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Dear Members,

Details of the most important function for this year, the **60th Anniversary of the formation of the Corps**, have been finalised. The **2002 Corps Birthday/Back-to-RAEME Re-union** will be held in **Warradale Barracks** at the **Other Ranks' Canteen on Sunday 10 November 2002**.

This family function, which will commence at 10:00 am, is for serving and ex-serving members, their families and friends. There will be displays of old and new military equipment. It will be an opportunity to renew old acquaintances and reminisce. A BBQ lunch will be available from 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm (cost \$5 per head for adults, children 12 years and under FREE). Refreshments will be available at special Bar prices. It is intended that the function will conclude at 2:00 pm. **An Invitation with all the details is attached to this Newsletter.**

Please return the "tear-off" slip to me at the above address, or ring me, after hours, on 8381 3644 before Friday 25 October at the latest so we know how many to cater for.

Jeff Johns and Lou Leeuwrik contacted me recently. They both asked that their regards should be passed on the members.

DIARY DATES 2002

<u>Activity/Function</u>	<u>Date</u>		
- RAEME Corps Seminar & Dinner	Wednesday/Friday	16/18	October
- Fort Largs Guns Restoration	Saturday	19	October
- Committee of Management Meeting	Thursday	24	October
- 60 th Birthday/"Back-to-RAEME" Re-union	Sunday	10	November
- Annual General Meeting	Sunday	15	December

2002 RAEME CORPS COMMEMORATIVE PORT

WO1 Noel Thomas and WO2 Grant Kuchel from Maintenance Company, 9CSSB, Warradale Barracks, are organising the Corps Commemorative Port to celebrate the 60th Anniversary of the formation of the Corps.

An Order Form with all the details is attached to this Newsletter.

NOTE: ORDERS CLOSE 11 OCTOBER 2002.

RAEME CORPS SEMINAR

The RAEME Corps Seminar will be held at the **Bandiana Central Instructional Facility from 16 to 18 October 2002.**

Activities will include a Key Note Address, presentations on a wide range of Corps issues, separate working/discussion groups on specific areas of interest, an All Ranks Function, a WO/SNCO Corps Regimental Dinner and an Officers Corps Regimental Dinner.

For more information contact MAJ Graham Anderson on phone (02) 6055 4308.

COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT MEETING

The next Committee of Management meeting will be held on **Thursday 24 October** 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. Entry to Warradale Barracks is through the Main Gate on Oaklands Road.

2002 RAEME BIRTHDAY/BACK-TO-RAEME FUNCTION

LTCOL Tim Hanna, Commanding Officer 9CSSB, Warradale Barracks, has given approval for our Association to conduct a family function to celebrate the 60th Birthday of the formation of the Corps. It will be held in the **Other Ranks Canteen at Warradale Barracks on Sunday 10 November 2002** (enter via the Main Gate on Oaklands Road).

The function will commence at 10:00 am and there will be a BBQ Lunch from 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm. Cost will be \$5 per head for adults (children 12 years and under FREE). Refreshments will be available at special Bar prices. There will be a Military Display of old and new equipment. It is intended that the function will conclude at 2:00 pm.

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting will be held in the **Workshop at Maintenance Company, Warradale Barracks, on Sunday 15 December 2002.** There will be a free "Sausage Sizzle" from 1:00 pm and the meeting will commence at 2:00 pm sharp.

You should note that our current Vice President, Grant Kuchel, a member of the Regular Army, will be stepping down because he will be posted to Melbourne in January 2003.

Please give serious consideration to giving some of your time by becoming a member of the Committee of Management in 2003. We meet bi-monthly on the 3rd Thursday of the month at 7:30 pm. 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 2 November 2002. 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".

NAVAL GUNS AT FORT LARGS (RESTORATION PROJECT)

The August Work Party was deferred due to inclement weather. The next Work Party will be held on Saturday 19 October 2002. It is hoped that we will have some new ball bearings so that we can replace those on the northern Gun on that date.

We invite you to drop in on us for a chat. Please check with me the day before on 8326 2581 to see if the date has had to be changed.

Keith Tainsh

BRIEF HISTORY OF FORT LARGS

The early proposals for local defence in South Australia were mainly concerned with the raising of volunteer forces or strengthening of the detachments of Imperial Troops.

After the outbreak of the Crimean War in 1854, it was recommended that the siting of a battery of 32 pounder guns be placed on Torrens Island along with the raising of a mobile force of field guns.

In 1861 when it seemed possible that the American Civil War would lead to a conflict between America and Britain, Commodore W.Wiseman, R.N. and Commodore G.H.Parkin, R.N. investigated the defence of the State further. They recommended building Forts at Glenelg, Semaphore, Torrens Island and inland towards Adelaide.

On 30th November 1878, The Military Force Act was assented to, this being an Act for the enlistment, regulations and discipline of a permanent Military Force.

In 1878/79 Major General Sir William F.D.Jervois, R.E., K.C.M.G. and Lieutenant Colonel Peter H.Scratchley, R.E. designed Fort Largs. At that time the Fort's official title was the "North Battery". The cost was reported in July 1883 as being 52,223 pounds, excluding the guns. The design of the Fort was similar to Fort Glanville, with similar lunette earthwork backed by concrete on the flanks. The gorge was closed by a defensible barrack in the centre with loop-holed walls and stockade on its flanks meeting the flanks of the lunette earthworks.

In April 1883 the armament was transported to Fort Largs from Port Adelaide in wagons each drawn by 17 horses. They consisted of two 9-inch Rifled Muzzle Loader guns, Mark II of 12 tons, sited in the position now occupied by the two 6-inch Mark VII guns. Two 80 pounder guns were sited either side of the 9-inch R.M.L. guns.

In April 1884 the 9-inch guns were fired for the first time.

In 1886 the barracks and rear defences were completed.

In 1889 the 80 pounders were dismantled and replaced by two 6-inch Mark V breech loader Armstrong guns. The gun pits for these were built in the main earthwork to either flank of the 9-inch R.M.L. guns.

In 1905 the second major change in the armament of the Fort took place. One of the 9-inch guns was dismantled and replaced by a 6-inch B.L. Mark VII gun.

In April 1910 the second 9-inch gun was replaced and the magazines constructed with lifts to take the cartridges to floor level.

In 1916 Fort Largs became a temporary Prisoner of War Camp. After the War ended, the Fort entered a period of strictly limited defence expenditure.

In 1929 electric light was installed to replace the original oil lamps.

In 1939, at the outbreak of World War II, new guns were sent to replace those dismantled and more manpower arrived. During the next two years, new barrack blocks, mess hall, ablution blocks and drill hall were constructed.

In January 1942 further guns were installed. In February the same year, it was decided to move the guns to a new position 600 metres north where camouflage was easier.

By 1945 Adelaide was no longer considered a Defence Port and activity reduced to care and maintenance basis. The guns were returned to their original location within Fort Largs.

Between June 1952 and December 1960, the Fort was used as a WRAAC Barracks.

In 1961 the Fort became surplus to Army requirements and it was offered to the South Australian Government. Several suggestions were made as to its best use. Finally it was transferred to the South Australian Police Department as a site for the Police Academy.

In 1962, on a sunny afternoon, two former coast artillery gunners drove slowly through the gates of Fort Largs. Nearby a khaki-clad group of youngsters marched smartly along the roadway and in the distance another party hoed and raked up weeds. It was all very much like 1937 or 1912 or perhaps like 1887.

- *Courtesy John Howard*

AND WHO SAID THE IRA COULDN'T HELP!

An old man lived alone in Ireland. He wanted to spade his potato garden, but it was very hard work. His only son, a member of the IRA who would have helped him, was in Long Kesh Prison. The old man wrote a letter to his son and mentioned his predicament.

Soon afterward he found this message on his telephone answering machine; "For HEAVEN'S SAKE Dad, don't dig up the garden, that's where I buried the GUNS!"

At 4 am the next morning, a dozen British soldiers showed up and dug up the entire garden, without finding any guns.

Confused, the old man wrote another note to his son telling him what happened, and asking him what to do next. His son's reply was: "Now plant your potatoes, Dad. It's the best I could do at this time."

- *Courtesy "The Horse's Mouth" Winter 2002*

BOILING WATER

This message was passed to the Editor by a friend. It is felt that everyone should be informed of the possible consequences of doing what is described.

HEATING WATER IN MICROWAVE

I was very glad to get this e-mail from a friend, because I have been guilty of heating water in a microwave many times. You'll be glad you read it. I also suggest passing it along to friends and family.

About five days ago, my 26-year-old son decided to have a cup of instant coffee. He took a cup of water and put it in the microwave to heat it up (something that he had done numerous times before). I am not sure how long he set the timer for but he told me he wanted to bring the water to a boil.

When the timer shut the oven off, he removed the cup from the oven. As he looked into the cup he noted that the water was not boiling. Then, instantly, the water in the cup blew up into his face.

The cup remained intact until he threw it out of his hand but all the water had flown out into his face due to the buildup of energy. His whole face is blistered and he has 1st and 2nd degree burns to his face, which may leave scarring. He may also have lost partial sight in his left eye.

While at the hospital, the doctor who was attending him stated that this is a fairly common occurrence and water (alone) should never be heated in a microwave oven. If water is heated in this manner, something such as a wooden stir stick or a tea bag should be placed in the cup to diffuse the energy.

Here is what our science teacher has to say on the matter:

“Thanks for the microwave warning. I have seen this happen before. It is caused by a phenomenon known as super heating. It can occur any time water is heated and will particularly occur if the vessel that the water is heated in is new.

“What happens is that the water heats faster than the vapour bubbles can form. As the bubbles cannot form and release some of the heat that has built up, the liquid does not boil, and the liquid continues to heat up well past its boiling point. What then usually happens is that the liquid is bumped or jarred, which is just enough shock to cause the bubbles to form and expel the hot liquid. The rapid formation of bubbles is also why a carbonated beverage spews when opened after having been shaken.”

Please pass this on to everyone you know, it could save a lot of pain and suffering.

- *Courtesy “The Horse’s Mouth” Winter 2002*

HALF-COCK

In the Association Newsletter of July 2000, I printed a question asked by the Patron of the RAEME Association NSW Inc., BRIG R.S.P.Amos RFD ED. It was:

- A Lee Enfield .303 Short Rifle has a feature called a “half-cock”. What is the purpose of this feature that the designers of this rifle included?

Some time ago Lindsay Johnson sent me, via Keith Tainsh, a photocopy of a page from a book with the page title “WHEEL-LOCK TO FLINTLOCK”. I apologise for not acknowledging your efforts earlier, Lindsay.

This states in part “as might be expected, once the snap-lock had made its mark the idea spread and led to some variations. The English lock, or ‘dog-lock’ appears to have been derived from the Dutch snaphaunce. This lock takes its name from the addition of a small hook, or ‘dog’, on the side of the frame behind the cock. On pulling back the cock this dog snapped into a recess on the cock so as to hold it at the half-cock position. It was quite impossible to release the cock by pulling the trigger in any way. The only way to fire the gun was to pull back the cock to the fully-cocked position, then thumb the dog out of the way before pressing the trigger.”

What reminded me of all of this was the following article in June 2002 issue of the Newsletter of the RAEME Association of NSW Inc.

EXTRACT FROM “SMALL ARMS MANUAL” JUNE 1942 EDITION

BY LT.COL J.A.BARLOW S.A.C. - THE WEST YORKSHIRE REGIMENT

RIFLE .303inch S.M.L.E. Mks. III & III* also No.4 (all marks)

(ii) Mechanical Safety.

If the bolt is not correctly closed when the trigger is released, one of two things will happen, viz. either:

- (a) The Bolt will be forced into the closed position by the cocking piece going forwards,
- or
- (b) The action will go into *half-cock*.

The half-cock position is brought about as follows:

With the bolt so far from being closed that it will not respond in (a) above, the stud on the cocking piece jams behind the stud which lies between the long and short cam grooves on the bolt. On releasing the trigger the sear rises, and on pushing down the bolt-lever (handle) the cocking piece is freed from interference with the stud on the bolt, flying forward under the influence of the striker spring until it is again held up, this time by the engagement of its half-bent with the sear. The half-bent being undercut, the trigger is locked; at the same time the stud on the cocking piece is now in the long cam groove in the bolt and lying immediately alongside the stud dividing the long and short grooves and therefore the bolt-lever cannot be rotated and the action opened.

To **remedy** when the bolt goes into **half-cock**, pull back the cocking-piece by hand to full cock. No **other action is possible**.

(end of quote)

In a practical situation, when approaching a target in a silent “crawl” movement through scrub and underbrush, setting a loaded SMLE rifle at half-cock is the safest way to carry it. It is impossible for the rifle to be accidentally discharged other than through breakage of one or more components, but can be readied for shooting quickly and silently.

Relying on using the normal safety catch under the above conditions of action can result in the safety catch being snagged and disengaged, then either the rifle may be unexpectedly discharged, or the bolt handle lifted by the foliage, with the compressed striker spring forcing the bolt backwards, ejecting a live round with accompanying mechanical clatter, thus destroying the surprise element.

Readers are assured that both scenarios are not hypothetical, as both have been observed from a distance too close for comfort, at one time or another, by the writer as an active SMLE rifleman between 1936 and 1992 (Club shooter, AIF, CMF, & Service Rifle Club).

- *R.A.Franklin Maj. (Rtd) RAEME*

- *Courtesy RAEME Association NSW Inc. Newsletter Issue 101 June 2002*

JAPANESE BANK CRISIS

According to our inside contacts the Japanese banking crisis shows no signs of ameliorating. If anything, it's getting worse. Following last week's news that Origami Bank had folded, we are hearing that Sumo Bank has gone belly up, and Bonsai Bank plans to cut back some of its branches. Karaoke Bank is up for sale and is going for a song. Meanwhile, shares in Kamikaze Bank have nose-dived and 500 back office staff at Karate Bank got the chop. Analysts report that there is something fishy going on at Sushi Bank and staff there fear they may get a raw deal.

- *Courtesy "The Horse's Mouth" Winter 2002*

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- *Courtesy "RAEME Head of Corps Newsletter" June 2002 (2nd Edition)*

DHOC REPORT MARCH 2002

This year marks the 60th anniversary of the Corps and, as a consequence of the revitalisation of the Head of Corps function, we are seeing a revitalisation of the corps. What do I mean by this? There are a lot of people working very hard in workshops across the Army, in project offices within the DMO, within our training institutions, our personnel management agencies and our doctrine cells, but I believe a lot of this work goes unheralded. Members of the corps are busy and we need to stop sometimes and take stock of what we are doing, where we are, and where we are going. This is the focus of this year.

The recent posting cycle saw the appointment of two key positions within the Corps. MAJ Graham Anderson moved from Brisbane to take up an appointment as SO2 Corps, a recently established full time position located on the Materiel Support Division SED at ALTC. In addition, WO1 Dave Packer has sacrificed two years with his family to take up the reins as RSM MSD and Corps RSM. This position is now Corps Coded to provide both MSD and the Corps with a full time RSM. The SO2 Corps, Corps RSM and I will get out and about this year,

visiting units and formations, as well as the personnel and trade management agencies to progress Corps issues.

To keep you abreast of these issues, the SO2 Corps will shortly publish the first of a series of newsletters to provide you with a snapshot of the Corps. It will address issues such as manning shortfalls; progress on critical trades; trade management issues and the progress of trade reviews. The newsletter will also provide an update on where we are with new doctrine, and there are several new publications being progressed at the moment; new equipment and training. It will be distributed to units and sub-unit workshops, to DMO, formation HQ, DOCM and SCMA and to our training schools.

In October we will hold a Corps Seminar. The format and agenda are still being developed but it is planned to conduct the Seminar over several days with a mix of central presentations and side working groups looking at key issues. More will be announced on this over the coming months. The aim of the seminar is to look at where the Corps is now and where do we want to be in the future, and we are seeking suggestions and proposals for agenda items to ensure that we address the issues that you want addressed.

This promises to be a busy year for the Corps as we continue to define our role in the army of the 21st Century and to redefine the role of the Head of Corps function. I look forward to meeting many members of the Corps as I travel round during the year.

LTCOL Mike Barry

Deputy Head of Corps

Arte et Marte

- Courtesy "RAEME CRAFTSMAN" Issue No.48 Winter 2002

EDITORIAL

By way of a brief background I entered the Corps of RAEME in 1979 on completion of my four year vehicle mechanic Army Apprenticeship (31st Class). In 1985 I attended OCS Portsea and graduated back to the Corps. I have had a variety of postings at base, force, formation and unit level. I have had the pleasure of working both in Australia and overseas in joint and combined force environments. It is with much pleasure that I take up the appointment as SO2 Corps and I look forward to the challenges that it will bring.

In May 2000, DCA directed that a review be conducted of the decision to transfer HOC functions to TC-A. The review found that there were significant shortfalls in how the Army performed the functions, previously the responsibility of HOC. Based on the finding of the review the Chief of Army directive 05/01 called for the revitalisation of the HOC function. The RAEME HOC function is represented by the appointment of senior officers as HOC and DHOC, and WO1 Corps RSM. Each of these appointments is an extra regimental responsibility. Additionally, the HOC is allocated a GRES Major and an SO2 Corps full time position.

The most serious shortfalls in the review were identified in the trade management function. In order to address trade management issues an EME Trade Management Cell has been established within the Development Group of ALTC headed up by Major Gerry Stow and his team of trade experts. A Trade Management cell has also been established within DGPERS-A to re-establish an AHQ authority for trade and employment policy issues.

The other significant shortfall identified by the Review Team was the inability of the Honorary HOC system to adequately represent the requirements of each Corps in areas of Regimental and Corps heritage, capability development and personnel management.

The role of HOC is to represent the Corps as the senior adviser for Corps capability and heritage. HOC represent CA as the authority for the capability each Corps provides the Australian Army.

The specific tasks and functions of the SO2 Corps will become more focussed as the HOC Strategic Plan is developed in line with the AHQ guidance. Initially I seek to provide a POC to members of the corps for Corps related issues, be they capability, personnel or heritage related. The HOC is an advisory function and as such does not exercise executive command. To that end I do not seek to usurp or disrupt the chain of command. I will be representing the

Corps to a broad range of Army and Defence agencies where RAEME has a stakeholder interest. In order to effectively represent the Corps interests HOC need to be kept updated on issues from Formations, Commands and Regions. It is intended to facilitate the flow and dissemination of information through a number of avenues.

- Liaison and Visits Programme,
- Corps Conference and Seminars,
- Interaction with centralised courses conducted at ALTC,
- Bi-monthly Corps Update,
- RAEME Corps Regional Representatives, and
- Corps Website.

In representing the Corps and achieving the CA objectives the HOC organisation relies very heavily on support from the Corps Regional Representatives, Colonels Commandant and Regional Committees. I look forward to meeting with you in the near future.

A RAEME Corps Seminar is to be held at Bandiana over the period 16-18 October 2002. In recognition of the Corps 60th anniversary this year's seminar will be a major event and attendance at all levels is recommended and strongly encouraged. The seminar will involve a keynote speaker, central forum presentations as well as sub working groups on specific items of interest. It is planned for an all ranks function, WO/SNCO function and Officers function won separate nights. The Corps Committee Meeting will be held in conjunction with the seminar. I will be canvassing for issues/discussion papers that people feel would be suitable for discussion items.

SO2 CORPS - Major Graham Anderson

- Courtesy "RAEME CRAFTSMAN" Issue No.48 Winter 2002

RAEME CORPS RSM REPORT

Well the first six months in the job have been more than I expected and very rewarding. The discussions I have had with the soldiers of the corps have been productive and I hope there is enough time to tackle the "War Winning" issues that have been brought to my attention. Many of these issues have been raised and discussed at different levels. Some have been resolved; some have been forwarded to the next level to hopefully be resolved. Then, unfortunately, there are those things that will need to see us go back in time 15 to 20 years. Remember the good old days when we had Base Workshops to rotate soldiers through respite postings. When we had people called Clerk Production to input maintenance data instead imposing this task on our critical tradesmen whom could be better employed conducting maintenance. Who could forget when we had soldiers, not civvies, who rebuilt and repaired vehicle components in something called an MUA section. And of course the only time we saw contractors was when they delivered our stores and spare parts to the Storeman Technical General. Back then I can't recall Army ever having a retention problem. I hear you say "Oh for a perfect world", yes, we did have something that was pretty close to perfect, but I don't want to sound like a dinosaur.

A Head of Corps visit to Canberra in March/April raised the corps' concerns on trade shortages with Defence Establishments and Personnel and Defence Recruiting. This showed to be one area that was not well understood or had been passed over in some cases. However after these issues were raised and discussion into the consequences of some of these declining trades, measures were put in place to address these problems and prevent further decline. Deputy Head of Corps will have more on this issue in his report.

Hands up those of you in CSSBs, FSBs and other Logistics units that have a RAEME RSM. If you have your hand up take another look, we don't have any. The corps has not only lost many of its tradesmen but also many of it's RSMs, CSMs and regimental soldiers. SCMA and myself have identified that the corps needs to re-establish a sound regimental stream and a base on which to draw potential CSMs, RSMs. The regimental stream offers much, soldiers can have a chance to take a break from trade to further develop their military and man management skills, skills that will be invaluable weather remaining in the regimental stream or going back to trade. SCMA encourage interested soldiers to move in and out of trade and regimental postings, and

it will not be detrimental to the soldier's career. Many soldiers have gone to postings like Kapooka with huge apprehensions only to find what a totally fulfilling posting it can be. RAEME has several regimental positions around Australia, and unfortunately many are vacant or filled by other corps. For crafties there is the Federation Guard; for CPLs, SGTs, and WOs we have positions in Training and Land Commands and Recruiting. If supervisors can identify any potential soldiers for the regimental stream or individual soldiers are interested in a career in the regimental stream, then contact me on the phone number or e-mail address below. This will be the only way of getting the RAEME hat badges back into the Logistics RSMs positions.

Dave Packer: Corps RSM

- Courtesy "RAEME CRAFTSMAN" Issue No.48 Winter 2002

SO THAT'S IT!

- (a) The Japanese eat very little fat and suffer fewer heart attacks than the British or Americans.
- (b) On the other hand, the French eat a lot of fat and also suffer fewer heart attacks than the British or Americans.
- (c) The Japanese drink very little red wine and suffer fewer heart attacks than the British or Americans.
- (d) The Italians drink excessive amounts of red wine and also suffer fewer heart attacks than the British or Americans.
- (e) Conclusion: Eat and drink what you like. It's speaking English that kills you.

- Courtesy "The Horse's Mouth" Winter 2002

RESERVE COMPANY TO EAST TIMOR

Army Reservists will play a greater role in Australia's East Timor operations, the Minister assisting the Minister for Defence, Danna Vale, announced recently.

"A company manned largely by Reservists will deploy to East Timor as part of the next Australian rotation later this year," Minister Vale said. "This will be the first time since World War II that a formed combat arms unit of Army Reserve soldiers has deployed on operations."

Minister Vale said the decision delivered on the Howard Government's commitment in the 2000 Defence White Paper to make greater use of the Reserves to support and sustain ADF operations for extended periods.

"The Government's Defence White Paper articulated a new strategic role for Reserves to stand shoulder to shoulder with their Regular counterparts in contemporary military operations," Minister Vale said. "This is a significant move away from Reservists' past role where they served as a mobilisation base for the ADF in times of major conflict or threat. Already Reservists have been successfully deployed as part of Army units, such as the 6 RAR Battalion Group that went to East Timor in 2000. Reservists working alongside regular Army personnel have made an invaluable contribution to Australia's efforts in East Timor, proving they can do the job they have been trained to do."

In order to commence the necessary force preparation and pre-deployment training, Army will shortly call for Reservists to volunteer for 12-14 months' full-time service in the infantry company. The Reservists will deploy with the same conditions of service and allowances as their regular counterparts whilst on operations.

Minister Vale said the Federal Government recognised that balancing the needs of Reserve service with workplace requirements could be difficult for some businesses.

"Reservists bring extra skills to their workplace, and the experience gained on operational deployments such as this will be of great benefit to businesses which employ Reservists," the Minister said. "In addition, eligible employers will also be able to access the Federal Government's Employer Support Payment scheme which provides compensation to businesses for releasing employees to serve in the deployment. The men and women of the Army Reserve are an essential and integral part of the Army and I am confident that the Reserve company will repeat the success of Reserve contributions to previous deployments."

- Courtesy "The Horse's Mouth" Winter 2002

DEFENCE PEOPLE AT THE SHARP END

The Minister assisting the Minister for Defence, Danna Vale, recently strongly rejected claims that the Australian Defence Force's capacity to defend Australia was at risk.

"Our successful role in East Timor, and our role in the International Coalition Against Terrorism, both of which have been highly praised by the international community, are evidence of how wrong those claims are," Minister Vale said. "Highly skilled and trained ADF personnel are doing the jobs they should be doing, defending Australia's interests and taking their place alongside the rest of the world in military operations. Over the last ten years the ratio of Defence personnel in combat roles has increased by over 20%. In June 1991 just over 40% of the ADF were at the sharp end of capability, today that figure is 62.4%."

Minister Vale said both retention and recruitment rates for Defence personnel were increasing.

"ADF separation rates over the past eight months have shown a marked improvement, particularly in the current economic environment," she said. "Historically, a healthy economic environment means an increase in separation rates. As at 31 March 2002, the annual separation rate for Army was 11.9%, Navy 11.45% and Air Force 11.11%. These rates represent a significant shift downward when compared to the ADF three-year average of 12.97%. This change represents the first shift against what was an ascending trend over the previous three financial years."

Minister Vale said in the last financial year the ADF recruited 7,697 personnel, a 34% increase over the previous year.

"So far this year the ADF has recruited 6,725 personnel, 757 more people than at the same time last year."

Minister Vale acknowledged that Defence recruitment was below ideal levels, a difficulty shared by all Western volunteer forces which faced great competition for highly skilled applicants in good economic times.

However she said the trends indicated Defence was on track to meet its targets in the near future.

"Our Defence personnel are serving Australia proudly in operations throughout the world, and have received great praise for their professionalism, skill and dedication," Minister Vale said.

- *Courtesy "The Horse's Mouth" Winter 2002*

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 The RAEME Association (Vic) Inc: www.nex.net.au/users/vraeme (under construction)
 The RAEME Association of WA Inc: www.redbackwebs.com.au/raemewa
 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
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THE ARMY MUSEUM BANDIANA

The year has started the way the last one finished, busy with little time for rest. Last year saw some 14,000 visitors through the door and expectations are that this year will exceed that figure. The first major activity for the new year was the Australia Day Parade and static display in Albury on 26 January. Again, as in the past, the Museum led the parade with ten historic vehicles. With the aid of a number of very talented final year tradesmen from the Army Logistic Training Centre, working under the ever watchful eye of Warrant Officer Class Two Ian Pullen, we were able to also parade a Lighter Amphibious Resupply Cargo (LARC V) and a 1942 Staghound Armoured Car. This very diverse line up of historical vehicles also included a 1953 Saracen Armoured Personnel Carrier and DUKW. The LARC was of particular interest to the

public due to its size and markings in International Orange. The opportunity gave the tradesmen a chance to drive the vehicles they had been maintaining. Thanks team.

The next day the same vehicles, less the LARC, ventured to Corowa to take part in the Federation Festival Parade and later in a static display. Again the diversity of vehicles proved very popular with the large crowd lining the streets and later as they viewed the static display. The weather again was perfect.

Unfortunately, without continued funding, activities like these will become simply faded memories of an exciting past. A time when mixing with the public was expected and very much welcomed. These opportunities represent an excellent opportunity to promote both the Museum and the Army.

Both these activities provided the staff with an opportunity to both prepare the vehicles and to actually drive them in front of an appreciative public. The museum is mindful that the public having paid for these vehicles and their maintenance, therefore has a right to see them not only sitting in a museum.

The year the museum has been very fortunate to have the services of an excellent cabinet-maker (Bob the builder) for several months, which has seen some major improvements to our displays. As part of museum staff continuation training, the Manager, Curator, Assistant Curator (Jackie Hicks) and Maintenance Supervisor (David McCabe) visited the Army Tank Museum at Puckapunyal on Wednesday 13 February. Our host was the Curator, Warrant Officer Class Two Joe Linford (we are still waiting for a coffee Joe). Joe provided a very detailed overview of the operation of the museum for the staff. Some valuable "horse trading" was conducted, as one would expect when committed and professional staffs get together. A great visit.

The Tank Museum is a great museum to visit. Thanks Joe.

The purpose of the visit was to provide an opportunity for the staff of both museums to liaise, exchange views and gain some wider experience of another large Military Museum with similar challenges. There will be more visits to other museums as time (and money) permits. Staff training continues to be a high priority for the museum with staff attending first aid, first aid refresher, museum practice and OH&S courses.

I will take this opportunity to welcome Warrant Officer Class One Chris Seymour to the network as the Quartermaster for the Army History Unit. Chris has a large task ahead and he will need all our support, so let's get behind him. Also we welcome Warrant Officer Class Two Kym Lambert who has joined the Reserve Staff of the Museum. Kym has the task of bringing all items in the museum onto the Army Heritage Management System. Given the size of this museum, Kym will need an age extension to complete the task. Good-luck Kym. Our other Reserve member is Private Nicole Thornton who can be seen ducking in and out when her civilian job allows. Nicole's mission for AHU is to look after the Army's Heritage Uniform Collection.

Sunday 10 March saw the museum provide support for the Albury Air Show. The museum provided the following historic vehicles: 1958 Ceremonial Landrover, 1958 Ferret Scout Car, 1941 White Scout Car, 1953 Saracen Armoured Personnel Carrier, 1942 Staghound Armoured Car, DUKW and LARC V.

Diversity is the spice of life for a museum such as the Army Museum Bandiana. The museum represents more than simply guns and tanks; we have a diversity that is only possible by having now integrated eight historic collections together. A diversity that shows both serving members and the wider community about Army Catering, Chaplains, Electrical and Mechanical Engineering, Nursing, Dental, Medical, Transport and Supply. This is supplemented by a display featuring the 2/23rd Australian Infantry Battalion, which was formed in Albury during World War II. Further displays include the Australian Women's Army Service, Army Apprentices, Vietnam Veterans and the range of United Nations operations.

Cooperation between the Museum, and the Army Museum Bandiana Foundation, Chaired by COL John Neale, OAM, RFD, ED (RL) is at an all time high with both parties working side-by-

side with the common purpose of continuing to further develop the museum. Volunteers have commenced to operate the museum on Sundays and public holidays. As more volunteers become available the museum will look at again opening on Saturdays. Presently the museum is open Monday to Friday and Sundays from 0930 hours to 1600 hours except for a couple of public holidays. If you are able to volunteer to support the operation of the museum, we would be pleased to talk with you. We need your support so give us a call.

The Museum Liaison Officer, Mr. Darryl Tinker has been flat out lining up local business organisations to become supporters of the museum. The projects have been very successful with many a new project coming on-line or in the pipeline. Great effort Darryl. Planning is in progress for the establishment of an educational facility where school groups, historical groups and military members can receive audio-visual presentations in conjunction with their visit to the museum. Local businesses are providing the carpeting, heating and cooling, lighting and power, paint, doors and seating. The audio-visual and sound system has already been provided.

The new weapons display is nearing completion, new display cabinets have been installed for the Boer War, World War I and World War II areas. New fencing around the displays is in progress as I write. The smell of fresh paint is constantly in the air with the total floor area being painted. In most areas this is the first coat of paint since the building was constructed during World War II.

The last couple of months has been busy with visitors, inquiries, refurbishment programmes and staff training. We thrive on the excitement of being busy.

Get to know the staff: Mrs Elizabeth (Libby) Newell

In this edition we formally introduce Libby Newell as the new Curator.

Libby commenced her appointment on 19 November 2001 which was also her birthday. Following is some general information about Libby:

An interest in the local history of Uralla, a village in the New England region of New South Wales, prompted Libby to join the local historical society. The Uralla Historical Society just happened to manage McCrossin's Mill Museum. As a volunteer attendant and executive member of the management committee from 1984 until 2000, it was inevitable that an interest in local history evolved into a passion for all regional and community museums.

A growing awareness of the paucity of resources, both human and material, in the regional sector of museums, as well as a desperate need for 'hands on' training in collection management skills, especially in the volunteer-managed sector of museums, resulted in Libby's active involvement in establishing a regional chapter of Museums Australia NSW in 1995.

The chapter network, as well as providing collegial support to an enthusiastic and dedicated band of volunteer museum workers, also delivered outreach programmes to community museums in the New England region. One of the museums involved in the chapter network was the 12th/16th Hunter River Lancers & 24th Light Horse Regimental Collection located in Armidale.

As a consequence of her regional activities, Libby was appointed to the Board of the Museums & Galleries Foundation of NSW in 1998 to represent the interests of the volunteer-managed sector of museums. Early in 1999, she became the Secretary of the NSW Branch of Museums Australia. Current committee activities include the NSW Ministry for the Arts' Museums Advisory Committee, the Museums & Galleries Foundation's Volunteer Advisory Committee, a Project Management Steering Committee to oversee a pilot programme to trial Levels II, III and IV Certificates in Museum Practice in the Riverina and a second Project Management Committee to oversee the development of the Bonegilla Migrant Reception Centre as an interpretative heritage site.

In 2001, Libby completed a Graduate Certificate in Museum Studies at Deakin University and is currently enrolled in the Graduate Diploma course at the same university. Welcome Libby.

The next major museum activity will be Battle for Australia Day on Wednesday 4 September 2002. More information to follow on that in the next issues.

Have you visited the museum lately?

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Curator: Mrs. Libby Newell Phone (02) 6055 2234
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 - Courtesy "RAEME CRAFTSMAN" Issue No.48 Winter 2002

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	Coaster (pewter)		Prince Philip Banner	
"Craftsmen of the Australian	(2 per pack)	\$ 8:00	First Day Cover	\$ 2:50
Army" Book		\$ 45:00	Thermal mugs	\$ 12:00
Tie		\$ 25:00	Stubby holders	\$ 7:00
Tie Bar		\$ 8:00	Plaque	\$ 40:00
Tie Pin (Tack)		\$ 7:00	Prince Philip Banner	
Cuff Links		\$ 15:00	Print (unframed)	\$ 5:00
			Statue	\$ 80:00
			Coffee Cup	\$ 7:00
			Mouse Mat	\$ 6:00

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.

DID YOU KNOW?

The Cruise Liner, Queen Elizabeth II, moves only 6 inches (150 mm) for each gallon (4.5 litres) of diesel that it burns.

- Courtesy "The Horse's Mouth" Winter 2002

9RAR NATIONAL REUNION MELBOURNE 2002

Former members of 9RAR will be gathering in Melbourne over the weekend 22-24 November 2002 for their National Reunion. Further information contact Rod McLennan (08) 9381 4851.

- Courtesy "The Horse's Mouth" Autumn 2002

MEMBERSHIP

Subs are due as at 1 July in the year your membership is "current to" ie if the date on your Membership Card is 2002, your Subs are now due. I would like to sincerely thank all members who responded to green "reminder slips" in the July Newsletter.

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".

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John Bicknell, Reg Glass, Dutchy Holland, David Turner

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Bob Matthews (2003), Philip McKelliff (2004), Pete McKenzie (2003), Gordon Mead (2005), Jake Meaney (2004), Don Morgan OAM (2003), Richard Moyses (2006), 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), Dick Pailthorpe (2003), Geoff Parker (2003), Trevor Parrott (2007), Roger Parsons (2006), R. Payne (2003), Lionel Penley (2004), John Rafferty (2003), Harry Ralph (2003), Hank Ramm (2004), Lionel Renfrey (2003), Dave Renshaw (2006), Peter Reynolds (2007), Bill Roch (2003), Greg Rosser (2003), Ray Ryan (2003), Perry Sangster (2005), Brian Sayers (2003), Barra Schmidtke (2003), Glendon Shaw (2003), Harold Shipp (2003), Walter Soroka (2006), Max Sparrow (2004), Debbie Spicer (2005), Murray Stock (2004), Donald Sutherland (2006), James Szpunar (2008), Keith Tainsh (2003), Ian Taylor (2003), Paul Teague (2005), Simon Telleria (2003), Howard Terry (2003), Dick Tischer (2007), Donald Tremethick (2003), Danny Trewick (2005), Joe Tuckwell (2003), Bruce Watson (2003), Bruce Wayne (2003), Graham West OAM (2006), Warren Williams (2012), Alan Wilson (2004), Betty Winstanley (2004), Pat Wright (2004), Brian Yelds (2003), John Zander (2004), Pete Zander (2007).

Associate Members

Marg Culley (2003), Anne-Michelle Howell (2006), Judy Turner (2003).

Subs are now due for the following members of the Association and a green "reminder slip" is included with this Newsletter.

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(Corps Motto: With Skill and Fighting)

David Turner
Hon. Secretary