the problems were evident and there is no doubt that lessons were learnt. The organising committee for next year will be looking at improvements and would welcome constructive ideas. Please bear with them and give them a fair go; like the ANZAC Committee, they will be continually looking to make improvements.

I believe ANZAC Day in the city was a great success, notwithstanding the thinning ranks of the older veterans.

- Frank Owen

2004 CENTRAL REGION RAEME OFFICER/WO/SNCO FORMAL DINNER

On Saturday 19 June 2004, 38 serving and ex-serving (20 from our Association) Officers, WOs and SNCOs sat down to a traditional "Formal Dinner" in the presence of the RAEME Corps Banner and the RAEME Centrepiece, in the Officers' Mess at Woodside Barracks. This very enjoyable and successful occasion was organised by SGT Brett Wilson from Support Battery at Woodside Barracks, who did an excellent job. The Dining President was MAJ Andrew Kelly, Battery Commander of Support Battery 16AD and RAEME Regional Representative.

CAPT Ric Mader brought the RAEME Banner to South Australia for the occasion. The Banner was marched into the Mess by the Banner Ensign, 2LT Craig Williams from 107 Field Workshop 9CSSB Warradale Barracks. Banner Escorts were SGT Darren Heaven and SGT Mark Allanson from Support Battery 16AD, Woodside Barracks.

On behalf of those who live in the Adelaide suburbs, I wish to sincerely thank SGT Brett Wilson for organising a bus to transport diners from Keswick Barracks to Woodside and return. On the whole, a very enjoyable evening.

THE GURU'S CAT

When the guru sat down to worship each evening the ashram cat would get in the way and distract the worshippers. So he ordered that the cat be tied during evening worship.

Long after the guru died the cat continued to be tied during evening worship. And when the cat eventually died, another cat was brought to the ashram so that it could be duly tied during evening worship.

Centuries later learned treatises were written, by the guru's disciples, on the essential role of a cat in all properly conducted evening worship.

- *Courtesy Peter Sarris*

107 RAEME WORKSHOP TO THE RESCUE

In February this year workshop personnel at the request of Bruce Watson and the Moonta branch of the National Trust, recovered an old World War 1 German Field Gun from its resting place at the Moonta Mines Museum to the workshops in Warradale where volunteers will work to restore and return it to Moonta.



The gun is believed to have been captured by "A Corps" some time during World War 1 and became part of the official war trophies and subsequently allocated to South Australia. The gun, arriving by train, was presented to the town of Moonta in June 1921.

I searched the Internet and located a great website on German Field Guns (www.landships.freesevers.com) and its Webmaster Peter Kempf. Detailed photos of all parts of the gun are shown on this web page.

Peter has identified the gun as a German 105mm leichte Feldhaubitze 16 (IFH 16 light Field Howitzer model 16) introduced into the field in 1917 and designed mostly by Rheinmetall. It replaced an older light howitzer the IFH 98/09 with a longer barrel and a new breech. It fired the same ammo but was also able to fire a Gas shell.

107 Field Workshop personnel and members of the AEME/RAEME Association will work together with support from 9th Combat Service Support Battalion over the next year to try and restore the gun as near as possible to its original condition. The National Trust will be contributing to the cost of the restoration.

- *Robin Maslen*

PROTECTING THE UNIQUE MEANING OF ANZAC

Minister for Veterans' Affairs, Danna Vale, said she recognised the importance of the word 'Anzac' to the veteran and wider Australian community and supported the Victorian RSL in their views on the use of the word as a child's name.

The Protection of Word 'Anzac' Regulations were created in 1921, in recognition of the importance of the word to Australians and the deep and enduring interest of the ex-service and wider community in ensuring that it is not used inappropriately. The Regulations prohibit, without the authority of the Minister for Veterans' Affairs, the use of the word 'Anzac' or any similar word for any commercial purpose. There are also restrictions on the use of the word 'Anzac' in the name of streets, roads or parks.

The Regulations do not prohibit the naming of a person as 'Anzac', and it is understood that after World War 1, in the spirit of the times, there were instances of children given the name 'Anzac'. Over the passage of time, views have changed, and I would encourage the family to consider the concerns of the ex-service community on the use of 'Anzac' as a child's name.

- *Courtesy "The Horse's Mouth" Autumn 2004*

OBSERVATIONS

- Everyone has a photographic memory. Some don't have film.

- The 50-50-90 rule: Anytime you have a 50-50 chance of getting it right, there's a 90% probability you will get it wrong.
- Light travels faster than sound. This is why some people appear bright until you hear them speak.
- He who laughs last, thinks slowest.
- A day without sunshine is like, well, night.
- Change is inevitable, except from a vending machine.

- *Courtesy RAEME Association NSW Inc Newsletter Issue 107 July 2004*

NEWS FROM THE HEAD OF CORPS

(from "Spanner News", RAEME Association of Qld)

Colonel-In-Chief's Milestone

An invitation has been received from the Colonel-In-Chief, Prince Philip, who recently requested the attendance of all Corps Directors of all Electrical and Mechanical Engineering Corps in the Commonwealth at a dinner in Buckingham Palace to celebrate the 45th anniversary of his appointment. BRIG McGahey CSC, the current Head of Corps, will be attending on behalf of RAEME and will take with him a medals case to be presented to the Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers (REME) Museum Curator at Bourdon as a gift from its sister Corps RAEME.

Re-instatement of the term 'Army Apprentice'

It appears that the use of the term 'Army Apprentice' is to be formally re-instated. It seems that the Defence Personnel Executive's Marketing Officer-Army has prepared a submission that points out the value of using the term in Defence advertising to attract recruits to Army in the technical trades - what a momentous realisation! It won't surprise many readers that Army has struggled to meet its recruiting targets for technical trades for some time and the earlier loss of the term 'Army Apprentice' did nothing to alleviate the problem. Indeed it exacerbated the problem! So the wheel turns. There is also some indication that the term may be used to target a different demographic (16-18 year olds) and will apply to mature age students as well. Watch this space!

- *Courtesy "The Lightning Flash" Issue 41 March 2004*

HEAD OF CORPS PERSONNEL

Name	Corps Appointment	Primary Appointment
BRIG David McGahey, CSC	Head of Corps	DGMATSYS, DMO
LTCOL David Creagh	Deputy Head of Corps	CO/CI MSD, ALTC
MAJ Graham Anderson	SO2 Corps RAEME	
MAJ Rodney Bolt	SO2 Corps RAEME GRes	
WO1 Tibor Fekete	Corps RSM	RSM MSD, ALTC

- *Courtesy HOC Newsletter April 2004*

HONORARY COLONELS COMMANDANT APPOINTMENTS

Appointment	Officer	Contact Details
Colonel in Chief	Field Marshall His Royal Highness The Prince Philip Duke of Edinburgh, KG, KT, OM, GBE, AC, QSO	
Representative Colonel Commandant	BRIG R.L.G.Grant AM (Rtd)	PO Box 28 BULIMBA QLD 4171
Honorary Colonels Commandant		
Eastern Region	COL B.C.Whiting (Rtd)	48 Briarwood Street CARINDALE QLD 4152
Queensland Region	COL B.L.S.Titcume (Rtd)	48 Summerfield Street ASPLEY QLD 4034
Southern/Tasmanian Region	COL G.R.Smith (Rtd)	DTR-A, DMO, DPM-3, 661 Bourke Street MELBOURNE VIC 3000

Western Region	COL M.Mackenzie (Rtd)	RAM Engineer, Raytheon Aust, Bldg 3 124 Quill Way HENDERSON WA 6166
Northern/Central Region	COL C.Wrangle (Rtd)	25 Brinkin Terrace BRINKIN NT 0810

- Courtesy HOC Newsletter April 2004

RAEME CORPS REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVES

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LHQ	SO1 MAINT ENGR	LTCOL	Atkins Craig	Corps Regional Rep	NSW	02 9339 3387
DOCM-A	CA	MAJ	Griffiths Martin	Corps Regional Rep	ACT	02 6265 5777
1CSSB	OC FD WKSP	MAJ	Turner Craig	Corps Regional Rep	Northern Region	08 8985 9301
3CSSB	OC FD WKSP	MAJ	Hill Scott	Corps Regional Rep	North Queensland	07 4771 7678
7CSSB	OC FD WKSP	MAJ	Willmann Chris	Corps Regional Rep	South East Queensland	07 3332 7645
16AD REGT	BC SPT BTY	MAJ	Kelly Andrew	Corps Regional Rep	Central Region	08 8389 0290
LSD	CHIEF ENGR MOB	LTCOL	Murphy Joe	Corps Regional Rep	Southern Region	03 9282 6425
AAVNTC	OC/CI RAMS	MAJ	Tsamis Arthur	Corps Regional Rep	Darling Downs	07 4691 7400
SASR	OPS RESEARCH	CAPT	Hennessy Ben	Corps Regional Rep	Western Region	09 9285 6681

- Courtesy HOC Newsletter April 2004

MEDAL TO RECOGNISE SERVICE IN DEFENCE OF AUSTRALIA

The Howard Government has today announced the intention to establish a new medal that recognises volunteer service in the Australian Defence Force. All relevant approvals are now being sought to allow the award of this medal.

The Minister Assisting the Minister for Defence, Mal Brough, said those who had served for a total of six years in the Australian Defence Force, regular or reserve, would be eligible and the medal would be backdated to recognise past service.

"The Australian Defence Medal also reflects the fact that when serving in a modern Defence Force, it becomes difficult to discriminate between those who serve directly on operations and those who support those operations. The Australian Defence Medal reflects the fact that by serving in the Australian Defence Force individuals make a contribution to the national interest, whether they served the country on operations, or whether they remained in Australia in a support role. The war on terrorism has redefined the notions of a frontline or even an easily definable Area of Operations. Some tasks undertaken by soldiers, sailors and airmen remain invisible to the community at large but are very important to our nation's defence. These may include preparation and planning, intelligence and, indeed, other classified activities that for national security reasons can't be recognised by a specific award. The Australian Defence Medal will recognise all of these circumstances of service."

Mr Brough said the Australian Defence Medal would be retrospective from the end of World War Two, in order to recognise that many people in the past had served their nation in a variety of forms, sometimes arduous, but had not been recognised by an operational medal. However, those who completed National Service would not be eligible unless they subsequently volunteered and completed the requisite six years volunteer service.

“Six years reflects a length of time that we could be reasonably certain that most people would have completed the requisite training and experience in the Regular or Reserve forces, to be considered fully deployable should they have been called upon,” Mr Brough said. “We believe these conditions also give effect to a motion from the Returned and Services League who agree with our desire to further recognise ADF service. The implementation of the medal will be a significant undertaking and the issue of medals to past servicemen will take time. It is estimated that up to 400,000 ex-servicemen and women may apply for this medal,” Mr Brough said. “It is anticipated that once a design has been finalised and the medals have been struck, the issuing of medals could begin around middle of 2005. Operational and other demanding overseas service will still be recognised under the current arrangements. Processing and issuing of operational awards will take priority as the new Australian Defence Medal is being implemented. Nonetheless, the Australian Defence Medal provides the Government and the Australian people the ability to recognise those service men and women who do volunteer and serve the flag in a variety of roles and are prepared, should the call come, to put their lives on the line,” Mr Brough said.

- *Courtesy Minister For Defence Media Release, Saturday 26 June 2004*

9CSSB - DEPLOYMENT TO PARNKA POINT, COORONG

On the weekend 31st May - 1st June 2003, eight members of Recovery Platoon, 107th Field Workshop, 9th Combat Service Support Battalion deployed a Mack Truck, two Medium Recovery Vehicles (MRVs) and two Land Rovers to Parnka Point in the Coorong region of South Australia. The objective of the deployment was to assist Rangers from the Department of Environment and Heritage to remove wrecked civilian vehicles from the area.

The Platoon deployed at 0700hrs on Saturday morning, having completed preparations and loaded the stores and equipment earlier that morning. The early departure time was largely thanks to the efforts of WO2 Pammenter, SGT Riches and SGT Schmidtke who worked from very early in the morning to prepare stores. CPL Separovic gave a set of convoy orders prior to the Platoon leaving Warradale Barracks.

2LT Renfrey and SGT Riches met Mr Eric De Wits, a Coorong National Park Ranger at 0930hrs at Salt Creek and discussed plans for recovering the vehicles. The rest of the Platoon arrived in convoy 30 minutes later. We determined that two vehicles would be recovered from Parnka Point and that it would be possible to cross onto the beach at the Tea Tree Crossing, thus saving 26km and several hours on the round trip.

After a short halt, the Platoon departed Salt Creek at 1100hrs and commenced the 37km journey along the beach to Parnka Point. The Tea Tree Crossing was negotiated with ease despite the high tide making the water depth approximately 500mm. The going along the beach was very good for the majority of the journey, however the sand become much softer over the last 8km. One Land Rover became temporarily bogged, but was easily towed out by a MRV.

At Parnka Point, the wrecked vehicles were easily located and the Platoon began the task of hooking them up to the MRV's. The back wheels and axles of both casualties had seized and meant that the Platoon had to use oxyacetylene equipment to separate the diff and unseize the back wheels. With much banging and burning by CPL Separovic and crew the two vehicles were eventually made towable and the Platoon left for Tea Tree Crossing at 1600hrs. With the sun rapidly setting the Platoon made good going back along the Coorong beach, stopping only to collect firewood. The Platoon set up camp for the night at Tea Tree Crossing. WO2 Pammenter organised a modest size bonfire (by his standards) and SGT Riches cooked up a feast on the Company BBQ.

The Platoon rose early on Sunday morning after a rainy night under canvas and prepared to head home. The Platoon stopped at the Ranger's station at Salt Creek to drop off the two vehicles and pick up another wrecked vehicle (recovered by a 107th Field Workshop team in September 2002) which was destined for the scrap yard at Murray Bridge. We also had the advantage of cleaning the sand and salt water from the vehicles with the Ranger's high pressure cleaning equipment.

At Murray Bridge, CPL Separovic and LCPL Raymond led the operation to unload the casualty from the Mack truck. The operation was made tricky by the fact that the wreck lacked tyres on several wheels and refused to travel in a straight line. With great effort and eventual success the wrecked vehicle was safely unloaded and left with its grateful new owner at the scrap yard. The Platoon returned to Warradale Barracks at 1600hrs on Sunday afternoon, refurbished stores and cleaned our vehicles again.

The deployment was a great success and all members had an enjoyable experience. The newer members of the Platoon gained valuable recovery and off road driving experience in challenging conditions, whilst the more experienced members of the team updated their recovery skills with the valuable refresher training. We will be actively looking to participate in similar DACC tasks in the future.

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

CENTURION TANK

Having read Major Paul Handel's excellent article in the RAEME Craftsman on the history of the ARV and Bill O'Niell's article on times past, I thought I would put a recent experience onto paper, which may interest the old "Tankies Labourers".

Last year my son Colin who is currently in a Sergeants position in Lavarack Barracks phoned and told me that one of his mates had an interest in the purchase of a Centurion tank. I thought to myself "why would anyone with supposedly, a normal set of thinking gear, want to go and waste that sort of money".

Colin volunteered the information that I had worked on tanks and might be able to give a bit of technical advice if called upon. Well I was called upon; during the winter months of last year, the proud new owner had decided to take the tank for a spin. He had gone over a hill crest and was angling down the hill when he decided to turn to the right up the hill again, in soft going. You guessed it; he threw the left track and all but buried the left set of road wheels. That's when I received the call.

The short story is they decided to leave the Cent where it was until the ground dried out and then try and recover it. With the assistance of some earth moving equipment and advice of some old tankies, they dug it out, ran the track back on and in the process sheared something in the LH final drive.

I was invited to a BBQ lunch on the property, coincidentally at the time they were going to have a go at removing the final drive, which against my far better judgement, I decided to accept.

They had broken the track but weren't too sure how to proceed from there. Bearing in mind that I hadn't worked on a Cent for almost 30 years, a few things started to come back; the smell for one and then that black stuff that usually hangs around in the transmission compartment when a rear main oil seal hasn't been performing up to standard.

We all know how simple it is to get the final drive ready to remove from the hull. All we need to do is disconnect the quill shaft, remove the main brake drum, shoes and backing plate, remove the final drive mounting bolts and lift the unit off. That is of course if you can push the quill shaft right into the final drive.

In my capacity as supervisor, mainly because I don't bend as well as I used to, I was amused by all of the descriptive language that was being issued by the slaves in the transmission compartment. I hadn't heard them in that context for years but not one word was original. To them maybe, but not to me.

We were a little behind schedule when we were called to the BBQ, all things being equal, we had expected to have the FD on the deck. A beer and a bit of food gave us a chance to re-assess the situation and regain some of the humour that had been there at the start.

Back to work and it was decided that the complete drive (muff?) coupling had to be removed from the transmission. Of course all the straining and releasing had pushed the brake shoes from the expanders and anchors which didn't help, but finally the bloody brake drum was lifted clear and the grins of achievement from the two who had worked so hard was worth the wait.

As it was getting dark, we decided to call it a day, leaving only the brake backing plate to be removed and the slinging of the final drive to remove it.

At the time of writing the current state of repair is, the final drive has been removed and dismantled and spares have been ordered.

I've been promised an invitation when the tank is running (or maybe if they hit a problem when they are putting it all back together again). The number of the tank is 169045.

The above caused me to recall when I was Section Leader of C squadron LAD with the then Major Bruce Richards as OC, the tanks had returned to harbour, work allocated and as befitting my position, Bruce was sharing a couple of shots of B & W Scotch in return for my morning Bundy and coffee which he could sniff out at 200 paces. After a suitable time had elapsed, we decided to do the rounds and check of the progress of repairs. Hearing the sound of some exasperation we stopped, I climbed up to where a couple of "crafties" were trying to engage the quill shafts, without success. In my most confident manner I ordered them out of the way and beginning on the left side, slipped the shaft into position without effort, the same occurred to the right hand side. With all the superiority I could muster I made some comment on their lack of experience, stepped back onto the 100 gallon tank and ended up in a heap on the dirt below. I hadn't noticed that the tank had been removed.

- Frank Owen

Ex WO1

(From CFN to WO2 1 AR LAD 1959-62, 1968, 1974-76)

(Armoured Centre LAD 1970-72)

PS Have just had new information no spare parts available for old final drive and they have had to purchase a new one which has been fitted. They now wish to invite me to another BBQ about the time they connect the brakes and quill shaft.

(anyone who wishes to view the damage to the old final drive may do so by visiting www.centuriontank.com)

SMART GUY

Marty wakes up at home with a huge hangover. He forces himself to open his eyes, and the first thing he sees is a couple of aspirins and a glass of water on the side table. He sits down and sees his clothing in front of him, all clean and pressed. Marty looks around the room and sees that it is in perfect order, spotless clean. So is the rest of the house.

He takes the aspirins and notices a note on the table "Honey, breakfast is on the stove, I left early to go shopping. Love you."

So he goes to the kitchen and sure enough there is a hot breakfast and the morning newspaper. His son is also at the table, eating.

Marty asks, "Son, what happened last night?"

His son says, "Well, you came home after 3am, drunk and delirious. Broke some furniture, puked in the hallway, and gave yourself a black eye when you stumbled into the door."

Confused, Marty asks, "So, why is everything in order and so clean, and breakfast is on the table waiting for me?"

His son replies, "Oh that! Mom dragged you to the bedroom, and when she tried to take your pants off, you said, "Lady, leave me alone, I'm married!"

A self-induce hangover - \$100:00

Broken furniture - \$200:00

Hot breakfast - \$10:00

Saying the right thing - priceless!

- Courtesy "The Horse's Mouth" Winter 2004

M1A1 ABRAMS TANK AGREEMENT SIGNED

Australia has signed a formal agreement with the United States to buy a new fleet of M1A1 Abrams tanks, Defence Minister Robert Hill announced today.

Under this agreement, the US Government will provide 59 refurbished and updated M1A1 Abrams tanks, seven M88 Hercules Armoured Recovery vehicles, advanced gunnery and driver training simulators, training and other support equipment and a range of spares. This agreement is the central component of the \$530m Abrams package which also includes tank transporters, refuelling vehicles and ammunition. Delivery of the tanks and other equipment is expected in 2007. The majority will be operated by the 1st Armoured regiment in Darwin, with a smaller allocation to be allocated to training schools.

"The M1A1 Abrams tanks will provide a major increase in capability over the present Leopard tanks, particularly with their greater firepower and their potential to operate in a modern, networked communications environment," Senator Hill said. "The new tanks will also provide our soldiers greatly increased levels of protection and survivability on the modern battlefield."

The tanks that will be provided to Australia have had relatively low usage and will be refurbished to "as new" condition. Many of their internal systems will be updated to incorporate the latest technology. This upgrade work will start soon as part of a major tank refurbishment program being undertaken for the US military's larger fleet of M1A1 tanks. A particularly innovative dimension of the project is the purchase of advanced simulators for training tank crews. This is a new direction for the Australian Army, reflecting a major increase in commitment and investment in simulation to supplement and enhance training of armoured vehicle crews.

The Abrams can reach speeds of up to 66 km/h on Australian roads and up to 48 km/h cross country with a cruising range of up to 480 kms carrying four crew and ammunition. Each tank is equipped with a 120 mm smooth bore cannon as its primary weapon and a 50 calibre machine gun for the tank commander in addition to two 7.62 mm machine guns. They are capable of firing an advanced kinetic energy Tungsten penetrator against vehicles and a multi-purpose round for infantry support. They have also been designed to provide a level of protection for soldiers from nuclear, biological or chemical threats.

- *Courtesy Minister For Defence Media Release, Friday 9 July 2004*

A MODERN HEAVY RECOVERY CAPABILITY

The contract for the upgrade of the Heavy Recovery Vehicle (HRV) fleet was signed on the 18th of December 2003, with Mack Trucks Australia (MTA) by Mr Kevin O'Callaghan, PD LAND 121 and Mr Colin Partington, CEO MTA.

Currently the Army's heavy recovery capability is provided by the Truck Wrecker Heavy (TWH) which comprises a Holmes 750 Twin Boom recovery unit mounted on the in-service Mack RM6866RS cab/chassis. Whilst this vehicle provided a heavy recovery asset of acceptable capability, the Holmes recovery equipment is archaic, agricultural and exhibits severe and unacceptable occupational health and safety risks to operating personnel.

The new recovery system will totally replace the Holmes system with a Miller Industries recovery platform incorporating a Palfinger Crane, two Sepson Hydraulic winches, a hydraulic lift/tow recovery system and a commercial locker system for stowage of CES and personal items. A recovered crew cabin will be added to the vehicle to aid in transport of the disabled vehicle's crews along with modifications to reduce cabin noise and vibration. Also, upgrades to the vehicle drive train will be made to improve its capability, including increasing the vehicle's Gross Combination Mass to 110 T.

The current Schedule for delivery of the HRV into service will see the first production HRV arrive to LAND 121 around the middle of August this year. The Project Office will then put this initial vehicle through a series of acceptance tests, conducted by the Accredited Test Services, at Monegetta. After the acceptance tests, the Commonwealth will proceed with full production and hopefully have the vehicles ready for introduction into service, early in 2005.

- *Courtesy HOC Newsletter April 2004*

SICKIES

Sent in by Anonymous in the vain hope that the lynch mob won't find him.

Two vultures board an aeroplane, each carrying two dead raccoons. The stewardess looks at them and says, "I'm sorry, gentlemen, only one carrion allowed per passenger."

Two fish swim into a concrete wall. One turns to the other and says, "Dam!"

Two Eskimos sitting in a kayak were chilly, so they lit a fire in the craft. Unsurprisingly, it sank, proving once again that you can't have your kayak and heat it too.

Two hydrogen atoms meet. One says, "I've lost my electron." The other says, "Are you sure?" The first replies, "I'm positive."

Did you hear about the Buddhist who refused Novocain during a root canal? He wanted to transcend dental medication.

A group of chess enthusiasts checked into an hotel and were standing in the lobby discussing their recent tournament victories. After about an hour, the manager came out of the office and asked them to disperse. "But why?" they asked, as they moved off. "Because," he said, "I can't stand chess nuts boasting in an open foyer."

A woman has twins and gives them up for adoption. One of them goes to a family in Egypt and is named "Ahmal". The other goes to a family in Spain; they name him "Juan". Years later, Juan sends a picture of himself to his birth mother. Upon receiving the picture, she tells her husband that she wishes she also had a picture Ahmal. Her husband responds, "They're twins! If you've seen Juan, you've seen Ahmal."

Some friars were behind on their belfry payments, so they opened up a small florist shop to raise funds. Since everyone liked to buy flowers from the men of God, a rival florist across town thought the competition was unfair. He asked the good fathers to close down, but they would not. He went back and begged the friars to close. They ignored him. So, the rival florist hired Hugh MacTaggart, the roughest and most vicious thug in town to "persuade" them to close. Hugh beat up the friars and trashed their store, saying he'd be back if they didn't close up shop. Terrified, they did so, thereby proving that Hugh, and Hugh alone, can prevent florist friars.

Mahatma Gandhi, as you know, walked barefoot most of the time, which produced an impressive set of calluses on his feet. He also ate very little, which made him rather frail and with his odd diet, he suffered from bad breath. This made him (Oh, man, this is so bad, it's good) a super calloused fragile mystic hexed by halitosis.

- *Courtesy "The Horse's Mouth" Autumn 2004*

ADF SAYS GOODBYE TO 'HUEY' HELICOPTER GUNSHIPS

An important chapter in Australia's military aviation history closed today as Defence formally farewelled the UH-1H Iroquois 'Huey' Helicopter gunship at a ceremony in Brisbane, the Minister Assisting the Minister for Defence, Mal Brough said.

"The Huey has played an important part in Australia's military history and proved its value on the battlefields of Vietnam. It reinforced the importance of aviation in military operations," Mal Brough said. "There are many personnel from both the Air Force and the Army who have worked with the 'Huey' gunship over its 35 years of Australian military service. All have a profound respect for the machine and the flying and maintenance of the gunship. The Army is withdrawing the gunship element, specifically the minigun and rocket system that is attached to each side of the aircraft in preparation for introduction of the 'Aussie Tiger' Armed Reconnaissance Helicopter. The first Aussie 'Tiger' will be delivered to the Army in December this year. The Tiger will carry on the proud tradition of Defence Aviation begun by the Huey in Vietnam. The Tiger carries an extremely capable weapon system and will greatly enhance the Army's reconnaissance and strike capability."

Mal Brough was joined by Chief of the Defence Force, General Peter Cosgrove, Chief of Army, Lieutenant General Peter Leahy and Chief of Air Force, Air Marshal Angus Houston at the farewell. Air Marshal Houston, a former Iroquois pilot, flew one of the helicopters as they did a fly past over Brisbane to farewell the gunships. There are eight UH-1H modified for gunship operations. These will continue to be flown as "slick" (troop lift) aircraft. It is planned to retain the UH-1H until withdrawal from service commencing 2007 on introduction of the Troop Lift Helicopter under project Air 9000. Only the gunship element of the Iroquois and not the aircraft

itself will be retired today. With the recent return of the Black Hawk detachment from East Timor, this is the first occasion in almost six years that all of Army's Aviation elements are at home in Australia and not on operations.

The UH-1H Gunship capability was developed by the RAAF in Vietnam in 1968-69 with 9 Sqn Gunship Flight formed on 23 April 1969.

- *Courtesy Minister For Defence Media Release Saturday 26 June 2004*

ADF VOICE MAIL MESSAGE

"Thank you for calling the Australian Defence Force. I'm sorry but all of our units are out at the moment, or are otherwise engaged. Please leave a message with your country, name of organisation, the region, the specific crisis, and a number at which we can call you. As soon as we have sorted out PMKeys, SSDS, East Timor, Bougainville, Afghanistan, Iraq, Bali, Refugees, the Defence Efficiency Review, the Commercial Support Program, and compulsory "Fraud Awareness" and "Workplace Equity and Diversity" training, we will return your call."

"Please speak after the tone, or if you require more options, please listen to the following numbers:"

"If your crisis is small, and close to a secure domestic airport, press 1 for the 3rd Brigade."

"If your concern is distant, with a tropical climate and good hotels, and can be solved by 1 or 2 low risk bombing runs, please press "Hash" for the Royal Australian Air Force. Please note this service is not available after 1600 hrs, if it is overcast, at weekends or Public Holidays."

"If your enquiry concerns a situation which can be resolved by either overpriced and expensive submarines without combat capability, or by World War II relics that cannot keep up with Indonesian fishing trawlers, or by a really good marching band, please write, well in advance, to the Chief of Navy, Russell Offices, Canberra."

"If your enquiry is not urgent, please press 2 for the Rapid Deployment Force."

"If you are in real, hot trouble please press 3, and your call will be routed to Sandline International."

"If you are interested in joining the ADF and wish to be shouted at, paid little, have premature arthritis, put your wife and family in a condemned hut miles from civilisation, and are prepared to work your arse off daily, risking your life, in all weathers and terrains, both day and night, whilst watching the Department of Finance eroding your original terms and conditions of service, then please stay on the line. Your call will shortly be connected to a bitter, passed-over Recruiting Sergeant in a little office down by the railway station."

"Have a pleasant day, and thank you again for trying to contact the Australian Defence Force."

- *Courtesy "The Horse's Mouth" Winter 2004*

YOU KNOW YOU'RE GETTING "MARVELOUSLY MATURE" WHEN...

1. You and your teeth don't sleep together anymore.
2. You try to straighten out your socks and discover you aren't wearing any.
3. At the breakfast table you hear snap, crackle, pop and you're not eating cereal.
4. Your back goes out and you stay home.
5. When you wake up looking like your driver's licence photo.
6. When happy hour is a nap.
7. You give up all your bad habits and still don't feel good.
8. You sit in a rocking chair and can't get out.

- *Courtesy RSL Morphett Vale Sub Branch Newsletter No.3 May 2004*

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.

If you would like to purchase some, please contact Keith Tainsh on phone (08) 8326 2581.

CALL FOR RAEME HISTORICAL PHOTOS

Robin Maslen is looking for photos depicting RAEME activities and personnel so that a photographic history of the South Australian RAEME corps activities can be recorded and made into Power Point presentations and preserved for prosperity. One presentation has already been completed with 260 slides that have been shown at several RAEME functions. These photos have been scanned from slides and pictures from the mid 50's to mid 70's loaned by some of our members to Robin. Photos from the very early days of the Corps - particularly well known "characters" or events and vehicles, and more recent photos from the late 70's would be appreciated. A special selection of Vietnam and other overseas photos are also being collected. Photos will be returned promptly.

Robin doesn't need a lot from one person, just a small selection of good quality shots from lots of members that might bring back great memories or record significant or humorous events that

This picture tells its own story??



most could relate to.

Photos need to be identified somehow with a caption explaining the event, vehicles or equipment and with the names of any personnel. They should be clear enough to identify what was photographed although very early photos that record important early 107 scenes, pre 50's would be most valued.

Also needed are photos of some of the OC's of 107:

Major L.Campbell, Major G.Flecker, Major J.Drury, Major Keith Rodda; Captain Fred Allen; and all OC's after Major Kent Brown Dec 1992.

If you can help Robin with this task he can be contacted at either his home address:
58 Hulbert St, HOVE SA 5048, or
phone (08) 8296 2768, or
e-mail: rmaslen@ozemail.com.au

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

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.

RAEME CORPS ITEMS

Below is an up-to-date list of RAEME Corps Items held by the Army Museum Bandiana and their costs. I have one of each item so that I can set up a display of most of the items listed below at our functions together with a supply of order forms (the items are not 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.

MEMBERSHIP

New Members

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

Craig Smith, Dennis Brown, Alan Webb, Alan McGregor

Subs are due as at 1 July in the year your membership is "current to" ie if the date on your Membership Card is 2004, your Subs are now due and a green "reminder slip" is included with this Newsletter. Subs are still \$5 for one year or any multiple thereof eg \$20 for four years. You will need to be financial to vote at the AGM, which will be held in December.

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), Dennis Brown (2005), Fred Brown (2005), Shane Buckley (2008), 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), Tony Gow (2008), Robert Hansford (2007), Jock Hart (2004), Don Harvy (2006), Arthur Hasse (2005), Greg Hay (2005), Norm Hay (2004), Colin Haynes (2006), Viv Helps (2004), Tony Hinton (2005), Andrew Hobson (2006), Brian Holmes (2008), Darryl Horner (2006), John Howard (2005), Gary Howell (2008), 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), Alan McGregor (2006), 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 Papanikolaou (2006), 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), Dave Shelly (2009), Harold Shipp (2005), Robert Silcock (2006), Craig Smith (2005), 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), Alan Webb (2006), Graham West OAM (2006), Brett Wilkeson (2004), Craig Williams (2004), Warren Williams (2012), Alan Wilson (2004), John Wilson (2007), Betty Winstanley (2008), Curly Woolcock (2007), Pat Wright (2004), Brian Yelds (2007), John Zander (2008), Pete Zander (2007).

Associate Members

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

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

Clarence John (Chick) RANDELL (ex AEME) - Passed away 28 March 2003

John Sinclair - 9 April 2004

MAJGEN K.Mackay CB MBE (Rtd) - 18 May 2004

Reginald (Reg) Hall - 29 May 2004

Courtesy RAEME Association NSW Inc Newsletter Issue 107 July 2004

WO1 Leigh David Bailey - 23 December 2003

Harold Charles Dowling

Charles Potter - 10 February 2004

Robert (Bob) Solomon

Gordon Whitmore - 21 April 2004

Courtesy RAEME CRAFTSMAN Issue No.52 Winter 2004

ARTE et MARTE

(Corps Motto: With Skill and Fighting)

David Turner

Hon. Secretary