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Dear Members,

I apologise for the lateness of this Newsletter. It should have been out in mid March. I don't know where the time goes these days. The problem must be the fact that our Anzac Reunion is a week earlier than usual this year because the Easter Weekend is just before Anzac Day. Well that's my excuse anyway.

As advised in the January Newsletter, the Committee of Management, in conjunction with Maintenance Company 9CSSB (the Workshop) at Warradale Barracks, and Support Battery 16AD (the Workshop) at Woodside Barracks, are well advanced with preparations for the 2003 RAEME Mixed Anzac Reunion (an Invitation is attached to this Newsletter).

It is planned that an Officers, WOs and SNCOs Formal Dinner will be held in the Officers' Mess at Woodside Barracks in mid to late June. It is hoped that MAJ Andrew Kelly, the new Battery Commander, Support Battery 16AD, and Senior RAEME Representative in Central Region will be organising this function.

It is planned that an All Ranks Mixed function will be held in the Other Ranks' Canteen at Warradale Barracks on Sunday 30 November to coincide with the RAEME Birthday.

It is hoped that MAJ Richard Moyses, the new Officer Commanding, Maintenance Company 9CSSB will be organising this function.

**Please make every effort to take part in these activities to help promote the Corps of RAEME in South Australia.**

#### DIARY DATES 2003

<u>Activity/Function</u>	<u>Date</u>
- 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
- 2003 Officer/WO/SNCO Formal Dinner	(tentative) June
- Committee of Management Meeting	Thursday 19 June
- Reserve Forces Day-2003	Sunday 6 July
- 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
- 2003 RAEME Birthday All Ranks Mixed Function	(tentative) 30 December
- Fort Largs Guns Restoration	Saturday 6 December

#### COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT MEETING

The first Committee of Management meeting for 2003 will be held on **Thursday 10 April** 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.**

#### 2003 RAEME MIXED ANZAC REUNION

As mentioned in the January Newsletter, permission has been given 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 with a BBQ Meal available from approximately 7:15 pm to 8:15 pm at a cost of \$5 per serve. Refreshments will be available at special Bar prices. A "Remembrance Ceremony" will be held at 9:00 pm commencing with the "Last Post" played by Phillip O'Neill. The function is expected to conclude at approximately 11:30 pm.

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, David Turner, know on phone (08) 8381 3644, after hours.** An Invitation with all the details is attached to this Newsletter.

**Please ring Keith Tainsh on (08) 8326 2581 before Saturday 5 April and let him know whether you will be attending and who your guests will be!**

In order to keep costs under control as much as possible the Committee of Management has decided that **WE WILL ONLY CATER FOR THE NAMES NOTIFIED.**

#### ANZAC DAY 2003

The Anzac Day Commemorative March will be held on Friday 25 April commencing at 9:30 am.

The AEME/RAEME Association of South Australia will be led this year by Alf Lee. Two members are required to carry the Association Banner, and this will be decided on the day. Any Anzac Day March queries should be directed to our own March Marshalls, Dutchy Holland (8294 4401) or Bob Killoran (8270 2222).

The Assembly Point for Group 6 is the same as last year, ie the eastern side of Pultney Street with head on Rundle Street and extending south to the Grenfell Street intersection (see map).

The route is also the same as last year, north along Pultney Street, west along North Terrace and north along King William Road to the dispersal area in Pennington Gardens.

Salutes (the Association Banner is to be lowered on "eyes right") are to be paid at the State National War Memorial and the South African War Memorial on North Terrace, and the Official Dias on the eastern side of King William Road.

As happened last year, MAJ Andrew Kelly, the new Senior RAEME Representative in Central Region and Battery Commander of Support Battery (the Workshop) at 16<sup>th</sup> Air Defence Regiment has offered his personal 110 Land Rover (it has one seat in the front and will seat three in the back) to follow directly behind "AEME/RAEME" to allow WW2 veterans who can no longer make the distance the opportunity to participate (thanks, Sir). **Please contact me, David Turner, on phone (08) 8381 3644, after hours, to see if there is a spare seat.**

All persons who have:

1. Served in the Armed Forces of the Commonwealth of Australia, British Commonwealth countries or any other country which, at the time of such service, was an ally of Australia, or
  2. Been allotted duty in the March,
- are eligible to march.

Children are not permitted to participate in the March other than those who are Next-of-Kin of a deceased veteran and are 13 years of age or over. Those participating are required to wear the medals of the deceased relative (over the right breast) and are required to march with either the "Next of Kin" (Group 12 - Assembly Point on the eastern side of Pultney Street with head on Grenfell Street) or, if a Legacy Ward, with "Legacy" (Group 1 - Assembly Point on the southern side of North Terrace 50 metres east of Kintore Avenue).

The participation of the next-of-kin in the Anzac Day March is a vexed issue. The RSL policy has been and remains, that next-of-kin marchers shall have reached their 13<sup>th</sup> birthday and march with Group 12. It is expected that one next-of-kin will march for a deceased family member unless, in extraordinary circumstances, a carer for the next-of-kin marcher is required.

Next-of-kin marchers shall, wherever possible, wear the service medals of their deceased relative on their right breast and must always be dressed in a manner appropriate to a march of this nature.

Whilst policy is that the next-of-kin will only march within Group 12, the RSL recognises that certain exceptional circumstances may exist within individual units, which may prompt units to invite selected next-of-kin to join them. Whilst not encouraging or condoning this practice, the RSL recognises the unit's right to decide upon and implement such exceptions if they so desire.

The recognition of these exceptions should not be viewed as any change in the RSL policy that has existed for many years.

Free car parking facilities will be provided upon display of Service Medals or RSL Badge at:

1. Gawler Place Car Park 5:15am - 6:00pm (No entry/exit during March 9:00am - 11:00am)
2. John Martin's Car Park 5:15am - 6:00pm (No entry/exit during March 9:00am - 11:00am)
3. Hungry Jack's Car Park 8:00am - 6:00pm (No entry/exit during March 9:00am - 11:00am)
4. Harris Scarfe's Car Park 8:00am - 6:00pm

Toilet facilities will be provided as follows:

1. Council toilets in Hindmarsh Square
2. Ground floor level Hungry Jack's Car Park
3. Austin Street corner Pultney Street (portaloos x 1)
4. North Terrace opposite Pultney Street intersection (portaloos x 1)

5. Kintore Avenue opposite State National War Memorial (portaloo x 2)
6. South eastern side of City Bridge for WW1 veterans and VIPs
7. Rear of Adelaide University Oval and the Adelaide Oval
8. Portable toilets will be provided by the Adelaide City Council at the south eastern corner of Pennington Gardens.

Approval has been given for Members to use the excellent facilities of the Keswick Barracks Sergeants' Mess after the March. At the time of enquiry, the Secretary, Warrant Officer Class 2 Mike Gray CSM, thought that a light lunch would be available as in previous years for approximately \$5. Warrant Officer Gray has advised that the Standard of Dress for inside the Sergeants' Mess is neat civilian attire with a collared shirt. Blue denim is now acceptable provided there are no holes or patches, although runners are still not acceptable footwear.

Warrant Officer Gray has specifically directed that "no current serving military members below the rank of Sergeant or above the rank of Warrant Officer (or other service equivalent) are invited to attend. Current serving members who are not eligible for membership of a Sergeant's Mess should attend their rank respective Mess". Civilian, ex-serving and retired members of any rank are more than welcome to attend as long as they are properly attired and do not display poor behaviour.

Dutchy Holland has advised that he and a small group of members normally congregate in the former Torrens Training Depot building on the Torrens Parade Ground for refreshments straight after the March. Members are welcome to join Dutchy.

#### RESERVE FORCES DAY - 2003

The Reserve Forces Day Council - SA has advised that Reserve Forces Day - 2003 is planned for Sunday 6 July this year. Dutchy Holland, Vice President, will represent our Association at the launch of Reserve Forces Day - 2003 at Government House on Friday 4 April.

More information about the programme for 6 July will be in the next Newsletter.

#### THE PRESIDENT'S PIECE

Our Honorary Secretary tells me it's a while since I last did a "President's Piece", he won't take any more excuses so here goes.

I must start by thanking the Committee for their effort last year while I was laid low with an eye problem, it's great to have people who just keep doing the job. Also thanks to the members for their concern and good wishes.

The 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary RAEME Port turned out to be a great success. I was speaking to Grant and Noel when it first hit the market and sales were slow, they need not have had any concern the way it ended up, every bottle was sold. Some of the RAEME ports I've tasted have not been the best but this 60<sup>th</sup> issue is one I can say is enjoyable.

Once the contents are gone the bottle will be a real keep-sake with its delightful label and back information panel, plus the small bottle. All in all, a great effort from members of Maintenance Company 9CSSB.

I have received a letter of introduction from the new OC of Maintenance Company 9CSSB Major Richard Moyses, thankyou Dick for your offer of assistance to the Association and I look forward to working with you during your current posting.

Last year I attended the re-dedication of the Australian Vietnam Forces National Memorial in Canberra. The National Capital turned on some good weather (organised by RAEME) for the occasion to make the trip a memorable one. The Stand-to Service will be remembered by all Vietnam veterans who attended, with the special sound from the two choppers as they performed the fly-past along Anzac Parade on that fresh still morning. To make the fly past authentic I was told that the gun mounts and armaments on the choppers were all changed back to the system used during the Vietnam War.

A Gunfire Breakfast followed to fuel the fire to ensure that we all made it through the day. This was a good opportunity do some catching up and working out how mates would look after 30

plus years of not seeing one another. With breakfast down and friendships renewed it was time for the re-dedication with a March Past of Vietnam Veterans. The Minister for Veterans' Affairs, Danna Vale took the salute. The ceremony was made complete with another fly-past of the two choppers. With all the official duties finished groups headed off to various locations for their own reunions.

Sunday morning was a free choice time, some to see the War Memorial, some to Church Services, then the afternoon venue was a concert at the Yacht Club with a good attendance of AEME/RAEME Association members: Frank & Dierdre Owen, Bob & Pat Davis, Graham Janz and Jim Fisher.

I would urge all members to be prompt in letting Keith know they will be attending the various functions we have. Your Committee works hard to put the functions on and a reply on time would make the job that much easier, lets have a record attendance for this year's Anzac function.

The ladies who attend our functions tell me that the OR's Mess is an ideal venue, so come on members, bring your better half along and have a top time. If we as an Association are to survive then we must have enough people attending functions. Hope to see lots more of you at the Anzac and other functions.

*Mike Culley*

#### WHAT IS ANZAC DAY?

Anzac Day - 25 April - is probably Australia's most important national occasion. It marks the anniversary of the first major military action fought by Australian and New Zealand forces during the First World War. ANZAC stands for Australian and New Zealand Army Corps. The soldiers in those forces quickly became known as Anzacs and the pride they soon took in that name endures to this day.

- *Courtesy "The Lightning Flash" April 2002*

#### WHAT DOES ANZAC DAY MEAN TODAY?

Australians recognise 25 April as an occasion of national commemoration. Commemorative services are held at dawn, the time of the original landing, across the nation. Later in the day ex-service men and women meet and join in marches through the major cities and many smaller centres. Commemorative ceremonies are held at war memorials around the country. It is a day when Australians reflect on the many different meanings of war.

- *Courtesy "The Lightning Flash" April 2002*

#### FORT LARGS GUNS RESTORATION

The Fort Largs Guns Work Party has finally moved into maintenance mode with the main focus on greasing and exercising all mechanisms on both Guns.

They recently installed a new set of bearings in the traversing mechanism of the southern Gun, and with the help of any Oxy Set loaned by Norm Hay, have now finally freed up the pulleys at the bottom of the southern Gun ammo lift.

The Work Party has been given a new, larger area to work in and store their equipment. This has tables to work on.

WO2 Ian Jeisman has produced two brass Plaques acknowledging the restoration work. They will be fixed near the Guns after they have been clear finished to protect them from the sea air.

The next Work Party will be held on the morning of Saturday 5 April. 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.

#### THE ORIGIN OF THE 9 O'CLOCK CEREMONY

While this impressive ceremony was only adopted by the RSL since World War II, its origin dates back to World War I, indeed, the service is still held nightly at the Menin Gate, famous World War I landmark on the battlefield of Ypres, France.

Hundreds of millions all over the world regularly listen via the BBC to the ringing of Big Ben, the giant bell in the Tower of the Houses of Parliament in London. Although they know the preliminary chimes, because they broadcast at least once every 24 hours, at 9 o'clock each evening, only a small fraction of listeners realise the full significance of nine lingering strokes of Big Ben. The chimes and the strokes have been heard since 10 November 1940, but the origin of all this goes back to World War I.

The scene is a mountain near Jerusalem, they say, early in December 1917, in a billet at the mouth of a cave, on the eve of battle two British officers are in conversation. They were close friends. One of the two, a man of unusual character and vision, feeling instinctively that his hours of life on earth were numbered, said, "I shall not come through this struggle. You will survive and see a greater and more vital conflict. When that time comes, remember us. We shall long to play our part, what ever we may be - we shall not fight with material weapons then, but we will help you if you will help us. We shall be an unseen but mighty army - you will have 'time' available as your servant. Lend us a moment of it each day, and by your Silence give us our opportunity. The power of Silence is greater than you know..."

The speaker was killed in action the next day, the friend he addressed was severely wounded, left with the enemy, escaped, recovered and went back to England with a mission. His name was Major Tudor Pole. He became Chairman of the Big Ben Council. The one who died knew that he would die soon. He also saw in his vision, the future and still greater, the Second World War. He enlisted his friend's cooperation, and won it. This is how the idea of a daily moment of unity in silence was born. Ultimately it became known as the Silent Minute and it is now signalled by the chiming and stroking of Big Ben at 9 o'clock each evening. It took years until the dying wish of this soldier was fulfilled from 1917 to 1940.

The signal for the Silent Minute was broadcast for the first time by the BBC on 10 November 1940 also to indicate to the world that England had not been overthrown by the enemy, and has been repeated each evening since then.

- *Courtesy "The Lightning Flash" April 2002*

### HICCUPS

A woman went to the doctor's office, where she was seen by one of the new doctors, but after about 4 minutes in the examination room, she burst out, screaming as she ran down the hall. An older doctor stopped her and asked what the problem was, and she told him her story. After listening, he had her sit down and told her to go relax in another room.

The older doctor marched down the hallway to the back where the first doctor was and demanded, "What's the matter with you? Mrs. Terry is 63 years old, she has four grown children and seven grandchildren, and you told her she was pregnant?" The new doctor continued to write on his clipboard and without looking up said, "Are her hiccups gone?"

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

### AEME/RAEME ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA INC WEB SITE

Wayne Birch, our Webmaster, has again apologised for not keeping the Web Site up to date. He can no longer access our Web Site, and despite considerable effort, has not been successful in contacting our host "diggerz".

Recently he received an offer from Richard Legge of "AC&SS" to host our Web Site. They currently look after the Queensland and New South Wales Web Sites, and are in discussion with the RAEME Association in Western Australia. "Depending how many sites we get we hope to be able to offer web hosting and full e-mail service for around \$20 - \$25 per month".

The Committee of Management will discuss this offer at our April meeting. If you have any thoughts or comments, please contact me, David Turner, on phone (08) 8381 3644, after hours.

### WEB SITE ADDRESSES

AEME/RAEME Association of SA Inc: [www.diggerz.org/users/raasa](http://www.diggerz.org/users/raasa)

AEME/RAEME Association - ACT: [www.members.austarmetro.com.au/~lwedd/raeme](http://www.members.austarmetro.com.au/~lwedd/raeme)

The RAEME Association (Vic) Inc: [www.nex.net.au/users/vraeme](http://www.nex.net.au/users/vraeme) (under construction)  
 The RAEME Association of WA Inc: [www.redbackwebs.com.au/raemewa](http://www.redbackwebs.com.au/raemewa)  
 The RAEME Association of QLD: [www.raemeqld.org](http://www.raemeqld.org)  
 National Service Association: [www.nasho.asn.au](http://www.nasho.asn.au)  
 Vietnam Veterans Federation: [www.webmaster.net.au/vvf](http://www.webmaster.net.au/vvf)  
 Department of Defence: [www.defence.gov.au](http://www.defence.gov.au)  
 Australian/Commonwealth Honours: [www.itsanhonour.gov.au](http://www.itsanhonour.gov.au)

If there are any 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 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 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.

### 107 INFANTRY WORKSHOP PLAQUE

WO1 Noel Thomas, ASM Maintenance Company 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.

### "BRASS MONKEY"

Have you ever wondered about the origin of the term "Freeze the balls off a Brass Monkey"? Peter Humpston has sent us the real reason for the term.

Peter says:

In the heyday of sailing ships, all war ships and many freighters carried iron cannons. Those cannon fired round iron cannon balls. It was necessary to keep a good supply near the cannon.

But how to prevent them from rolling about the deck? The best storage method devised was a square based pyramid with one ball on top, resting on four resting on nine which rested on sixteen. Thus, a supply of 30 cannon balls could be stacked in a small area right next to the cannon. There was only one problem - how to prevent the bottom layer from sliding/rolling from under the others. The solution was a metal plate called a "Monkey" with 16 round indentations. But if this plate was made of iron, the iron balls would quickly rust to it. The solution to the rusting problem was to make "Brass Monkeys".

Few landlubbers realise that brass contracts much more and much faster than iron when chilled. Consequently, when the temperature dropped too far, the brass indentations would shrink so much that the iron cannon balls would come right off the monkey. Thus, it was quite literally, "Cold enough to freeze the balls off a brass monkey!" (And all this time, you thought that was an improper expression, didn't you?)

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

### PROBE INTO UK MARINE'S FAULTY RIFLE

The faulty Assault Rifle used by the Royal Marines in Afghanistan is being investigated, Defence Secretary Geoff Hoon has revealed. Some Marines found their modified AS80-A2 Assault Weapons jammed and misfired in the hot sandy conditions.

Mr.Hoon said he sent a Ministry of Defence team to Afghanistan - along with representatives of the manufacturers - to investigate the problem and report back to him. A total of 34,000 SA80-A2s have been modified at a cost of £15.5 million. There are about 22,000 in service.

**Ed's Note:** Reminds me of the bureaucratic nightmare the US forces went through in Vietnam when they were given the AR15 Armalite, the weapon that never needed cleaning. One wonders if there hasn't been a few greased palms the way it was with the Americans. We thank the International Express (a UK Newspaper) for bringing this item to the attention of the public.

- Courtesy "The Horse's Mouth" Spring 2002

### DIGITAL BUGLES TESTED AT U.S. VETS FUNERALS

By Gerry J. Gilmore

The U.S. Department of Defense is studying the use of a digital bugle to render "Taps" at veterans' military funerals. The digital unit won't replace trained buglers but is an alternative to the audiotapes and compact discs that have been used at many military funerals in recent years. It consists of a standard bugle that has a special electronic device inserted into its bell.

The department has shipped 50 of these ceremonial bugles to military units and veterans' groups in Missouri for six months testing, Senior Policy Adviser on Casualty and Mortuary Funeral Honors Mark Ward said. He said the National Defense Authorisation Act authorised the playing of "Taps" at veterans' military funerals however, the entire U.S. military has only about 500 buglers, while more than 1800 veterans pass away each day. When the sound quality of cassettes was found to deteriorate quickly with repeated use, a higher quality compact disc recording was pressed into service in late 1999. The CDs were issued to military units, U.S. embassies and consulates, veterans' groups and funeral directors. "But a recorded version of "Taps", no matter how good the quality, did not give our family members the visual image of a live bugler," he said.

This led, he said, to the development of the digital unit. The cone-shaped device looks like a trumpet mute, but it fits snugly deep in the bugle's bell and plays a high quality rendition of "Taps". "The device has a volume control and is powered by two nine-volt batteries. It is water resistant and usable in all types of weather."

- American Forces Press Service

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

### REAL GROANERS

**The person who sent these in to the Editor wishes to remain anonymous for fear of a lynch mob.**

1. A jumper-lead walks into a bar. The barman says, "I'll serve you, but don't start anything."



2. A sandwich walks into a bar. The barman says, "Sorry, we don't serve food in here."
  3. A man walks into a bar with a slab of asphalt under his arm and says, "A beer please, and one for the road."
  4. Two aerals meet on a roof, fall in love, get married. The ceremony wasn't much but the reception was brilliant.
  5. Two cannibals are eating a clown. One says to the other: "Does this taste funny to you?"
  6. "Doc, I can't stop singing 'The green, green grass of home.'" "That sounds like Tom Jones Syndrome." "Is it common?" "It's not unusual."
  7. Two cows standing next to each other in a field. Daisy says to Dolly "I was artificially inseminated this morning." "I don't believe you," said Dolly. "It's true, no bull!"
  8. A guy walks into the psychiatrist weary only Glad Wrap shorts. The shrink says, "Well, I can clearly see you're nuts."
  9. Two hydrogen atoms walk into a bar. One says, "I've lost my electron." The other says, "Are you sure?" The first replies, "Yes, I'm positive..."
  10. Answer-phone message "...If you want to buy marijuana, press the hash key..."
  11. Deja Moo: The feeling that you've heard this bullsh#t before.
  12. A man takes his Rottweiler to the vet and says, "My dog's cross-eyed, is there anything you can do for him?" "Well," says the vet, "let's have a look at him." So he picks the dog up and examines his eyes, then checks his teeth. Finally he says, "I'm going to have to put him down." "What? Because he's cross-eyed?" "No, because he's really heavy."
  13. Two elephants walk off a cliff.....boom boom!
  14. Apparently, 1 in 5 people in the world are Chinese. And there are 5 people in my family, so it must be one of them. It's either my mum or my dad.....or maybe my older brother Colin. Or my younger brother Ho-Cha-Chu. But I'm pretty sure it's Colin.
  15. I went to buy some camouflage trousers the other day by I couldn't find any.
  16. I went to the butcher's the other day and I bet him 50 quid that he couldn't reach the meat off the top shelf. And he said, "No, the steaks are too high."
  17. My friend drowned in a bowl of muesli. He was pulled in by a strong currant.
  18. A man came round in hospital after a serious accident. He shouted, "Doctor, doctor, I can't feel my legs!" The doctor replied, "I know you can't, I've cut your arms off."
  19. I went to a seafood disco rave last week.....and pulled a mussel.
  20. Two Eskimos sitting in a kayak were chilly; but when they lit a fire in the craft, it sank, proving once and for all that you can't have your kayak an heat it too.
  21. Our ice cream man was found lying on the floor of his van covered with hundreds and thousands. Police say that he topped himself.
  22. What do you call a fish with no eyes? A fsh.
  23. Two fish swim into a concrete wall. One turns to the other and says, "Dam".
  24. Two fish are in a tank. One says to the other, "I'll man the guns, you drive."
  25. Man with a strawberry stuck up his bum goes to the Doc. Doc says, "I'll give you some cream to put on it."
- Courtesy "The Horse's Mouth" Summer 2002-03

## OUR PREDECESSORS

The time is the First World War. RAEME had not been thought of in those days. We were not even a gleam in our father's eye. How did the equipment get serviced or recovered from the battlefields? Here is a list of the units who were the predecessors of RAEME.

### **Ordnance**

#### **Ordnance Mobile Workshops**

The Australian Corps in France was supported by no less than eight British Ordnance Workshops in 1918: the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup>, 47<sup>th</sup> and 53<sup>rd</sup>. In November 1918, Australian Ordnance Mobile Workshops were formed from Australian personnel in these units. Each Mobile Workshop (Medium) had an establishment of 10 officers and 270 other ranks.

**1st Mobile Workshop (Medium)**

Formed France November 1918 from Australian personnel in the British 2nd Mobile Workshop (Medium) - Western Front

**2nd Mobile Workshop (Medium)**

Formed France November 1918 from Australian personnel in the British 17<sup>th</sup> Mobile Workshop (Light) - Western Front

**3rd Mobile Workshop (Medium)**

Formed France November 1918 from Australian personnel in the British 22<sup>nd</sup> Mobile Workshop (Light) - Western Front

**Salvage****Salvage Sections**

Salvage Sections were established as divisions arrived in France under AIF Order 452. Each Salvage Section had an establishment of 1 officer and 69 other ranks.

**1st Salvage Section**

Formed France April 1916 - Western Front

**2nd Salvage Section**

Formed France April 1916 - Western Front

**3rd Salvage Section**

Formed England 1916 - Western Front

**4th Salvage Section**

Formed June 1916 - Western Front

**5th Salvage Section**

Formed June 1916 - Western Front

**Australian Corps Salvage Section**

Formed March 1918 - Western Front

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**PHILOSOPHICAL GROANERS**

**The perpetrator of these interesting bits of Philosophy also fears the lynch mob that is looking for the real groaners. He wishes to remain anonymous also.**

1. Ever wonder about those people who spend \$2:00 apiece on those little bottles of Evian water? Try spelling Evian backwards: NAÏVE.
2. Isn't making a smoking section in a restaurant like making a peeing section in a swimming pool?
3. If 4 out of 5 people SUFFER from diarrhoea...does that mean that one enjoys it?
4. If you take an Oriental person and spin him around several times, does he become disoriented?
5. Why do we say something is out of whack? What is a whack?
6. Do infants enjoy infancy as much as adults enjoy adultery?
7. If a pig loses its voice, is it disgruntled?
8. If love is blind, why is lingerie so popular?
9. When someone asks you, "A penny for your thoughts" and you put your two cents in, what happens to the other penny?
10. Why is the man who invests all your money called a broker?
11. Why do croutons come in airtight packages? Aren't they just stale bread to begin with?
12. When cheese gets its picture taken, what does it say?
13. Why is the person who plays the piano called a pianist but a person who drives a racing car not called a racist?
14. Why do overlook and oversee mean opposite things?
15. "I am" is reportedly the shortest sentence in the English language. Could it be that "I do" is the longest sentence?

16. If lawyers are disbarred and clergymen defrocked, doesn't it follow that electricians can be delighted, musicians denoted, cowboys deranged, models deposed, tree surgeons debarked, and dry cleaners depressed?
17. Do Lipton Tea employees take coffee breaks?
18. What hair colour do they put on the driver's licences of bald men?
19. I was thinking about how people seem to read the Bible a whole lot more as they get older; then it dawned on me, they're cramming for their final exam.
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### VACUUM CLEANER

A little old lady answered a knock on the door one day, only to be confronted by a well-dressed young man carrying a vacuum cleaner.

"Good morning," said the young man. "If I could take a couple of minutes of your time, I would like to demonstrate the very latest in high-powered vacuum cleaners."

"Clear off!" said the old lady. "I haven't got any money" and she proceeded to close the door.

Quick as a flash, the young man wedged his foot in the door and pushed it wide open.

"Don't be too hasty," he said. "Not until you have at least seen my demonstration."

And with that, he emptied a bucket of horse manure all over her hallway carpet.

"If this vacuum cleaner does not remove all traces of this horse manure from your carpet, Madam, I will personally eat the remainder."

"Well," she said, "I hope you've got a damn good appetite, because the electricity was cut off this morning."

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### MEMBERSHIP

#### New Members

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

Steve Gould

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

#### Honorary Life Members

John Bicknell, Reg Glass, Dutchy Holland, David Turner

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*Hon. Secretary*