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A late welcome to 2003 from the Secretary to Association Members.

As usual, I am late with the January Newsletter. It seems that I just get over the AGM in December, relax a bit over Christmas/New Year, then I realise that half of January is gone and I haven't done the Minutes of the AGM, I haven't obtained permission to use the Sergeants' Mess at Warradale Barracks for the first Committee of Management Meeting in February, and I haven't started the January Newsletter. Of course I can't report on the AGM in this Newsletter until I have done the Minutes. And I can't complete the list of Diary Dates until I have permission to use the Sergeants' Mess at Warradale Barracks for Committee of Management Meetings and the Other Ranks' Canteen for our 2003 RAEME Anzac Reunion.

So, having done all that, now I can complete this Newsletter.

Sounds like a personal organisation problem to me. Anyway, I hope you all had a happy Christmas and New Year and that this Newsletter finds you well and in good spirits.

DIARY DATES 2003

<u>Activity/Function</u>	<u>Date</u>
- Committee of Management Meeting	Thursday 27 February
- RAEME Luncheon	Tuesday 11 March
- Fort Largs Guns Restoration	Thursday 5 April
- Committee of Management Meeting	Thursday 10 April
- 2003 RAEME Mixed Anzac Reunion	Saturday 12 April
- 2003 Anzac Day March	Friday 25 April
- Fort Largs Guns Restoration	Saturday 7 June
- Committee of Management Meeting	Thursday 19 June
- Fort Largs Guns Restoration	Saturday 2 August
- Committee of Management Meeting	Thursday 21 August
- RAEME Luncheon	Tuesday 9 September
- Fort Largs Guns Restoration	Saturday 4 October
- Committee of Management Meeting	Thursday 16 October
- Fort Largs Guns Restoration	Saturday 6 December

COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT MEETING

The first Committee of Management meeting for 2003 will be held on **Thursday 27 February** at 7:30pm in the **Warradale Area Sergeants' Mess** (southern side of the oval, first building from the south west corner). Entry to Warradale Barracks is through the Oaklands Road gate.

All members are very welcome.

RAEME LUNCHEON

Fred Brown has advised that the next luncheon get-together will be held on **Tuesday 11 March** at the **Cremorne Hotel** at 12:00pm. An invitation is extended to all serving, ex-serving and retired members of AEME or RAEME. **Please ring Fred on 8297 7408 or Max on 8296 6463 before Friday 7 March so they can let the Pub know how many to cater for!!!!** If you know of others who spent time with RAEME, please bring them along.

2003 RAEME MIXED ANZAC REUNION

MAJ Werner Voss, Officer Administering Command, 9th Combat Service Support Battalion, has given permission for our Association to conduct the 2003 RAEME Mixed Anzac Reunion in the **Warradale Other Ranks' Canteen** (southern side of the oval, second building from the south west corner), on **Saturday 12 April** commencing at 7:00pm. 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. Assistance will be required with Set-Up, cooking the BBQ, selling Raffle Tickets and Clean-Up. **If you can help 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.

COMEBACK LINE OF THE YEAR

At ALTC, the old RAEME TRG Centre, the Instructor reminds the course of tomorrow's final exam. "Now course, I won't tolerate any excuses for you not being there tomorrow. I might consider a nuclear attack or a serious personal injury, or illness, or death in your immediate family - but that's it, no other excuses whatsoever!"

A smart-arse CFN in the back of the room, (each course has one), raises his hand and asks, "What would you say if tomorrow I said I was suffering from complete and utter sexual exhaustion?"

The entire course does its best to stifle their laughter and snickering.

When silence is restored, the Instructor smiles sympathetically at the student, shakes his head, and politely says, "Well, I guess you'd have to write the exam with your other hand."

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

CENTRAL REGION RAEME OFFICER/WO/SNCO FORMAL DINNER 2002

On Saturday 7 September 2002, 37 serving and ex-serving (26 from our Association) Officers, WOs and SNCOs sat down to a traditional "Formal Dinner" in the Officers' Mess at Woodside Barracks. We then retired to the Sergeants' Mess for the traditional coffee with cheese and greens.

This very enjoyable and successful occasion was organised by MAJ Martin Griffiths, Battery Commander, Support Battery, 16AD (the Workshop) at Woodside Barracks (thanks, Sir). As a memento of the occasion he had arranged for each diner to receive a personalised brass Placemat with the RAEME 60th Birthday Insignia on it (thanks, Sir).

Travel for Adelaide plains dwellers was also organised by MAJ Griffiths in the form of a Bus which ferried passengers from Keswick Barracks to Woodside, and back to Keswick Barracks in the wee small hours of the next morning (thanks, Sir).

MAJ Griffiths has offered the Officers Mess at Woodside Barracks for 2003. However, as he has been posted to Canberra, this will have to be taken up by his successor MAJ Andrew Kelly. MAJ Griffiths assured us at the AGM that he has left instructions for MAJ Kelly.

2002 RAEME 60th BIRTHDAY / BACK-TO-RAEME FUNCTION

On Sunday 10 November 2002, a family day was held at Warradale Barracks to celebrate the 60th Birthday of the formation of the Corps. It was supposed to be an easy day for everyone, including the members who usually work very hard behind the scenes at such functions.

This very successful function was organised by WO2 Grant Kuchel from Maintenance Company 9CSSB at Warradale Barracks (thanks, Grant). Activities centred on the Warradale Other Ranks' Canteen, which the PMC CPL Rob Hancock opened for us.

There were displays of Workshop equipment from Maintenance Company, and Engineer equipment from 3rd Field Engineer Squadron, Warradale Barracks (again, thanks Grant). 16th Air Defence Regiment, Woodside Barracks, provided an RBS70 Surface-to-Air missile display manned by CPL Craig Runnalls. The South Australian Military Vehicles Museum also set up a display of historical military vehicles.

David Renshaw organised the Serco BBQ Trailer for lunch (thanks, David). Chef Dutchy Holland did his usual sterling effort with the BBQ lunch (thanks, Dutchy) with a small group of helpers (I hope they kept you supplied with refreshments, Dutchy). Our President, Mike Culley, and his wife, Margaret, collected the lunch tickets and made sure that the Lunch Table was kept supplied with meat, salads, bread and condiments (thanks Mike and Margaret).

MAJ Martin Griffiths, Commander of Support Battery (the Workshop) at 16th Air Defence Regiment, organised a huge Birthday Cake (thanks, Sir). RAEME Head of Corps, BRIG Colin Sharp AM CSC, was special guest, and he and 2LT Eugene Wasilenia from Maintenance Company, the most senior and most junior members of the Corps on the day, did the honours and cut the Birthday Cake (the cake was delicious, thanks to WO2 Andrew Tilley and CPL Eric Theile from 16th Air Defence Regiment).

Functions like this don't happen without the members of the Association who work behind the scenes setting up and cleaning up afterwards. Special thanks go to:

- Dutchy Holland who cleaned up and returned the Serco BBQ Trailer,
- Grant Kuchel and his wife Christine who helped clean up the Canteen prior to the function, set out tables and chairs, and then clean up after the function (Grant also delivered and returned tables and other bits and pieces from Maintenance Company), and
- Mike Culley and his wife Margaret who ordered and delivered the meat, salads, bread and condiments, helped clean up the Canteen prior to the function, set out tables and chairs, and then clean up after the function.

If I've missed thanking anyone, I sincerely apologise.

RSL POPPY DAY APPEAL

Fred Brown has asked me to pass on his sincere thanks to those who attended the 2002 RAEME 60th Birthday / Back-to-RAEME function for your generous donations to his RSL Poppy Day Appeal tin. The total of donations for the day was \$276. He is really chuffed by the generosity of the members of the Association and their families. He has asked me to assure you that Fred and Edna will be at the RAEME Anzac Reunion this year. So, if you were unlucky enough to miss out on the opportunity to "purchase" an Anzac Appeal badge last year, there will be plenty available this year. You only have to ask him, if he doesn't ask you first!!!!!!

2002 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The AGM was held on Sunday 15 December 2002 in the Workshop Building at Warradale Barracks. 28 members and friends enjoyed the "free" Sausage Sizzle lunch cooked by Dutch Holland (thanks, Dutchy) prior to the meeting.

David Turner, on behalf of the Association, made a small presentation of a RAEME Insulated Mug to each member of the core Work Party for their efforts over a number of years working on the Restoration of the Guns at Fort Largs. Mike Culley, John Howard, Eddy Kaminski and Keith Tainsh were presented with their Mugs. Unfortunately, Graham Janz, Lindsay Johnson and Peter Schumann were not able to be present.

After the presentation of the usual reports, MAJ Martin Griffiths, Senior RAEME Representative, Central Region, chaired the meeting for the election of Office Bearers and spoke briefly congratulating the Association on its achievements.

Patron of the Association, COL Jack Wilson, Honorary COLCOMDT Southern, Tasmanian & Central Regions, addressed the meeting reporting on the brighter outlook for RAEME following the re-raising of the Corps Directorate. Lessons learned in recent operations like East Timor have shown that RAEME as a separate Corps is highly desirable.

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

- Vice President - Dutchy Holland in lieu of Grant Kuchel,
- Committee - New face is Noel Thomas, ASM of Maintenance Company 9CSSB (the Workshop) at Warradale Barracks.

The meeting surprised George Robinson when they presented him with a "Certificate of Appreciation" in recognition of 20 years service to the Association as an Auditor, 1982-2002.

A "Certificate of Appreciation" was also presented to Grant Kuchel in recognition of his service on the Committee of Management of the Association since 1995. As a member of the Regular Army, Grant has been posted to RAAF Williams at Laverton in Victoria, although his wife Christine will stay behind in Adelaide. He will remain a member of the Committee of Management as he intends to spend a lot of time in Adelaide and attend most of our functions. He will also stay in touch with the Association via phone and e-mail.

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

FORT LARGS GUNS RESTORATION

As noted in the AGM report elsewhere in this Newsletter, the Committee of Management decided to recognise the efforts over a number of years of the core Work Party involved with the Restoration work on the Guns at Fort Largs. It used the opportunity of the AGM to make a small presentation of a RAEME Insulated Mug to each member. Mike Culley, John Howard, Eddy Kaminski and Keith Tainsh received theirs at the meeting. Graham Janz, Lindsay Johnson and Peter Schumann were unable to attend and will receive theirs at the next opportunity.

With presentations like these there is always the possibility that someone is forgotten. It has been pointed out that Gary Howell, who did a lot of work in the early days (the work started in 1996) and has worked behind the scenes in organising for work to be done on parts that were removed from the Guns. Unfortunately Gary has had to curtail his activities due to illness. We sincerely apologise, Gary, for forgetting your efforts and will present a RAEME Insulated Mug to you in the near future.

MOVEMENT

The new year has brought the usual round of postings within the Defence Force.

MAJ Richard Moyses, a member of the Association, is the new Officer Commanding, Maintenance Company 9CSSB (the Workshop) at Warradale Barracks. He replaces MAJ Ian Cartland, who has been posted to the Regional Training Centre at Hampstead Barracks.

MAJ Andrew Kelly is the new Battery Commander, Support Battery 16AD (the Workshop) at Woodside Barracks. He replaces MAJ Martin Griffiths, who has been posted to Canberra.

WO2 Grant Kuchel, EME WO, Maintenance Company 9CSSB (the Workshop) at Warradale Barracks has been posted to RAAF Williams at Laverton, in Victoria. The EME WO position has gone from the Workshop establishment so he will not be replaced. The Committee of Management has benefited from the hard work and dedication of Grant Kuchel, first as a GRES ASM and more recently as the ARA EME WO of Maintenance Company at Warradale Barracks. WO1 Noel Thomas, as ASM of Maintenance Company and a member of the Association, has agreed to join the Committee of Management and continue the close association with Maintenance Company.

FOR THE COMPUTER LITERATE

Problems with spelling checkers!

Eye halve a spelling chequer
It came with my pea sea
It plainly marques four my revue
Miss steaks eye kin not sea.

Eye strike a key and type a word
And weight four it two say
Weather eye am wrong oar write
It shows me strait a weigh.

As soon as a mist ache is maid
It nose bee fore two long
And eye can put the error write
Its rare lea ever wrong.

Eye have run this poem threw it
I am shore your pleased two no
Its letter perfect awl the weigh
My chequer tolled me sew.

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

GREETINGS

Lou Leeuwrik sent his apology for our recent AGM and asked to be remembered to all members.

AEME/RAEME ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA INC WEB SITE

Wayne Birch, our Webmaster, has apologised for not keeping the Web Site up to date.

There have been problems caused by "diggerz" who sponsor our Web Site. They have made changes that make it more difficult to update the site. Also, Wayne has been extremely busy with civilian work commitments.

He intends to look for a new sponsor this year, one that will make it easier and quicker to update information on our Web Site.

WEB SITE ADDRESSES

AEME/RAEME Association of SA Inc: www.diggerz.org/users/raasa

AEME/RAEME Association - ACT: www.members.austarmetro.com.au/~lwedd/raeme

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
 Australian/Commonwealth Honours: www.itsanhonour.gov.au

MESSAGE FROM DEPUTY HEAD OF CORPS

LTCOL Mike Barry CO/CI Materiel Support Division

Deputy Head of Corps

My tenure as Deputy Head of Corps is drawing to a close after two very quick years which have seen the process of revitalising the Corps begin to bear fruit. It is with regret that I hand over unfinished business to LTCOL Dave Creagh as there is much work to be done. That being said, I feel confident that we have a clearly defined way ahead and, with the assistance of the SO2 Corps, SO2 Corps Heritage and Corps RSM; the Head of Corps and new Deputy Head of Corps are in good hands and will receive good support.

This time last year I said that every year seems to be busier than the last and highlighted a number of operations that members of the Corps were involved in: East Timor, Bougainville, the Sinai, the Middle East, PNG, the Solomons and a number of other regional locations. We live in turbulent times but who could have foreseen the events of the past year which have seen our world change as never before, causing a complete rethink of strategic policy and national responsibility. The future is impossible to predict, and, even more so now, we need to be able to adapt to a changing world and be prepared for any eventuality.

This was the theme of the Corps Seminar held at Bandiana in October. The seminar was attended by approximately 170 SNCOs, Warrant Officers and Officers of the Corps and saw strong debate on a number of issues. At the close, the outgoing Representative Colonel Commandant, Colonel Larry Foley, remarked that as a young officer he had attended Corps Seminars which were staid, formal affairs. SNCOs and WO2s were not invited, WO1s were invited but not to contribute, junior officers were to be seen and not heard and the business was conducted by the senior officers. He said that he was delighted by the change over the years and welcomed the healthy, and at times passionate, debate. If the Craftsmen of the Corps are our lifeblood, the SNCOs, WOs and junior officers are the veins and arteries that make the body work.

The aim of the Seminar was twofold: to present the current state of the Corps to the members of the Corps, and to provide the Head of Corps with the key issues impacting on Corps capability which he will present to the Army Capability Management Committee. This committee is chaired by the Deputy Chief of the Army and provides the Corps with the opportunity to raise issues at the highest levels. The seminar achieved these objectives. The range of speakers delivered presentations on command, personnel, training, major equipment systems, operational sustainability, technical mastery and RAEME aviation. A full synopsis of the seminar and outcomes will be provided elsewhere in this magazine.

During the past year we have also initiated the RAEME Newsletter. Distribution is gradually increasing as we add to our mailing list so keep your eyes open. We intend to change the format to make the newsletter more relevant and easier to read and will attempt to focus on key issues. Included in the Newsletter will be a simple proforma designed to provide you with the opportunity to raise issues to the HOC through myself or the SO2 Corps. Simply fax or e-mail this back, or send an e-mail.

The HOC recently thanked members of the Corps for hanging in there during what he termed "the dark years", the past five or six years following the disbandment of the Corps Directorates, during which time the Corps was under threat, and many of our issues were not being addressed. We are now through this bad patch and very much looking to the future. I am pleased to have been part of the rebirth of the Head of Corps team and to have been able to participate in the revitalisation of the Corps. From here we can only ever get stronger.

Remember the spirit of the Corps belongs to the people of the Corps, and the future of the Corps rests in our hands.

Arte et Marte

- *Courtesy "RAEME CRAFTSMAN" Issue No.49 Summer 2002/2003*

THE \$0:00 CHEQUE

Piece as read by Derek Guille on his afternoon ABC programme on Thursday 24 January 2002

In March 1999 a man living in Kandos received a bill for his as yet unused gas line stating that he owed \$0:00. He ignored it and threw it away.

In April he received another bill and threw that one away too.

The following month the gas company sent him a very nasty note stating that they were going to cancel his gas line if he didn't send them \$0:00 by return mail. He called them, talked to them, they said it was a computer error and they would take care of it.

The following month he decided that it was about time that he tried out the troublesome gas line figuring that if there was usage on the account it would put an end to this ridiculous predicament. However, when he went to use the gas, it had been cut off. He called the gas company who apologised for the computer error once again and said that they would take care of it.

The next day he got a bill for \$0:00 stating that payment was now overdue. Assuming that having spoken to them the previous day the latest bill was yet another mistake and he ignored it, trusting that the company would be as good as their word and sort the problem out.

The next month he got a bill for \$0:00 stating that he had 10 days to pay his account or the company would have to take steps to recover the debt. Finally, giving in, he thought he would beat the company at their own game and mailed them a cheque for \$0:00. The computer duly processed his account and returned a statement to the effect that he now owed the gas company nothing at all.

A week later, the manager of the Mudgee branch of the Westpac Banking Corporation called our hapless friend and asked him what he was doing writing a cheque for \$0:00. After a lengthy explanation the bank manager replied that the \$0:00 cheque had caused their cheque processing software to fail. The bank could therefore not process ANY cheques they had received from ANY of their customers that day because the cheque for \$0:00 had caused the computer to crash.

The following month the man received a letter from the gas company claiming that his cheque has bounced and that he now owed them \$0:00 and unless he sent a cheque by return mail they would be taking steps to recover the debt.

The man then tried to file a debt harassment claim against the gas company. It took him nearly two hours to convince the clerks that he was not joking but convince them he did. They subsequently provided statements, which were considered substantive evidence of the aggravation, and difficulties the man had been forced to endure during this debacle. The matter was heard in the Magistrate's Court in Mudgee and the outcome was this:

The gas company was ordered to:

1. Immediately rectify their computerised accounts system or show cause, within 10 days, why the matter should not be referred to a higher court for consideration under Company Law,
2. Pay the bank dishonour fees incurred by the man,
3. Pay the bank dishonour fees incurred by all the Westpac clients whose cheques had been bounced on the day our friend's had been,
4. Pay the claimant's court costs, and
5. Pay the claimant a total of \$1500 per month for the 5-month period March to July inclusive as compensation for the aggravation they had caused their client to suffer.

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

DHOC SPEECH RAEME 60TH ANNIVERSARY

1 DEC 2002

Today marks the 60th Anniversary of the formation of the Corps of Royal Australian Electrical and Mechanical Engineers.

In 1992, on our 50th Anniversary, HRH, The Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, said that "Engineering in well established workshops is quite difficult enough; to recover and repair battle-damaged equipment in makeshift conditions, in all kinds of weather and often under fire requires special qualities of ingenuity and endurance. When things get really critical, it is the side that can keep its tanks moving, its guns firing and its electronics working that is most likely to win the day."

This was as true when we were formed as a Corps as it is today and will be when we celebrate our 100th Anniversary in 2042.

It would be tempting today to provide a history of all of the operations that members of the Corps have been involved in and to read out a long list of our achievements. This would be lengthy, it would be self congratulatory and, I think would be unpalatable to most of us.

I say this because I believe that we are the silent achievers of the Army. Our influence is felt in every corner of the battlefield but we don't sing our praises loudly, maybe we should, but it is not our way. We let our work speak for us. And it does. In the past two years I have had the opportunity to visit units throughout Australia and, without fail, the Commanding Officers of these units sing the praises of their Craftsmen, and they highlight the advice and wisdom of their ASMs. They talk of the essential role played by their workshops and of the humble, irreverent spirit of the men and women who work in them.

I often get the feeling that we are like the cheeky younger son; we bob up when we are needed, keep out of the way when we are not, always seem to just keep out of trouble, but can be relied upon without fail to do whatever has to be done.

How often have we seen our Crafties appear out of the dust or rain to carry out a battlefield repair or recovery task, to restore power when the generators fail, to do their job and then disappear again? How often have we seen Crafties work late into the night to meet a deadline, and then quietly go off to bed or off to the next task? How often do we win the inter-company or inter-squadron sports, loudly and boisterously? Singing our victory at the unit boozers until we are thrown out? We can certainly do our share of boasting when we need to, but we don't need to boast about our work, our work speaks for itself.

When the historians look back at the successes and failures of armies they look at the decisions of the generals; the courage of the infantry; the shock effect of armour; the fire power of the artillery; and the loggies ability to keep the flow of supplies moving to where it is needed. Rarely do they mention the Craftsmen of the Army. The artisans who keep the equipment going.

We carry no battle honours, no guidons or Regimental Colours. We shun the limelight. Our battle honours are the tanks, guns, trucks and circuit boards that we have repaired and returned to the front line. Our guidons are our qualities for which we are lauded; our initiative and our perseverance, our cheerfulness and our work ethic. And our Regimental Colours are the tools we wield to carry out our work.

We are the silent achievers of the Army, and today we pause to remember our mates who have fought in the conflicts of the past century, those who have died or been maimed, and those who serve today in the conflicts around the globe. We live in uncertain times and the future is not clear. What is clear, is that as Australian soldiers play their part in fighting the conflicts of the future, we will continue to play our part in supporting them with the same dedication, ingenuity and self sacrifice that we have shown in the past.

Arte et Marte

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MATHEMATICS IN LIFE

Romance Mathematics

Smart man + smart woman = romance
 Smart man + dumb woman = affair
 Dumb man + smart woman = marriage
 Dumb man + dumb woman = pregnancy

Office Arithmetic

Smart boss + smart employee = profit
 Smart boss + dumb employee = production
 Dumb boss + smart employee = promotion
 Dumb boss + dumb employee = overtime

General Equations Statistics

A woman worries about the future until she gets a husband
 A man never worries about the future until he gets a wife
 A successful man is one who makes more money than his wife can spend.
 A successful woman is one who can find such a man.

Happiness

To be happy with a man, you must understand him a lot and love him a little.
 To be happy with a woman, you must love her a lot and try not to understand her at all.

Longevity

Married men live longer than single men, but married men are more willing to die.

Propensity To Change

A woman marries a man expecting he will change, but he doesn't.
 A man marries a woman expecting she won't change, but she does.

Discussion Technique

A woman has the last word in any argument. Anything a man says after that is the beginning of a new argument.

How To Stop People From Bugging You About Getting Married

Old aunts used to come up to me at weddings, poking me in the ribs and cackling, telling me, "You're next!" They stopped after I started doing the same thing to them at funerals.

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

EDITORIAL

Corps RSM's Report (WO1 Dave Packer)

After having been in the chair for twelve months and visiting almost all of the RAEME units in the Army, it is good to see the crafty is still very forthcoming with their views on where they see things are going wrong in the Corps and the Army. The Head of Corps has taken many issues to the people higher up the food chain and we have had some wins and some losses. Of course several of the issues are at present undecided but we will keep pressing for a result. The other encouraging thing to hear is the very high achievement rate of the workshops and how highly regarded the tradesmen are by your commanders, be they at the brigade, battalion or company level. So nothing has changed!

Well, the above is not entirely true. The Army has continued to develop its capability by procuring state of the art, technically advanced and often maintenance intensive pieces of equipment. However, there appears to have been little thought given to the continual maintenance liability of this equipment. Many soldiers are now starting to ask, "Why is it that the tradesman's positions in Army Corps units are being given up as compensators for Gun Numbers, Drivers, etc." Well, we all know the COs want the kit on the ground and need the operators to fully utilise the equipment, and they are also told that the equipment is under warranty and the manufacturer will satisfy the CO's maintenance needs. ("Smoke and Mirrors.") The result is that the tradesmen are again left with a frustration they could do without. COs will then have to wait for the next unit SED review to push the maintenance case and address what will become a substantial issue. The corps hopes that this will not be too little too late.

From the few problems within the corps have come many positives. And the intellect, motivation and dedication of our tradesmen is always producing improved ways of doing business. This is most evident during the technical presentations on the Artificer Mechanical Courses and the Brigade/Division "Bright Ideas Competitions". The technical expertise and lateral thinking by our tradesmen have produced several projects that have been picked up by DMO and other agencies. Let's keep the grey matter active and look into solving some of the problems we encounter in the workplace.

On the regimental front we have made significant ground in an attempt to get RAEME hat badges out in the CSM/SSM positions currently being filled by other corps. Currently at ARTC Kapooka we have filled our six Sergeant's and many of the twelve Corporal's positions, but, we still have a long haul ahead of us and it will take some time to fill our full commitment of WO2 positions. Many tradesmen in our corps have gone to a regimental posting with reservations only to find they have been missing out on a whole new world that revitalises their careers and teaches them about the Army outside of their units and RAEME.

Finally, keep the RAEME flag flying, we are stronger than anything that gets thrown at us and we pride ourselves on our flexibility and leading the way with the changes happening in the Army. Good soldiering to you all.

Arte et Marte

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LIFE ACCORDING TO PERRY

Here is the latest offering from our home spun Philosopher Perry.

Words of Wisdom

- Tact is for those without enough wit to be sarcastic.
- He who laughs last, thinks slowest.
- Everyone has a photographic memory, some don't have film.
- I just got lost in thought. It was unfamiliar territory.
- When the chips are down, the buffalo is empty.
- Those who live by the sword get shot by those who don't.
- Nothing is foolproof to a sufficiently talented fool.
- It is hard to understand how a cemetery raised its burial cost and blamed it on the cost of living.
- Just remember....if the world didn't suck, we'd all fall off.
- You can't have everything; where would you put it.
- The things that come to those who wait are usually the things left by those who got there first.
- A fine is a tax for doing wrong. A tax is a fine for doing well.
- It was recently discovered that research causes cancer in rats.
- Light travels faster than sound. This is why some people appear bright until you hear them speak.
- Remember, amateurs built the Ark. Professionals built the Titanic.
- Stupidity got us into this mess - why can't it get us out?
- Love is grand, divorce is a hundred grand.
- Even if you are on the right track, you'll get run over if you just sit there.
- Politicians and diapers have one thing in common. They should both be changed regularly and for the same reason.
- There is always death and taxes; however death doesn't get worse every year.
- People will accept your ideas much more readily if you tell them that Benjamin Franklin said it first.
- In just two days, tomorrow will be yesterday.
- I am having an out of money experience.
- I plan on living forever. So far, so good.

- I am in shape. Round is a shape.
- I have kleptomania, but when it gets really bad, I take something for it.
- I am not a perfectionist. My parents were, though.
- The real art of conversation is not only to say the right thing at the right time, but also to leave unsaid the wrong thing at the tempting moment.
- Brain cells come and brain cells go, but fat cells live forever.
- Age doesn't always bring wisdom. Sometimes age comes alone.

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

RAEME CORPS SEMINAR - 2002

The RAEME 2002 Corps Seminar was conducted at ALTC, Bandiana over the period 17-18 October 02. The theme of the seminar was RAEME - Looking to the Future. This was the first seminar conducted under the newly revitalised Head of Corps structure.

Based on the feedback and outcomes the seminar proved to be very successful and well attended with over 180 members participating over the two days. In addition to the formal sessions of the seminar there were a number of key social events which, again based on feedback and the shape of people the next morning, were also very successful.

We were very fortunate to have as our keynote speaker, Mr. Colin Partington, CEO of Mack Trucks Australia. Mr. Partington participated in all activities of the seminar including the All Ranks BBQ, and both the Officers and the WO/SNCOs dinner. Colin's address was very enlightening and provided an excellent backdrop for the discussions that were to follow over the next two days.

The aim of the seminar was threefold; firstly to allow the HOC and Corps executive to update members on the current and future direction of the Corps and Corps capability issues. Secondly to provide the opportunity for members of the Corps to contribute to the shaping of the future direction of the Corps, to debate issues and raise issues impacting on the Corps. Thirdly for members of the Corps to meet in a social environment, to acknowledge those members departing the Corps, to rekindle old acquaintances and foster new ones.

The seminar was structured to provide information based on the Defence Fundamental Inputs to Capability (FIC).

Day one commenced with Mr. Colin Partington's keynote address. Although Colin has only been with Mack for a relatively short period of time having taken up the appointment of CEO in May 02, it very quickly became apparent that he was a mover and a shaker and was very committed and passionate about what he does. Even though Mack Australia operates in a very different environment from us - a very aggressive commercially competitive environment - it was very interesting to observe the similarities and parallels in challenges faced, and the strategies and management principles used to adapt and overcome. Colin identified Mack Australia's number one KPI as being People Development. He talked about management principles of Honesty, Integrity, Discipline, Teamwork, Connecting and Celebrating - look familiar? During the following two days speakers linked back into Colin's comments when talking about our own personnel and training activities - comments relating to building a successful team, comments about encouraging ownership and empowerment, and comments about recognition of peoples achievements.

The keynote address was followed by a number of informative presentations commencing with a Command and Control session by BRIG Sharp setting the scene of the future army capability environment for discussions to follow. LTCOL Barry, CO/CI MSD, ALTC, and Mr. Wayne Allan, National Technical Training Manager, MSD, ALTC provided an update on ALTC training throughput and summarised the result to hand from the recently conducted Logistic Trade Job Survey that was carried out by Training and Development Group, ALTC. LTCOL James Davey, Capability Systems Staff, VCDF Group, presented a very informative update on all current and future capability acquisition projects. The level of technology and capability enhancement was impressive; the potential technical maintenance liability is daunting. LTCOL Hector McWatters

and his team of presenters from Oakey and Townsville provided a good overview of RAEME contribution to Army Aviation capability. This is a particularly busy area within the Corps with the recent raising of HQ 16 BDE AVN, the introduction of the Aussie Tiger Armed Reconnaissance Helicopter (ARH) and other trade and officer development activities.

Day one culminated with the Officers Regimental Dinner - more on that later.

Day two was designed for (and we weren't let down!) much greater involvement and dialogue from all participants as we addressed issues relating to personnel, readiness and Technical Mastery. It was very positive to see such a large number of individuals getting involved with commitment and passion. Whilst it is easy to identify problems with such a large number of experienced personnel representing each environmental HQ and most units, it is pertinent to note that it is precisely this forum that need to be able to distinguish between those things we can't influence and those that we can and to present credible, sustainable and realistic solution options. Again it was encouraging to witness a range of lateral thinking solution options being presented.

Presentations from SCMA and DOCM by CAPT Mark Stone and MAJ Tony Borg provided an update on Corps manning issues. LTCOL Andrew Condon, CO 9FSB provided an insight on force readiness, sustainability and operations support and the challenges faced in those areas. LTCOL Andrew Adams, SO1 Maintenance located at LHQ, delivered a very informative and entertaining presentation under the heading of Technical Mastery. The issue of technical mastery is one that is very topical, particularly in the area of maintaining technical skills at the deeper maintenance level. LTCOL Adams touched on the changing environment in which our tradesmen are now employed where high op tempo is the norm and not the exception, where few units have a full RAEME complement, where maintenance management is information system centric and maintenance solutions resource driven, and where they are dealing with a technologically complex inventory.

The Social activities proved to be very successful. The All Ranks BBQ held at the RAEME Craftsman Memorial was well attended and was a very enjoyable and relaxed affair. Thanks go to WO1 Phil Craig, WO2 Bob Kaindl and their band of helpers.

The Officers Regimental Dinner was held on the Thursday evening and reasonably well attended with 85 members, both past and present sitting down to dinner. COL Larry Foley, Dining President and Representative COLCOMDT, acknowledged members who have left the Corps and made special mention of two recently retiring reserve members in MAJ Doug Gammon and MAJ Don Collins. COL Foley announced that he intends to stand down from the appointment of Representative COLCOMDT after four years as well as six years as COLCOMDT Eastern Region. COL Foley thanked the Corps for their support during his tour of duty. BRIG Sharp responded on behalf of the Corps and reserved the right to farewell COL Foley at a future dinner date. Thanks go to MAJ Rodney Bolt and mess staff for a great night.

The WO/SNCOs Regimental Dinner was held on the Friday evening. The shift from the traditional date in May to coincide with the seminar did not prove to be an obstacle and it was very well attended with WO Gus Angus, the dinner organiser having to turn people away after the mess capacity of 151 was reached. The Official Guests for the evening were the Head of Corps BRIG Colin Sharp; Representative COLCOMDT COL Larry Foley; COLCOMDT Queensland Region, BRIG Ross Grant; RSM-A, WO1 Brian Boughton and CEO Mack Australia Mr. Colin Partington. Numerous farewells of WOs and SNCOs over the past year will see a changing of the guard, and the Corps wishes all those members leaving the Army every success for the future. Thanks to the organising committee for yet another fantastic dinner.

The Corps website on the Defence Intranet will be finalised over Christmas and all the seminar presentations will be available on the site. A limited number of CDs containing the seminar presentations will be distributed to each of the Regional RAEME Representatives in November

The Corps Seminar is a critically important event in the management of our Corps and as a Corps we need to build on the successes. In order to do that all participants need to play a role.

To that end feedback both positive and negative is welcome. I'd like to thank all those involved for their assistance in preparation for and during the conduct of the seminar. Feedback can be directed to:

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ONE-LINE GROANERS

Sent in by someone who wishes to remain anonymous, just in case there are repercussions.

1. A bicycle can't stand on its own because it is two-tyred.
2. What's the definition of a will? (It's a dead giveaway.)
3. Time flies like an arrow. Fruit flies like a banana.
4. A backward poet writes inverse.
5. In democracy, it's your vote that counts. In feudalism, it's your Count that votes.
6. She had a boyfriend with a wooden leg, but broke it off.
7. A chicken crossing the road is poultry in motion.
8. If you don't pay your exorcist, you get repossessed.
9. With marriage, she got a new name and a dress.
10. Show me a piano falling down a mine shaft, and I'll show you A flat minor.
11. When a clock is hungry, it goes back four seconds.
12. The man who fell into an upholstery machine is fully recovered.
13. A grenade thrown into a kitchen in France would result in Linoleum Blownapart.
14. You feel stuck with your debt if you can't budge it.
15. Local Area Network in Australia: the LAN down under.
16. He often broke into song because he couldn't find the key.
17. Every calendar's days are numbered.
18. A lot of money is tainted. It taint yours and it taint mine.
19. A boiled egg in the morning is hard to beat.
20. He had a photographic memory that was never developed.
21. A plateau is a high form of flattery.
22. The short fortune teller who escaped from prison was a small medium at large.
23. Those who get too big for their britches will be exposed in the end.
24. Once you've seen one shopping centre, you've seen the mall.
25. Those who jump off a Paris bridge are in Seine.
26. When an actress saw her first strands of grey hair, she thought she'd dye.
27. Bakers trade bread recipes on a knead-to-know basis.
28. Santa' helpers are subordinate clauses.
29. Acupuncture is a jab well done.
30. Marathon runners with bad footwear suffer the agony of defeat.

- Courtesy "The Horse's Mouth" Winter 2002

RAEME CORPS ITEMS

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

Folio 9	RAEME Prince Philip Banner Parade print (unframed)	\$5
Folio 19	RAEME Coasters (Pewter - 2 per pack)	\$8
Folio 30	RAEME Stubby Holder	\$7
Folio 31	RAEME Corps Plaque (3 styles)	\$40
Folio 39	RAEME Coffee Cup	\$7

Folio 40	RAEME Mouse Mat	\$6
Folio 57	RAEME Thermal Mug	\$15
Folio 60	RAEME Book "Craftsmen of the Australian Army"	\$45
Folio 61	RAEME Tie	\$25
Folio 70	RAEME Statue "Craftsman"	\$85
Folio 101	RAEME Key Ring (Australian Map)	\$5
Folio 102	RAEME Fridge Magnet (Australian Map)	\$3
Folio 115	RAEME Tie Bar	\$8
Folio 116	RAEME Tie Tack	\$7
Folio 125	RAEME Mug Khaki	\$12

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

MEMBERSHIP

New Members

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

Brian Cogan, Juris Jaudzems, Eugene Wasilenia

Thanks to all members who responded to green "reminder slips" in the July 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".

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John Bicknell, Reg Glass, Dutchy Holland, David Turner

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