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Dear Members,

I am having difficulty getting started this year, partly because I have been on leave from my civilian employment from the beginning of December to the end of the first week of January. During that time I had been trying to finish off some badly needed home maintenance that was started several years ago. Consequently, I didn't do any Secretarial duties for the Association until I went back to work. Then I had to type the AGM Minutes before I could start the Association Newsletter. Now it's the end of January and I still haven't finished. I'm sure that the number of hours in each day is decreasing with every passing year. Anyway, I hope you all had a Happy Christmas and that this Newsletter finds you in good health.

This year, 2002, marks 60 years since the formation of AEME in 1942. The Committee of Management, in conjunction with Field Workshop Company 9CSSB, and Support Battery 16AD, intend to organise an Anzac Reunion, a WOs, SNCOs and Officers Formal Dinner and a "Back-to-RAEME" Function to celebrate the RAEME Birthday. **Please make every effort to take part in these activities to help celebrate the 60th Anniversary of the formation of the Corps.**

One item on the Agenda at the recent AGM was Life Membership. Grant Kuchel had asked for this item to be placed on the Agenda but he was evasive about his reasons. I felt sure that he

was going to suggest that we change the "Rules" to allow members to "buy" Life Membership, as happens with some other Associations. He spoke initially about the "Rules" on Life Membership and then moved a motion to elect me to Life Membership. The motion was promptly seconded by David Renshaw, carried with applause and the President, Mike Culley, presented me with my "Life Member" Badge, while I was still wondering what had happened. Apparently, Grant had filled out the nomination form around the time of the 2001 Anzac Function and the Committee of Management had kept it a secret (from me) ever since.

I was extremely surprised and a little embarrassed because I didn't think my contribution to the Association had been as significant as that of John Bicknell, Reg Glass or Dutchy Holland. However, I am very pleased that I have been deemed worthy of election to Life Membership and would like to express my sincere thanks to the Committee of Management and the members.

- Jeff Johns, Lou Leeuwrik and Brian Tuohy recently contacted the Association. They all asked to be remembered to Association members.
- Harold Shipp will be awarded his OBE (Over Bloody Eighty) this month (February). Congratulations on your 80th Birthday, Harold.
- Congratulations go to Grant Kuchel who celebrates his 50th Birthday this month (February).

AEME/RAEME ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA INC WEB SITE

Wayne Birch has advised that the Association Web Site is now up and running under the "Diggerz" Web Site. The address is www.diggerz.org/users/raasa. It is a basic site and visitors should contact the Webmaster, Wayne Birch (e-mail wbirch@adam.com.au), with suggestions on improvements.

DIARY DATES 2002

<u>Activity/Function</u>	<u>Date</u>
- Fort Largs Guns Restoration	Saturday 9 February
- Committee of Management Meeting	Thursday 28 February
- Central Command Workshop/Adelaide Workshop Company Lunch	Tuesday 12 March
- Committee of Management Meeting	Thursday 18 April
- 2002 RAEME Mixed Anzac Reunion	Saturday 20 April
- Fort Largs Guns Restoration	Saturday 4 May
- Committee of Management Meeting	Thursday 20 June
- Fort Largs Guns Restoration	Saturday 3 August
- Committee of Management Meeting	Thursday 15 August
- Committee of Management Meeting	Thursday 17 October
- Fort Largs Guns Restoration	Saturday 2 November

COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT MEETING

The first Committee of Management meeting for 2002 will be held on **Thursday 28 February** at 7:30 pm in the **Warradale Area Sergeants' Mess** (southern side of the oval, first building from the south west corner). All members are very welcome.

CENTRAL COMMAND WORKSHOP/ADELAIDE WORKSHOP COMPANY LUNCH

Fred Brown has advised that the next luncheon get-together will be held on **Tuesday 12 March** at the Cremorne Hotel at 12:00 pm. **Please ring Fred on 8297 7408 or Max on 8296 6463 before Friday 8 March so they can let the pub know how many to cater for!** Numbers were down at the last luncheon in September last year so, as it is the 60th Anniversary of the formation of the Corps, let's see a good number at the pub to help celebrate. If you know of others who spent time in the Workshop, please bring them along.

2002 RAEME MIXED ANZAC REUNION

LTCOL Tim Hanna, Commanding Officer, 9th Combat Service Support Battalion, has given approval for our Association to conduct the 2002 RAEME Mixed Anzac Reunion in the **Warradale Other Ranks Canteen** (southern side of the oval, second building from the south west corner), on **Saturday 20 April** commencing at 7:00 pm. Format will be similar to last year.

This function is for serving and ex-serving members and their partners and friends. It will be an opportunity to renew old acquaintances and reminisce. Help will be required with Set-Up, cooking the BBQ, serving behind the Bar, selling Raffle Tickets and Clean-Up. If you can assist in any way please let me know. An invitation with all the details will be attached to the March Newsletter. **Mark the date in your Diary now!**

CENTRAL REGION RAEME OFFICER/WO/SNCO FORMAL DINNER 2001

On Friday 2 November 2001, 42 serving and ex-serving (23 from our Association) Officers, WOs and SNCOs sat down to a traditional "Formal Dinner" in the Sergeants' Mess at Keswick Barracks. This very enjoyable and successful occasion was organised for the Association by our own (ex) Vice President, CAPT Peter Reynolds, who did an excellent job. Special guests were the Honorary COLCOMDT RAEME, Central & Southern Regions, COL Jack Wilson, and the SO2 Corps RAEME, MAJ Doug Gammon, who brought with him the Corps Centrepiece (thanks, Sir).

Peter Reynolds is to be commended for his almost single-handed organisation of this function which was originally planned for mid 2001. The date had to be changed several times because of conflicts with other activities within 9 Brigade. The cost was higher than we would have liked, but this was a result of the Keswick Barracks Sergeants' Mess now being operated by private enterprise. Peter is to be especially commended for his hard work behind the scenes regarding the headaches caused by the increased security arrangements. This meant that a list of names of guests had to be supplied to the private Security company that operates the Gates so that those who attended would be allowed to enter Keswick Barracks. Peter also designed, printed and laminated the Souvenir Placemats (a job well done, Peter).

MAJ Martin Griffiths, Battery Commander, Support Battery, 16 AD, and Senior RAEME Representative, Central Region, has offered the Officers' Mess at Woodside Barracks as the Venue for the 2002 function. Please let me know your thoughts.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The AGM was held on Sunday 16 December 2001 in the Workshop Building at Warradale Barracks. 28 members and friends enjoyed the "free" Sausage Sizzle lunch cooked by Dutchy Holland (thanks, Dutchy) prior to the meeting.

COL Jack Wilson, Honorary COLCOMDT Southern & Central Regions, was unable to attend so MAJ Martin Griffiths, Battery Commander, Support Battery, 16AD, who is the Senior RAEME Representative in South Australia, chaired the meeting for the election of Office Bearers. He also took the opportunity to speak on the future of RAEME (thanks, Sir) noting that 2002 marks the 60th anniversary of the formation of the Corps.

The following changes took place in the Committee of Management positions:

- Vice President - Grant Kuchel in lieu of Peter Reynolds,
- Committee - New faces are Bob Killoran and Frank Owen,
- Auditors - Robin Maslen in lieu of Bob Killoran.

The meeting thanked Peter Reynolds for his contribution to the Association as a member of the Committee of Management, serving in various positions, for the last 10 years. Peter has stepped out of the Committee of Management because of his commitments to his civilian employment with the SA Metropolitan Fire Service, his GRES service as OC Tech Support at 3/9 Light Horse (SAMR) and his family, who are growing up fast.

The meeting surprised David Turner when they awarded him Life Membership in recognition of his contribution to the Association as Secretary for the last 8 years.

Doug Pammenter advised that he had approval from OC Field Workshop Company 9CSSB to proceed with the formation of a committee to organise a "Back-to-RAEME" Function at Warradale Barracks to coincide with the celebration of the 60th anniversary of the formation of the Corps. The meeting approved his request for assistance from the Association.

The meeting concluded with a very interesting presentation by Grant Kuchel on his recent trip to Europe with Exercise Longlook, an exchange programme with the British Army (thanks, Grant).

PRESIDENT'S REPORT TO THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 16 DECEMBER 2001

Thanks to a hard working committee and support from members, the AEME/RAEME Association of South Australia Inc has made it through another year.

The Anzac function at Warradale and the WOs, SNCOs and Officers dinner at Keswick were the two social outings for the year. I attended both and by the look of all in attendance a most enjoyable time was had by all who came along. It was pleasing to have MAJ Doug Gammon attend the Keswick dinner, it probably will be his last in his official capacity in SA, as he assures me he is retiring next year. Thanks, Doug, for all your dedication to the Corps and our Association.

From the committee point of view the Anzac do went well. We learnt from the year 2000 event, made some changes to lighten the load to make it all happen with a minimum of fuss. There are still improvements to be made and I am sure your committee will take them on board to make the 2002 event even better. To make every function perfect, we need members to attend so please come, rain, hail or shine and show your appreciation to the committee.

I have enjoyed working with all on the committee during the past year and I thank each and everyone for their support.

Mike Culley

NAVAL GUNS AT FORT LARGS (RESTORATION PROJECT)

The old museum site was repainted and the cabinets have been repositioned by some of the Academy workers over last Xmas.

Lindsay discovered the Lifting Mechanisms that raised the projectiles and charge bags to the surface. Lindsay and Peter got stuck in and soon had the Northern Gun's Lift working again. The Southern Gun's Lift is still not completely free in the bottom pulleys but otherwise is working freely. The pits of the Lifts were filled with sand and, many buckets of sand later two pulleys were uncovered and oiled. The Lift worked very smoothly and easily so Lindsay tested it by being raised on it to clean the shaft to the air supply from the roof. Apart from oiling and exercising the Guns most of our efforts were directed to the Lifts.

At long last the bearing cover plate was finally removed. Harold Shipp lent us a porta-power which was used to rotate the cover to break to seal. The plate was rotated back and forth a couple of times until it was moving easily and then we slowly used screwdrivers and then plates to jack it up. Eventually after a loud "crack" it appeared we had broken the centre section of the plate and the puller bar was removed. Then the plate came up relatively easy by jiggling from two sides. Once again the diagrams of the Guns mechanisms have been demonstrated to be WRONG! The centre section hadn't broken as the plate was not solid at all but the centre section that we have been trying to lift is a solid tapered locating lug. Graham Janz is claiming credit as he has become a regular this year.

Special mention to Lindsay and Peter for their sterling efforts in vacuuming the sand from the northern Lift pit and discovering the bottom metal plate about 5 inches below the pulleys.

The new Senior RAEME rep in SA, MAJ Martin Griffiths and his wife visited us and were impressed with the establishment. Martin commented on the simple but very effective mechanisms that are still capable of doing their intended function after a century.

The Northern Gun now is much easier to traverse by the hand wheels once the initial "seal" is broken. At the last work party we finally fitted grease nipples to the hand wheels and filled them with the good gear. This means that this Gun and its Lifting Mechanism is now nearly in as good condition as we can get it. We will only have to continue to grease, oil and exercise the mechanisms and breech block. This Gun has surprised us with the relative ease that it has responded to our endeavours and it goes to show once again not to judge a book by its cover. The only task that we want to complete is to remove the bearing cap and clean the balls and race and repack the grease.

The Southern Gun is still playing up as even with the new ball bearings it is refusing to traverse under its handwheels. We have exercised this mechanism for the rest of the year and as there

has been no improvement we will have to admit defeat. Both handwheels have had grease nipples installed and the elevating mechanism is now very easy to use as is the breech block. I know that I have said this before over the last five years, however as from the beginning of 2002 we will only have three monthly work parties. These will be for lubricating and exercising the guns to stop the mechanisms from binding.

My thanks to the usual crew for their time and efforts, Mike Culley, John Howard, Lindsay Johnson, Peter Schumann and Graham Janz for their continued interest in this project.

Keith Tainsh

DEFINITION OF OUTDOOR BARBECUING

It's the only type of cooking a "real" man will do. When a man volunteers to do such cooking, the following chain of events is put into motion:

1. The woman goes to the shop.
2. The woman makes the salad, vegetables, and dessert.
3. The woman prepares the meat for cooking, places it on the tray along with the necessary cooking utensils, and takes it to the man, who is lounging beside the BBQ, drinking a beer.
4. The man places the meat on the BBQ.
5. The woman goes inside to set the table and check the vegetables.
6. The woman comes out to tell the man that the meat is burning.
7. The man takes the meat off the BBQ and hands it to the woman.
8. The woman prepares the plates and brings them to the table.
9. After eating, the woman clears the table and does the dishes.
10. The man asks the woman how she enjoyed "her night off". And upon seeing her annoyed reaction, concludes that there's just no pleasing women.

- *Courtesy of The Horse's Mouth Spring 2001*

MESSAGE FROM DEPUTY HEAD OF CORPS

LTCOL Mike Barry CO/CI Materiel Support Division

Deputy Head of Corps

In late January this year (2001), when I received the message on my voice mail to call my career adviser urgently, I was somewhat puzzled. I had only been in my new appointment at ADFWC for a month, so it couldn't be a posting and I figured it probably wasn't a social call. Perhaps they had made a mistake and given me the wrong job. I rang back and was told that I was being considered for the position of CO/CI Materiel Support Division at ALTC, was I interested? After the initial surprise, and confirmation that it wasn't a joke, I said that of course I was interested. I was told to wait out, that I would be placed on the panel and should hear within a few weeks. I was confirmed into the appointment about a month later and quickly planned another removal and new schools, moving my family down from Maitland to Albury-Wodonga at the end of February (2001).

Following a period of shuttling backwards and forwards between ALTC and ADFWC, as I completed a few tasks and handed over to my replacement, I began to settle into my new appointment. For the first few weeks it seemed that every couple of days, someone would come into my office and say that, "by the way, you are responsible for this". They were busy times, and they remain busy. As does the Corps.

It seems that for quite a while now we have been told that "This year will be a busy year because of ... but next year should be quieter and we will have a chance to consolidate." Well, I think we are still waiting. We need to go back quite some time to find a period when we have been as busy as we are now. We have had members of the Corps on operations in East Timor, Bouganville, the Sinai, the Middle East, PNG, the Solomons and a number of other regional locations. We have supported the Sydney Olympics, Bi-Centennial celebrations, a number of major combined, unit and formation exercises, the Federation Guard and the list goes on.

Here at ALTC, we have been busy as training continues to pick up pace to match increasing training liability. We have taken the OJT tradesmen under our wing and now manage our initial trade trainees from when they start their training until they graduate as fully qualified tradesmen

and women. We are also busy planning to ramp up specialist training in preparation for new equipment such as Bushranger entering into service over the next few years.

Are we, as a Corps, in good shape? I think so. We have shortages in a number of areas, but so do many Corps and we are working to address these shortfalls. What is important is that the values and ethos that made us strong in the past continue to be fostered in today's tradesmen. Our young tradesmen are as enthusiastic and hardworking as ever and our master craftsmen, our Artificers, as dedicated and skilled as they were when I was a young Crafty. They just seem younger, or maybe it is that I am older. We are working hard on the trade front to build the trades that we need to move us forward in this 21st Century. As technology changes, so the skillsets needed by our young tradesmen and women changes. Aligned with this is the task of ensuring that our courses match the skillsets needed by our trades, and our training developers are working hard to validate and develop our courses to keep pace with these needs. New doctrine, long overdue, is being developed with four of five new pamphlets being published as developing doctrine over the next 18 months. Increasingly, our focus is on providing what the Land Army wants of its tradesmen.

CA Directive 5/01 directed the revitalisation of Heads of Corps with effect 1 July 2001. This has now taken effect. The Head of Corps is responsible to represent the Corps as the senior adviser for Corps capability and heritage. Supporting the Head of Corps are a Deputy Head of Corps, an ARA SO2 Corps and a GRES Major to act as Staff Officer to the Head of Corps. This will allow Corps input into trade management and other capability related issues and promises to provide us, as the Corps, with an improved opportunity to influence the direction that we take into the 21st Century.

Is the Corps in good shape? Yes I believe it is.

Arte et Marte

- Courtesy RAEME CRAFTSMAN Issue No.47 Summer 2001/2002

INTRODUCING RSM MATERIEL SUPPORT DIVISION AND RSM OF THE CORPS

453731 Warrant Officer Class One Dave Packer

It is with great pride that I take up the position of RSM of the Materiel Support Division and the position of RAEME Corps RSM. For those of you that I have not met I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself.

I was corps enlisted into the Army in July 1983 as a Metalsmith, and posted to Brisbane. On completion of my promotion subjects for corporal I attended the Recruit Instructor Selection Course and in 1988 I was posted to 1RTB as an Instructor/Section Commander. Although I chose to remain in the Regimental Stream, I also completed all of the trade courses for Metalsmith attaining the qualification of Artificer in July 1994.

I have enjoyed postings as a CSM at the following units: Vehicle and Armament Wings at RAEME Training Centre, 5 Aviation Workshop and Tech Support Squadron, and Field Workshop 3BASB. I was promoted to Warrant Officer Class One in January 1999 and posted to Regional Training Centre (NSW). In 2000 I was appointed RSM of 8 Combat Engineer Regiment in Newcastle, much to the horror of the members of RAE. In 2001 I was appointed as RSM of 11CSSB in Townsville.

In January 2002 I take up the appointment of Corps RSM and I am honoured to be given the opportunity to represent the Corps in this position. I enjoy talking to soldiers and look forward to gaining feedback from the "Crafties" of the Corps. The Corps will continue to change and develop new training and doctrine and I encourage soldiers of all ranks to have their say on these issues and where they see improvements could be made within the Corps and the Army.

I look forward to serving you as the Corps RSM and catching up with those in the Corps that I know and to meeting those who I have not yet had the pleasure of meeting.

- Courtesy RAEME CRAFTSMAN Issue No.47 Summer 2001/2002

EDITORIAL*D.J.Gammon OAM**MAJ SO2 CORPS RAEME*

I have had many enjoyable moments over the last forty-one years and ranking highly amongst them would have to be as the Editor of our Corps magazine.

Our Corps motto *Arte et Marte* is certainly reflected in the articles received for the magazine, the commitment to work, trade expertise and most important their humour is reflected in the articles written by our soldiers, NCOs and WOs.

The front cover of this and the last issue tries to depict in photo our soldiers at work in their various disciplines. If your trade is not represented, remember, I need a photo before I can print it. I have received several "stories that can now be told" and promised a few more so I will keep them for the next edition. Its good to be in a position where you have too many articles, so keep up the good work.

*Arte et Marte**- Courtesy RAEME CRAFTSMAN Issue No.47 Summer 2001/2002*MATERIEL SUPPORT DIVISION - (PRODUCING ARMY'S SOLDIER-TRADESMEN)*By LTCOL Mike Barry and CAPT Neil Warnock*

The Army Logistic Training Centre's - Materiel Support Division (MSD) is the result of the amalgamation in December 1995 of the Army Apprentice School and RAEME Training Centre, with Ammunition Platoon from the old RAAOC Centre thrown in for good measure.

The Division is responsible for providing initial trade training for RAE Carpenters, Plumbers and Electricians; RASIGS Technicians; RAEME Vehicle Mechanics, Fitter Armourers, Electrical Fitters and Electronic Technicians; and RAAF Ground Support Equipment Fitters (Vehicle Mechanics). In addition we conduct ATO and AT courses for RAAOC, as well as IEDD and EOD courses. We also run Construction Foreman courses for RAE, ADF Calibration courses, the full range of subject four courses for RAEME and specialist equipment courses for RAEME and other agencies as required.

For those members of the Corps who were a product of the Appy School and RAEME Training Centre, it may be of interest to know that the methods of training Soldier-Tradesmen has undergone radical change within the last few years.

The days of "signing-on" for a four-year apprenticeship have given way to the Army Technical Training Scheme (ATTS) consisting of a Competency Based Training environment. MSD long-term trainees complete an intensive off-the-job program of academic and practical tasks prior to undertaking an on-the-job (OJT) posting/placement, during which they consolidate their trade skills. Typically a trainee will spend 18 months completing a course at MSD and then undertake OJT for approximately 12 months. From here it's not hard to do the maths, the current training regime produces tradesmen in two and a half years as opposed to a four-year indenture.

The logical question now is "How is this reduction in training time achieved?"

The hallmarks of a well supported Competency Based Training Program allows a curriculum to be constructed so as to focus on the mandatory and essential skills for a given trade and to consolidate these skills throughout a course. In essence this allows a training establishment to "trim the fat" from courses that have (historically) been constructed for a broad civilian market.

By breaking a course into discreet elements of competency, there is more scope to effectively produce courseware, training aids and specialised instructional methods to meet the training objectives. Constructing courses in this manner results in significant reductions in training time with corresponding increases in retention of skills, knowledge and desirable attitudes among MSD trainees. Trainees within MSD generally work on real bits of kit with guidance and instruction that assists them in tackling technical problems they are likely to encounter during their military careers.

Whilst the courses at MSD are primarily focussed on problems likely to be encountered during the maintenance of military equipments, there is a requirement for trainees to develop broad

underpinning trade knowledge. Quite often the requirement to study subjects beyond the scope of a "military course" allows for civilian recognition of a given trade. The provision of a civilian recognised course is in no small way due to the involvement of RMIT University.

RMIT is an institution that has long been associated with technical excellence in the areas of trade and engineering training. As MSD's contracted Registered Training Organisation (RTO), RMIT provides academic, administrative (records) and instructional support to MSD for all of our RAEME trades.

Within MSD courses are delivered by one of three wings based on the technical specialisation of the particular trade to be studied. The wings within MSD are Armaments and Construction Wing, Electrical and Electronic Systems Wing and Vehicle Technology Wing. In order to effectively manage trainees undergoing OJT, the Division also has an OJT Company.

Each wing is commanded by a Major (OC/SI) who is supported by between 25 and 40 instructors. The instructional staff are drawn from various sources including currently serving military members, Australian Public Service (APS), RMIT instructors and (where required) Visiting Lecturers.

Each Wing is also provided with a Wing Sergeant Major and one or two Platoon Commanders to provide regimental support to their respective Sis.

In total the Division delivers training to approximately 380 long term Initial Trade Trainees and 100-150 specialist course and promotion course students at any one time. In addition, within the OJT Company we have approximately 220 soldiers undergoing 12 months OJT at Land Command and DMO workshops as well as civilian workplaces. Trainees undergoing OJT are managed by four regionally based Warrant Officers (supported by Regional Training Centres) in Sydney, Brisbane, Townsville and Bandiana (soon to move to Darwin). The Division conducts roughly 150 courses each year to meet a current net training liability of 1056 student. This keeps all staff extremely busy and a posting at MSD is by no means the respite posting that many expect.

It is understandable that many readers are now saying "This MSD place is nothing more than a TAFE college".

As an integral part of the Army Logistic Training Centre, MSD is unmistakably a military training establishment. The production of qualified tradesmen alone would not fulfil the requirement to provide the ADF with Craftsmen that are capable of being "soldiers first and tradesmen second". The ultimate aim of MSD is to produce craftsmen that are capable of taking their place in operational and logistic support units across the broader ADF.

Our regimental staff; comprising an RSM, three WSMs and four Platoon Commanders cope with a wider range of disciplinary, welfare and management issues in a year than the average Land Command unit would expect to see in a decade. The dynamic mix of ages, coupled with large numbers of students at different levels of training and experience creates a leadership challenge not seen elsewhere.

The Division adopts a simple philosophy - we are training soldier-tradesmen, not simply tradesmen. In order for a soldier to be a competent military tradesman at the end of his or her OJT, they must be able to step into a Land Command unit, be AIRN compliant and deployable. To achieve this, military skills need to be developed alongside technical skills.

To this end, the training environment includes ample opportunity for individuals to develop their potential for serving the Army and the Corps. The Division conducts periodic military training activities, range practices, navigation and first aid training, team building exercises and instruction to educate trainees in the roles and responsibilities of the Army's various trades and Corps.

A posting at MSD can be one of the most rewarding of your career. Here we have the opportunity to shape the future soldiers of the Corps, in doing so, we are shaping the very future of the Corps because among today's trainees are tomorrow's ASMs and officers.

- Courtesy RAEME CRAFTSMAN Issue No.47 Summer 2001/2002

FAREWELL ON YOUR RETIREMENT - WO1 PETER (SANDY) SANDILANDS

The last of the Recovery Mechanics that has ties back to the days of the Ward LaFrance and Diamond T wreckers is calling it a day. Not from choice or dares to say, however that dreaded birthday eventually comes around and one must go. After an association with the Army that goes back 37 years Sandy is about to retire.

Sandy started his working life with an apprenticeship at the Dept of Supply workshops at Zetland as a motor mechanic and enlisted in the CMF (GRES for the youngsters) at 103 FD WKSP at Leichhardt, Sydney in 1963. After a few years of doing the usual things as a civvy, changing jobs, getting married etc Sandy volunteered for full time service with 8 MDM REGT in June 1971 and enlisted in the ARA in June 1972. In 1974 he was posted to 8/12 MDM REGT followed by a posting to B SQN 2 CAV REGT in 1975 where Sandy performed the first ARVL recovery task in Australia (A SQN ARVL). In May 1977 a dream posting to Perth WKSP COY, this proved to be for a short time however, as in 1979 a posting on promotion to SGT to RECOV SECT, RTC was offered, that was followed by a posting to 102 FD WKSP in 1981.

Sandy and his family enjoyed Townsville, however in 1984 a posting to the REME School, Borden, saw Sandy and family off to England and Germany for two years. After that little excursion Sandy returned to Australia in July 1986 on promotion to WO2 at 1 ARMD REGT (what's a tank). In June 1988 a bit of relief with a posting back to RTC. WO1 and a posting to MEA followed in April 1991. In 1996 he was posted to ALTC followed by a return to AEMA (MEA) in January 2000. Sandy will retire from the ARA on 5 October 2001.

Two notable moments in Sandy's career would be his and the Sandilands family's European tour and his efforts to facilitate the introduction of the UNIMOG Medium Recovery Vehicle as a replacement for the old International Twin Boom.

Finally on behalf of all Recovery Mechanics we express our best wishes to Margaret and Sandy on his well-deserved retirement.

- *Courtesy RAEME CRAFTSMAN Issue No.47 Summer 2001/2002*

THE ARMY MUSEUM BANDIANA

In this edition we bid farewell to Mr. Colin La Motte. In 1976, as a Warrant Officer Class One (or was that First Class in those days), Colin was posted from Albert Park Barracks in Melbourne to Bandiana and told to establish the Royal Australian Army Ordnance Corps General Museum. He was given a World War Two warehouse, a few vehicles and a number of items that had outgrown their location in a classroom at the RAAOC Centre.

In 1981 Colin took discharge and was employed as a Storeman at 31 SUP BN for duty in the museum as the Curator. Colin attended a number of courses relating to museums and began the hoarding, swapping and collection process so important to establishing a museum from the ground up. The museum has come a long way since the days of sitting on empty wooden packing crates, sleeping under the stars and eating ration packs when out searching the countryside for treasure. 1997 saw the RACT Museum from Puckapunyal, the AACC Historical Collection from storage in Puckapunyal and the RAEME Historical Collection from storage in Bandiana integrate with the RAAOC Museum to form the Army Museum Bandiana.

1998 saw the Health Services Museum at Portsea close, and the RAAMC, RAADC and the RAANC Historical Collections also integrated into the museum at Bandiana. During 1999 a display was established for the Chaplain's Department as their training had been relocated from Sydney to Bonegilla.

Colin William La Motte retired as the Curator of the best Army Museum in Australia on 30 August 2001. Sincere best wishes for your retirement.

The last couple of years have seen the museum develop into a major tourist attraction with open days attracting large crowds. Visitor numbers are growing as the word spreads about the continued quality development of the museum.

Apart from supporting the Australia Day Parade in Albury with 10 vehicles, the Federation Festival Parade and Display in Canberra with 10 vehicles, and an Open Day, things have been pretty much as normal. That was until the Battle for Australia Day descended on us on Wednesday 5 September 2001. And what a day that was.

Music by the Australian Army Band - Melbourne. Precision drill displays by the Ceremonial Display Team from the Australian Federation Guard. Poetry reading by MAJ Robert Morrison, sample bags from the DVA, ANZAC biscuits provided by the Victorian RSL, old diggers from the 2/23 and 39 Battalions, all mixed with hundreds of school children, community and ex-service groups and staff and trainees from the Albury Wodonga Military Area. Sessions were held at 10:30 am, 12 noon and again at 2 pm.

The afternoon session at 2 pm also included the presentation of a plaque to Colin La Motte and the launching of the book compiled by MAJ Robert Morrison *Warrior Poets of the Australian Army 1901-2001*. The special guest was MAJGEN Frank Roberts, Training Commander - Army, who formally launched the book in front of a large and appreciative crowd.

Manager: MAJ Graham Docksey OAM, phone (02) 6055 2615

Curator: TBA, phone (02) 6055 2234

Museum Shop/General Inquiries, phone (02) 6055 2525 or fax (02) 6055 2886

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THE "RAEME CRAFTSMAN" MAGAZINE

Thanks to MAJ Doug Gammon OAM, who donated some back issues of the "RAEME Craftsman" magazine to the Association. Keith Tainsh is still looking for Issue Nos.1, 2, 6, 26, 28 and 29. If you have any Issues of the magazine you would like to donate please contact Keith on (08) 8326 2581.

THE ARMY MUSEUM

Corps Shop Bandiana

RAEME

History Book	\$ 45:00
Tie	\$ 25:00
Tie Pin	\$ 6:50
Coaster (pewter)	\$ 11:00
Thermal mugs	\$ 16:00
Stubby holders	\$ 7:00
Plaque	\$ 35:00
Prince Philip Banner	
Print (unframed)	\$ 5:00
Prince Philip Banner	
First Day Cover	\$ 2:50
Diary of Capt B.Dittmar	
while on duty in	
South Vietnam 1968	\$ 5:00
Arts Lapel Badge	
& Tie Tack	TBA

OTHER ITEMS

Corps Plaques for	
RAAMC, RAANC	\$ 35:00
Stubby holders for	
RAAMC, RAANC,	
RAADC, VIETNAM,	
UNITED NATIONS,	
MUSEUM LOGO,	
AUST ARMY RISING SUN,	
ARMY	
APPRENTICES	\$ 7:00
Thermal mugs for	
RAAMC, RAADC	\$ 16:00

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

Hats, cloth with Museum	
pictured on front	\$ 7:00
Hats, Suede with Army	
History Unit logo	\$ 15:00
Key rings, assorted	\$ 3:50
Army Apprentice badges	
(collar & hat)	\$ 5:00

For further enquiries phone *The Army Museum Bandiana* on (02) 6055 2525, Monday to Friday between 9:00 am and 4:00 pm or fax them on (02) 6055 2886. The prices include GST, they do not include postage and handling.

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WEB SITE ADDRESSES

AEME/RAEME Association of SA Inc: <http://diggerz.org/users/raasa>
 AEME/RAEME Association - ACT: <http://users.netinfo.com.au/~lwedd/raeme5.html>
 The RAEME Association (Vic) Inc: <http://www.nex.net.au/users/vraeme>
 The RAEME Association of WA Inc: <http://www.redbackwebs.com.au/raemewa/index.html>
 The RAEME Association of QLD: http://www.geocities.com/raeme_association
 102 Field Workshop: <http://www.users.bigpond.com/redotter/102.html>
 National Service Association: <http://www.nasho.asn.au>
 Vietnam Veterans Federation: <http://www.webmaster.net.au/vvf>
 Department of Defence: <http://www.defence.gov.au>
 Australian/Commonwealth Honours: <http://www.itsanhonour.gov.au>

MILITARY QUIZ

1. In what year were ration books introduced into Britain in wartime?
 2. On which date was the US Air Force founded?
 3. What was unusual about the Battle of Lang Vei (7 February 1968)?
 4. How old was Roland Boys Bradford VC the youngest General in the British Army when he was killed in action in November 1917?
 5. In which battle were dive bombers first used in support of a ground action?
 6. Which was the only British Empire Battalion to be awarded the title "Royal" during World War 1
 7. What was the last town on the Western Front to be liberated by British Empire troops in 1918?
 8. How many crewmen had a German AZU tank?
 9. Which naval battle was the first in history in which rival fleets never saw each other?
 10. What was the official name of Popski's private Army?
- *Courtesy Morphett Vale RSL Newsletter No.4 September 2001*

ARMY APPRENTICES' WEB SITE

Attention all Australian Army Apprentices. Craig "Crash" Cranston (ex 39th Intake) has created a Web Site for all interested ex-Appies. This will allow you to look up names and Email addresses for Appies by Intakes, thus allowing you to stay in contact with each other.

The address is:

<http://www.bit.net.au/~crashman/index.html>

To have your name and address included e-mail to:

crashman@bit.net.au

WHAT IS A POM

Four different races make up the British people;

- The Scots, who keep the Sabbath and everything else they can lay their hands on;
- The Welsh who pray on their knees and their neighbours;
- The Irish who don't know what the devil they want but are prepared to die for it,
- And the English, who consider themselves to be self made men, thereby relieving the Almighty of a dreadful responsibility.

- *Courtesy Morphett Vale RSL Newsletter No.4 September 2001*

MEMBERSHIPNew Members:

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

Graham de la Rue	Pat Wright
17 Gleneagles Circuit	67 Carnarvon Terrace
GREENWITH SA 5125	LARGS NORTH SA 5016

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

Marg Culley	Judy Turner
46 Moore Street	25 Deepdene Crescent
SOMERTON PARK SA 5044	O'HALLORAN HILL SA 5158

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

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

Honorary Life Members

John Bicknell, Reg Glass, Dutchy Holland, David Turner

Ordinary Members

Walter Ade (2002), Sharen A'Hang (2002), Milton Ahrens (2005), Ernest Atkinson (2003), Peter Badcock (2005), Joe Barton (2003), Howard Bergstrom MBE (2003), Wayne Birch (2002), John Black (2002), Helmut Bohn (2003), David Brand (2003), Bob Brown (2003), Fred Brown (2002), Ian Burgess (2003), Roger Burzacott (2003), Chris Castle (2003), Trevor Clerke (2003), Geoff Coat (2003), Don Collins (2002), John Corkran (2003), Brian Cox (2002), Peter Cox (2003), George Craig (2003), Mike Culley (2003), Bob Davis (2003), Graham de la Rue (2005), Chris Duffield (2003), Robert Duffield (2002), Nick Ebbs (2002), Bluey Etheridge (2003), Kym Everett (2004), Andrew Ferguson (2003), Jim Fisher (2003), Brian Flavel (2002), Jan Gancarz (2005), Bob Gell (2002), Nick Gogilis (2005), S.J. Gough (2002), Robert Grant (2002), Merv Grose (2002), Robert Hansford (2002), Jock Hart (2004), Arthur Hasse (2003), Brenton Hawke (2003), Greg Hay (2005), Norm Hay (2004), Colin Haynes (2002), Viv Helps (2004), Andrew Hobson (2002), Brian Holmes (2003), Darryl Horner (2002), John Howard (2005), Gary Howell (2004), Tony Ivens (2003), Graham Janz (2003), Jeff Johns (2002), Lindsay Johnson (2002), Michael Johnstone (2003), Eddy Kaminski (2002), Eric Kelly (2004), Bob Killoran (2003), Bob King (2002), Les Kovacs (2002), Grant Kuchel (2003), Les Lavis (2002), Alf Lee (2002), Lou Leeuwrik (2003), Ken Lorraine (2005), Greg Lowe (2003), Chris Macintosh (2002), A.D.Marks (2003), Trevor Martin (2002), Robin Maslen OAM (2002), Bill May (2005), Fred McInerney (2002), Philip McKelliff (2002), Pete McKenzie (2003), Gordon Mead (2005), Jake Meaney (2002), Don Morgan OAM (2003), Richard Moyses (2002), Barry Naulty (2003), Ian Nicholls (2003), Gary Nicolescu (2003), Murray Nitschke (2005), Bluey Nobes (2005), Jim Nurse (2005), Dave O'Brien (2005), Alex Oschmanns (2003), Mick O'Toole (2004), Frank Owen (2003), John Owen (2004), John Page (2002), Dick Pahl (2002), Dick Pailthorpe (2003), Doug Pammenter (2002), Nick Papanikolaou (2002), Geoff Parker (2003), Trevor Parrott (2002), Roger Parsons (2002), Greg Payne (2002), R. Payne (2003), Lionel Penley (2004), John Raftery (2003), Harry Ralph (2003), Hank Ramm (2002), Lionel Renfrey (2003), Dave Renshaw (2006), Peter Reynolds (2002), George Robinson (2002), William Robinson (2002), Bill Roch (2003), Greg Rosser (2003), Ray Ryan (2003), Perry Sangster (2005), Brian Sayers (2003), Barra Schmidtke (2003), Glendon Shaw (2003), Dave Shelly (2002), Harold Shipp (2003), Robert Silcock (2002), Victor Sobotnik (2002), Walter Soroka (2002), Max Sparrow (2004), Debbie Spicer (2005), Ian Starick (2002), Murray Stock (2002), Donald Sutherland (2006), James Szpunar (2008), Keith Tainsh (2003), Michael Tamassy (2002), Ian Taylor (2003), Paul Teague (2005), Simon Telleria (2003), Howard Terry (2003), Noel Thomas (2002), Dick Tischer (2007), Donald Tremethick (2003), Joe Tuckwell (2002), Shane Venning (2002), Bruce Watson (2003), Bruce Waye (2003), Graham West OAM (2003), Richard Williams (2002), Warren Williams (2002), Alan Wilson (2002), Betty Winstanley (2004), Pat Wright (2002), Brian Yelds (2003), John Zander (2004), Pete Zander (2002).

Associate Members

Marg Culley (2002), Anne-Michelle Howell (2002), Joan Lorraine (2002), Judy Turner (2003).

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

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

MILITARY QUIZ ANSWERS

1. 1918.
2. 18 September 1947.
3. It was the first time in the Vietnam War that North Vietnamese tanks attacked American troops.
4. 25 years old.
5. The battle of Ocotal in Nicaragua (16 July 1927) by the US Marine Corps.
6. The Royal Newfoundland Regiment in 1917.
7. Mons, liberated by the Canadian 3rd Division on the morning of 11 November 1918.
8. 18 (12 officers, 16 men).
9. Coral Sea (May 1942).
10. No.1 Demolition Squad.

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THE CRAFTSMAN MEMORIAL

The Craftsman Memorial, located at Gaza Ridge Barracks South Bandiana, not only provides a means of recognition to those who served in the Corps of RAEME but also as a repository for the ashes of a deceased member and their wife or husband. The theme is "COMRADES IN ARMS" where the ashes are scattered in the flower garden surrounding the bronze statue of the Craftsman and a bronze plaque placed on the Wall of Remembrance, recording the member's details. Individual placement of containers is not allowed.

There are eleven members ashes interned in the Memorial.

All inquiries regarding the Memorial and the internment of ashes should be directed to:

SO2 CORPS RAEME MAJ Doug Gammon OAM,
phone (02) 6055 2193 fax (02) 6055 2436
or e-mail doug.gammon@defence.gov.au

To cover the cost of the plaque a charge, currently \$150, is made.

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ARTE et MARTE

(Corps Motto: With Skill and Fighting)

David Turner
Hon. Secretary