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Our thanks to MAJ John Halstead & WO2 Sean Halley for their efforts in producing the RAV Inc Craftsman of the Year Award. It is fitting that first recipient of this new "Craftsman of the Year" award is CFN Matt Guarino from 105 Wksp Coy, WO2 Halley's Unit

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Janice and I, together with your Committee trust that you had a great Christmas and are looking forward to a healthy, happy and safe 2015!

On Friday 17th October 2014 a few members were able to attend a Memorial Garden "Sod Turning Ceremony" at Alkira Secondary College. Once again, a well organised activity and our thanks go to Ms Nicole Scott and Ms Leanne Venables - not forgetting the Students who supplied the yummy morning tea - for their dedication and professionalism that was demonstrated on the day. I also take this opportunity to thank John Boothroyd who volunteered as a guest speaker on the day.

On Tuesday 11 November 2014 I represented the Association for the Remembrance Day Ceremony at Clayton RSL wreath laying ceremony. The catafalque party was provided by Cerberus cadets and were very professional in their dress and drill movements.

On Saturday 15 November 2014 a number of our committee members and their partners were invited and attended the Bandiana Chapter celebration of our RAEME Birthday at the Commercial Hotel, Wodonga. Prior to the dinner, a meeting was held in the afternoon at the Wodonga RSL (see Secretary's report). John Boothroyd was invited to attend this meeting.

On Sunday 30 November 2014 we celebrated our RAEME Birthday at Clayton RSL. This year it was decided to celebrate the day with a lunch instead of the usual dinner. The decision to have a lunch was made due to the fact that some members said that they did not like driving at night and some said that they did not feel safe travelling on public transport after dark. Anyway, our numbers were lower than expected. Your committee will review the possibility of reverting to a dinner as well as the costings of the lunch/dinner will also be reviewed for this year's birthday celebration.

Our Secretary has penned proposed dates for this year's activities. Once confirmed by your committee, please write them in your diary, place a copy in a place where you will be reminded of the upcoming functions and please do your best to support these functions.

Richard Legge informed us that there was a huge package of work that was completed on the RAEME website. I take this opportunity to congratulate Richard, Dean, Alex and the team on this intricate and challenging task that was undertaken and implemented seamlessly. Please take the time to look at the website at www.raeme.org.au. Our Victorian website is www.vic.raeme.org.au

Lastly, I congratulate CAPT PHIL COPPIN on assuming the position of RAEME National Association (RNA) President. We look forward to working with Phil in shaping and taking the RNA forward during his tenure.

Mike Newbond
President

SECRETARY'S REPORT

The 2nd Committee of Management meeting for 2014-15 was held at the Wodonga RSL with the Bandiana Chapter President Grant Conolly & Secretary George Reid hosting the meeting, 2014 Bandiana Dinner was attended by several Committee members and their wives, with the opportunity to meet with members of the Bandiana Chapter. COLONEL Todd Ashurst gave an interesting talk on the operation of the Joint Logistic Unit (Victoria). Details later in Flash

Life Member Nomination Forms are available from the Association Secretary. Nominations to be with the Secretary no later than 15th May 2015

The next function to be held is the Shrine Remembrance Day at the Melbourne Shrine on the 29th March 2015 followed by a light Luncheon. Further details & attendance notification attached. This day is in honour of our departed mates

Please place the attached Function dates on your fridge as a reminder as it is just as much work to organize 30 attending as 100.

The 2014 RAEME Birthday Lunch held at the Clayton RSL ON 30th November was poorly attended with only 32 members in attendance. As the ARES Craftsman of the year was not in attendance the RAV Inc Craftsman of the Year Perpetual Award was not presented, at this stage the Committee has not decided when & how the new Shield will be presented. It should be noted;

- That a survey was carried out regarding the timing of the RAEME Birthday. Result was 50/50 towards a Dinner or Lunch, after the turn up at this year's Lunch it will be recommended to the Committee that all future RAEME Birthday Celebrations be held as a Dinner. With continual increases in the catering perhaps wines may not be included in the price & purchased at bar prices to reduce the dinner cost

**ANZAC Day Reunion Sunday 12th April 2015
1130hrs to 1500hrs Clayton RSL**

**ANZAC Day March
25th April 2015**

**Regular, Reserve & Retired RAEME Personnel
Members of the Corps are reminded that your
Association needs members to March to the
Shrine under the RAEME Banner as our
numbers are dwindling each year.
Family Members are welcome**

**March Details Form up TBA After March;
TBA**

Alan Rogers
Secretary

ARMY REPORT

Joint Logistic Unit (Victoria) Media Release from COLONEL Todd Ashurst . Commander DLTP and JLU-V

In 2009, the Government directed and endorsed a targeted program of reforms known as the Defence Strategic Reform Program (SRP), released through the 2009 White Paper "Defending Australia in the Asia Pacific Country: Force 2030".

As part of SRP, Defence Logistics Transformation Program (DLTP) was established to modernise and enhance Defence's warehousing and distribution functions to provide optimum support to Defence operations.

The current Defence wholesale logistics network operates from aging infrastructure spread over 201 warehouses in 24 locations across Australia. Under the DLTP this network will be consolidated to seven primary sites. The program will deliver a revamped logistics network to provide optimum support to future Defence operations. The revamp is focussed on delivering efficiencies through consolidation and rationalisation plus utilising the latest technologies for warehousing and maintenance activities. The upgrade is part of the Defence Logistics Transformation Program (DLTP) which is expected to result in efficiency savings

of approximately \$320 million

In late 2012, Defence obtained Cabinet approval for a \$752 million consolidation and upgrade of Defence logistics facilities across Australia. Construction for the new facilities commenced in December 2012 and is scheduled for completion in 2016.

DLTP infrastructure reform is being managed in conjunction with the Infrastructure Division (ID) of the Defence Support and Reform Group (DSRG). Defence is now in contract in seven locations across eight sites; Amberley (QLD), Townsville (QLD), Darwin (NT), Moorebank (NSW), Adelaide (SA), Perth (includes Stirling and Palmer Barracks) and Bandiana (VIC).

Following a competitive tendering process, the 'Managing Contractor' contract for delivery of work at Bandiana was awarded to a John Holland / Joss Construction Joint Venture. This Joint Venture is responsible for managing the project, while all design and construction activities are undertaken by subcontractors engaged by the Managing Contractor.

The works at Bandiana include:

- Combined Loan and Repair Pool, Disposals and Slow-Moving Stock Warehouse.
- Weapon Storage and Repair Facility, Vehicle Shelters, Improvements to the Barracks Entry Precinct, Communications and IT.
- Site works and engineering services.

Construction for work at Wadsworth Barracks, Bandiana, commenced in February 2014 and is due for completion in mid-2015. At the peak of construction, the project will draw on a labour force of up to 310 people in the Albury-Wodonga region. The overall cost for the Bandiana project is approximately \$61 million.

The contractors are approximately 90% through the work plan and are currently 3 months ahead of schedule.

Joint Logistic Unit (Victoria)

FACT SHEET

- Part of Vice Chief of Defence Force Group
 - Part of Joint Logistic Command
 - Part of Supply Chain Branch
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- 1 x HQ (Bandiana)
 - 3 x Primary Sites (Bandiana, Hobart, Puckapunyal)
 - 12 x Clothing Stores
 - 1 x Explosive Ordnance Section (Victoria Barracks Melbourne)

Manning:

- 573 personnel total
- 16 military / 130 APS / 427 Contractors

JLU-V Provides:

- Support to operations (Stores, vehicles, etc)
- Materiel maintenance
 - >225,000 hours conducted in house
 - Approx \$12 Million spent on Trade Repair per year with local civilian repair agencies
- Warehousing and distribution
 - 20 warehouses / 120,000 m2 (JLU-V TOTAL)
 - 91,409 NIIN stock codes
 - Approx \$1.8bn in stores and equipment
- What do we offer:
 - National support (Primary Support Unit for multiple fleets / commodities)
 - Regional support (ALTC, CATC, Reserve Units, clothing stores, etc)
- What do we do:
 - Maintenance (1st to 4th line)
 - Warehousing & Distribution
 - Disposals
 - Clothing Stores x 12
 - Procurement
 - Loan Pool
 - Key Maintenance Projects
 - NZDF Hamel Gun rebuild,
 - G-Wagon project issues and modifications,
 - Tank Refresh,
 - ASLAV refurbishment,
 - Mack rebuild,
 - M113/M198/Hamel demilitarisation and disposal,
 - RAAF ground equipment repair and refresh
 - JLU(V) is the major maintainer of Land Materiel for the ADF
 - JLU(V) provides 53.3% of all of JLC's maintenance effort

RAEME Association (Vic) Inc Functions 2015-2016		
March 2015 29 th Shrine Remembrance Service & Lunch	April 2015 12 th Anzac Day Reunion Clayton RSL 1130H-1500H 25 th ANZAC Day March	May 2015 31st President Lunch Clayton RSL
June 2015	July 2015 5 th Reserve Forces Parade Melbourne Shrine	August 2015 30TH AGM TBA
September 2015	October 2015	November 2015 Bandiana Annual Dinner RAEME Birthday Lunch Clayton RSL
December 2015		March 2016 Shrine Remembrance TBA

Note; Functions after August 2015 to be at the Discretion of the 2015-16 Committee

*Our thanks to COLONEL Ashurst
for the above Media Release*



VALE

Edward Collins
(Life Member)

Heather Watts
(Widow)

*For Interstate "Vale" notices, see the shared
RAEME Associations' website "Vale" notices:
www.vic.raeme.org.au/index.php/notice-board/vale*

BLUEBELL Vietnam Veterans Southern

NEWS: RAEME VIETNAM VETERANS

We now have a new RAEME VIET Nam Banner. The information on the banner has been changed somewhat for a more accurate description of the Corps involvement in the Viet Nam War. It is not as tall, although a little wider than the original banner, but much lighter to carry. It has new wooden poles supporting it and will be available for ANZAC Day.

RAEME ACTIVITY IN VIET NAM

The Battle Of The Minefield: Dat Do to the Coast of the South China Sea.

One Field Squadron Engineers were initially tasked with the laying of a number of mine fields. The tragic Dat Do Barrier Minefield was built to restrict movement of supplies to the VC between north and south of Phuoc Tuy province. It was to be supervised by the ARVN [South Vietnamese soldiers] to keep it secure. This did not occur and it became an arsenal [kho ta'ng vu khi] of supply for the VC, and as a result some ten percent of Australian casualties were caused by it. It is estimated that 7,000 of the 20,000 mines laid were lifted from this minefield. 12,700 mines of the total were fitted with anti-lift devices. Prior to this field being laid the VC had been lifting M16 mines from American and ARVN laid fields. The anti-lift device was new to them and caused around 30 to 40 VC casualties before one anti-lift device failed. Five Australian soldiers died due to the laying of the minefield.

In March 1968, COMAFV Major General A L McDonald KBE CB MID established the requirement to destroy the minefield as a source of mines and booby traps, for the VC/NVA.

Construction of a mine clearing unit to be attached to the front of a Centurion tank was initiated immediately by 1 Field Squadron Workshop, under the guidance of 1 Field Squadron Engineer OC Major John Kemp, Captains Len Masters, Ian Archer and Lieutenant Bruce Barnett who made it "his baby". Eric Frampton was the workshop welder along with the 1Fld Sqdn Wksp team and were assisted by welders from 21 Support Troop.

In the meantime the 1 Field Plant and Field Troop Engineers, in conjunction with the Armoured Corps, trialed the use of a "Cent" towing a large square "demolition mat" fabricated from loosely interwoven metal chains.



It detonated 73 mines [18%] of the 400, with 1/3rd believed to have been caused by the tank tracks, which caused excessive, unsatisfactory damage to the tracks and suspension stations. A brainstorming session with 1 Field Squadron Officers and NCOs created a number of new methods, of how to deal with the minefield destruction.

The Workshop clearing attachment was the next to be tested utilizing concrete filled 44 gallon drums, to form heavy rollers, axle mounted, on forward booms, attached to the front of the tank, which unfortunately were unable to detonate mines in depressions on the ground. Lighter more flexible rollers made of tyres would be likely to ripped to shreds by the shrapnel. An attempt was also made again using the previously mentioned "mat method", in conjunction with roller combination. It also proved unsuccessful, due to too few mines being detonated and ongoing tank punishment.



Other methods were considered, burning with napalm, bombarding with mortar and artillery. Flooding the field with corrosive fluid was another suggestion. Using the dreaded land clearing chain or cable, was only functional, on light brush or bush. Bush, scrub, jungle growth, always grows back thicker, heavier and stronger after it has been cleared if it is allowed to grow. During this time, American, or ARVN forces weren't into clearing mines. Even a "Choi Hoi", former VC mine lifter "Kiet" was considered. That was ruled out. Toward the end 1968, a large part of the Task Force began operating up in Bien Hoa and Long Khanh provinces, to support the Americans during the Tet Offensive, followed by Land Clearing on Route 15, the Long Hais and Long Green as well as Fire Support base constructions.

During May- June Chief Engineer Lieutenant Colonel Max Johnstone, 1 Field Squadron Engineer OC, Major Rex Rowe OBE MID asked Major Claude Palmer's 106 Fld. Wkshp, to pursue yet another roller solution using water pipe for booms, on an alternative operation. Although the road building - bridge building operation it was designed for was successful, the roller trial was not.

Workshop OC Captain John Power MID had a ten minute meeting in mid June with the two senior engineer officers, regarding the minefield removal and was given an album of previous attempt photographs. After Capt. Power, reviewed the photos he determined if the vehicle towing and trailing the mine activators was fast enough, there would be less damage. An APC would be the answer, with the activators to one side and rearward of the vehicle.

For testing purposes, the Squadron Sergeant Major WO 1 Lou Murray doctored some M.16 mines, by removing the explosive and related detonators so that they would jump and not explode. The APC then ran over the mines at about 20 kilometers an hour. It was found that the APC would be thirty meters down the track, by the time the mines jumped and would normally explode. The next test was with a fully armed M16 mine detonated 30 metres from a stationary APC. The outer aluminium hull was gouged and pitted, but no shrapnel penetration. To be sure no metal scabs loosened from the inner skin of the inner armour plate of the hull, a second mine was detonated with the three brave officers Johnstone, Rowe and Power seated inside wearing the Land Clearing outfit of helmet and flak jacket, but no ear protection. The work proceeded under the supervision of ASM Lieutenant Noel Cooper, Ray Piper on fabrication, John Forster, and George Bacales welding. 37 men operated in corrugated sheds up to 18 hours a day to ready an APC for its trial in front of the Brigadier on 29th June. Welders from 21 Support Troop 1 Fld Sqdn also assisted.

The prototype consisted of a 6" water pipe axle 3 metres long, which extended out the off side, anchored to either side at the rear of the APC by fabricated gusseted 5 cm. box type extension brackets bolted to the existing bolt holes for the rubber skirt attachment. A chain was connected to the lifting bracket on the off side top of the APC which then extended back at a 45 degree angle to prevent the boom collapsing rearwards. Eight tar filled tyres were placed on the outrigger boom and were held in place by two inverted guides. 3 mm steel plates welded to frame work, which was bolted to the rear of the hull, of the vehicle, added some protection.

A number of sappers were trained as drivers and crew commanders. The mine-clearing test proved successful and was accepted.

(To Be Continued)



RAEME Viet Nam Unit Reunions

102 Field Workshop September 2015

“Avondale” 601 Bray,s Road Gannawarra Victoria
Contact Noel Lake 03 5456 9246

1 Armoured Regiment LAD October 2015

16th to 18th
Halls Gap Victoria
Contact Russell Cunningham
H 03 5766 2413 M 0437 834089
Bungie12@bigpond.net.au

17 Construction Workshop October 2015

19th to 23rd
Bendigo Victoria
Contact Garry Whykes
H 08 9726 1920 M 0411 810077
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1 Field Squadron Workshop 2016

Date TBA
Adelaide South Australia
Contact Don Grieveson
grieveson@internode.on.net

106 Field Workshop 2016 November 2015

18th to 20th
Frankston Victoria
Contact Milton Pearson H 5976 8648
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*The Corps of the Royal Australian
Electrical & Mechanical Engineers*

Annual Shrine Remembrance Day
Sunday 29th March 2015

Tour of Shrine @ 1100rs
Sanctuary & RAEME Tree Service 1200hrs
Light Lunch from 1300hrs

A Short Service and Wreath Laying in the Sanctuary followed by
Remembrance Service at the RAEME Tree and Corps Plaque

All Serving; Retired Members of the Corps, Relatives,
Friends & Children are invited to attend this day

A most important day to Honour our RAEME mates
who are no longer with us

A Light Luncheon will be Available after the Service. Cost of \$10-00 P/h

For Catering Purposes
RSVP to Alan Rogers by 20th March 2015
PO Box 2118 Fountain Gate 3805
Phone 9704 6700 email: secretary@vic.raeme.org.au



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I Will / Will Not be attending the Luncheon

No of Guests _____ for the Luncheon

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Record as - RAEME (Vic) Remembrance

Please advise your EFT payment details ASAP to the above RAEME email address



Sleep Habits

What are good sleep habits?

Good sleep habits are often referred to as good sleep hygiene. There are many things that can be done to improve sleep. While most of these are common sense, life is very busy and we often don't think about them. Here, we will give you some guidelines for what you should and should not do for a good night's sleep. Many people have trouble with their sleep. If you are one of them, some of these simple things may help.

What should I do in the evening?

Try to go to bed at the same time each night. The body has an internal clock and hormones that control sleepiness and wakefulness. This clock works best if there is a regular sleep routine. When working well, you will feel sleepy at bed time. Try not to ignore this by staying up, as this is a window of opportunity for sleep. Going to bed too early can also disturb your sleep. In the hour before going to bed, it is important to have a relaxing sleep routine. This may include a warm bath, reading quietly or a warm milk drink. Going to the toilet is important to avoid having to get up in the night.

Are there things that I should not do in the evening?

Caffeine should be avoided for at least 4 hours before going to bed. This isn't just coffee and tea. It is also found in colas and soft drinks. Smoking also makes it difficult to go to sleep, so there should be no cigarettes before going to bed or during the night. Alcohol might help you get to sleep, but it will make it harder to stay asleep. It makes sleep problems like snoring and sleep apnoea worse as well. Activities that are stimulating should be avoided in the hour before bed. This includes moderate exercise, computer games, television, movies and important discussions. Being in a brightly lit environment or the blue light of the computer can reduce evening levels of a sleep-promoting hormone, melatonin.

Don't fall asleep on the couch during the evening as it reduces your sleep pressure and makes it harder to fall asleep when you go to bed.

What about meals and sleep?

It is important to not be hungry at bedtime. But having a full stomach makes it difficult to sleep. The evening meal should be at least 2 hours before bedtime. Some people find that having a small snack at bedtime helps them to sleep better.

What will help sleep when I am in bed?

The bed must be comfortable. Warmth is important, both the temperature of the room and having enough blankets. Having warm hands and feet is essential. The mattress, pillow and blankets should be comfortable and restful. There should be no distractions in the bedroom. This may mean removing the television, computer, radio and telephone. If there is a clock in the bedroom, it should be covered to avoid watching clock-watching. If possible, don't allow children and pets to be a disturbance.

What should I do during the day?

One very important thing is to stay out of bed. Some people use the bedroom as a living room, where they study, watch television, make phone calls and read books. This will make it harder to sleep. The brain will no longer link the bed with sleep. The bedroom should be used for sleeping and intimacy only. As a rule, exercise is good for sleep, but not just before going to bed. The best times are in the morning and before the evening meal. Being out in the sun during the day will improve sleep at night. This will help with your body clock and the melatonin levels in the body. It is best to be outside in the early part of the day.

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Clarification:

In the July 2014 Issue 76 of the "Lightning Flash", the report of the Alkira Secondary College Anzac Commemoration included one verse/stanza of the poem "Simpson and his Donkey" by David Smith White, stating incorrectly that the poems was written by three Alkira students, including Mr. David Smith-White. This is incorrect, and a misunderstanding.

David Smith-White is the poem's author, with no connection to Alkira Secondary College, nor the RAEME Association (Vic) Inc.

The full text of the poem appears below:

Simpson and his Donkey

*On the beaches of Gallipoli,
in the Straits of the Dardanelles.
The cliffs hung like tattered scenery,
on a circus carousel.
The men rode their rocking ferries,
to a dark and hostile shore;
from the heights the fire was raking,
'cause that's the luck of war.*

*A man walked with his donkey,
across those alleys of fear.
A man walked with his donkey,
with his burden so dear.
A man walked with his donkey,
through the deadly leaden hail;
a man walking with his donkey,
surely would not fail.*

*A man walked with his donkey,
but it was no idle stroll.
Not a picnic or fairground fancy,
but a pit of tortured souls.
A man walked with his donkey,
with his donkey, beside;
a man walking with his donkey:
so his fallen mates could ride.*

*A man leant, (he was weary) ,
on his donkey to stand.
Exhausted with the furies,
on the grey sea and sand.
Such a time spent so easy,
can be a wonder to arrive;
for a man talking to his donkey,
it was good to be alive.*

*A man walked with his donkey,
with his donkey in tow.
A man walked through shooting galleries,
in this valley of woe.
A man walked with his donkey,
with a sure foot and pace;
a man walking with his donkey,
bravely saved his mates.*

*On the beaches of Gallipoli,
in the Straits of the Dardanelles.
A man led his stoic donkey,
through blast and bursting shell.
Like the heroes of the ancients,
there are still bards to tell:
how Simpson and his donkey,
made it a little less like hell.*

David Smith White



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Veterans and Civvies

When a Veteran leaves the 'job' and retires to a better life, many are jealous, some are pleased, and others, who may have already retired, wonder if he knows what he is leaving behind, because we already know.

1. We know, for example, that after a lifetime of camaraderie that few experience, it will remain as a longing for those past times.
2. We know in the Military life there is a fellowship which lasts long after the uniforms are hung up in the back of the closet.
3. We know even if he throws them away, they will be on him with every step and breath that remains in his life. We also know how the very bearing of the man speaks of what he was and in his heart still is.

Civilian Friends versus. Veteran Friends Comparisons:

CIVILIAN FRIENDS: Get upset if you're too busy to talk to them for a week.

VETERAN FRIENDS: Are glad to see you after years, and will happily carry on the same conversation you were having the last time you met.

CIVILIAN FRIENDS: Have never seen you cry.

VETERAN FRIENDS: Have cried with you.

CIVILIAN FRIENDS: Keep your stuff so long they forget it's yours.

VETERAN FRIENDS: Borrow your stuff for a few days then give it back.

CIVILIAN FRIENDS: Know a few things about you.

VETERAN FRIENDS: Could write a book with direct quotes from you.

CIVILIAN FRIENDS: Will leave you behind if that's what the crowd is doing.

VETERAN FRIENDS: Will stand by you no matter what the crowd does.

CIVILIAN FRIENDS: Are for a while.

VETERAN FRIENDS: Are for life.

CIVILIAN FRIENDS: Have shared a few experiences...

VETERAN FRIENDS: Have shared a lifetime of experiences no citizen could ever dream of...

CIVILIAN FRIENDS: Will take your drink away when they think you've had enough.

VETERAN FRIENDS: Will look at you stumbling all over the place and say, 'You better drink the rest of that before you spill it!' Then carry you home safely and put you to bed...

CIVILIAN FRIENDS: Will ignore this.

VETERAN FRIENDS: Will forward this.

Be Politically Correct

How to be Politically Correct when talking about old RAEME bods

He does not have a beer gut...

He has developed a Liquid Grain Storage Facility.

He is not quiet...

He is a Conversational Minimalist.

He is not stupid...

He suffers from Minimal Cranial Development.

He does not get lost all the time...

He discovers Alternative Destinations.

He is not balding...

He is in Follicle Regression.

He does not get falling-down drunk...

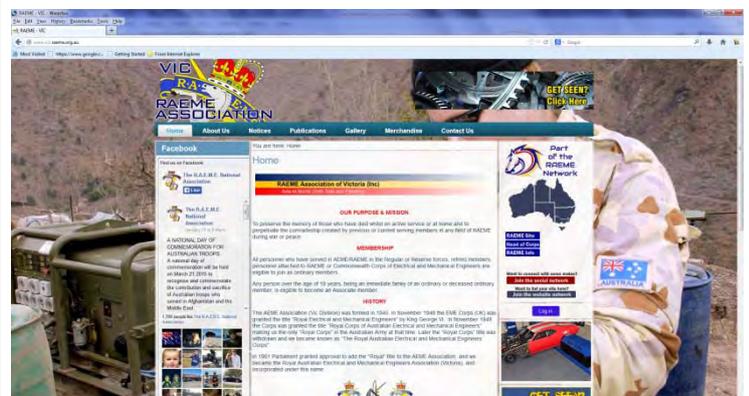
He becomes Accidentally Horizontal.

He is not short...

He is Anatomically Compact.

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Cascade of Poppies at the Tower of London

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