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### MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Half way through a very busy year already, tax time looming, cold weather upon us and hopefully much more rain to come. I hope this newsletter finds you all in good health and good spirits.

Firstly on behalf of all our members and Corps Brethren I would like to congratulate Frank Owen, a long time member and recently past committee member on being awarded an OAM in this years Queen Birthday Honours. Frank has worked tirelessly for the RSL, not only for his Sub Branch at Morphett Vale which he is President, but also for the State Branch as well. This award is worthy recognition of Frank's determination and dedication over many years and is truly deserved. Frank's son Colin, a serving RAAOC WO2 reflected on the fact that Frank has been presented more medals since his retirement from the ARA. Does this mean that RAEME just keep on keeping on?

As you are aware David Turner our long serving Secretary is standing down at the end of the year for a much deserved parole. Penny Stone a serving Reserve officer and member, has generously offered her services as secretary. To enable a smooth transition, a decision was taken at our last committee meeting voting Penny in as Assistant Secretary. Penny will understudy David during the remaining period he is in office. It is recognised and accepted that Penny will need to stand for election at our 2007 AGM however the committee decided that Penny should be given full voting rights as a committee member during this interim period. Welcome aboard Penny.

The Anzac Reunion held on the 13 Apr was down in numbers this year however members and friends that attended had a very enjoyable evening combining good company, excellent food, exceptional service provided by all the volunteers and a time for all to reflect on the reasons for Anzac. Attendance was attributed to the fact it was held a week earlier than normal and members from the REME Association were unable to attend due to other commitments. Hope to see the REME members back in force next year. I sincerely thank COL Graham Smith, Representative COLCOMD for again attending at very short notice. It is a pleasure to have senior Corps representatives at our functions in SA and a great satisfaction that they can make time in their busy schedules to attend.

Mark your diaries as planning has commenced to have an All Ranks Mixed Dinner on Sat 13 Oct 2007 at the Warradale Hotel. The cost will be \$35.00 a head and attendance will be first in best dressed with a maximum of 70 attending. It will be a sit down 3 course meal with alternate choices, waiter service and pay as you go drinks. A flyer is included in this newsletter so get your name in with payment so you do not miss out. Dress will be neat casual and the dinner is open to all past and serving members and partners. I Look forward to seeing you at the dinner.

Also mark the 2 Dec 2007 down in your diaries for the AGM and Corps Birthday Celebrations at Warradale Barracks. An open invitation extends to all past and serving members of the Corps, REME members, families and friends to attend. A flyer will be distributed in the next newsletter.

Finally I would like to thank all the advertisers who have continued their participation in our newsletter and welcome new advertisers for the first time. I urge members to consider utilising their services.

Arte et Marte  
Grant Kuchel

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## **ITS AN HONOUR**

One of our members received an award in the Queen's Birthday Honours list. The following is a copy of an article by Adam Todd, which was published in the 13 June edition of the Messenger.

## **A Man Determined to Remember the Fallen**

WHEN Frank Owen joined the army more than half a century ago he had no inkling he'd still be serving well into his 60s.

Today, Mr Owen's service isn't performed with a



gun in his hands, the Morphet Vale RSL president has been working hard for the past two decades to maintain the memory of the fallen.

Mr Owen, 68, who grew up in Streaky Bay and moved to Morphet Vale in the 1980s, received an Order of Australia Medal (OAM) on Monday (June 11), for services to the Morphet Vale RSL.

"It's just an amazing honour," he said. "You never do it expecting this sort of recognition;"

Mr Owen joined the army in 1955 as an apprentice mechanic at the encouragement of his father, Jim Owen, the then president of the Streaky Bay RSL.

"I'd always wanted to do something in a uniform, I'd been in the Scouts as a kid, the army was perfect," he said. He remained in the army for the next 30 years - apart from a short break in the 1960s - based in Victoria, and served in Singapore, Papua New Guinea and Vietnam.

Mr Owen left the army in 1986 and moved to Adelaide with his wife Dierdre and two of their three children.

Almost immediately he joined the Morphet Vale RSL and became its president in 1992. During his time as president, Mr Owen has overseen a significant increase in membership and also been involved in some major projects in the Onkaparinga area, including the Onkaparinga Memorial Gardens, the Eternal Flame, the Wall of Remembrance and the establishment of the ANZAC Youth Vigil in the south. Mrs Owen also is president of the Morphet Vale Women's Auxiliary and has no plans to bring his service to an end. "We are committed to honouring those who made the supreme sacrifice as well as assisting those who have returned," Mr Owen said. . . - I would hope to be around for another 20 to 30 years."

By Adam Todd

## DIARY DATES 2007

<u>Activity/Function</u>	<u>Date</u>
- 2007 Officer, WOs & SNCOs Formal Dinner	Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> July
- Fort Largs Guns Restoration	Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup> August
- Reserve Forces Day 2007 (Keswick Parade Ground)	Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> August
- Committee of Management Meeting	Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> August
- RAEME Luncheon	Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> September
- Fort Largs Guns Restoration	Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup> October
- All Ranks Dinner (Warradale Hotel)	Saturday 13 <sup>th</sup> October
- RAEME Corps Seminar	18 <sup>th</sup> –19 <sup>th</sup> October
- Committee of Management Meeting	Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> October
- Fort Largs Guns Restoration	Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup> December
- Annual General Meeting	Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December
- RAEME Birthday Family Function	Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December

### DON'T FORGET

If you hear of one of our fellow members being sick let one of the committee know ASAP so they can organise someone to contact them. All of us need to participate.

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passed away 24 April 2007

**Trevor Simmons**



## Sick Parade

Eddy Kaminski's wife Joan is in hospital

Harold Shipp has been in hospital and is now home recuperating.

### DON'T FORGET

If you are sick or hear of one of our fellow members being sick let one of the committee know ASAP.

## ALL RANKS DINNER

The committee agreed at their last meeting that the Association would hold a Mixed All Ranks Dinner this year in preparation for a larger function next year to celebrate the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the creation of 107 Fd Wksps.



Details are as follows:

Location: Warradale Hotel  
Date: 13<sup>th</sup> October 2007  
Time: 1830 for 1900 hrs  
Cost: \$35 per head  
Dress: Neat casual  
Drinks: Buy your own  
Guests: Spouses /partners welcome

Numbers will be limited to 70 so get your booking in early so you don't miss out.

To book, complete the booking slip on the attached invitation, or for more information contact WO2 Grant Kuchel on 0402 208 260.

**This promises to be a great night so put it in your diary now and book ASAP.**

Have you ever been guilty of looking at others your own age and thinking, "surely I can't look that old?"

**Well... You'll love this one!**

I was sitting in the waiting room for my first appointment with a new dentist. I noticed his diploma, which bore his full name.

Suddenly, I remembered a tall, handsome, dark-haired boy with the same name that had been in my year at high school some 40-odd years ago. Could he be the same guy that I had a secret crush on, way back then? Upon seeing him, however, I quickly discarded any such thought.

This balding, grey-haired man with the deeply lined face was way too old to have been my classmate.

After he examined my teeth, I asked him if he had attended Stanmore high school

"Yes. Yes, I did," he replied.

"What year did you leave?" I asked.

He answered, "in 1956". Why do you ask?"

"you were in my class!" I exclaimed.

He looked at me closely.

Then, that ugly, old, wrinkled, bald, fat, grey decrepit son-of-a-bitch asked, "what did you teach?"



## **2007 RAEME MIXED ANZAC FUNCTION**

The 2007 RAEME Mixed ANZAC Function was held in the combined Warradale Area Other Ranks Canteen (southern side of the oval) on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> April. Numbers were similar to last year with 59 paying persons, plus a few kids, however this was without the contingent of members from the REME Association SA Branch who attended last year. A "Remembrance Ceremony" was held at 9:00pm with a bugler from Australian Army Band - Adelaide playing the "Rouse" and "Last Post". The function concluded at approx 11:30pm.

Everyone had a great night and we were honoured with a visit from our Colonel Commandant COL Graham Smith, it was terrific to see him again, and we really appreciate his effort to join for these functions.

Our thanks go to the following people who made the evening such a success:

- 107 Field Workshop for providing the necessary stores and we sincerely thank MAJ David Rogers, Officer Commanding, and WO2 Grant Kuchel, EME WO, for their assistance.
- MAJ Richard Moyses for collecting money at the door.
- Cpl Morton PMC WAORC for organising the bar.
- WO2 Grant Kuchel and his wife, Christine for organising the food, condiments, plates and cutlery etc.
- Trevor Clerke for the use of his BBQ trailer and help (with John Howard) in cooking the meal.
- J Jaudzems and T Oakes for organising the raffle prizes and selling the tickets. They made \$260 profit for the Association (a great effort).
- Association Honorary Treasurer, Bob Killoran, reports that the profit from the evening was \$424.52.
- Thanks go to all those who assisted in any way during the evening and with refurbishing the Mess late on Friday night). I apologise if I have forgotten anyone.

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

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## **ANZAC DAY MARCH 2007 REPORT**

The march went smoothly again this year, numbers were down slightly and the weather was kind to us with no sign of rain. A few of the older members who were unable to march took advantage of the Land Rover personnel carriers provided by 16AD Workshop and we can't thank them enough for continuing to provide this greatly appreciated assistance.

Major Patrick Murray, Battery Commander, Combat Services Support Battery, 16 AD led the march this year and did a great job. The Association Banner was carried by WO2 Grant Kuchel and Cpl George Cooke (Ares CFN of the Year) both from 107 Field Workshop and we thank their Commanding Officer for allowing them to participate.

After the march a number of members accepted the invitation from the Keswick Barracks Sergeant's Mess and joined other marchers for a light luncheon and "refreshments". We thank the mess for the invitation and hope we continue to be invited in coming years

I know that not everyone is able to march every year, but I am equally sure that there are a lot more members who could, and should, come and join us.



## **Reserve Forces Day 2007**

In South Australia, Reserve Forces Day will be held on **Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> August**, commencing at 11.00am with a march from the Showgrounds to Keswick Barracks.

The March will comprise current and past military vehicles, the Barossa Light Horse, re-enactment groups, Unit associations etc. **The assembly area will be at the Northern entrance to the Royal Adelaide Showgrounds** (form up from 10.00am), and the route will be via Greenhill Road, Anzac Highway into Keswick Barracks, via the main gate, with the Governor-General taking the salute in front of the Army Museum as units pass.

All past and serving members of the Reserve (or CMF) and their families are invited to attend, and also to participate in the **free BBQ lunch to follow**.

Both His Excellency the Governor-General and Mrs Marlena Jeffery, will attend the BBQ luncheon immediately following the Parade and informally meet past and present Reservists, their families, friends and employers.

The committee agreed at its last meeting that if enough people were prepared to march (at least a banner party and a few marchers) they would arrange for the Anzac Day banner to be available for the march.

**Greg Rosser has agreed to be point of contact for the march and needs you to contact him ASAP, (August 6<sup>th</sup> at the latest) if you are planning on marching. His contact details are**

**Address 3 Acasta Street**

**ROSTREVOR SA 5073**

**Phone (H) 8337 9368**

**Mobile 0423 715 464 (all times)**

**Email gregrosser@adam.com.au**

The committee believes this is a good opportunity for the Association to "be seen" and urges past and current reservists to make every effort to participate. Even if you can't march you are welcome to come and share in the free BBQ and activities at Keswick Barracks.

A married couple went to the hospital to have their baby delivered.

Upon their arrival, the doctor said that the hospital was testing an amazing new high-tech machine that would transfer a portion of the mother's labour pain to the baby's father. He asked if they were willing to try it out. Both said they were very much in favour of it.

The doctor set the pain transfer to 10 percent for starters, explaining that even 10 percent was probably more pain than the father had ever experienced before. But as the labour progressed, the husband felt fine and asked the doctor to go ahead and kick it up a notch.

The doctor then adjusted the machine to 20 percent pain transfer. The husband was still feeling fine. The doctor then checked the husband's blood pressure and was amazed at how well he was doing.

At this point they decided to try for 50 percent.

The husband continued to feel quite well.

Since the pain transfer was obviously helping the wife considerably, the husband encouraged the doctor to transfer ALL the pain to him. The wife delivered a healthy baby with virtually no pain, and the husband had experienced none.

She and her husband were ecstatic.

When they got home they found the Mail-Man dead on the porch.

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**Are You  
coming to the  
All Ranks Dinner  
??**

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## LOOK AFTER YOUR MEDALS

*Received from Precision Medal Mounting who are a member and sponsor of the Military Police Association of Australia.*

I feel that I have a responsibility to make members aware of the significant value of their honours and awards.

Not only do they have high sentimental value to the recipient and their families etc, they have in most instances great monetary value to boot.

Therefore some serious consideration should be given to the fact that they are a substantial asset within the household when considering house and contents insurance.

The inclusion of medals as a SPECIAL ITEM is most often overlooked. I can speak from personal experience when my father lost his original rack of seven and the heartbreak he went through.

Below is a brief list of the more common medals awarded to Australian Service Men and Women and there current value. Food for thought and you can quickly do the sums

Top end value relates to a medal in its original box untouched and unmounted

Bottom end value relates to medal in very poor condition with no ribbon or mounting.

I would say that 90% of the medals that pass through my hands ARE at the top end of this scale. Some "groups" of medals depending on there uniqueness can be valued higher again.

Name of medal	Bottom End Value	Top End Value
AASM 45 - 75	\$243.00	\$365.00
Vietnam Campaign	\$365.00	\$730.00
Vietnam Logistics	\$490.00	\$800.00
AASM 75 - (depending on clasp)	\$490.00	\$3700.00
ASM 75 - (depending on clasp)	\$490.00	\$3700.00
INTERFET	\$1220.00	\$1950.00
Afghanistan Campaign	\$1220.00	\$1700.00
Iraq Campaign	\$1220.00	\$1700.00
DFSM + \$25 per clasp	\$243.00	\$490.00
DLSM + \$25 per clasp	\$490.00	\$730.00
National Medal +\$25 per clasp	\$365.00	\$490.00
ADM		\$234.00

This is just a brief sample If you have something that's not on the list drop me an email and I will find the value for you. [precisionmedals@bigpond.com](mailto:precisionmedals@bigpond.com)



## REMINDERS

If you have a computer and are connected to the internet you can receive your newsletter by email.

If you would like to receive your newsletter by email or try it and see how it works send an email to [gregrosser@adam.com.au](mailto:gregrosser@adam.com.au) and say if it is a trial or you would like to receive it by email permanently.

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If you hear of any Association members who are sick or in hospital please let one of the committee members know so they can arrange a card or visit.

The committee needs your help with this.

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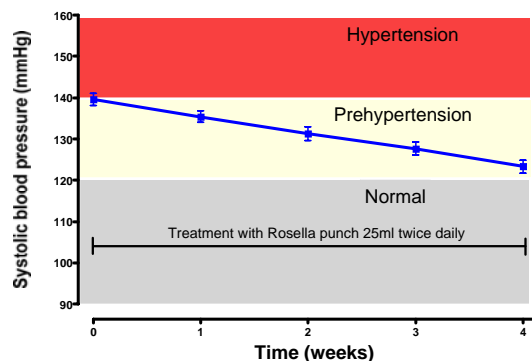


Figure 1: Systolic blood pressure during a 4 week treatment with Rosella Punch

Source: <http://www.drred.com.au/new/>

(See Yummy Nuts Advert Page 8)

# Army Combat Badge

## Army Combat Badge



### What and why is it?

Most members will be familiar with the Infantry Combat Badge (ICB), introduced by RA Infantry in July 1970. This device introduced considerable division within the Australian Army regarding the relative “worth” of the individual/ unit/ service.

Other Corps and notably other Arms rejected proposals to implement similar corps specific devices. See

[http://www.defence.gov.au/army/RAIN/ICB/infantry\\_combat\\_badge.htm](http://www.defence.gov.au/army/RAIN/ICB/infantry_combat_badge.htm) which makes interesting reading in that it discloses the thinking within the Military Board regarding status of and eligibility for the ICB.

Lt-Gen Leahy, when introducing the Army Combat Badge (ACB) is reported to have said. “We see now in our combined arms teams that infantry, armour and combat service support are all essentially doing the same job” and their efforts deserve to be recognised.

Eligibility criteria is detailed in DI(A) PERS 119-1, which can be seen in full at

[http://www.defence.gov.au/army/PUBS/downloads/ap119\\_01.pdf](http://www.defence.gov.au/army/PUBS/downloads/ap119_01.pdf).

However, the following extracts should be sufficient for most.

### INTRODUCTION

The Army Combat Badge (ACB) is awarded to any member of the Australian Regular Army (ARA) or Army Reserve (all elements) on Continuous Full-time Service (CFTS) or other Reserve member in exceptional circumstances, for service in warlike operations or situations. This award does not replace the Infantry Combat Badge (ICB).

### PURPOSE

The purpose of the ACB is to recognise any member of the Army who was force assigned to an infantry, armour, artillery, aviation or combat engineer based combat team/battle group, or similar unit/sub-unit, and who has served for a specified period of time on warlike operations.

### Eligibility

Any member of any Corps who were force assigned to an infantry, armour, artillery, aviation or combat engineer based combat team/battle group or similar unit/sub-unit, and has given either continuous or an aggregate of 90 days satisfactory service on warlike operations for a single deployment or operation is eligible to wear the ACB. The Chief of Army may alter the eligibility criteria depending on the operation or deployment.

### RETROSPECTIVITY

**Eligibility.** The award of the ACB is retrospective to Malaya 1948.

**Approval.** Approved units are listed below. Approval outside those designated units is to be submitted to ACMC for approval by respective Head of Corps (HOC) through DGPERS–A

**Distribution.** The ACB is a dress embellishment not an award and therefore falls outside the honours and awards system. Internal Army resources are insufficient to ensure distribution to all past members through formal Army channels. The following processes are to apply for distribution of the ACB to members eligible by retrospectivity and having served in the units listed below.

### Service Prior to 1989

Corps associations have been requested to provide the respective HOC with a list of eligible persons for endorsement, noting the requirement for the list to contain members of all corps who served with the appropriate unit.

Respective HOC are to endorse the list and forward it to DGPERS–A. DGPERS–A approves the list and dispatches the requisite number of ACB to the Corps association. Corps associations are responsible for distributing the ACB to eligible members including postage and handling costs.

**Contact the Secretary if you believe you are eligible. He will require the following information**

- Army Number:
- Last Name:
- Given Names:
- Rank on Discharge
- Identifying the Operation

- Operation Name or Acronym:
- Dates deployed: From to
- A copy of your record of service or
- a Statutory Declaration with details of service If you need a Commonwealth statutory declaration form, contact Trevor Parrott on 82645237 or [parrotts@adam.com.au](mailto:parrotts@adam.com.au).

1. In preparing to apply, members must provide evidence of their qualification. This can be most suitably done by getting a "Certified True Copy" of their Record Of Service to give to the Secretary when they apply.

2. A "Certified True Copy" of their Record Of Service can only be provided by CARO in response to a personal request. The Association can't make application on a member's behalf.

3. Members should provide copies of other supporting documents (certified true if possible - talk to a JP).

4. CARO report that processing of applications for Certified True copies of RoS currently take about 16 - 18 weeks to produce.

5. CARO contact details. Address, CARO GPO Box 393 MELBOURNE VIC 3001. Phone: 03-92827799

6. Should a member have their Record of Service, they may have copies certified true by a JP. Note however, that a copy of a copy can't be certified.

7. As a last resort and failing to be able to provide a timely copy of the member's RoS, a member may make a Statutory Declaration detailing their qualifying service. This may be sufficient to enable Army to locate records enabling the issue of the ACB.

8. Should a member be uncertain about their eligibility, the advice is to apply (support application as fully as possible) and let HOC RAEME decide.

## ARMY COMBAT BADGE—QUALIFYING SERVICE SINCE 16 JUNE 1948

Serial	Campaign	Medal Awarded	Eligibility	Units	
1	Malaya	OSM—clasp Malaya	16 June 1948—31 July 1960 (Malaya) 16 June 1948—31 January 1959 (Singapore)	1 RAR Bn Op 2 RAR Bn Op	3 RAR Bn Op
2	Korea	Korea Medal	01 July 1950—27 July 1953	1 RAR Bn Op 2 RAR Bn Op	3 RAR Bn Gp
3	Borneo	GSM (1962)—clasp Borneo	24 December 1962—11 August 1966	3 RAR Bn Op 4 RAR Bn Op	1 SAS Sqn 2 SAS Sqn
4	Malay/Thai border	AASM—clasp Thai/Malay	01 August 1960—16 August 1964	1 RAR Bn Op 2 RAR Bn Op	3 RAR Bn Op
5	South Vietnam	OSM (1962)—clasp South Vietnam Vietnam Medal	24 December 1962—28 May 1964  29 May 1964—27 January 1973 (Eligibility terminates 20 December 1972)	1 Armoured Regt 3 Cavalry Regt 1 APC Sqn 4/19 PWLH APC Tp 1 Fd Regt 4 Fd Regt 12 Fd Regt 131 Div Loc Bty 1 Fd Sqn 161 md Recon Sqn 161 Recon Flt 1 SAS Sqn 2 SAS Sqn	3 SAS Sqn AATT 1 AIF Def P1 1 RAR Bn Op 2 RAR Bn Op 3 RAR Bn Op 4 RAR Bn Op 5 RAR Bn Op 6 RAR Bn Op 7 RAR Bn Op 8 RAR Bn Op 9 RAR Bn Op
6	Malaysia	OSM (1962)—clasp Malay Peninsula	17 August 1962—12 June 1965	3 PAR Bn Op	
7	Kuwait	AASM—clasp Kuwait	17 January 1991—28 February 1991	Exchange pers serving in zone	
8	Somalia	MSM—clasp Somalia	UNITAF 10 Jan 1993 — 21 May 1993 Land components of UNOSOM2	1 RAR Bn Op	Elm of SASR
9	East Timor	AASM—Clasp East Timor  OP Warden—60 Days to Qualify	<b>OP Faber/Stabilise</b> 16 Sept 1999—23 Feb 2000 <b>OP Warden</b> 16 September 1999—10 April 2000 <b>OP Tanager</b> 20 February 2000—19 May 2002 <b>OP Citadel</b> 20 May 2002—18 August 2003	2 Cay Regt Tp 2/14 LHR Tp B Sqn 3/4 Cav Regt Tp 3 CER Elm 1 Avn Regt Elm 5 Avn Regt	1 RAR Bn Gp 2 RAR Bn Gp 3 RAR Bn Op 4 RAR Bn Op 5/7 RAR Bn Op 6 RAR Bn Op SASR
10	Afghanistan	AASM—clasp ICAT For service only Within Afghanistan	<b>OP Slipper</b> 02 December 2001 - 05 December 2002 <b>OP Slipper</b> 19 July 2005 onwards	Avn Element SOTO's RTF	
11	Iraq	AASM—clasp Iraq 2003 <b>OP Falconer</b> —30 Days <b>OP Catalyst</b> —90 Days For service only within Iraq	<b>OP Falconer</b> 20 March 2003—15 July 2003 <b>OP Catalyst</b> 16 July 2003	SECD AMTO PATT—I IED Teams	SASR Op OBO—W



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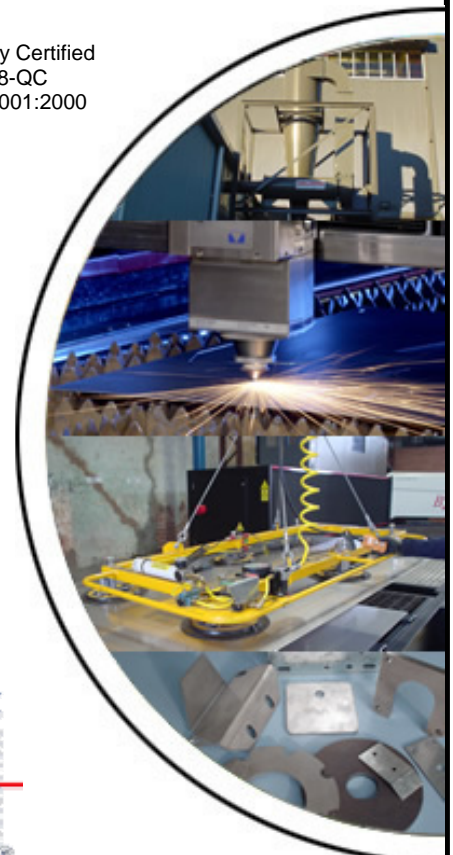
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# 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Battle of Beersheba (1917)

Beersheba 2007 has been declared a major event by the Army and 3/9 LH (SAMR) is to conduct the celebration of the 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the 'Battle of Gaza – Beersheba' (fought on 31 Oct 1917) on Wednesday the 31 Oct 07 and Saturday 3 Nov 07.

The general concept is for the following activities to be conducted:

- a. On Wed 31 Oct 07 the conduct of a memorial service at the LH Memorial followed by an officers formal dinner at the NM&AFC.
- b. On the afternoon of Sat 3 Nov 07 conduct a 'Light Horse Re-enactment' at Elder Park,
- c. To be followed by the Regiment parading it's Guidon's at a ceremonial parade at the Torrens Parade Ground, and
- d. In the evening, in conjunction with the South Australian Mounted Rifles Association (SAMRA), conduct an all ranks formal dinner in the Torrens Training Depot (TTD). RAEME personnel who have served with 3/9 LH will be invited to attend.

## Beersheba 2007 – The Historical Background

The 'Battle of Gaza – Beersheba' was fought on 31 Oct 1917. Two (2) attempts prior to Oct 1917 had failed to capture Gaza.

The British Eastern Expeditionary Force was commanded by GEN Sir Edmund Allenby and it was an Army of two (2) Corps including;

- XX Corps (British) was commanded by LTGEN Sir Philip Chetwode, he conceived the concept for the 'Battle of Gaza - Beersheba' and the plan for the liberation of Palestine.
- Desert Mounted Corps (DMC) comprising the Australian Mounted Division and the ANZAC Mounted Division was commanded by LTGEN Sir Harry Chauvel.

Allenby had recently replaced the incompetent Cairo based military governor GEN Sir Archibald Murray who was not a field commander and had failed in the Sinai.

Allenby held Chauvel in high regard as they had served together in the South African (Boer) War where Allenby commanded the 5th Inniskilling Dragoon's (5ID). The 5ID are now the Royal Dragoon Guards (RDG) allied to 3/9 LH (SAMR).

The plan for the battle was approved and required XX Corp to take Gaza and to provide support to the DMC.

Allenby's orders to Chauvel demanded the DMC take Beersheba on Day 1 of the battle. The importance of Beersheba was its water and its access to the Hebron Rd or the road to Jerusalem.

Chauvel's plans were as follows:

- To conduct a night ride from wells twenty six (26) miles to the south west at Khalasa and Asluj to Beersheba.
- 1 Bde (1ALH, 2ALH and 3ALH) were to conduct a preliminary operation supported by the Somerset Bty Royal Horse Artillery (RHA) to capture Tel el Sabah, a 100 metre high salient 3 miles to the east of Beersheba.
- Following the preliminary operation 1 Bde supported by the NZMR Bde was to capture Beersheba.
- 3Bde (8 ALH, 9ALH & 10 ALH) was to secure the Hebron Road at Sakaty, 3 miles to the North East of the town and act as a cut off force.
- 4 Bde including the Royal Yeomanry were Corps Reserve.

Following the substantial reinforcement by the enemy of Tel el Sabah, Chauvel committed extra resources in support of 1 Bde including the NZMR Bde and 9 ALH.

Of significance, this event was to be the first and only time that the South Australian Regiments the 3 ALH and the 9 ALH were to support each other in the entire campaign. MAJ T J Daly (9ALH) was award the DSO for his conduct in the battle.

1 Bde had failed to take the Tel in time and conscious of Allenby's orders Chauvel decided to commit his reserve. With the day on the wain 4 Bde charged and took the town at nightfall.

The liberation of Palestine had begun. Almost 12 months later on 2 Oct 1918 during the 'Great Ride to Damascus', 9ALH under Daly charged a Turkish force and captured their General, 1500 all ranks, several field guns, other weapons and the Standard of the 46th Turkish Regiment.

The Torrens Parade Ground is a significant site for the Regiment because it was from there that the contingents of South Australian Mounted Rifles (SAMR) departed for the South African (Boer) War.



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If you can read this, your brain is 50% faster than those who can't

A cop was patrolling late at night in a well-known spot.

He sees a couple in a car, with the interior light brightly glowing.

The cop carefully approaches the car to get a closer look.

Then he sees a young man behind the wheel, reading a computer magazine.

He immediately notices a young woman in the rear seat, knitting.

Puzzled by this surprising situation, the cop walks to the car and gently raps on the driver's window.

The young man lowers his window. "Uh, yes, officer?"

The cop says: "What are you doing?"

The young man says: "Well Officer, I'm reading a magazine."

Pointing towards the young woman in the back seat the cop says: "And her, what is she doing?"

The young man shrugs: "Sir, I believe she's knitting a pullover sweater."

Now, the cop is totally confused. A young couple, alone, in a car, at night in a Lover's lane... and nothing obscene is happening!

The cop asks: "What's your age, young man?"

The young man says "I'm 22, sir."

The cop asks: "And her...what's her age?"

The young man looks at his watch and replies:

"She'll be 18 in 11 minutes."

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I have a big dog & I was buying a large bag of PAL MEATY BITES in WOOLWORTHS and was standing in the queue at the till. A woman behind me asked if I had a dog.

On impulse, I told her that no, I was starting The ( PAL MEATYBITE ) diet again, although I probably shouldn't because I'd ended up in the hospital last time, but that I'd lost 50 pounds before I awakened in an intensive care ward with tubes coming out of most of my orifices and IVs in both arms.

I told her that it was essentially a perfect diet and the way that it works is to load your trouser pockets with PAL MEATYBITES and simply eat one or two every time you feel hungry & that the food is nutritionally complete so I was going to try it again.

I have to mention here that practically everyone in the queue was by now enthralled with my story, particularly a guy who was behind her.

Horried, she asked if I'd ended up in the hospital in that condition because I had been poisoned.

I told her no, it was because I'd been sitting in the road chewing a bone and a car hit me.

I thought one guy was going to have a heart attack he was laughing so hard as he staggered out the door.

Stupid cow.....why else would I buy dog food??

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## FORT LARGS GUNS REPORT

April - May 2007.

On Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2007 the only two members of our work party who could attend were Robin Maslen and myself. Most of our work was done on the northern gun as we managed to find some bolts to fit the large brass cover over the main gears. However we still have to get four brackets made up to suit both guns as the old ones have gone missing over the years since the guns were pulled apart to be sandblasted.

Robin had to use some heat to free up one of the main shafts on the southern gun so that the main support bracket with the brass bush could be bolted on to the gun. Now this has been done, the main shaft can be fitted back on the gun as well as the large brass cover.

On Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2007 four people turned up including a new member to our working party, John Fuller from the Army Museum at Keswick. I had some time to show John Fuller over both guns and also the mechanical shell lift below the gun in the ammunition storeroom. With the arrival of Graham Janz and Robin Maslen, we all got together to see what parts and bolts we had to replace back on both guns.

With the help of John Fuller, I managed to fit the large brass cover on the southern gun over the main gears with only two bolts to secure it for now until we can get two brackets made up to secure the front of the cover onto to the body of the gun, hopefully at the next work party.

Robin and Graham had a few problems at first getting one of the main hand wheel shaft to line up with the key way in the brass gear in the top control box on the southern gun, as this shaft is part of the controls which traverse of the gun. We did get quite a bit of work done in the two hours we were there.

**Next working party will be on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> July from 10 am.**

John Howard

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Hans Larsen, Terry Monten, Keith Tyler

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