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Dear Members

I hope this Newsletter finds you and your families in good health despite the winter chill. We're over half way through 2005 and I don't know where the time has gone. Judy and I have moved into our new home (please note the change of address for all correspondence (above) although the phone number has not changed). We are currently busy obtaining quotes for curtains, fences, retaining walls, a verandah, a shed, paving and landscaping etc. We've installed the heating and air conditioning, however all this takes time, plus Judy and I are both working five days a week. The President told me to stop apologising for the lateness of the newsletters as I am a volunteer. I thought I would solve the problem by changing the name of this newsletter from June to July. However as I write this on 16 July you probably won't receive it until the end of July. So I apologise once again.

MAJ Karel Dubsy, RAEME Regional Representative Central Region and Battery Commander of Support Battery (the Workshop) at 16AD, Woodside Barracks, has advised that the **2005 Central Region RAEME Officers', WOs' & SNCOs' Formal Dinner** will be held in the **Sergeants' Mess at Woodside Barracks on Saturday 13 August**. Bus transport will be provided from Keswick Barracks.

MAJ Dick Moyses, Officer Commanding 107 Field Workshop 9CSSB, Warradale Barracks, has advised that the **2005 RAEME Corps Birthday Family Function** will be held at Warradale Barracks on **Sunday 27 November (tentatively)**.

Please mark these dates in your Diary and make every effort to take part in these activities to help promote the Corps of RAEME in South Australia.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

It is hard to believe how quickly time moves on and that we are halfway through 2005 with many of our aspirations still to be achieved. Having said that, as long as you enjoy life and good health, we really should have nothing to complain about.

As you are aware the Association and Committee of Management is charged with the responsibility to promote the values and identity of the Corps in South Australia. It also recognises and celebrates the achievements of members both past and present and provides a focal point for Corps activities in South Australia. With this in mind the Association has decided to sell limited advertising at a modest cost to help defray operating expenses such as public liability and accident insurance. Costs are continually rising and this income would enable the Association to continue to provide members with the same level of services that are already enjoyed. To that end you will notice that we have a number of advertisements in this newsletter and I highly recommend you use the services they offer. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank my Wife Christine for her efforts with the desktop publishing of the ads.

You would also be pleased to hear that the WWI Gun restoration at 107 Field Workshop 9CSSB is well and truly underway. A very capable team led by the inimitable Robin Maslen OAM have been regularly turning up on Mondays and disturbing the tranquillity of the workshop. Robin has been tasked with the duty to compile progress reports on the restoration. Congratulations to the team on your efforts so far (see separate report below - Ed).

Finally, I attended the RAEME National Association meeting held at Army Logistic Training Centre Bandiana in May. It was chaired by Representative Colonel Commandant, COL Graham Smith (Rtd). Present were the HOC BRIG McGahey, DHOC LTCOL Adams, SO2 Corps Heritage MAJ Anderson, Corps RSM WO1 Fekete, nominated Honorary Colonel Commandants and members from all State associations. A number of issues were discussed including a member National Database, National Charter, rationalising Corps merchandising and a National Website. As the objectives of the National Association and our input becomes clearer we will inform the membership of the outcomes (see separate report below - Ed).

Although well and truly in its infancy the National Web Site is a first step and can be accessed at www.raeme.org.au. Clicking on the map of South Australia will access our own Web Site at www.raemesa.com.

In closing I would impress upon all that the Association and our Corps ideals will only survive if we have a vibrant and pro-active membership. With that support the reputation of our Association can only be enhanced in the eyes of other kindred organisations.

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- *Grant Kuchel*

2005 RAEME "SOLDIER OF THE YEAR" CENTRAL REGION

In 2003 the Association initiated an award to the best ARA and the best GRes "RAEME Soldier of the Year" in Central Region. This is a separate award from the annual "RAEME Craftsman of the Year" awards which are RAEME Head of Corps awards. The reason that we initiated this separate award is because the Head of Corps award is restricted to the rank of Craftsman. Our award includes the ranks of Lance Corporal and Corporal.

The awards consist of a personal trophy for each recipient and a perpetual plaque that is held by the recipient's unit. All RAEME soldiers in South Australia, including Broken Hill, are eligible for nomination and candidates will be assessed on trade skills and soldier skills.

The Battery Commander of Support Battery 16AD, currently MAJ Karel Dubsky, is responsible for promotion of the award among all ARA personnel in South Australia and selection of 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 selection of the winning candidate.

The **Award Ceremony** will take place at the **2005 RAEME Birthday Family Function** on **Sunday 27 November** (good luck to all serving RAEME soldiers - Ed).

2004 CRAFTMAN'S PORT

The 2004 Craftman's Port is sponsored by Army Aviation Support Group Workshop and the Rotary Wing Aircraft Maintenance School. Cost is \$15 per bottle.

Contact Keith Tainsh on phone (08) 8326 2581 if you wish to purchase some. They will also be available for sale at the 2005 RAEME Birthday Family Function.

DIARY DATES 2005

<u>Activity/Function</u>	<u>Date</u>
- Fort Largs Guns Restoration	Saturday 6 August
- Central Region Officers', WOs' & SNCOs' Formal Dinner	Saturday 13 August
- VP Day Commemorative Service & Tea Party	Sunday 14 August
- Committee of Management Meeting	Thursday 18 August
- RAEME Luncheon	Tuesday 13 September
- Fort Large Guns Restoration	Saturday 1 October
- Committee of Management Meeting	Thursday 20 October
- RAEME Corps Seminar	20/21 October
- RAEME Birthday Family Function (tentative)	Sunday 27 November
- Fort Largs Guns Restoration	Saturday 3 December
- Annual General Meeting (tentative)	Sunday 11 December

2005 CENTRAL REGION OFFICERS', WOS', & SNCOS' FORMAL DINNER

MAJ Karel Dubsy, RAEME Regional Representative - Central Region and Battery Commander of Support Battery 16th Air Defence Regiment (the Workshop) Woodside Barracks, is organising the annual Corps Dinner for serving and ex-serving RAEME ARA and GRes Officers, WOs and SNCOs on **Saturday 13 August** in the **Sergeants' Mess at Woodside Barracks**. Bus transport will be available from Keswick Barracks for Adelaide Plains dwellers, with the bus returning to Keswick Barracks in the early hours of Sunday morning.

Guests include the RAEME Head of Corps, BRIG David McGahey, and Mrs. Sue McGahey, the Representative COLCOMDT (elect) and new Honorary COLCOMDT (RAEME) Central Region, COL Graham Smith (Rtd), SO2 Corps Heritage, MAJ Graham Anderson, and the Commanding Officer, 16th Air Defence Regiment, LTCOL Inger Lawes.

A personal Invitation has been posted to all eligible Association members. If you know of other eligible former members of the Corps of RAEME, please let me, David Turner, know on phone 08 8381 3644, after hours.

The Dinner represents an opportunity for serving Officers, Warrant Officers and Senior Non-Commissioned Officers to host eligible ex-serving and retired members of our Association.

Please make every effort to take part in this function to help promote the Corps of RAEME in South Australia.

VP DAY COMMEMORATIVE SERVICE

The Department of the Premier and Cabinet has advised that a Commemorative Service and Tea Party to celebrate the 60th Anniversary of Victory in the Pacific will be held at 2:00pm on Sunday 14 August in Hall "H", Adelaide Convention Centre, North Terrace, Adelaide.

Her Excellency Marjorie Jackson-Nelson AC CVO MBE, Governor of South Australia, and the Hon. Mike Rann, Premier of South Australia, will attend the service.

Doors open at 1:15pm. Please be seated by 1:50pm. The Tea Party, featuring the Adelaide Army Band and Singers, will conclude at 5:00pm.

Please advise me, David Turner, on phone (08) 8381 3644, by no later than Friday 29 July if you wish to attend as seating is limited.

COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT MEETING

The next Committee of Management meeting for 2005 will be held on **Thursday 18 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 LUNCHEON

Fred Brown has advised that the next Luncheon will be held in the **Cremorne Hotel at 12:00pm on Tuesday 13 September 2005**. The function is open to all serving and ex-serving RAEME personnel so please make every effort to attend if you can spare the time. If you know of any other serving or ex-serving RAEME personnel, please bring them along.

So, **mark the date in your diary now** and **contact Fred on phone (08) 8297 7408 or Max Adams on phone (08) 8296 6463 before Friday 9 September so they can let the Pub know how many to cater for!!!**

RAEME CORPS SEMINAR 2005

The 2005 Corps Seminar will be held at Bandiana over the period 20-21 October. A Corps Committee Meeting will be held on Wednesday 19 October. As in previous years, an All Ranks Seminar Welcome function will be held on Wednesday 19 October, the Officer Dining-In Night will be held on Thursday 20 October and the WO/SNCO Dining-In Night will be held on Friday 21 October.

The theme for the 2005 Seminar is "Maintenance - 2005 and beyond". Key Note speaker will be LTGEN Hurley, AO, DSC, Chief of Capability Development Group. The aim of the Seminar is to update members of the Corps on issues impacting on the provision of maintenance support to the Army, and to provide the opportunity for Officers and SNCOs of the Corps to contribute to addressing these issues and the future shaping of the Corps. The Seminar will cover a broad range of activities across the Fundamental Inputs to Capability. The concept of the theme is to focus participants on being solution orientated; for example, developing / highlighting solutions to known problems, leveraging off technology, and identifying and incorporating industry best practice.

2005 RAEME BIRTHDAY FAMILY FUNCTION

MAJ Dick Moyses, Officer Commanding 107 Field Workshop 9CSSB, is planning a **mixed all ranks family function** with BBQ Lunch at Warradale Barracks to celebrate the Corps Birthday on **Sunday 27 November 2005**. An Invitation with all the details will be attached to the October Newsletter, so **mark the date in your diary now!!!!!!**

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting will be held on **Sunday 11 December 2005** 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 2006**. We meet bi-monthly on the 3rd Thursday of the month at 7:30pm in Warradale Barracks. The meetings are of a relaxed, informal nature and include plenty of social chitchat. **Please let me, David Turner, know if you are interested**.

If you have any items for the Agenda, would you please let me have them, in writing, by Sunday 30 October 2005. 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".

FORT LARGS GUNS RESTORATION REPORT

Because of the weather, Work Parties during the winter months are a bit hit and miss and are therefore limited to cleaning, greasing and exercising all mechanisms.

SA Police have arranged for the two 24-pounder cannon that are currently stored in the galleries below the main guns to be moved to museums. One will go to the Army Museum at Keswick Barracks and the other will go to Fort Glanville.

Work Parties for the rest of 2005 are scheduled for the following Saturdays, 6 August, 1 October and 3 December. Members are very welcome to visit (you don't need to bring your overalls) as we enjoy the chance to show people what we have achieved. I do ask that you contact me, on phone (08) 8326 2581, or a member of the Work Party, prior to the scheduled date to check that the Work Party has not been rescheduled.

- Keith Tainsh

RESTORATION OF THE WWI GERMAN FIELD GUN

Restoration has commenced on the Field Howitzer recovered from Moonta and being worked on every Monday at 107 Field Workshop by 4 members of the AEME/RAEME Association of South Australia Inc., Graham Janz, Keith Tainsh, John Howard and Robin Maslen.

It is in a very bad state and will need the wheels completely rebuilt by a wheelwright (cost approximately \$4,000) and new trails manufactured hopefully within our resources. We will also need to manufacture about 400 steel rivets, so if anyone knows of a willing volunteer blacksmith type who might be interested in helping please let me know. At this time of writing, the front armour plate shield has had some holes and cracks welded and ground and the rear part of the trails that has broken off has had some of its fabrication de-riveted.

It is a happy little work party each Monday who delight in keeping the workshop personnel awake with our banging and grinding.

We keep in contact with the Moonta Heritage Trust through our local AEME/RAEME Association of South Australia Inc. member, Bruce Watson, who lives at Port Hughes, and will organise the financial negotiations with the Trust as we progress.

- *Robin Maslen*

RAEME NATIONAL ASSOCIATION MEETING 17-18 MAY 2005

A meeting was held at Bandiana over the period 17-18 May to discuss the establishment of a national RAEME association. The Head of Corps, BRIG David McGahey and the Representative Colonel Commandant, COL Graham Smith co-chaired the meeting. The meeting was attended by each of the Colonels Commandant, the Head of Corps staff and representatives for each of the Regional RAEME Associations. For further detail on the discussions from the meeting a copy of the minutes can be located on the intranet Corps website (if you would like a copy of the Minutes, please contact me, David Turner, on phone 08 8381 3644, after hours, and I will e-mail / post a copy to you - Ed).

A meeting of the regional RAEME associations has been long overdue. The forum provided an ideal opportunity to discuss and compare the range of organisational structures, services provided and activities conducted within each of the regions. It was revealed that the issues and challenges faced by the associations were common across each of the regions. All associations agreed that there is significant potential benefit in the sharing of information and the aligning of certain structures, services and activities. Over the two half day sessions the key areas of discussion included:

- establishment of a national database,
- consolidate the mainstream Corps merchandise items and promote nationally,
- Corps input to the Corps historical collection on display at the Bandiana Army Museum,
- establishment of a national Corps activities calendar,
- linking of regional websites and the establishment of a Corps website on the WWW, and
- Association representation on the Corps Committee.

The outcomes from the meeting were very positive. A range of action items were identified which will require on-going development. Action officers have been identified. At the closure of the meeting COL Smith confirmed the Corps Committee is very firmly committed to a national association. From this first meeting there is a fair amount of house keeping required. It was proposed that an association representative attends the Corps Committee meeting. John Curtis (WA association) volunteered to attend the October 2005 committee meeting. Subject to availability of resources it is proposed to hold a national association meeting over the period 16-17 May 2006.

- *Courtesy "RAEME CRAFTSMAN" Issue No.54 Winter 2005*

THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE

Reasons why the English language is so hard to learn:

- The bandage was wound around the wound.
- The farm was used to produce produce.
- The dump was so full that it had to refuse more refuse.
- We must polish the Polish furniture.
- He could lead if he would get the lead out.
- The soldier decided to desert his dessert in the desert.
- Since there is no time like the present, he thought it was time to present the present.
- A bass was painted on the head of the bass drum.
- When shot at, the dove dove into the bushes.
- I did not object to the object.
- The insurance was invalid for the invalid.
- There was a row among the oarsmen about how to row.
- They were too close to the door to close it.
- The buck does funny things when the does are present.
- A seamstress and a sewer fell down into a sewer line.
- To help with planting, the farmer taught his sow to sow.
- The wind was too strong to wind the sail.
- After a number of injections my jaw got number.
- Upon seeing the tear in the painting I shed a tear.
- I had to subject the subject to a series of tests.
- How can I intimate this to my most intimate friend?

- *Courtesy of an e-mail from a friend*

2005 RAEME Mixed ANZAC Reunion

The function was again held in the combined Warradale Area SGTs' and Officers' Messes. Numbers were up on last year with approximately 75 people attending. It was the best attendance for years. Well done everyone.

We were again very fortunate in that the Bar Member of the SGTs' Mess, SGT Bartholomew, had set up the venue with tables and chairs for a daytime function on the Friday for the 108th Tank Attack Regiment Association (**thanks, "Bart"**). This means that we did not have to brow beat people into helping with set up. Thanks go to the following people who helped make the evening a success:

LTCOL Kennedy, Commanding Officer 9CSSB, MAJ James, PMC of Warradale Area Officers' Mess, and WO1 Carthew, PMC of Warradale Area SGTs' Mess, for allowing us to use their facilities.

107 Field Workshop provided the necessary stores and we sincerely thank MAJ Dick Moyses, Officer Commanding, and especially WO2 Grant Kuchel, EME WO, for their assistance in this.

MAJ Dick Moyses and WO2 Grant Kuchel were there early on the Saturday evening to open the venue (**thanks, Sirs**).

Company Sergeant Major 107 Field Workshop, WO2 Tammy Rebbeck, did a sterling job behind the Bar (**thanks, Ma'am**).

Mike and Margaret Culley organised the food (**thanks once again, Mike and Margaret**), and Keith and Margaret Tainsh organised the plates and cutlery etc. (**thanks once again, Keith and Margaret**).

Trevor Clerke brought his BBQ Trailer (**thanks once again, Trevor**) so that we could BBQ under the verandah if it was raining. Fortunately, it was a very pleasant evening weatherwise, so he, with the help of John Howard, cooked the meal out on the oval (**thanks, Trevor and John**).

Christine Kuchel made and packaged ANZAC Biscuits (**thanks, Christine**), and Christine, with daughter Mandy and friend, granddaughters Jennifer and Samantha, and Kathy Wilson, served the meal and cleaned up afterwards (**thanks Christine, Mandy and friend, Jennifer and Samantha, and Kathy**).

WO2 Grant Kuchel organised a Power Point Presentation, including the RAEME Arousal, as a prelude to the Remembrance Ceremony (**thanks, Sir**).

MAJ Dick Moyses conducted the Remembrance Ceremony (**thanks, Sir**), and MUS Danny Dielkens from Australian Army Band-Adelaide played "Rouse" and "Last Post". A "Certificate of Appreciation" was posted to the Bandmaster, CAPT Glenn Rogers, for presentation to Danny.

Keith Tainsh also organised the Raffle Prizes (**thanks, Keith**) and Bob Killoran and Juris Jaudzems sold the Raffle Tickets (**thanks, Bob and Juris**). Keith reports that the profit from the evening was \$229:06.

Judy Turner again set up a display of RAEME Corps Shop items and answered questions during the evening. She also sold some RAEME Corps Port (**thanks, Judy**).

Thanks also go to all those who assisted with refurbishing the Messes late on Saturday evening. This meant that we did not have to go back on Sunday morning to clean up and pack up. **Thanks again to WO2 Grant Kuchel for returning the stores to the Workshop.**

I apologise if I have forgotten anyone.

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

ANZAC DAY REPORT 2005

At the 2004 AGM it was decided to accept the offer of MAJ Karel Dubsky to lead the 2005 ANZAC Day March through the city and later, the Management Committee gave permission for Karel's father, Steve, to march with the Association as this would be the first time that they have been able to march together on ANZAC Day.

We had quite a good roll-up, approximately 50-50 WW2 and Post WW2 members being present. The silent enemy, age, was evident with a few of the 'old blokes' opting for the transport, kindly organised by Karel, who used his influence as Senior RAEME Representative Central Region and Battery Commander of Support Battery (the Workshop), 16th Air Defence Regiment and, with permission of the ANZAC Day March Committee, to provide another vehicle and driver. In all approximately 40 members took part in the march and under Karel's leadership I believe we were the best disciplined Group on the march. This year the Banner Bearers were both serving soldiers, CPL Martin Potter from 3/9 Light Horse (SAMR) Tech Support Troop (the Workshop) and CFN Jeremy Stevens from Support Battery 16th Air Defence Regiment.

The weather was very mild and once we got going, it was not long before the droplets caused by recent excesses became evident. The idle chatter, which is as much a part of the ANZAC Day March as anything, showed that spirits were high. During the march, there were many greetings to and from the large crowd of onlookers, accompanied by such remarks as "How come you know so many sheilas?" or "Does yer missus know about her?" Bob Matthews' grandson received a fair bit of attention from a media photographer but I don't know if it translated into published pictures. Luke proudly wore his great grandfather's medals during the march.

I think there was only one to drop out of the march and that was pretty close to the end, so all in all it was a great effort. I understand that even Bob Killoran and John Howard stayed on the good side of the ANZAC Marshalls.

The 'After March' event at the Torrens Parade ground went off a little smoother this year, all thanks to the RSL, who virtually at the last minute found that they had to organise everything.

It may not be widely known but after each ANZAC Day March, there is an opportunity for anyone with constructive ideas, which they think will improve the conduct of the March, to put their suggestions to the ANZAC Day March Committee. All submissions are considered and

may be adopted if they have sufficient merit. Bear in mind that many are tried but are discarded because they don't work. In my opinion, the committee do a great job as do the Marshalls on the day.

Hopefully we will all be able to take part in the ANZAC Day March again in 2006 and that the weather will continue to be kind to us.

- Frank Owen

At the request of Bob Killoran, the Committee of Management has agreed to try to find a suitable weatherproof venue where Association members can meet after the March from approximately 1:00pm. If you have any suggestions, please contact me, David Turner, on phone 08 8381 3644, after hours.

ASSOCIATION HISTORIAN

Eddy Kaminski has announced his retirement as Association Historian. He took over the job from Reg Glass in 1995. Over the years Eddy has carried on the task of meticulously cataloguing all the photos that the Association has continued to accumulate and they are now all in albums which are housed in a very convenient carrying case (thanks, Eddy). The Association paper records are also housed in a similar sized carrying case.

On behalf of the Association, I wish to express my sincere thanks to Eddy for his dedication to the task of preserving the Association Historical records.

However, it is now time for someone else to continue the good work, and I invite any interested persons to contact me, David Turner on phone (08) 8381 3644, after hours. I'm sure that Eddy would be only too happy to explain to the new Association Historian how his system works over one of his famous cups of coffee.

MISSING PHOTOS - CAN YOU HELP?

We are wanting to complete the photo library at 107 Field Workshop, Warradale Barracks, of past and present OCs of the unit over the years since its formation. To do this we are seeking 8 inch x 10 inch photos of the following Officers.

MAJ J.E.Drury	MAJ K.J.Rodda	CAPT F.Allen	MAJ Carney Doyle
MAJ R.A.Beare	MAJ C.I.Macintosh	MAJ C.J.Chatterton	MAJ I.O.Cartland
MAJ R.J.Moyses			

Photos can be copied and sized and then returned to the owner. If you can help please advise Robin Maslen who will arrange to have them collected and returned. Robin can be contacted on phone 08 8296 2768, or on mobile phone 0408 814 453, or e-mail: rmaslen@ozemail.com.au.

For your interest the Roll of honour shows the following:

107 Infantry Workshop

MAJ E.Colley MBE	<u>OC</u>	1 May 1948 – 14 Oct 1954
MAJ L.C.Campbell MBE	OC	24 Jan 1955 – 11 Dec 1956
MAJ G.C.Flecker	OC	12 Dec 1956 – 12 Sep 1957
MAJ L.C.Campbell MBE	OC	13 Sep 1957 – 22 Dec 1958
MAJ J.E.Drury	OC	23 Dec 1958 – 30 Jun 1960
MAJ A.N.Manders	OC	1 Jul 1960 – 21 May 1962
MAJ K.J.Rodda	OC	22 May 1962 – 22 Feb 1964
MAJ R.T.Mattison MBE	OC	23 Feb 1964 – Dec 1965

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MAJ R.T.Mattison MBE	OC	Dec 1965 – 7 Dec 1966
CAPT F.Allen	Admin Comd	8 Dec 1966 – 27 Mar 1968
CAPT G.Spurling	Admin Comd	28 Mar 1968 – 26 May 1969
MAJ D.G.Davis	Admin Comd	27 May 1969 – 9 Nov 1970
MAJ D.G.Davis	OC	10 Nov 1970 – Dec 1975

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MAJ D.G.Davis	OC	Dec 1975 – 31 Aug 1976
MAJ J.Schuttloffel	Admin Comd	1 Sep 1976 – 30 Jun 1977
MAJ G.R.Rosser	Admin Comd	1 Jul 1977 – 13 Sep 1978
MAJ J.Schuttloffel	OC	14 Sep 1978 – 31 Jul 1979
CAPT D.K.Tremethick	Admin Comd	1 Aug 1979 – 14 Jul 1980
MAJ G.R.Rosser	OC	15 Jul 1980 – 30 Jun 1984
MAJ H.J.Bohn	OC	1 Jul 1984 – 30 Jun 1987
MAJ C.Doyle	OC	1 Jul 1987 – 30 Nov 1987

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MAJ C.Doyle	OC	1 Dec 1987 – 10 Jun 1988
MAJ H.J.Bohn	OC	11 Jun 88 – 31 Dec 88
MAJ K.J.Brown	OC	4 Feb 1989 – 31 Dec 1992
MAJ K.J.Brown	Admin Comd	1 Jan 1989 - 3 Feb 1989
Maj R.A.Beare	OC	1 Jan 1993 – 30 Jun 1995

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MAJ R.A.Beare	OC	1 Jul 1995 – 30 Jun 1996
CAPT C.I.Macintosh	Admin Comd	1 Jul 1996 - 7 Oct 1996
MAJ C.I.Macintosh	OC	8 Oct 1996 - 1 Sep 1998
MAJ C.J.Chatterton	OC	2 Sep 1998 – 31 Dec 2000
MAJ I.O.Cartland	OC	1 Jan 2001 – 15 May 2001

Field Workshop 9CSSB

MAJ I.O.Cartland	OC	15 May 2001 – 31 Dec 2002
MAJ R.J.Moyses	OC	1 Jan 2003 – 31 Dec 2005

AS I MATURE

- As I mature I've learned that you cannot make someone love you. All you can do is stalk them and hope they panic and give in.
- I've learned that no matter how much I care, some people are just arseholes.
- I've learned that it takes years to build up trust, and it only takes suspicion, not proof, to destroy it.
- I've learned that you can get by on charm for about fifteen minutes. After that, you'd better have a big willy or huge boobs.
- I've learned that you shouldn't compare yourself to others - they are more screwed up than you think.
- I've learned that you can keep vomiting long after you think you're finished.
- I've learned that we are responsible for what we do, unless we are celebrities.
- I've learned that regardless of how hot and steamy a relationship is at first, the passion fades, and there had better be a lot of money to take its place!
- I've learned that 99% of the time when something isn't working in your house, one of your kids did it.
- I've learned that the people you care most about in life are taken from you too soon and all the less important ones just never go away.

Pass this along to 5 friends...trust me, they'll appreciate it. Who knows, maybe Something good will happen. If not, tough!!

- Courtesy of an e-mail from a friend

THERE'S TROUBLE BREWING, GUYS

You have to hope that this study is flawed, but the evidence seems irrefutable. Several months ago, scientists at Europe's annual human reproduction conference suggested that the results of a recent analysis revealed the presence of female hormones in beer, and suggested that men

should take a look at their beer consumption. The theory is that drinking beer makes men turn into women.

To test the theory, 100 men were each fed six pints of beer within a one-hour period. It was then observed that 100% of the men gained weight, talked excessively without making sense, became overly emotional, couldn't drive, failed to think rationally, argued over nothing, had to sit down while urinating, couldn't perform sexually, and refused to apologise when wrong.

No further testing is planned.

- *Courtesy of an e-mail from a friend*

HUMOUR

A new scam is being pulled mainly on older men who are apparently past the age of giving a running pursuit.

What happens is that when the intended victim stops for a red light, a completely nude and good looking, nicely tanned, unbelievably well enhanced young woman comes up. With muscles flexing, and body stretched to its full potential, she pretends to wash your windshield. While she is doing this, another person opens the back door of your car, taking anything you have in the car.

They are very good at this. They got me seven times on Friday and five times on Saturday. I couldn't find them on Sunday. I'll be back at the same traffic lights next week, so I'll keep you informed.

- *Courtesy of an e-mail from a friend*

MAJOR INVESTMENT IN SPECIAL FORCES CAPABILITY

Australia's Special Forces will benefit from a major investment in new leading edge capability and technology, Defence Minister Robert Hill said today.

Project Redfin, with an intended expenditure of between \$350 million and \$450 million, aims to provide new capabilities to give the Special Forces a technology edge over emerging threats.

Senator Hill outlined Project Redfin while unveiling Defence's latest combat device to be issued to soldiers in Iraq - a device that allows soldiers to shoot around corners. The new viewing device will be attached on top of rifles to allow soldiers to look through the device to detect and engage targets from a position of cover. Senator Hill said the new devices will be deployed to Iraq over the next few weeks providing an important technology that will improve the protection of our troops. The new device, developed by the Defence Science and Technology Organisation (DSTO) in South Australia and produced by BAE Systems, is part of the Howard Government's election commitment to improve the fighting capability and safety of the Army's regular infantry battalions in combat operations.

Senator Hill will today visit the Special Forces Regiment at Swanbourne Barracks in Western Australia to discuss the Regiment's capability needs and priorities. Today's discussions will help shape the proposal on the capability requirements that will be considered by Cabinet this year as part of Project Redfin.

As part of the Special Forces equipment package, a number of specific technology options will be investigated by Government covering the wide range of Special Forces roles, including special reconnaissance, offensive operations, special recovery, support operations, counter terrorism and response to chemical, biological and radiation incidents. The funding will cover the replacement of some existing capabilities and systems, additional combat equipment, communications, new special operations vehicles and improved air and maritime mobility capabilities. Senator Hill said the new capabilities that will be purchased are expected to be announced next year with the new equipment expected to enter service from 2007. "This investment marks another step in a series of capability developments for our Special Forces," Senator Hill said. "National security is the first priority of the Howard Government. Project Redfin will further boost Australia's national security capabilities to strengthen our defences at home and will provide greater protection to personnel deployed on overseas operations. New capabilities will enable our Special Forces to continue to be flexible, mobile and adaptable to provide specialist military responses to threats that impact on Australia's security. Australia's

Special Forces have demonstrated their effectiveness during the Sydney Olympics and recent operations in Iraq, Afghanistan and East Timor. Our Special Forces are among the best in the world and this is due not only to their skills but also their supplies and equipment. This new capability commitment will ensure they continue to operate to the best of their ability with the best possible equipment."

- *Courtesy Defence Media Release, Wednesday 18 May 2005*

HEAVY TANK TRANSPORTERS FOR DEFENCE

A \$16 million contract has been awarded to an Australian manufacturer to provide 14 Heavy Tank Transporters and associated commercial repair and maintenance support, Defence Minister Robert Hill announced today.

Senator Hill said Defence has awarded the vehicle contract to MAN Military Vehicles Systems (Australia). The tank transporters will allow the new M1A1 Abram tanks and M88A2 Hercules armoured recovery vehicles to be transported on Australian roads.

Senator Hill said more than half of the contract value will be going directly to Australian industry. "As part of the contract with MAN, Australian owned and operated Brisbane-based company Drake Trailers will manufacture and supply 14 new heavy duty trailers," Senator Hill said. "Brisbane-based MAN Automotive Imports will then make final modifications to another 14 imported Prime Movers and will be conducting compliance testing and managing the ongoing repair and maintenance support. This is another example of Defence and Australian industry working together to provide new assets for our Defence Force. The Heavy Tank Transporter represents an important component of the replacement tank capability."

In October last year, Australia signed an agreement with the United States to buy a new fleet of M1A1 Abrams tanks. Under this agreement, the US Government will provide 59 refurbished and updated M1A1 Abrams tanks, seven M88 Hercules Armoured Recovery vehicles, advanced gunnery and driver training simulators, training and other support equipment and a range of spares. The M1A1 Abrams tanks will provide a major increase in capability over the present Leopard tanks. The new tanks will also provide our soldiers with greatly increased levels of protection and survivability on the battlefield.

Delivery of the Heavy Tank Transporters will commence in mid 2006, in time to meet the first tanks when they arrive from the United States. They will be immediately put to work delivering tanks and recovery vehicles to training establishments and operational units.

- *Courtesy Defence Media Release, Thursday 26 May 2005*

INAUGURATION OF THE NATIONAL SERVICEMEN'S HERITAGE PRECINCT AT WACOL

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Defence, Teresa Gambaro announced today the inauguration of the heritage precinct at the former Sanananda Barracks site to commemorate Wacol's military history over the last 50 fifty years.

"In April, I announced the creation of a heritage precinct at the former Sanananda Barracks Wacol in a joint collaboration between the Commonwealth and the Queensland Branch of the National Servicemen's Association of Australia," Ms Gambaro said. "Today, I am pleased to officially inaugurate the establishment of the precinct."

The heritage precinct covers approximately 1.4 hectares centred around the existing chapel and parade ground and also includes four buildings which have been relocated from the Sanananda Barracks site.

"The Government is committed to ensuring the heritage values of the site are protected," Ms Gambaro said. "The creation of this precinct to commemorate the history of Wacol, particularly that relating to the national servicemen and to maintain these important community associations is the most suitable way to ensure these values are preserved. The Queensland National Servicemen's Association and the Government have worked closely together over the past three months to create an outcome that has positive benefits for all concerned."

- *Courtesy the Minister for Defence Media Release, Friday 8 July 2005*

NEW BUSHMASTERS ROLL OFF BENDIGO PRODUCTION LINE

Defence's new fleet of Bushmaster vehicles which will provide state-of-the-art transport protection for Australian soldiers is currently rolling off ADI's production line in Bendigo, Victoria. Defence Minister Robert Hill today visited ADI's Bendigo plant where work is underway to produce a total of 300 new vehicles for the Australian Defence Force as part of the Government's \$350 million Land 116 Project Bushranger.

"The Australian designed and manufactured vehicle is being produced at Bendigo at a rapid rate, with approximately one vehicle coming off the production line every two days resulting in a total of 100 vehicles produced per year," Senator Hill said. "Full acceptance of the Bushmaster vehicles by Defence is expected in the next few months, and the full fleet of vehicles is expected to be in service by mid 2007. ADI is also looking at export opportunities for the new Bushmaster, potentially exporting several hundred vehicles to countries including the United States and Iraq. These new opportunities have the potential to provide further economic benefits for the Bendigo region and continued employment growth in the Defence and manufacturing sectors."

The vehicles combine protection, performance, safety and comfort to operate over demanding terrain. They are designed to transport up to ten troops and provide high level protection on the battlefield against landmines, improvised explosive devices, mortar fragments and small arms fire.

"It is a credit to ADI and the Defence Materiel Organisation for their hard work over recent years in getting to this stage where ADI is in full rate production of a vehicle that Army has great confidence in."

Earlier this year 10 new Bushmaster vehicles were deployed to southern Iraq with the Al Muthanna Task Group to provide additional transport protection for the ADF personnel deployed to the southern province. The current deployment of the Bushmaster vehicles is the first operational deployment for the vehicles, although an earlier version was trialed in East Timor. The vehicle can maintain speeds in excess of 90 km/h on Australian roads with a range of more than 500km. Each Bushmaster vehicle is fitted with a weapon station capable of mounting the Army's light machine guns.

During his visit to ADI, Senator Hill was also able to inspect the production of a fleet of new High Mobility Engineering Vehicle. This is an engineering vehicle previously produced for the ADF which is now short-listed for a similar program to deliver up to 650 military specification tractors to the United States Army.

- *Courtesy Minister for Defence Media Release, Thursday 14 July 2005*

OLD

- "Old" is when your friends compliment you on your new Alligator Shoes.....But really you're barefoot.
- "Old" is when going bra-less pulls all the wrinkles out of your face.
- "Old" is when you are cautioned to slow down by the doctor not the Police!
- "Old" is when "getting lucky" means you find your car in the supermarket car park.
- "Old" is when getting a little action means that you don't need to take any fibre today!
- "Old" is when a sexy babe catches your fancy and your pacemaker opens the garage door!
- "Old" is when your partner says, "Lets go upstairs and make love," and you answer, "Come, come Lass, pick one or the other; I cannot do both!"
- "Old" is when an "all nighter" means not getting up for a pee.
- "Old" is when you are too old to remember the "Good Old Times"

- *Courtesy of an e-mail from a friend*

RAEME CORPS ITEMS

Below is an up-to-date list of RAEME Corps Items held by the Army Museum Bandiana and their costs. I have one of each of the RAEME items so that I can set up a display of most of the

items listed below at our functions together with a supply of order forms (the items are not for sale as they belong to me, not the Association).

RAEME Tie	\$35:00
RAEME Tie Pin	\$7:00
RAEME Pewter Coaster (2 per pack)	\$8:00
RAEME Thermal Mug	\$15:00
RAEME Print - Presentation of the Prince Philip Banner (unframed)	\$5:00
RAEME Statue "The Craftsman"	\$85:00
RAEME Thermal Mug Khaki	\$12:00
RAEME Coffee Cup	\$7:00
RAEME Mouse Mat	\$6:00
RAEME / Artificer Cuff Links	\$15:00
RAEME / Artificer Tie Bar	\$8:00
RAEME / Artificer Tie Tack	\$7:00
Stubby Holder (RAEME, Blue Bell & Artificer)	\$7:00
Plaques (RAEME, Artificer, Balcombe & Latchford)	\$40:00
Army Apprentice Hat & Collar Badges	\$5:00
Apprentice Mouse mats	\$6:00
Field Message Note Book	\$10:00
Field Message Note Book Refills	\$2:50
Note Book Cover DPCU	\$15:00
40 Page Vuee Tuee	\$15:00

If you are interested in purchasing any items, contact **Army Museum Bandiana** on phone (02) 6055 2525 or fax (02) 6055 2886, Monday to Friday between 8:00am and 4:00pm, or via e-mail bandiana.museum@defence.gov.au. The prices include GST, but not postage and handling. However, they will tell you how much your order will cost when you ring to enquire. Note that prices are also subject to change (please check prior to ordering). Payment can be made by Cheque or Postal Note. Credit Card facilities are available only on the premises. The postal address is:

**Army Museum Bandiana
PO Box 26
MILPO BANDIANA VIC 3694**

HONOURS AND AWARDS

The mailing address for all queries regarding medals is:

Directorate of Honours and Awards
Department of Defence
Locked Bag 2003
COOMA NSW 2630

TRICKY WORDING - READ SLOWLY

1. Avoidable: What a bullfighter tries to do.
 2. Bernadette: The act of torching a mortgage.
 3. Counterfeiters: Workers who put together kitchen cabinets.
 4. Eyedropper: A clumsy ophthalmologist.
 5. Heroes: What a guy in a boat does.
 6. Paradox: Two physicians.
 7. Parasites: What you see from the top of the Eiffel Tower.
 8. Polarize: What penguins see with.
 9. Primate: Removing your spouse from in front of the TV.
 10. Rubberneck: What you do to relax your wife.
 11. Selfish: What the owner of a seafood store does.
 12. Subdued: Like a guy, like works on one of those, like, submarines, man!
- Courtesy of an e-mail from a friend

WEB SITE ADDRESSES

AEME/RAEME Association of SA Inc:	www.raemesa.com
AEME/RAEME Association - ACT:	members.austarmetro.com.au/~lwedd/raeme
RAEME Association NSW Inc.	www.raemensw.com
The RAEME Association of QLD:	www.raemeqld.org
Army Apprentices:	www.armyappies.no-ip.org www.armyappy.com
National Service Association:	www.nashos.org.au
Vietnam Veterans Federation:	www.vvfragranville.org.au
Department of Defence:	www.defence.gov.au
World War II personnel details:	www.ww2roll.gov.au
Australian/Commonwealth Honours:	www.itsanhonour.gov.au
Army Museum Bandiana	www.defence.gov.au/army/AWMA_MUS/default.htm

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.

COMPUTER

A woman was helping her computer-illiterate husband set up his computer, and at the appropriate point in the process, told him that he would now need to choose and enter a password, something he will use to log on.

The husband was in a rather humorous mood and figured he would try for the shock effect to bring this to his wife's attention.

So, when the computer asked him to enter his password, he made it plainly obvious to his wife that he was keying in "p e n i s".

His wife fell off her chair laughing when the computer replied:

PASSWORD REJECTED. NOT LONG ENOUGH

- *Courtesy of an e-mail from a friend*

MEMBERSHIP

New Members

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

Charlie Gauci, Penny Mayman, Bob Murch, Rod Hussey

Subs are due as at 1 July in the year your membership is "current to" ie if the date on your Membership Card is 2005, 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

Mike Culley, Reg Glass, Dutchy Holland, David Turner

Ordinary Members

Walter Ade (2006), Milton Ahrens (2005), Frank Aldous, (2006), Jeff Allen (2008), Ernest Atkinson (2007), Peter Badcock (2005), Joe Barton (2005), Richard Beare (2005), Gavin Bellis (2006), Paul Berk (2008), John Black (2006), Helmut Bohn (2008), David Brand (2007), Bob Brown (2005), Dennis Brown (2009), Fred Brown (2007), WO2 Shane Buckley (2008), Roger Burzacott (2005), Nicholas Cashman (2008), Trevor Clerke (2015), Geoff Coat (2007), Brian Cogan (2006), Don Collins (2008), George Cooke (2011), John Corkran (2007), Peter Cox (2007), George Craig (2005), Bob Davis (2007), Gavin D'Cruz (2008), Graham de la Rue (2009), Chris Duffield (2007), Robert Duffield (2006), Nick Ebbs (2006), Len Edwards (2008), Bluey Etheridge (2007), Kym Everett (2013), Andrew Ferguson (2007), Jim Fisher (2005), Brian Flavel (2006), Jan Gancarz (2005), Pete Gaskin (2006), Charlie Gauci (2006), Bob Gell (2008), Nick Gogilis (2005), Steve Gough (2006), Steve Gould (2007), Tony Gow (2008),

Robert Hansford (2007), Jock Hart (2008), Don Harvy (2006), Arthur Hasse (2005), Tracy Hatch (2006), Greg Hay (2005), Norm Hay (2008), Colin Haynes (2006), Tony Hinton (2005), Andrew Hobson (2006), Brian Holmes (2008), Darryl Horner (2006), John Howard (2009), Gary Howell (2008), Rod Hussey (2009), Tony Ivens (2007), Graham Janz (2007), Juris Jaudzems (2006), Jeff Johns (2007), Lindsay Johnson (2005), Eddy Kaminski (2006), Eric Kelly (2008), Bob Killoran (2007), Bob King (2006), Geoff Kohler (2007), Les Kovacs (2007), Grant Kuchel (2007), Alf Lee (2006), Lou Leeuwrik (2011), Ken Lorraine (2005), Greg Lowe (2007), Chris Macintosh (2010), A.D.Marks (2007), Trevor Martin (2007), Robin Maslen OAM (2005), Bob Matthew (2006), Bob Matthews (2007), Alan McGregor (2006), Fred McInerney (2006), Philip McKelliff (2008), Pete McKenzie (2007), Gordon Mead (2005), Reg Mead (2006), Don Morgan OAM (2007), Richard Moyses (2006), Bob Murch (2007), Barry Naulty (2005), Timothy Newall (2005), Ian Nicholls (2006), Gary Nicolescu (2009), Murray Nitschke (2005), Jim Nurse (2005), Troy Oakes (2005), Dave O'Brien (2005), Alex Oschmanns (2013), Frank Owen (2006), John Owen (2008), Dick Pailthorpe (2007), Doug Pammenter (2009), Nick Papanikolaou (2006), Geoff Parker (2007), Trevor Parrott (2007), Roger Parsons (2006), Lionel Penley (2007), John Raftery (2006), Hank Ramm (2008), Tammy Rebbeck (2006), Lionel Renfrey (2007), Dave Renshaw (2006), Peter Reynolds (2007), Bluey Roberts (2005), George Robinson (2006), Bill Roch (2005), Greg Rosser (2007), Ray Ryan (2007), Perry Sangster (2005), Brian Sayers (2009), Barra Schmidtke (2007), Glendon Shaw (2007), Dave Shelly (2009), Harold Shipp (2005), Robert Silcock (2006), Craig Smith (2005), Victor Sobotnik (2006), Walter Soroka (2006), Max Sparrow (2008), Debbie Spicer (2005), Ian Starick (2006), Murray Stock (2008), Donald Sutherland (2006), James Szpunar (2008), Keith Tainsh (2007), Ian Taylor (2007), Paul Teague (2005), Howard Terry (2008), Jim Thomas (2006), Noel Thomas (2009), Dick Tischer (2007), Donald Tremethick (2009), Danny Trewick (2005), Joe Tuckwell (2007), Damien van de Velde (2011), Mark Van Oostveen (2008), Eugene Wasilenia (2006), Bruce Watson (2007), Alan Webb (2006), Graham West OAM (2006), Brett Wilkeson (2008), Warren Williams (2012), Alan Wilson (2008), John Wilson (2007), Betty Winstanley (2008), Curly Woolcock (2007), Pat Wright (2008), Brian Yelds (2007), John Zander (2008), Pete Zander (2007).

Associate Members

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

VALE - LEST WE FORGET

Charles (Harry) GRIBBLE - 20 December 2004
 VX 106115 - Louis George (George) HARRISON - 18 October 2004
 Harry LOWTHER - 16 December 2004
 VX 89936 - LTCOL Donald MACLEOD RFD ED - 24 November 2004
 VX 502377 - David M MILLS - 20 July 2004
 LTCOL Bob (Zero) McNAUGHT (Rtd)
 WO2 Ian Joseph (Moe) McPHERSON (Rtd) - 1972 Intake Apprentice
 VX 123848 - William ROCK - 5 August 2004
 Anthony Chak-Hung (Tony) SEE - 2 October 2004
 LTCOL Lawrie SARGEANT - 2 December 2004
 - *Courtesy "RAEME CRAFTSMAN" Issue No.54 Winter 2005*
 MAJ Jack GERKE DSO AM PUC JP
 Peter GRYGIEL - 7 April 2005
 - *Courtesy "The Horse's Mouth" Winter 2005*

ARTE et MARTE

(Corps Motto: With Skill and Fighting)

David Turner

Hon. Secretary