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RAEME

"Get-Together" LUNCH

Have you thought about going to a "get together" lunch with some of your RAEME mates. It happens twice a year on the first Tuesday in March and then in September and is open to all serving and ex-serving AEME or RAEME personnel and is held at the **Cremorne Hotel**, 207 Unley Road, Unley, at 12:00pm.



**The next Lunch is
Tuesday 5th March**

More details on page 5

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Well here we are at the beginning of another year. We finished off 2013 in typical style with a very successful AGM followed by the Corps Birthday BBQ held at Warradale Barracks.

The AGM was productive and we have a few changes on the committee with Ron Moran vacating the Treasurer role that he has been in for the last few years. The President and Secretary roles remain unchanged for now, with Don Harvy and myself both advising during the meeting that we will be seeking nominations for our positions at the end of 2014.

I would like to pass on my thanks to all the committee members who do a fine job in keeping our records, finances and merchandise up to date and work hard at maintaining the interests of our Association.

The most notable change for our association is with our Colonel Commandant, Greg Rosser. Greg has fulfilled this role for 7 years and therefore his time is up, and he steps down after a very dedicated and loyal tenure. I am personally grateful for the time and effort that Greg has put into the role and his continued support and guidance to the association has been sincerely appreciated.

Greg is remaining involved as he has taken on the Assistant Treasurer role and will continue to produce this Association newsletter.

Colonel David Cocker is replacing Greg as Colonel Commandant and I welcome Colonel Cocker into the role and I am sure he will attend our functions when time permits.

Our Corps Birthday BBQ once again was well attended and a good time was enjoyed by all in attendance. As usual Alan Weeks and the wonderful members and wife's from the REME Association joined us to celebrate the birthday and the festive season in general. The topic of cricket was raised but the conversation by the guests was a bit short this time round!

As one of his last tasks, Colonel Rosser presented the 2013 ARES Soldier of the Year Award to CFN Karl Hemmes of 107 Field Workshop, 9 CSSB.

He also announced CFN Ansell of Tech Support Platoon, 7 RAR Task Group as the ARA Soldier of the Year for 2013. CFN Ansell was presented the award at the ARA Corps Birthday celebrations hosted by 7 RAR at Edinburgh (see page 5).

Congratulations to the recipients who both display the finest qualities of the Australian Soldier, and in particular RAEME Tradesmen.

As we get into 2014 I can confirm that our regular activities will be conducted with the first being our

ANZAC Reunion in April. All dates and venues will be detailed in the newsletter.

Best wishes for a great 2014 and I look forward to catching up with as many members as possible during the year.

Arte et Marte
Richard Moyses
President



Change of COLONEL COMMANDANTS

Hi Everyone

December 31st 2013 was a sad time for me as my time as COLCOMDT finished (after 7 years). This is the maximum time allowable so I think I was lucky to get to continue for so long. I would like to thank everyone who made the role so enjoyable, I always felt that I was giving back some of the great times I had in the Army.

My replacement is COL David Cocker, some of you may know him, he was posted to 107 Fd Wksps as the Training Officer in 1979-80. I wish him all the best in the role and hope he is able to join us at some of our Association functions.

I won't mention anyone by name for fear of missing someone out, but I would like to thank all the ARA and GRes members who have helped organise and run the various Corps Dinners, Corps Birthday activities and presentation parades etc. They were all done in typical RAEME fashion! (really just showing the others how to do everything correctly).

I would like to congratulate all the prize winners and award recipients I had the opportunity to meet during my time as COLCOMDT and I must say how impressed I was with their performances, both in the winning of the awards and during the presentations.

I will still retain my role as editor of this Newsletter and have joined the Association committee. I look forward to continuing my association with you all and seeing you at future functions.

I would like to congratulate the 2013 SA winners of the National Craftsman of the Year Awards (COTY) and the AEME/RAEME Soldier of the Year (SOTY) awards.

The winners were:

National ARA COTY - CFN Mack, 7 RAR
National GRes COTY - CFN Hemmes, 9 CSSB
ARA SOTY - CFN Ansell, 7 RAR
GRes SOTY - CFN Hemmes, 9 CSSB
Well done to the winners.

Arte et Marte

LTCOL Greg Rosser RFD (Retd)

AEME/RAEME Association of SA DIARY DATES 2014

<u>Activity/Function</u>	<u>Date</u>
- Committee of Management Meeting	Thursday 20 th February
- RAEME Luncheon	Tuesday 4 th March
- Committee of Management Meeting	Thursday 10 th April
- 2014 RAEME Mixed ANZAC Reunion - Warradale	Saturday 12 th April
- 2014 ANZAC Day March	Friday 25 th April
- Committee of Management Meeting	Thursday 19 th June
- 2014 Officer, WOs & SNCOs Formal Dinner	TBA
- Committee of Management Meeting	Thursday 15 th August
- RAEME Luncheon	Tuesday 2 nd September
- Committee of Management Meeting	Thursday 16 th October
- RAEME All Ranks Dinner (Mixed)	TBA
- Annual General Meeting (tentative)	Sunday 7 th December
- RAEME Birthday Family Function	Sunday 7 th December

Allied Military Association Functions

- Defence Reserves Association of SA - AGM	TBA
- Keswick Museum History Week Lunch (See April edition)	Wednesday 21 st May



Warren WILLIAMS

Passed away peacefully 29 Dec 2013
Association Member and RAEME Vietnam

We will REMEMBER him

CAPT Jim SINCLAIR

Passed away 17 Jan 2014
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Also reported from the Queensland Association:

• Adrian BAKER , RAAOC, passed away 27 Jun 13. 21 st Intake VM	• Mervyn Donald COTTER Vietnam 102 Fd Wksp and C Sqn, 1 Armd Regt passed away 10 Aug 13	• Mal WILSON passed away 7 Jul 13. 27 th Intake VM succumbed to asbestos poisoning
• Arthur BRENNAN passed away 15 July 2013 9 th Intake VM	• James Joseph HILL 13 th Intake VM & graduated from OCS Dec 63	• Ken LECKENBY 11 th Intake F&T passed away after a tragic road accident while on a trip down memory lane in Vietnam on 14 Sep 13
• Colin CAMPBELL LTCOL, passed away on 25 August 2013 after suffering liver cancer.	Class. passed away 5 Aug 13	

VALE – Lest We Forget

Membership Renewal

Is your Membership up for Renewal??????

Fee payment can be made to Bob Matthew (8272 7472).

Coming Activities

2014 RAEME MIXED ANZAC REUNION

Approval is being requested for our Association to conduct the 2014 RAEME Mixed ANZAC Reunion in the combined **Warradale Area Other Ranks Canteen**. It is proposed to hold the function on **Saturday 12th April** commencing at 7:00pm. Format will be similar to last year with a BBQ meal followed by a "Remembrance Ceremony" at 9:00pm.

This function is for serving and ex-serving members and their partners and friends. It will be an opportunity to renew old acquaintances and tell more "TALL Stories". A great evening was enjoyed by all last year and the committee is working very hard to make sure the 2014 function is even better than previous ANZAC reunions.

An Invitation with all the details is included with this Newsletter and will be repeated in the March/April Newsletter.

Mark the 12th April in your diary now and plan to be there!!!

ANZAC DAY MARCH UPDATE

This year the march will be held on Friday 25th April and the organisers are promising "good weather". Regardless of the weather we all share a great bond as we march and then enjoy a drink afterwards



It is anticipated our association members will be in Group 12(A) again this year (with all of the other Associations). We would like to see as many members as possible march this year as our ranks continue to grow thinner each year.

Members of our RAEME brethren who served in Vietnam will be marching separately again this year. Frank Owen has advised that they have now obtained their own RAEME banner which will help

identify them and the part they played in the Vietnam conflict. It is assumed the Vietnam group will be marching in Group 9(c) again this year.

The Association has provided relevant details to the RSL regarding our participation in the march, but details at this stage are still very sketchy and we will have to wait until full march details are issued before we can advise you of the final assembly point (assumed to be the same as last year). When finalised full details will be available on the RSL Website (www.rs/sa.org.au) and in "The Signal" magazine.

Full details of the March will also be included in the April Newsletter.

COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT MEETING

Committee of Management Meetings are held at Warradale on 3rd Thursday of every second month. **All members are welcome to attend** Committee of Management Meetings are held in February, April, June, August and October in the **Conference Room at JLU (S)**. Meetings commence at 7:30pm and entry is through the Oaklands Road gate.

The committee is always seeking your input.

RAEME LUNCHEON

The RAEME Luncheon get-togethers are held twice a year on the first Tuesday in



March and then in September and are open to all serving and ex-serving AEME and RAEME personnel and are held at the **Cremorne Hotel**, 207 Unley Road, Unley, at 12:00pm. This Luncheon is now being organised by Bob Killoran.

If anyone would like to attend, please contact Bob by phone on 0412 060 315 by the Friday before the luncheon so they can let the pub know how many to cater for. If you know of others who spent time with AEME or RAEME, please let them know or bring them along.



H.O.C Comes to Town

The end of each year is the time for announcing the winners of the various soldier awards and in 2013 the Major Award winners were both from South Australia. Because of this the Head of Corps, BRIG Mathewson was very keen to come and personally present the awards. The day selected was 2nd December which was also the day the ARA members chose to celebrate the Corps Birthday.

The HOC presented a number of awards, but of most interest was the National Craftsman of the Year Awards to:

- National ARA CFN of the Year
- CFN Mack from 7 RAR
- National GRes CFN of the Year
- CFN Karl Hemmes from 107 Fd Wksp Coy, 9 CSSB



Presentation of the National ARA CFN of the Year to CFN Mack

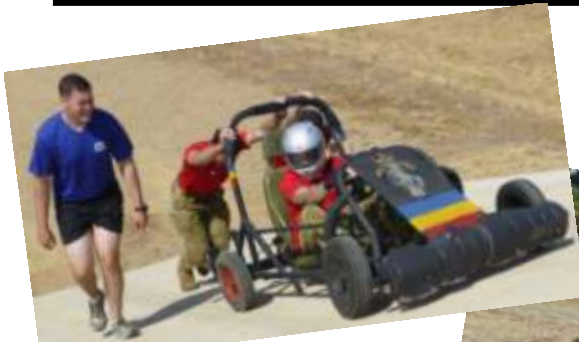


Presentation of the National GRes CFN of the Year to CFN Hemmes

2013 ARA Corps Birthday Celebrations -

The 2013 Birthday activity was run at Edinburgh by 7 RAR on the 2nd December and we were all pleased that the Head of Corps BRIG Mathewson could join us for at least some of the activities and to make the very important National Craftsman of the Year Awards.

The day involved a number of inter-unit challenges including billy cart races (of various types), tug-of-war, spanner throw and the all-ranks "challenge". A great time was had by all. (see pictures below)



COL Rosser presenting the ARA SOTY to CFN Ansell

43 ARMY CADET UNIT (WARRADALE)



CDT LCPL Harry Bhatt with COL Rosser and Association Secretary Don Harvy (on left) displaying the award

Our Association is now providing an annual donation, to 43 Army Cadet Unit to help the unit run successfully and promote the corps amongst the cadets. As part of the donation, a perpetual “Best Overall Performance” trophy is presented to the best cadet within the unit.

The winner of the ‘AEME/RAEME Association of SA Inc’ trophy for “Best Overall Performance” for 2013 was
CDT LCPL Harry Bhatt

We wish Harry all the best for the future

I asked Mrs Bhatt to describe what Cadets mean to Harry and the following was her response. Ed

HARRY- OUR SON

It is such a relief to parents when their children grow up and show they can make the right choices and achieve success in their life!!

Harry is the pride of his mum and dad. He came into this beautiful world on 10th November 1998. He has been thoughtful and caring from the beginning of his life. His childhood wasn't graced with all the luxuries that many children have – but it did have a great sense of family and a family that gave him something more precious – time, love and guidance.

Along with the strong foundations he got from childhood, he has also established some very high ambitions and a fervent desire to join the defence force. He is impressed with and aligns himself to the values of the defence force and its position on relationships; getting things right (standards); discipline and respect; consistency; courage; aiming for success and wants to pursue a career path to leadership in defence, to make the most of his commitment.

As a mother, I cannot forget his childhood: watching movies about soldier's lives, role-playing being a soldier; dismantling and refixing his toy guns, listening to true stories of soldiers; asking me to sing songs about them at bed time, and playing the games of military service with his friends. At the age of 15, all these are still in his mind. He has a focus for a career and begun with a new choice of a leisure activity – as a cadet, where he can get to know what it is all about.

On his 10th birthday we, his mum and dad, migrated to Australia. Harry and his four year old brother remained in India with family. Migration was a huge step for a young couple on their own, but when the time came for Harry and his brother, to emigrate, how much more daunting it would have been. It was full of uncertainty and hard work and lonely. At twelve years of age, Harry took the trip with just his brother. Family, in India, praise him for his responsible qualities because he always looked out for his younger brother and provided the love and care that his parents could not - to the best of his capabilities. The trip to Australia was another bridge to cross. Harry had never been on a plane. But here he was, coming to Australia, alone, contending with changing flights, foreign lands and caring for a four year old. The journey took great courage and sensibility. It was not just the air Journey for him that was a new experience but everything else was a completely foreign undertaking...starting a new life in completely new and different surroundings; adapting to endless changes in culture, language, pace of life, surroundings and losing his extended family, his friends and his schooling. But he began the task of learning to adapt to change and support his younger, more frightened brother, even though his younger brother was very upset by the upheaval to their young lives. In the last three years, Harry has become ‘an Aussie’ boy. He has adapted to the massive changes; embraced the lifestyle; conquered the language barrier and even achieved a ‘ridgy-didge’ Australian accent!! He has shown that he can mix well with Australian multicultural friends and families, as well as the schooling system, participation in clubs and now, at cadets.

2011 was the first year of school in Australia for him. As a year 7 new arrival, he attended Cowandilla Primary School, where he had the opportunity to benefit from the New Arrivals Program. Cowandilla PS did an amazing job of helping him to learn, speak, write and express the English language and learn about Australian culture. The educational system was so different for him, but he soon excelled in mathematics and he loved the cultural dance that Cowandilla PS promoted. In 2012, his first year of high school at Henley HS, again he was ready to accept big

changes in his life, apart from puberty. He chose a different high school from his friends from primary school, but Harry contented himself in taking the opportunities that presented, to learn and develop his skills. This year, [Yr 8], he has achieved excellent results- especially in the mechanical and electrical areas. He developed a passion for engineering. So he decided to combine his passion for the armed forces with his new passion for engineering and become a combat engineer in the Australian Army.

As opportunities always look for the right candidate, in April 2012, when Harry was passing through the Adelaide War Memorial, where cadets were practising their youth vigil for ANZAC day, he asked me if he could be a part of a group like that. We knew no one in the group, but we chose a great officer to speak to. We asked for the pathway to joining the cadets. After following the given contact's details, Harry got his world! Harry joined 43 Army Cadet Unit Warradale under the leadership of LT Nick Gray and 2LT Ian Fergusson in 2012.

Since then he has been enjoying his passion through the Army Cadet Unit. His regular attendance on weekly training and fundraising activities, excitement to prepare for and participate in weekend camps, in saving his pocket money to buy the required tools for being a cadet have all helped to enable him to achieve a high standard of performance. He then set his sights at Australian citizenship so he could

register for the Army Reserve. On December 10 2013, Harry will officially become an Australian Citizen! We are so proud of our son; his patience and enthusiasm and his determination to succeed.

As a parent, we would like to take the opportunity to express our gratitude to the Australian Army Cadet Unit and other supporting associations for giving our son such a precious opportunity. His mentors in the unit have acknowledged his enthusiasm, encouraged his achievements, supported his development and inspired him for continuous progress by respecting him publically with an honourable award.

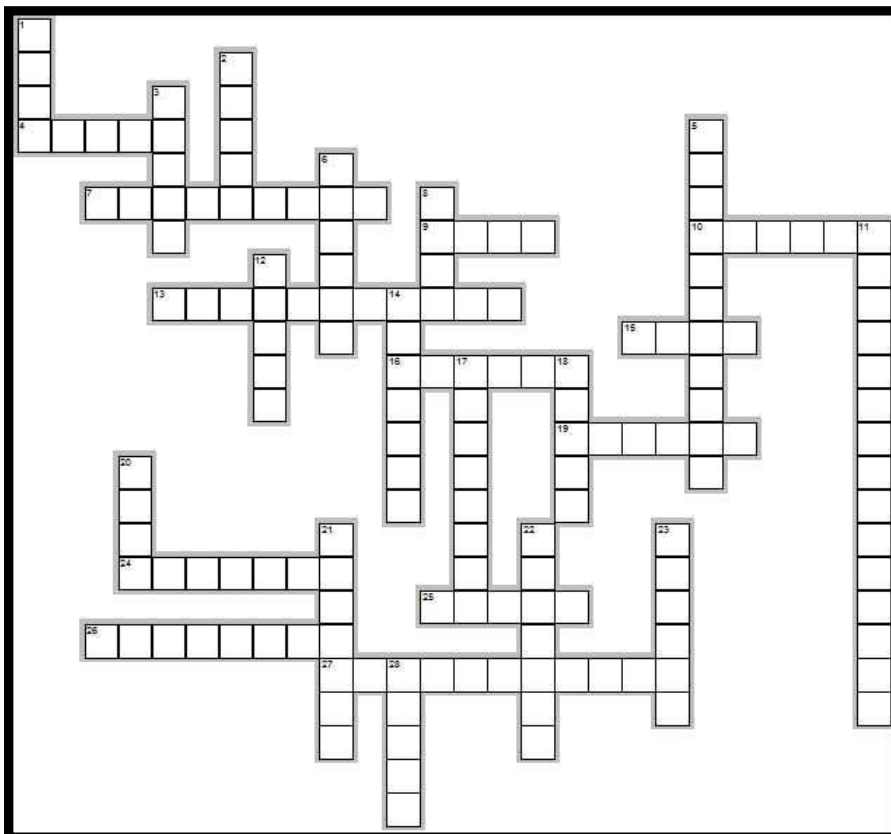
(CDT) LCPL Harry Bhatt is truly an honour for all of us!

I thought her response shows how much of an effect Cadets can have on young lives and have include most of it for your information. Ed

43 Army Cadet Unit is one of many AAC units around Australia which provide young Australians with the opportunity to develop skills in leadership, teamwork, self discipline and provide skills training in military like activities, such as field craft and navigation.
ADF statistics (2009) show that 30% of all ADF members are ex cadets.

RAEME CROSSWORD

How well can you do



Across

4. CROWD SCENE ACTOR IN A FILM
7.FLOTILLA. WHAT HITLER CALLED OUR NAVY.
9. SWORD
10. UNDERGROUND WASTE CONDUITS
13. ADDED TO THE RAEME BADGE IN 1955
15. FITTER AND TURNER
16. LIBYAN PORT CHANGED HANDS 5 TIMES IN WW2
19. SHELLDRAKE?
24. GETS YOU UP TO SEE THE SUNRISE
25. SUDDEN FLOOD
26. TYMPANIC MEMBRANE
27. LATIN JUST FOR RAEME

Down

1. MILITARY FLUTE
2. BEFORE THE LANDROVER- AUSTIN.....?
3. MOTHER OF PEARL
5. IT MAKES WHITE SMOKE
6. FIRST WORLD WAR AUSSIE GENERAL
8. JAP FIGHTER
11. DON'T EXCEED THIS
12. PILLROLLER
14. THE ARMY WAY OF FEEDING YOU
17. PRO WORD FOR RAEME
18. THE COLOUR BEFORE JUNGLE GREENS
20. THERE ARE 6400 IN A CIRCLE
21. PIN THESE ON THE LADIES AT A MESS NIGHT
22. LETTER CARRIER
23. HIDDEN MARKSMAN
28. GROUP OF SOLDIERS

Thanks to Geoff Parker for organising this, there will be another one next edition

Answers on page 15

2013 RAEME BIRTHDAY FAMILY FUNCTION

The 71st RAEME Corps Birthday was celebrated by Central Region RAEME personnel at Warradale Barracks on Sunday 1st December (following the AGM). As always this was an excellent function which was well attended. It was fantastic to see so many RAEME and REME members and their families attend and enjoy the function.



The RAEME Birthday Cake was again the highlight of the function and the cake was cut by CFN Mark Harris from GE PI and our COLCOMDT.

A number of members of the REME Association travelled to Warradale Barracks to join us for the function. It is great to see the excellent relationship that exists between the two Associations.

Everyone enjoyed a great BBQ lunch cooked by two of the committee members John Howard and Brian Holmes. They seem to get as much enjoyment out of cooking the food as we do eating it.



The AEME/RAEME Association of SA "Soldier of the Year" winners for 2013 were as follows:

- ARA "Soldier of the Year" award went to CFN Matthew Ansell who is with Tech Support at 7RAR (the award was presented to CFN Ansell at Edinburgh on 2nd Dec by COLCOMDT)
- GRes "Soldier of the Year" award went to CFN Karl Hemmes who is with 107 Wksp Coy 9 CSSB and was presented at the function in front of a number of his peers

As always, it is a great time to catch up with old friends and fellow soldiers. As usual the raffles proved very popular with almost everyone seeming to win a prize.

Our congratulations and thanks go to the organizers and the many helpers who worked so hard on the day to make the function such a success.



CFN Hemmes being presented with his award by COLCOMDT

BERETS ARE BACK!

Many serving and former soldiers 'wondered at the wisdom' only a handful of years ago when a change to the Dress Manual removed berets as an approved form of head dress – you can imagine the 'intense exasperation' among the 'tankies', in particular, generations of whom wore the black beret with considerable pride and panache! Sometimes, however, commonsense does prevail, and an e-mail was circulated recently by the office of the Chief of Army – the following is an extract from that e-mail:

"THE SLOUCH HAT IS THE MOST IMPORTANT AND RESPECTED PART OF OUR UNIFORM. IT IS WORN ONLY BY THE AUSTRALIAN MILITARY AND IT IS WORN EQUALLY BY ALL IN ARMY, REGARDLESS OF REGIMENT, REGARDLESS OF CORPS, AND REGARDLESS OF RANK. IT IS THE HEADDRESS THAT WILL ALWAYS BE WORN WHEN REPRESENTING ARMY IN THE PUBLIC, ENGENDERING RESPECT TO AND FROM THE PEOPLE OF AUSTRALIA AND TO THOSE FROM OVERSEAS.

TODAY NEW RULES WILL BE PROMULGATED IN ARMY'S DRESS MANUAL THAT WILL ENHANCE AND FOCUS THE WEARING OF THIS PRE-EMINENT AUSTRALIAN ICON WHICH IS VENERATED BY OUR NATION AND OUR ALLIES.

I DO NOT OWN OUR UNIFORM IDENTITY - WE ALL DO. THIS INCLUDES THOSE WHO HAVE GONE BEFORE US AND THOSE WHO WILL SERVE OUR NATION IN THE FUTURE. AS ARMY'S SENIOR LEADERSHIP AND SENIOR RSMS TRAVEL AND TALK TO OUR PEOPLE AND THE VETERAN COMMUNITY, THE SUBJECT OF THE WEARING OF BERETS IS OFTEN RAISED. I KNOW THAT FOR MANY THE BERET IS CONSIDERED AN IMPORTANT AND PRACTICAL ITEM OF UNIFORM THAT IS RELEVANT TO REGIMENTAL AND CORPS IDENTITY. THIS WAS HIGHLIGHTED BY THE RECENT NON-COMBAT CLOTHING REVIEW WHERE OVER 80% OF RESPONDENTS ASKED FOR ENHANCED REGIMENTAL AND CORPS IDENTITY. YOU ARE ALL IMPORTANT TO ME AND I RESPECT YOUR VIEWS, OPINIONS AND FEELINGS.

I HAVE THEREFORE MADE THE DECISION THAT THE BERET WILL BE APPROVED AS AN ITEM OF DRESS IN THE REGIMENTAL ENVIRONMENT. THIS WILL INCLUDE THE ARMY BLUE BERET AND THE ROYAL AUSTRALIAN REGIMENT RIFLE GREEN BERET.

COMMANDING OFFICERS WILL HAVE AUTHORITY AND DISCRETION TO DECIDE WHEN THE BERET MAY BE WORN WITHIN THEIR UNITS, COGNISANT OF OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY, LESS WHEN THE SLOUCH HAT IS MANDATED THROUGH THE ARMY DRESS MANUAL. I MAKE THIS

DECISION IN RESPECT AND FAITH WITH ARMY'S OFFICERS AND SOLDIERS.

THE RULES FOR THE WEARING OF OUR GREAT SLOUCH HAT AND FOR OTHER FORMS OF HEADDRESS WILL BE PROMULGATED THROUGH THE ARMY DRESS MANUAL IN DECEMBER AND WILL BE SUMMARISED IN THE FINAL EDITION OF ARMY NEWS ON 05 DECEMBER 2013.

Apparently a loud and spontaneous roar of approval was heard in many areas within Army!

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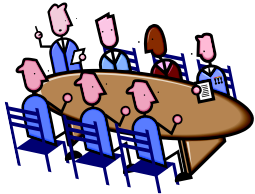
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2013 AGM REPORT

The 2013 Annual General Meeting was held on Sunday 1st December in the ORs Canteen at Warradale Barracks

Election of Office Bearers

<u>President:</u>	MAJ Richard Moyses
<u>Vice President</u>	WO1 Tony Harriden
<u>Treasurer:</u>	WO1 Tony Harriden
<u>Secretary</u>	Don Harvy
<u>Ordinary Members:</u>	
	SGT Troy Oakes
	Bob Mathew Membership
	Bob Killoran Merchandising
	Geoff Parker Website Co-ord
	John Howard Historian
	Juris Jaudzems
	Michael Culley
	Brian Holmes
	Phil Coppin
	Greg Rosser



Support Team

<u>Advertising</u>	WO2 Grant Kuchel
<u>Auditor</u>	Gary Nicolescu

Financial Statement

An audited statement was provided

Major items covered include:

- The committee reported it had agreed to financially support 43 Army Cadet Unit for the sum of \$200 for 2014. Continuation of support and the amount to be donated for 2015 will be reviewed late in 2014.
- The AEME/RAEME Assoc. Perpetual 43 Army Cadet Unit " Best Cadet" Trophy for 2012 went to CDT L/CPL Harry Bhatt who is intending to enlist in the regular Army once he finishes his schooling
- It was reported that the fundraising BBQ activity at Bunnings Noarlunga was a great success with a profit of over \$1200 being achieved. Thanks to Army Cadets for their support in this endeavour.
- The President reported the ex RAEME Vietnam veterans group marching in the Vietnam section of the march worked well, they now have their own banner, and he wishes them well for all future marches.
- The COLCOMDT advised his term is finished and he will be replaced by COL David Cocker.

Other item discussed:

- The National RAEME Association is progressing well and activities have been allocated to various state associations. They are supportive of the Corps History Project. Our representative is Phil Coppin.
- The President talked about the success of the spanner pack programme. With the withdrawal of troops from Afghanistan the programme is to be wound back, but our soldiers serving O/S will still receive packages.
- It was reported by Geoff Parker that it is proposed that our website be integrated into the National Association Website system. Dean Ellis our Webmaster is involved in setting up the National Assoc Website
- It was reported that the Association Soldier of Year Awards for 2013 went to:
 - ARA - CFN Matthew Ansell - Tech Support 7 RAR
 - GRes - CFN Karl Hemmes - 107 Fd Wksp Coy 9 CSSB
- Grant Kuchel reported that the advertising in the Newsletter continues to drop off, but he proposes to include recent advertisers for a period as a token of thanks for their previous support.
- The issuing of Assoc. nametags (for a cost) has been popular and they are available for \$10.
- The President acknowledged and thanked Trevor Clerke for attending with his BBQ trailer.

2014 Functions

- **ANZAC Function** - will be held on Saturday 12th April in the Warradale Other Ranks Canteen.
- **All Ranks Dinner Function** –to be run again in 2014. Similar venue recommended.
- **RAEME Birthday All Ranks Family Function** - similar format to the 2013 function. Date to be Sunday 7th December (72 years).

Full copy of the minutes and attachments available on request from the Secretary.

HAVE YOU CONSIDERED SUBSCRIBING TO CORPS FUNDS?

At present the Corps Fund enjoys financial support from approximately 10% of members yearly. That means very few personnel are paying into Corps subscriptions. While it is a voluntary subscription you should seriously consider becoming involved for you and your mates benefit. Details on what the benefits are and how you can contribute are listed below. You will also find information listed at Corps Instruction 3.

What's in it for me? The Corps has investments and with subscriptions this generates an income. 50% of that income is returned to RAEME members by way of disbursements around October each year and through the RAEME Regional Reps. Regional units are able to bid for financial support or the Regional Rep may expend the funds on anything for the betterment of RAEME members in the region. You may have experienced partial sponsorship at RAEME Birthday celebrations as a result. Remember this 50% return has nothing to do with the number of subscribers in the region and therefore subscribers and non subscribers to Corps Funds benefit from the disbursement.

Another 25% of the income is set aside as working capital for the year. This covers such things as:

- a. the annual awards (ie: CFN of the Year totalling 16 prizes in 2013 @ \$200.00 each);
- b. requests for financial support from units other than disbursements (sponsorship at sporting activities or improvements to unit areas);
- c. postage, merchandise purchases, personnel crisis support and some minor admin expenses not covered by ACMS.

When units request financial support for an activity we review the number of financial members in that unit IOT provide some balance for the subscribers.

The remaining 25% is rolled into investments.

The committee is very conscious of perceptions and is keen to provide value to the members. Recently we introduced a Corps Coin. All new members of RAEME are issued a Corps Coin when they qualify through RMC or ASEME. They are also encouraged to complete an application to subscribe to Corps Funds at the same time.

Financial subscribers are able to purchase the coins from HOC cell at a cost of \$5.00 which is below cost and non financial subscribers are charged \$10.00 (details on page 12).

The, "What's in it for Me" question is answered by the more subscribers involved the greater the strength of the fund and the more we can do for you personally and as a group.

We welcome contributions from members of the Corps on ideas you may have to improve any of the services provided.

RAEME Corps Subscriptions

Corps Subscriptions Contribution Rates:		
Rank (retirement rank)	Fortnightly Allotment	Lump Payment
CFN – SGT	\$1.00	\$26.00
WO2 – CAPT	\$1.50	\$39.00
MAJ +	\$2.00	\$52.00

Methods of Contributions:

1. **Allotment from pay (for serving ARA members) *Allotment is the Preferred Method***
 - Allotment to be made to **RAEME Corps Fund Non-BSB Allottee number 460**. via PMKeys Portal.
2. **Annual lump-sum payment - made out to RAEME Corps Funds**
 - Forward Payment to:
MAJ J. Halstead
SO to HOC – RAEME,
HOC Cell, Latchford Barracks,
BONEGILLA, Vic, 3694
3. **Direct deposit / funds transfer to RAEME Corps Funds DEFCREDIT account**
 - **DEFCREDIT**
 - **BSB: 803205**
 - **Account Name: RAEME Corps Fund**
 - **Membership Number: 11832**
 - **Account Number: 20509705**

Each contributor to Corps Subscriptions will receive a uniquely numbered Corps Membership Medallion. The membership medallion is designed on the St Eligius (Corps Patron Saint) coin.

CORPS MERCHANDISE



1 3/4" inch
(actual size)



The CORPS COIN

The Corps Coin is issued to all new RAEME personnel on completion of training at RMC or ASEME. The coin is similar to the one depicted except without Head of Corps printing on the badge side and the diameter is 52mm not 1 3/4 inches.

Individuals may purchase coins, Corps subscribers at a cost of \$5.00 each and non financial subscribers at a cost of \$10 each. Single coin orders are not preferred. Please arrange a bulk purchase with your mates (Preferably orders greater than five).

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Under the Microsoft Volume Sourcing Arrangement, Commonwealth agency personnel have the ability to access the Home Use Program (HUP) for Microsoft Office products. The HUP offers a licence for the Microsoft Office software to be installed on your home computer if you are an employee of a Commonwealth agency (ie for serving members and Commonwealth defence employees you must have an email address ending with @defence.gov.au). Your usage rights are tied to continued employment with the Commonwealth agency, and end with termination of employment/service.

The offer is only available until June 2014.

The Microsoft Home Use Program (HUP) offers Defence personnel access to a single copy of Office Professional Plus 2013 for \$15 (+ shipping and handling), to be installed on your home computer. This is basically the full "Office" package for less than a quarter of the cost of a student version in a retail outlet.

The HUP is a separate commercial offering made by Microsoft to Defence personnel, and purchases made under the HUP are a business transaction between Microsoft and the individual Defence personnel. Defence is not involved in HUP transactions and accepts no responsibility for the operation of the HUP or its continued availability.

Access to the HUP can be made by Defence personnel direct to the Microsoft website at: <https://hup.microsoft.com/>, with online help directions to complete the transaction. **Note** that it is necessary to enter your @defence email address and insert the temporary HUP program code **9E344CC2BF**. These details are used by Microsoft to verify individuals as Defence personnel.

RAEME Vietnam Unit Reunions

1 Field Squadron Workshop
Adelaide South Australia Final Date TBA 2016
Contact Don Grieveson
grieveson@internode.on.net

17 Construction Squadron Workshop October 2015
Bendigo Victoria
Contact Garry Whykes
H 08 9276 1920 M 0411 810077
gwhykes@gmail.com

102 Field Workshop September 2015
"Avondale" 601 Bray's Rd Gannawarra
Contact: Noel Lake 03 5456 9246

1 Armoured Regiment LAD
Halls Gap Victoria 2015
Contact Russell Cunningham
H 03 5766 2413 M 0437 834089
bungie12@bigpond.net.au

1 Div. S&T / 5 Coy. Workshop
Darwin 15th 16th 17th August 2014
Contact Trevor Smith H 08 8985 4116 M 0408 033380
trevor.smith13@bigpond.com

106 Field Workshop
Wrest Point Casino Hobart 3rd 4th 5th October 2014
Contact Patrick Downey H 03 244 2508

Extract from the RAEME Association of Victoria's "THE LIGHTNING FLASH" Jan 2014 edition. With thanks Ed

THE THREE NUNS AT THE FOOTY

Three nuns were attending a football final.

Three men were sitting directly behind.

Because their habits were partially blocking the view, the men decided to badger the nuns hoping that they'd get annoyed enough to move to another area.

In a very loud voice, the first guy said, "I think I'm going to move to Sydney ... There are only 100 nuns living there."

Then the second guy spoke up and said, "I want to go to Tasmania. There are only 50 nuns living there."

The third guy said, "I want to go to New Zealand ... There are only 25 nuns living there."

One of the nuns turned around, looked at the men, and in a very sweet and calm voice said,

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Corps History Project

One of our older members felt he needed to add something to the Corps History project and has agreed to share what he submitted with us (note Lionel is now 97 years old)

SX10776 LT LIONEL PENLEY 2/4 ARMY FIELD WORKSHOP

A highlight of my service in North Africa with the 2/4 Army Field Workshop – Commanding Officer LTCOL R. Lea.

On arrival it would appear we were a surplus workshop unit.

A movement order was received to join the British 8th Army, located near Tel El Eisa (This was arranged by our Colonel).

On arrival, volunteers were called for, to assist Royal Engineers 8th Army to destroy approximately 30 Mk 3 German tanks disabled by 7th British Armoured Tank Regiment in 1941 (they were a source of supply to the German Tank Engineers for spare parts if left).

It appears British Intelligence were in possession of information Rommel was going to attempt to break through the British defence line.

As a prelude to El Alamein it was imperative these tanks had to be destroyed so S/Sgt Norman Hodges and Sgt Lionel Penley were selected and seconded to the British Royal Engineers for 2 weeks.

Our background:

2 years with 3 Field Coy RAE from 1937 – joining AIF 1940. During that period we had experience in the use of explosives.

On arrival we were taken under the wing of a young Lance Corporal and, as it turned out, a very experienced explosives expert.

This area was full of mine fields and that was where we lifted large quantity of pancake mines and systematically destroyed the tanks (photos of results attached) A wonderful experience.

Very pleased to return to 2/4 AFW and on our way back to Australia.

thankyou to the Lance Corporal and his team. “Safety” was his motto.

I cannot bring his name to mind but in my 98th year what can you expect?

My great mate Lt Norm Hodges passed away some years ago.

Enclosed is a map showing the location of Tel El Eisa taken from the History of the 2/48th Battalion – Tobruk to Tarakan.

LT Lionel Penley Ret'd

Footnote

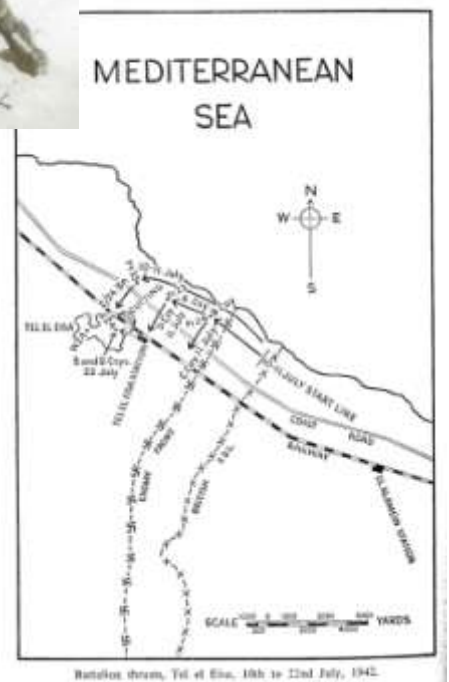
How the British Army survived on the rations I would never know.



Norm Hodges (Left) & Lionel



The remains of a German Mk3 tank, disabled at the 200th Tank Coy, Tel El Eisa in 1942



Battalion stream, Tel el Eisa, 18th to 22nd July, 1942

Chinglish

A friend of a friend went to Beijing recently and was given this brochure by the hotel. It is precious. She is keeping it and reads it whenever she feels depressed. Obviously, it has been translated directly, word for word from Mandarin to English.

Getting There:

Our representative will make you wait at the airport.. The bus to the hotel runs along the lake shore. Soon you will feel pleasure in passing water. You will know that you are getting near the hotel, because you will go round the bend. The manager will await you in the entrance hall. He always tries to have intercourse with all new guests.

The hotel:

This is a family hotel, so children are very welcome. We of course are always pleased to accept adultery. Highly skilled nurses are available in the evenings to put down your children. Guests are invited to conjugate in the bar and expose themselves to others. But please note that ladies are not allowed to have babies in the bar. We organize social games, so no guest is ever left alone to play with them self.

The Restaurant:

Our menus have been carefully chosen to be ordinary and unexciting. At dinner, our quartet will circulate from table to table, and fiddle with you.

Your Room:

Every room has excellent facilities for your private parts. In winter, every room is on heat. Each room has a balcony offering views of outstanding obscenity! . You will not be disturbed by traffic noise, since the road between the hotel and the lake is used only by pederasts.

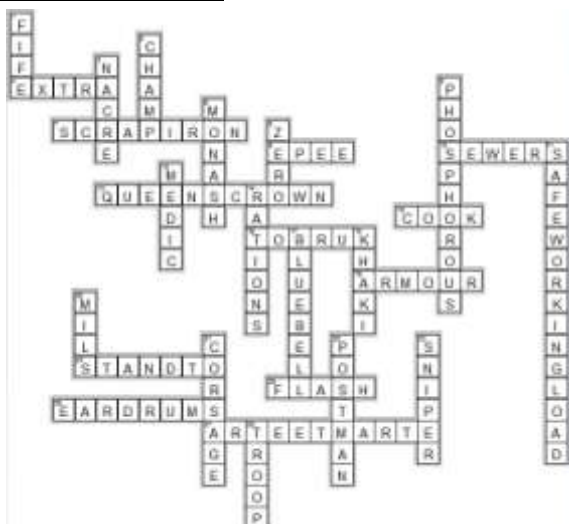
Bed

Your bed has been made in accordance with local tradition. If you have any other ideas please ring for the chambermaid. Please take advantage of her. She will be very pleased to squash your shirts, blouses and underwear. If asked, she will also squeeze your trousers.

Above all:

When you leave us at the end of your holiday, you will have no hope. You will struggle to forget it."

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Subs are \$10 per year with a maximum forward payment of 5 years eg \$50 for five years.

All subs are to be forwarded to the Membership Member CPL Bob Matthew (40 Ashbourne Ave KINGSWOOD SA 5062). Please provide details of your date of birth if you wish to claim the free "over 75 year rule" membership.

Remember not to send cash through the post as we have cases of this going missing with Australia Post.

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