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Dear Members,

It's winter time again, but I hope that this Newsletter finds you and your families well.

I have to report the passing of one of our members, John Bicknell, Honorary Life Member, who passed away on 10 June. According to my records, he was President briefly from 1956 to 1957 and then held some position on the Executive Committee of the Association from 1962 to 1989, a remarkable record. I know that for some of that time the Association was inactive, but an impressive record all the same. He was an Ordinary Committee member from 1992 to 1993.

As agreed at the last AGM on 15 December 2002, the Committee of Management has been successful in gaining permission to have an additional plaque placed on the grave of CFN Douglas Borlace, the first RAEME soldier killed-in-action in Vietnam. There will be a "Dedication Ceremony" on Sunday 3 August. Further details are elsewhere in this Newsletter.

The Committee of Management recently decided to institute the awarding of two Perpetual Trophies for the best ARA and GRES "Soldier of the Year". The presentations will take place at the annual RAEME Birthday celebration with the first awards being presented on 30 November this year. Further details are elsewhere in this Newsletter.

DIARY DATES 2003

<u>Activity/Function</u>	<u>Date</u>
- Reserve Forces Day-2003	Sunday 6 July
- 2003 Officer/WO/SNCO Formal Dinner	Saturday 12 July
- Fort Largs Guns Restoration	Saturday 2 August
- CFN Douglas Borlace Plaque Dedication	Sunday 3 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
- 2003 RAEME Birthday All Ranks Mixed Function	(tentative) 30 November
- Fort Largs Guns Restoration	Saturday 6 December
- Annual General Meeting	Sunday 14 December

RESERVE FORCES DAY - 2003

The main event this year will be held on **Sunday 6 July** in the **Rundle Mall between 10:00 am and 5:00 pm**. Reserve Units will be displaying some of their skills and equipment and the Army Band and Navy Band and the Cadet Corps Drill Team will provide entertainment.

Unfortunately, the AFL did not approve plans for a Mini Tattoo in the Half Time break during a Crows home game later in the month.

A Lapel Pin has been produced by The Adelaide Mint to foster and engender pride for the Reserve Forces in the wider community. Cost is \$5 each, and these will be available for purchase during the Reserve Forces Day activities in Rundle Mall.

2003 CENTRAL REGION RAEME OFFICER/WO/SNCO FORMAL DINNER

MAJ Andrew Kelly, Senior RAEME Representative Central Region, is organising a Formal Dinner for serving and ex-serving RAEME ARA and GRES Officers, WOs and SNCOs.

The Dinner will be held on **Saturday 12 July 2003** in the **Officers' Mess at Woodside Barracks**. There will be a bus from Keswick Barracks SGTs' Mess for Adelaide Plains dwellers, however there is only one bus and it has 24 seats, so first in best dressed.

MAJ Kelly reports that the newly appointed RAEME Head of Corps, BRIG Dave McGahey CSC, will be attending. He hopes that the newly appointed Deputy Head of Corps, LTCOL David Creagh, will attend. He also hopes that the RAEME Corps RSM, WO1 Dave Packer, will attend, bringing the RAEME Corps Banner and the RAEME Corps Centrepiece with him.

An Invitation with all the details has been sent to eligible Association members and currently serving ARA and GRES personnel. Please contact Keith Tainsh on (08) 8389 0292 if you think you are eligible but did not receive an Invitation.

CRAFTSMAN DOUGLAS GRAHAM BORLACE

CFN Douglas Graham Borlace was the first RAEME soldier killed-in-action in Vietnam. He died on 15 July 1968 in Phouc Tuy when his APC ran over a mine during a reconnaissance mission. His grave is in the Stirling District Cemetery. Information shown on the Plaque attached to the headstone includes the Rising Sun Insignia, Service Number and that he was a member of the Corps of RAEME.

As agreed at the last AGM on 15 December 2002, the Committee of Management has investigated whether a second Plaque could be attached to the grave showing a RAEME Insignia, his Unit details and that he was "killed-in-action" in Vietnam. Approval has been obtained from his family, the Office of Australian War Graves and the Cemetery Coordinator, Adelaide Hills Council. The Association has placed an order with A.L.Nalty Memorials Pty.Ltd. for a bronze Plaque mounted on a granite block which will be placed in the infill of the grave. Cost is \$375.

The Committee of Management has decided to hold a small "Dedication Ceremony" on **Sunday 3 August at 2:00 pm** and all members are invited to attend. The **Stirling District Cemetery** is on Strathalbyn Road approximately 1.5 km from the turnoff on Mount Barker Road at Aldgate.

Drive through the first Entrance to the Cemetery (there are three) and park in the paddock. The Association Banner will be erected near the grave site so you will be able to see where to go.

COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT MEETING

The next Committee of Management meeting for 2003 will be held on **Thursday 21 August** at 7:30pm in the **Warradale Area Sergeants' Mess** (southern side of the oval, first building from the south west corner). Entry to Warradale Barracks is through the Oaklands Road gate.

All members are very welcome.

RAEME LUNCH

Fred Brown has advised that the next luncheon will be held in the **Cremorne Hotel at 12:00 pm on Tuesday 9 September 2003**. The function is open to all serving and ex-serving RAEME personnel, not just those who served in Adelaide Workshop Company or Central Command Workshop. So, if you know of other ex-RAEME personnel, please bring them along. So, **mark the date in your diary now** and **contact Fred on phone (09) 8297 7408 or Max Adams on phone (08) 8296 6463 before Friday 5 September so they can let the pub know how many to cater for!!!!**

RAEME CORPS SEMINAR

The 2003 RAEME Corps Seminar is to be conducted over the period **16-17 October 2003**. The aim of the seminar is to raise and address key issues of relevance to the Corps and focus on Corps values. In order to adequately raise and address the range of issues it is proposed to conduct a range of presentations by subject matter experts, each to be followed by a plenary session to facilitate feedback and development.

Some of the key subject areas that are being identified for discussion are:

- **TRF** - 18 months down the track what are some of the practical realities and way ahead,
- **Technical Mastery** - getting the balance right,
- **SED Review** - Corps input, Maintenance Support methodologies ie WVU,
- **Corps Values**
- **Capability Update** - Impact on the Corps, maintenance implications, and
- **Training Update** - Update/Tour of ALTC (MSD) technical induction training.

Similar to last year, the Corps Regimental Officer and WO/SNCO dinners will be conducted at the time of the seminar.

Members of the Corps are encouraged to attend the seminar and participate in the concurrent activities. Members are also encouraged to raise and submit issues for discussion at the seminar. Issues can be forwarded to **SO2 Corps (RAEME) MSD, ALTC, BANDIANA VIC 3694** via your Regional RAEME Representative

- Courtesy "RAEME Head of Corps Newsletter" April 2003 (5th Edition)

2003 RAEME BIRTHDAY MIXED ALL RANKS FUNCTION

MAJ Richard Moyses, OC Maintenance Company, 9CSSB, is planning a **mixed all ranks function** at Warradale Barracks to celebrate the RAEME Birthday. Tentative date is **Sunday 30 November 2003**.

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

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting will be held on **Sunday 14 December 2003** in the **Workshop at Warradale Barracks**.

Please give serious consideration to giving some of your time to the Association by becoming a member of the Committee of Management in 2004. 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 1 November 2003. 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".

RAEME "SOLDIER OF THE YEAR"

A recent Committee of Management meeting of the Association decided to institute Perpetual Trophies with Cash Prizes of \$100 for the best ARA and GRES "Soldier of the Year" in Central Region.

These will be completely separate to the current "Craftsman of the Year" awards, which are limited to the rank of Craftsman. It was felt that the new award should include Lance Corporals and full Corporals. All RAEME soldiers in South Australia, including Broken Hill, up to and including the rank of Corporal will be assessed on both trade and soldier skills on an annual basis. The Battery Commander Support Battery 16AD, currently MAJ Andrew Kelly, is responsible for promotion of the award among all ARA personnel in South Australia and selecting the winning candidate. The Officer Commanding 107 Field Workshop 9CSSB, currently MAJ Dick Moyses, is responsible for promotion of the award among all GRES personnel in South Australia and selecting the winning candidate.

It was decided that the Award Ceremony will take place at the annual RAEME Birthday Function and the first Awards will be presented at the RAEME Birthday Function planned for Sunday 30 November 2003 (Good luck to all serving RAEME soldiers - Ed).

INNER STRENGTH

If you can start the day without caffeine or pep pills,

If you can be cheerful, ignoring aches and pains,

If you can resist complaining and boring people with your troubles,

If you can eat the same food every day and be grateful for it,

If you can understand when loved ones are too busy to give you time,

If you can overlook when people take things out on you when, through no fault of yours, something goes wrong,

If you can take criticism and blame without resentment,

If you can face the world without lies and deceit,

If you can conquer tension without medical help,

If you can relax without liquor,

If you can sleep without the aid of drugs,

If you can do all these things,

Then you are probably the family dog.

- *Courtesy "The Horse's Mouth" Summer 2002-03*

2003 RAEME MIXED ANZAC REUNION

The function, which was held in the Warradale Area SGTs'/Officers' Mess, was a financial success as well as a social success with approximately 80 people attending. The venue was changed from the Other Ranks' Canteen at the last minute and this would have caused major problems for the set up crew of Mike Culley, Dutchy Holland, John Howard, Eric Kelly, Keith Tainsh and David Turner. None of us are getting any younger and it looked like we would have to carry all the tables and chairs from the Other Ranks Canteen across to the SGTs'/Officers' Mess on the Saturday morning prior to the function, and then back again on the Sunday morning. Fortunately for us, WO1 Noel Thomas, ASM of Maintenance Company, took pity on us and arranged for this to be done as a PT exercise on Friday morning and again on Monday morning (sincere thanks, Noel, I hope there were not too many grumbles from the personnel doing PT). Thanks go to the following people who helped make the evening a success:

MAJ Dick Moyses, PMC of Warradale Area Officers' Mess, and WO1 Peter Seeley, RSM 9CSSB and PMC of Warradale Area SGTs' Mess, for allowing the use of their facilities.

107 Field Workshop 9CSSB provided the necessary stores and we sincerely thank the OC, MAJ Dick Moyses, and the ASM, WO1 Noel Thomas, for their assistance in this.

Set up on Saturday morning proceeded smoothly, thanks mainly to the efforts of WO1 Noel Thomas in arranging for the tables and chairs from the Other Ranks' Canteen to be delivered

the day before (see above). Those involved with the set up were Mike Culley, Dutchy Holland, Keith and Margaret Tainsh, WO1 Noel Thomas and David Turner (thanks, guys). Margaret Tainsh also assisted with wiping down tables and laying table cloths (thanks, Margaret).

MAJ Dick Moyses and WO1 Noel Thomas were there early on the Saturday evening to open the Officers' Mess and the SGTs' Mess respectively. WO1 Noel Thomas did a sterling job serving behind the Bar (thanks again, Noel). Frank Owen made sure all people attending paid their \$5 and signed the SGTs' Mess Visitors Book (thanks, Frank).

The Warradale Area SGTs' Mess has a built-in BBQ. However, although the area has shade sails, there is no rain protection. David Renshaw arranged for us to borrow a BBQ Trailer from Serco so that if it was raining we could BBQ under the Verandah. Thanks go to the President, Ian Gonsalves, and David for collecting the BBQ and returning it. In the end we had two BBQs going. Dutchy Holland looked after the SGTs' Mess BBQ (thanks again, Dutchy) and David Renshaw's Dad looked after the Serco BBQ. Mike Culley and his wife Margaret assisted by keeping the serving table supplied with cooked meat and onion, and keeping the cooks updated on how many of the hungry hordes were still waiting to be fed (thanks very much Margaret and Mike). Mike also organised the meat, onion and salads and Keith Tainsh organise the bread, condiments, tea and coffee (thanks again, guys).

MAJ Dick Moyses recited the "Ode" and Phillip O'Neill played the Bugle.

Margaret Culley, Margaret Tainsh and Judy Turner are to be commended for their assistance with cleaning up after the Meal was completed and later in the evening (thanks, Ladies). Their efforts made the work of the Clean up crew that much easier on Sunday morning.

Keith Tainsh organised the Raffle Prizes and sold Raffle Tickets all evening. He reports that the profit from the evening was \$191:70. Judy Turner set up a display of RAEME Corps Shop items and fielded questions all evening (thanks, Judy).

Finally, there was the clean up crew on Sunday morning, Mike Culley, Dutchy Holland and WO1 Noel Thomas (thanks again, guys).

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

ANZAC APPEAL BADGES

Fred Brown has asked me to pass on his sincere thanks to all AEME/RAEME members and friends who bought one of his Badges at the 2003 RAEME Mixed Anzac Reunion. Donations from the evening totalled \$150:05.

ANZAC MARCH 2003

A beautiful blue sky welcomed Anzac Day 2003, a few minor hiccups. Gunner M.J.Heatherstone, the Driver from 16AD, arrived just in time to load up the non-marching members, Harold Shipp, John Corkran and Keith Tainsh. We were advised the Lorraines were not in the best of health and would not be attending. (The Vehicle would have arrived in good time, however it broke down. MAJ Andrew Kelly was able to quickly arrange for a second vehicle and Driver to be despatched, thanks Sir - Ed).

The Association Banner was carried by Dutchy Holland and Frank Owen. The Unit Identity Plate was carried by David Robertson of the Hillcrest Scout Group, and the Unit Colour Sign was carried by LCPL Rogers, and the Australian Flag of CFN Borlace was carried by Cadet Epon. Both Cadets were from 49 Cadet Unit, Smithfield. The March was led by MAJ Alf Lee (Rtd). The number of members were up this year, about 63 members marched.

The March itself went very good, for the first time in years, once we passed the start point (east of the War Memorial) we did not stop marching till we turned into Sir Edwin Smith Avenue. The Band situation was no improvement on previous years, too far apart? step very hard to keep.

Several members from the March adjourned to the Keswick Barracks Sergeants' Mess for a memorable meal and afternoon entertainment.

- Dutchy Holland

FORT LARGS GUNS RESTORATION

Recent Work Parties have concentrated on greasing and exercising all mechanisms on both Guns and Ammo Lifts. The next Work Party will be held on the morning of Saturday 2 August. All members are most welcome to drop in for a chat. In case of inclement weather you can check with Keith Tainsh on phone (08) 8326 2581 to see if it has been postponed.

STANDING ON CEREMONY - BEATING RETREAT AND TATTOO

There is often a good deal of confusion between Beating Retreat and Tattoo. Retreat is the older custom and dates to the 16th century, when it was known as watch setting. The Retreat consisted of prolonged drum-beating at sunset to warn the night guard to mount and to give notice to soldiers beyond the confines of the camp or the town walls that the gates were about to close and that they should return. This drill also signalled civilian working in the field it was time to come back to the safety of the garrison.

The custom has its origins in the days when fighting ceased at sunset; the drum beats signalled that the fighting was over. The soldiers in the main body of troops would fire three volleys of muskets (for troops who were far spread and may not hear the drums) and a hymn would be played between the volleys in honour of those who had fallen during the day.

It was said that the volleys put to flight the evil spirits of departed soldiers. It was during this time of the evening that the colour would be trooped. This drill is replaced today by the lowering of the national flag.

There is some confusion over the post calls. It seems that the First Post and the Last Post came into being in the early part of the 19th century. First Post was sounded as the Orderly Officer, the Orderly Sergeant and a drummer (with bugler) started the Tattoo. They then marched from post to post with the drummer beating his drum. Upon reaching the final post, the drummer would sound the Last Post. This is why drummers also carry a bugle.

Another line of thought is the Tattoo began at 9 pm, the same time as the warning piece (gun) sounded. Soldiers then had to be in their tents by 9:30 pm - First Post, where the Orderly Sergeant checked for absentees and by 10 pm, when the Last Post sounded, the troops had to be in bed. This was followed 15 minutes later by Lights Out.

There is some conjecture over the origin of the word tattoo but in the main it is agreed that the word is derived from the old Dutch expression *doe den tap toe*, which freely translated into English is turn of the taps. The phrase tap was used in official books for a long time and gradually gave place to the familiar word tattoo.

This drum call was to get soldiers back to their billets by having the Innkeepers turn off their beer taps and cease selling liquor.

The Last Post was really the end of the day (a hard day's fighting and a hard night's drinking). This bugle call has been passed down through the centuries, in many countries of the world, as an accompaniment to the impressive rites of a soldier's farewell, where the closing bars wail out their sad farewell to the departing warrior.

- WO1 C.J.Johnson Retd - RSM Ceremonial ADHQ

- Courtesy "The Lightning Flash" August 2002

HEAD OF CORPS

There have been two changes to the staff at Head of Corps. BRIG Dave McGahey, CSC, was appointed Head of Corps on 1 March 2003. LTCOL David Creagh is the new Deputy Head of Corps. MAJ Graham Anderson is the SO2 Corps, WO1 Dave Packer is the Corps RSM, MAJ Gerry Stow is the SO2 EME Trade Management and Mr.Wayne Allan is the National Technical Training Manager.

- Courtesy "RAEME Head of Corps Newsletter" April 2003 (5th Edition)

AN INTRODUCTION - HEAD OF CORPS RAEME - BRIGADIER DAVE MCGAHEY, CSC

Dear Members of RAEME, I was honoured on 1 March 2003, to take up the appointment of Head of Corps, RAEME. I have spent the last few weeks with the Corps Managers and Senior Leadership getting across the issues facing our large and complex organisation and in doing so

meeting as many members of the Corps as I can. In operational terms, the forthcoming year will be a big year for the men and women of RAEME, reflecting the range of RAEME personnel in support of Army's operational commitments, our essential role in maintaining the Army's operational and technical edge and the challenging times we live in. In my short time as Head of Corps, I have been delighted to hear from all levels of the Defence Senior Leadership about the outstanding commitment and dedication shown by members of the Corps in support of current operations in Iraq, Afghanistan, and Peacekeeping duties around the world.

I look forward to working with you in continuing to enhance the reputation and tradition of our Corps. I will be focussing on the Corp' Communication Competence and Credibility. By this, I mean building on the Corp's internal formal and informal communication networks and enhancing our technical and operational competence and credibility within Army and the broader Defence community. I look forward to meeting as many of you as possible in the forthcoming year.

Arte Et Marte

- Courtesy "RAEME Head of Corps Newsletter" April 2003 (5th Edition)

DHOC REPORT - LTCOL DAVID CREAGH

I would like to begin by saying how delighted I was to be given the opportunity as CO/CI of Materiel Support Division to represent RAEME as the Deputy Head of Corps. The first four months have been hectic to say the least however, it has been made considerably easier by the very good work the previous HOC team have undertaken in the past twelve months.

As RAEME soldiers within 7 Brigade and 16 Brigade (our March visit) will know we have continued with the practice of visiting the major formations on an annual basis. We propose visiting 3 Brigade and 11 Brigade in May and funds permitting, a visit to 1 Brigade in the second half of 2003. 2004 should see us visiting the remaining P/T Brigades. Ensure you all use these visits to raise issues and seek updates on matters affecting your specific trade or the Corps in general. It is also our intention to keep you abreast of other relevant issues such as issues affecting logistic corps in general and conditions of service matters.

A number of very good points were raised during the Brisbane visit which included but were not limited to; the vexed issue of technical mastery and the practicalities associated with the recent implementation of the Technical Regulatory Framework. The impact of the demise of the Clerk Production and the ongoing difficulties we are experiencing with recruiting and retaining ECN 419, 420 and 422 were also high on unit agendas. SO2 Corps is currently completing follow up action and will shortly staff a response to Brisbane based units through the Regional RAEME Representative. Notwithstanding this work in progress I will take this opportunity to update you on a number of issues.

ECN 419/420/422. The proposal to amalgamate these three trades into one (ECN 421) is progressing well. ALTC Training Development Group (TDG) has commenced the necessary action to complete this and we remain confident that the current 'crop' of trainees in Electrical and Electronic Systems Wing will be the first RAEME soldiers to complete the additional modules to allow them to graduate as ECN 421 Craftsmen.

Subject 4 SGT Mech. The necessary developmental work for this initiative is now complete. The Subject 4 SGT Armt and Subject 4 SGT VM courses panelled for April 2003 will complete their training IAW the Subject 4 SGT Mech TMP (the course commences on 28 April 2003). NCOs attending the pilot course should note that they will receive a Subject 4 SGT Armt or SGT VM ROA qualification however, the competencies will reflect the Subject 4 SGT Mech course curriculum. It is anticipated that the course will have been formally agreed to by the time the next course commences in July 2003.

WO ART Ground Course. MSD has secured developmental funding to assist TDG in developing a WO Artificer Ground course. This course will aim to provide RAEME WO with the requisite skills to fill technical appointments in areas such as the Defence Materiel Organisation. We hope to complete this work by December 2003.

RAEME Corps Seminar. The RAEME HOC, BRIG Dave McGahey is very keen to ensure that we conduct a Corps Seminar, which addresses and discusses issues of relevance to all members of the Corps. Already potential topics include technical mastery, the Technical Regulatory Framework and an update on the 2nd Division's Army Reserve Apprenticeship Scheme. You all have an opportunity to forward suggestions to the SO2 Corps, MAJ Graham Anderson.

One of the highlights of the visit to 7 Brigade was the very positive feedback we received from COs/RSMs and the Craftsmen themselves on the OJT program we currently have in place. I wish to take this opportunity to acknowledge the efforts of Mr. Wayne Allan, MSD's Technical Training Manager and the WO2/SNCO team Wayne has in Brisbane, Sydney, Townsville and Darwin. This team is the pivotal link in what is a very important component of our training continuum.

I look forward to seeing many of you over the next two years either here at MSD or during one of our the HOC visits.

Arte Et Marte

- Courtesy "RAEME Head of Corps Newsletter" April 2003 (5th Edition)

HONORARY COLONELS COMMANDANT APPOINTMENTS

Appointment	Officer	Contact Details
Colonel in Chief	Field Marshall His Royal Highness The Prince Philip Duke of Edinburgh, KG, KT, OM, GBE, AC, QSO	
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- Courtesy RAEME Corps Newsletter April 2003 (5th Edition)

IT COULD ONLY HAPPEN IN AMERICA.....

When NASA first started sending up astronauts, they quickly discovered that ball-point pens would not work in zero gravity.

To combat this problem, NASA scientists spent a decade and \$12 billion developing a pen that writes in zero gravity, upside down, under water, on almost any surface including glass and at temperatures ranging from below freezing to over 300⁰ C.

The Russians used a pencil.

- Courtesy "The Horse's Mouth" Autumn 2003

RAEME CORPS REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVES

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7CSSB	OC FD WKSP	MAJ	Willmann Chris	Corps Regional Rep	South East Queensland	07 3332 7645
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- Courtesy RAEME Corps Newsletter April 2003 (5th Edition)

RELATIONSHIPS

- You have two choices in life: You can stay single and be miserable, or get married and wish you were dead.
- At the cocktail party, one woman said to another, "Aren't you wearing your wedding ring on the wrong finger?" The other woman replied, "Yes I am, I married the wrong man."
- A lady inserted an 'ad' in the classifieds: "Husband wanted". Next day she received a hundred letters. They all said the same thing: "You can have mine."
- When a woman steals your husband, there is no better revenge than to let her keep him.
- Eighty percent of married men cheat in the U.S.A. The rest cheat in Canada.
- A woman is incomplete until she is married. Then she is finished.
- A boy asked his father, "Daddy, how much does it cost to get married?" And the father replied, "I don't know son, I'm still paying."
- Young son: Is it true Dad, that in some parts of Africa a man doesn't know his wife until he marries her? Dad: That happens in every country, son.
- Then there was a woman who said, "I never knew what real happiness was until I got married; and by then it was too late."
- Marriage is the triumph of imagination over intelligence.
- If you want your spouse to listen and pay strict attention to every word you say, talk in your sleep.
- Just think, if it weren't for marriage, men would go through life thinking that they had no faults at all.
- You know the honeymoon is pretty much over when you start to go out with the boys on Wednesday nights, and so does she.
- First guy: "My wife's an angel!" Second guy: "You're lucky, mine's still alive."

- Courtesy "The Horse's Mouth" Spring 2002

AEME/RAEME ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA INC WEB SITE

Wayne Birch, our Webmaster, has advised that he has finally been successful in contacting "diggerz" who host our Web Site. They have been through major changes and they are now

known as "ausmil". The new address for our Web Site is www.ausmil.com/users/raasa. As before, there is no cost to the Association for the use of the Web Site.

WEB SITE ADDRESSES

AEME/RAEME Association of SA Inc: www.ausmil.com/users/
 AEME/RAEME Association - ACT: www.members.austarmetro.com.au/~lwedd/raeme
 RAEME Association NSW Inc. www.raemensw.com
 The RAEME Association (Vic) Inc: www.nex.net.au/users/vraeme (under construction)
 The RAEME Association of WA Inc: www.redbackwebs.com.au/raemewa
 The RAEME Association of QLD: www.raemeqld.org
 National Service Association: www.nasho.asn.au
 Vietnam Veterans Federation: www.webmaster.net.au/vvf
 Department of Defence: www.defence.gov.au
 World War II personnel details: www.ww2roll.gov.au
 Australian/Commonwealth Honours: www.itsanhonour.gov.au

If there are other Web Sites that you know of that may be of interest to other members, please let me know. If any of the Web Sites listed are not working please let me know.

RAEME CORPS ITEMS

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

JAVELIN SELECTED AS NEW SHOULDER FIRED WEAPON FOR AUSTRALIAN ARMY

The Javelin missile system has been selected as the Australian Army's anti-armour and bunker-busting weapon of choice, Defence Minister Robert Hill announced recently.

"Australian Special Forces soldiers in Afghanistan were equipped with a number of Javelin weapons prior to their deployment as a defence against armoured threats," Senator Hill said. "The shoulder-fired direct fire guided weapon, manufactured by Raytheon/Lockheed Martin, was not fired in anger by Australian soldiers. However, it is a highly valuable additional capability for our Special Forces."

The Javelin is a state-of-the-art weapon that provides a 'fire and forget' capability which locks on before launch with an automatic-guidance system. This reduces the risk of a soldier being exposed to enemy fire while trying to guide a weapon to its target. The weapon systems will equip infantry, cavalry and special forces units with a modern, highly capable weapon.

"The Javelin gives our soldiers the ability to attack armoured vehicles and bunkers at ranges out to over 2000 metres," Senator Hill said. "The purchase, at a total cost of around \$180 million, will provide enough missile launchers, ammunition, logistics support, simulators and training ammunition to equip high readiness battalions and other units. The weapons are expected to enter service over the period 2005 to 2007."

Senator Hill said the purchase of the Javelin continued the Government's 2000 Defence White Paper commitments.

- *Courtesy "The Horse's Mouth" Autumn 2003*

MILD MANNERED MAN

A mild mannered man was tired of being bossed around by his wife, so he went to a psychiatrist. The psychiatrist said he needed to build his self-esteem, and so gave him a book on assertiveness, which he read on the way home. He had finished the book by the time he had reached his house.

The man stormed into the house and walked up to his wife. Pointing a finger in her face, he said, "From now on, I want you to know that I am the man of the house, and my word is law! I want you to prepare me a gourmet meal tonight, and when I am finished eating my meal, I expect a sumptuous dessert afterward. Then, after dinner, you're going to draw me my bath so I can relax. And when I'm finished with my bath, guess who's going to dress me and comb my hair....."

"The funeral director," said his wife.

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107 INFANTRY WORKSHOP PLAQUE

WO1 Noel Thomas, ASM 107 Field Workshop 9CSSB, was visited recently by Mr. Robin (Rob) Gratton (Service Number 411686). Apparently he was a member of 107 Infantry Workshop at Kilkenny for a while from 1956 onwards.

He is very interested in obtaining a Unit Plaque, or a replica of a Unit Plaque, from that time. If any one has such an item and would like to help him produce a replica, please contact me, David Turner, on phone (08) 8381 3644, after hours, or you can contact Rob directly on mobile phone 0408 741 236.

KIDS TALES

Thought you would like these; but if you saw them before... what the heck, they're still fun.

I was driving with my three young children on warm summer evening when a woman in the convertible ahead of us stood up and waved. She was stark naked! As I was reeling from the shock, I heard my 5-year-old shout, "Mom! That lady isn't wearing a seat belt!"

On the first day of school, a first grader handed his teacher a note from his mother. The note read, "The opinions expressed by this child are not necessarily those of his parents."

A mother was showing her son how to zip up his coat. "The secret," she said, "is to get the left part of the zipper to fit in the other side before you try to zip it up." The boy looked at her quizzically: "Why does it have to be a secret?"

A little boy got lost at the YMCA and found himself in the women's locker room. When he was spotted, the room burst into shrieks, with ladies grabbing towels and running for cover. The little boy watched in amazement and then asked, "What's the matter - haven't you ever seen a little boy before?"

While taking a routine vandalism report at an elementary school, I was interrupted by a little girl about six years old. Looking up and down at my uniform, she asked, "Are you a cop?" "Yes," I answered and continued writing the report. "My mother said if I ever needed help I should ask

the police. Is that right?" "Yes, that's right," I told her. "Well then," she said as she extended her foot toward me, "would you please tie my shoe?"

It was the end of the day when I parked my police van in front of the station. As I gathered my equipment, my K-9 partner, Jake, was barking, and I saw a little boy staring at me. "Is that a dog you got back there?" he asked. "It sure is," I replied. Puzzled, the boy looked at me and then towards the back of the van. Finally he said, ".....What'd he do?"

While working for an organisation that delivers lunches to elderly shut-ins, I used to take my four-year-old daughter on my afternoon rounds. She was unfailingly intrigued by the various appliances of old age, particularly the canes, walkers and wheelchairs. One day I found her staring at a pair of false teeth soaking in a glass. As I braced myself for the inevitable barrage of questions, she merely turned and whispered, "The tooth fairy will never believe this!"

A little girl was watching her parents dress for a party. When she saw her dad donning his tuxedo, she warned, "Daddy, you shouldn't wear that suit." "And why not, darling?" "You know that it always gives you a headache next morning."

While walking along the sidewalk in front of his church, our minister heard the intoning of a prayer that nearly made his collar wilt. Apparently, his five-year-old son and his playmates had found a dead robin. Feeling that proper burial should be performed, they had secured a small box and cotton batting, then dug a hole and made ready for the disposal of the deceased. The minister's son was chosen to say the appropriate prayers and with sonorous dignity intoned his version of what he thought his father always said: "Glory be unto the Faaather.....and unto the Soonnn.....and into the hole he gooooes."

A little girl had just finished her first week of school. "I'm just wasting my time," she said to her mother. "I can't read, I can't write - and they won't let me talk!"

A little boy opened the big family bible. He was fascinated as he fingered through the old pages. Suddenly, something fell out of the Bible. He picked up the object and looked at it. What he saw was an old leaf that had been pressed between the pages. "Mama, look what I found," the boy called out. "What have you got there, dear?" With astonishment in the young boy's voice, he answered, "I think it's Adam's underwear," he said.

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MEMBERSHIP

New Members

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

Jeff Allen, Jason Polgreen, Ben Renfrey, Brett Wilkeson, Craig Williams

Subs are due as at 1 July in the year your membership is "current to" ie if the date on your Membership Card is 2003, your Subs are now due and a green "reminder slip" is included with this Newsletter. Subs are still \$5 for one year or any multiple thereof eg \$20 for four years. You will need to be financial to vote at the AGM, which will be held in December.

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

Honorary Life Members

Reg Glass, Dutchy Holland, David Turner

Ordinary Members

Walter Ade (2006), Milton Ahrens (2005), Jeff Allen (2004), Ernest Atkinson (2003), Peter Badcock (2005), Joe Barton (2003), Richard Beare (2005), John Black (2006), Helmut Bohn (2003), David Brand (2003), Bob Brown (2003), Fred Brown (2005), an Burgess (2003), Roger Burzacott (2003), Nicholas Cashman (2004), Chris Castle (2003), Trevor Clerke (2003), Geoff Coat (2003), Brian Cogan (2006), Don Collins (2004), John Corkran (2003), Brian Cox (2004), Peter Cox (2003), George Craig (2005), Mike Culley (2007), Bob Davis (2003), Graham de la Rue (2005), Chris Duffield (2003), Robert Duffield (2006), Nick Ebbs (2006), Bluey Etheridge (2003), Kym Everett (2004), Andrew Ferguson (2003), Jim Fisher (2003), Scott Fishlock (2003), Brian Flavel (2006),

Jan Gancarz (2005), Bob Gell (2004), Nick Gogilis (2005), Steve Gough (2006), Steve Gould (2007), Robert Hansford (2007), Jock Hart (2004), Don Harvy (2006), Arthur Hasse (2003), Brenton Hawke (2003), Greg Hay (2005), Norm Hay (2004), Colin Haynes (2006), Viv Helps (2004), Brian Holmes (2008), Darryl Horner (2006), John Howard (2005), Gary Howell (2004), Tony Ivens (2003), Graham Janz (2003), Juris Jaudzems (2006), Jeff Johns (2007), Lindsay Johnson (2004), Eddy Kaminski (2006), Eric Kelly (2004), Bob Killoran (2007), Bob King (2004), Les Kovacs (2005), Grant Kuchel (2003), Alf Lee (2006), Lou Leeuwrik (2011), Ken Lorraine (2005), Greg Lowe (2003), Chris Macintosh (2010), A.D.Marks (2003), Trevor Martin (2007), Robin Maslen OAM (2004), Bob Matthews (2003), Fred McInerney (2006), 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), Doug Pammenter (2004), Nick Papanicolaou (2004), Geoff Parker (2003), Trevor Parrott (2007), Roger Parsons (2006), R. Payne (2003), Lionel Penley (2004), Jason Polgreen (2004), John Raftery (2003), Harry Ralph (2003), Hank Ramm (2004), Ben Renfrey (2004), Lionel Renfrey (2003), Dave Renshaw (2006), Peter Reynolds (2007), George Robinson (2004), Bill Roch (2003), Greg Rosser (2003), Ray Ryan (2003), Perry Sangster (2005), Brian Sayers (2003), Barra Schmidtke (2003), Glendon Shaw (2003), Harold Shipp (2003), Robert Silcock (2006), Victor Sobotnik (2006), Walter Soroka (2006), Max Sparrow (2004), Debbie Spicer (2005), Ian Starick (2006), Murray Stock (2004), Donald Sutherland (2006), James Szpunar (2008), Keith Tainsh (2003), Ian Taylor (2003), Paul Teague (2005), Simon Telleria (2003), Howard Terry (2003), Noel Thomas (2004), Dick Tischer (2007), Donald Tremethick (2003), Danny Trewick (2005), Joe Tuckwell (2007), Eugene Wasilenia (2006), Bruce Watson (2003), Bruce Wayne (2003), Graham West OAM (2006), Brett Wilkeson (2004), Craig Williams (2004), Warren Williams (2012), Alan Wilson (2004), Betty Winstanley (2004), Curly Woolcock (2007), Pat Wright (2004), Brian Yelds (2003), John Zander (2004), Pete Zander (2007).

Associate Members

Marg Culley (2003), Anne-Michelle Howell (2006), Joan Lorraine (2006), Judy Turner (2004).

DIFFERENCES

What is the difference between a Commissioned Officer and a Warrant Officer? When you "commission" a product, you hope it works. When you "warrant" a product, you guarantee it! Say's it all really, doesn't it!!!!!!

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CHANGE OF ADDRESS

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

VALE - LEST WE FORGET

SX 15310 John Bicknell (Honorary Life Member) Passed away 10 June 2000

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(Corps Motto: With Skill and Fighting)

David Turner

Hon. Secretary