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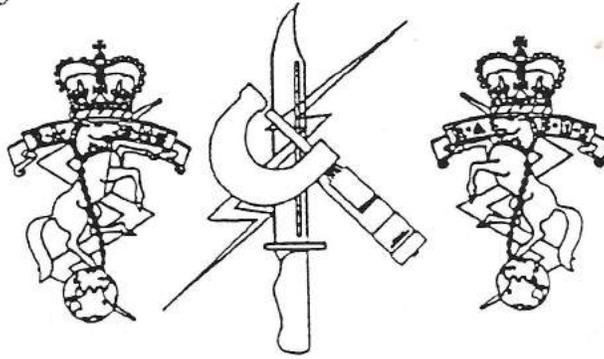
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## LEST WE FORGET...

As the Last Post /Reveille is again sounded throughout Australia we commemorate the 80th Anniversary of the first ANZAC Day, 25 April, 1915.

ANZAC Day is our national day of Remembrance when we recall the service and deaths of so many Australian servicemen and women, not only in the First World War, but in so many conflicts since; 1939-45 War, Korea, Borneo, Malaya and Vietnam, and now our Peacemakers in the Middle East, Cambodia and Somalia.

Gallipoli is the place that calls to mind the deeds of young men who showed incredible heroism, and who made great sacrifices. Who will ever forget the images put before us in the films that depict these young men leaping out of the trenches to face an inevitable death?

What we remember is that they were Australian they were brave, they were acting for others.

At 3.am on Sunday 25th April, 1915, the ANZACS boarded small boats which were towed ashore. At 4.30am these landing boats reached the coast-line and 4,000 Australian and New Zealand soldiers came ashore. They were followed that day by 17,000 more soldiers. They had been landed at the wrong place. They came under constant gunfire from the Turkish soldiers. The fighting was fierce. It was dark. It was raining heavily. It was a day of failure against terrific odds.

**WHAT DID IT ACCOMPLISH?** It helped to consolidate the men from Queensland, New South Wales, Victoria, Tasmania, South and Western Australia into an Australian unit. It helped develop comradeship.

It demonstrated that these young men were convinced that it was worth dying for the Australian nation and freedom from oppression. It gave an example to all Australians to stand together in tragedy and trouble.

The battle continued for eight months until 19th December when the last troops were withdrawn under cover of darkness. 10,000 Australian and new Zealanders' had lost their lives.

But in the fighting they showed incredible bravery. They won a total of 1,507 Awards for bravery; of which 28 Victoria Crosses, 216 Distinguish Conduct Medals, 354 Military Crosses and 719 Distinguish Service Orders were awarded.

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ANZAC Day was observed for the first time on 25th April 1916. People had a vague idea that Australia had earned nationhood by bloodshed in this war - a nation based on HONOUR, COURAGE and HEROISM.

Merely remembering those who died is a useless exercise unless the remembering urges us to do something - we are urged to imitate their courage and carry on their patriotism.

ANZAC Day has a special significance this year. It is the 80th Anniversary of the heroic recapture by Australian soldiers of the township of Villers-Bretonneux, a small village about 65 miles due North of Paris. The people of Picardy have been saying:

*"N'oub-lions jamais l'Australie"* - Let us never forget Australia - ever since.

In March 1918, the giant German Army was ready to split the British and French Armies at Amiens, and win the war. Success at Amiens, for which Villers-Bretonneux was the main shield, would have seen the British Army outflanked.

A massive assault by the Germans pushed the

British back. Casualties in the first two weeks on the battlefield of the Somme for both sides were just on 500,000.

The Germans took Villers-Bretonneux on 24th April 1918. But the 13th and 15th Brigades of the Australian 5th Division took part in a night attack to recapture the town. In a display of raw nerve, courage and ferocity, the young Australians charged and overwhelmed the enemy in half an hour. This charge of the 15th Brigade is ranked with the Gallipoli landing and the assault on Mont St. Quentin as the bravest in the experience of Australian Infantry.

This was a great Australian victory which will never be forgotten in Villers-Bretonneux. The price was high - 1,200 Australians were dead. Villers-Bretonneux is the site of the Australian War Memorial in France. The town was one of the launching pads that won the war for the Allies.

We remember the Gallipoli failure and the bravery shown. Let us also remember the success at Villers-Bretonneux and the similar bravery shown there. The people of Villers-Bretonneux have not forgotten. *LEST WE FORGET.*

May all those who lost their lives in the service of their country, rest in the peace of the Lord.

(Courtesy of Monseigneur Gerry Cudmore Ret., Principal Chaplain in the Australian Army after 33 years of service. EDITOR.)



### THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

The year certainly comes around quickly, yes, its ANZAC time again. In this issue you will find all the information that you would like to enable you to arrange your affairs for this important day, read this issue thoroughly for if you don't, you will miss out on some important information regarding ANZAC Day and other coming attractions.

Recently, it was nice to have phone calls at home from two of the unit Associations respectively 2/2nd Aust Fd Wksp and 2/4th Inf Bde Wksp Assns. Once again this year they have taken the time to let us know where their reunions will be and have requested troops

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great to keep in touch with these Associations especially as this year is the celebration of the 50th year of the Cessation of the 2nd W.W., hopefully we can continue being of service to them for many years to come.

It would also be nice if all other AEME/RAEME unit Associations attempted to keep in touch and inform us of their progress or items that could be of interest to all members as, within the Association you find people who have been attached to all of those units/Associations and with this in mind, we would be pleased to include in "THE LIGHTNING FLASH" any story relating to those units that would be of interest to all our members. It does not matter to us if the Associations do not want to take part in our functions or in fact, be considered as an Associate Member, but indeed, we are interested in their history and current matters. So come on, we invite you to contact the Editor who will be pleased to give you space in coming editions of our Newsletter, let us hear from you.

Now for a matter that must be corrected by me, at the recent Special General Meeting, a question was directed at the Chair in relation to who will administer the 'Patriotic Benevolent Fund' if we are appointing Association Trustees.

Believe it or not, I knew the answer but failed to give it in the correct manner, I now advise the following, correcting my statement, then, at the same time: offer a little piece of history relating to our Fund.

When we were Incorporated on 4th August 1991, any Trustees that this Association had in place for the administration of the Patriotic Fund were no longer recognised by the Patriotic Funds Council, (Victoria.)

At that particular time, the Committee of Management were not aware of their responsibility towards this Fund and that administration of the Fund needed to be changed as it had always been kept away from the Association, unless you had been selected to be a Trustee of this Fund, you would never have been involved in knowing how the Fund operated; certainly the Committee was in the dark relating to this Fund and had been for many years.

Trustees at that time were appointed in accordance with the Rules of the Patriotic Funds Council Act 1958, (prior to us being

Incorporated on 4th August 1991.)

- (a) At the time that the former Association was founded in 1945, the Federal body set up a Fund for members of AEME. Trustees were then appointed primarily by that existing Association, we believe this was the Federal body, with the Fund being named "The Australian Electrical Mechanical Engineers Prisoners of War & Dependants Welfare Fund.

This happened on 14th June 1946, then when the Objects of that Fund were completed, all remaining funds were transferred to a new Fund known as, "The Victorian Division of the Corps of Australian Electrical & Mechanical Engineers Association" approval being granted on 5th August 1947, to raise this Fund. The only other changes since being in title change only, which was the correct procedure by our predecessors.

- (b) After appointing the original Trustees and when they could no longer continue in that role, on leaving the Trust, they were replaced internally by the remaining Trustees who had the power to appoint new Trustees. (Rule s41 of the Trustees Act, provides in the case as mentioned, new Trustees must be appointed in writing by the existing Trustees.) The administration was a closed internal matter and they did not legally need to advise the Association Committee of matters relating to the Fund as they were the Administering Arm in this instance.

Now to the present time, as mentioned earlier when we decided to be Incorporated on 4th August 1991, a letter was written to the Patriotic Funds Council (Victoria) by the current Trustees advising them that we had Incorporated and would they reflect the new changes in relation to the Incorporation Act.

On the Trustees receiving a reply from the Patriotic Funds Council (Victoria), they were officially advised that the name had been altered to reflect the Association (and I offer an extract of that letter.)

"The Council recognises The Royal Australian Electrical & Mechanical Engineers Association (Victoria) Inc. as a "Person" for the purposes of the Patriotic Funds Act 1959." Dated 20 Sept 1961."

Not realising that this had occurred, as this correspondence was directed to the Trustees at the time and this Association was not advised accordingly by them, that the Association was from that time

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reflected as the "Person" for the administration of the fund.

As several complaints in the past had been directed to me from members in relation to the lack of information passed to members relating to the Fund I, as Secretary at the time; was directed by the Committee of Management to speak to the Secretary of the Patriotic Funds Council (Victoria.)

This was done over a period of time and we were informed that any appointed Trustees from the previous Association were no longer recognised by them but the Incorporated Association was considered as the "Person" responsible. (The interpretation under an Act of Parliament being and meaning the Executive Committee in our case.)

So, the outcome is, since 1991 the Administrators of the Fund should have been the Association (not other Trustees). The matter in your interest is now clear, that the administration of this Fund will be carried out by the Association and its Executive Committee (who are considered Directors for the purpose of the Trustees Act).

I now apologise for misleading the members with my statement at our recent Special General Meeting the short answer is:

The newly appointed Trustees WILL NOT administer that Fund, but will oversee, that the Executive Committee WHO WILL ADMINISTER the Fund, are acting in accordance with the Rules in relation to our Patriotic Benevolent Fund, attending to all matters in accordance with all Acts or Rules that relate to this or any other Fund held by the Association.

I hope this long explanation clears your questions in relation to the Fund.

Hoping to see you all ANZAC Eve, read on for all Social information.

BRUCE WILLIAMS PRESIDENT

#### LAUGHTER, THE BEST MEDICINE

Boss to Secretary: "Who told you that just because I tried to kiss you at the Christmas party, you could neglect your work around here?"

Secretary: "My Lawyer."

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#### THE SECRETARY'S CORNER

**SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING** - Although sufficient notification was sent to all members by Special Postage, the attendance at our S.G.M. on 26th Feb '95 was disappointing. There was only 37 Ordinary Members, some members had travelled from as far away as Ballarat, Wodonga, West Melton and Drouin South just to be there, thank you to those members for making the effort - it was very rewarding having your presence there. 25 apologies it all were received, but there were a lot of missing familiar names and faces still unaccounted for - not even to spare the courtesy of a phone call for your inability to attend?

It was also rewarding to see 12 of our Associate members taking a keen interest in how our Association is conducted on behalf of all our members.

As always, it was a great pleasure to have our Patron Brig. Conrad Ermert, who is also our RAEME Corps Representative Colonel Commandant; who, even with a busy schedule that he has, finding the time to try and attend our A.G.M.s and this S.G.M. We always look forward for your presence on these happy occasions Sir.

**APPOINTMENT OF ASSOCIATION TRUSTEES** - Item #1 on the Agenda of our S.G.M. was the Election of Trustees. Congratulations to the new Trustees of the Association (See the article by John Lee, the Acting Chairman/Secretary on P.5, Col 2.)

**INCREASE IN ANNUAL FEES FOR ORDINARY MEMBERS** - Item #2 on the same Agenda was the acceptance by those attending the S.G.M. of the Proposal to Increase the Membership Fees of Ordinary Members. ALL ORDINARY MEMBERS PLEASE TAKE NOTE - EFFECTIVE AS OF 1st JULY 1995, YOUR ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEES WILL NOW BE \$ 15: 00.

**ASSOCIATE MEMBERS FEES** - There is NO INCREASE in Fees for our Associate Members, it still remains at \$10 : 00 per year.

**SOCIAL GATHERING** - Following the closure of the S.G.M., members and their families were invited to enjoy a most delightful B.B.Q. Lunch, provided in the Social/Training Area outside (and inside) of the

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Barrack's Sergeant's Mess by the Association. We were also joined by members of 105 Fd Wksp who were parading that day, and they offered their services to assist with the B.B.Q. Many thanks 105 Fd Wksp for joining in with the Association.

**LIFE MEMBERSHIP MEDALLION** - Norm Curtis, who was absent at our 1994 A.G.M., when other Life Members received their Medallions, was finally presented with his by our President Bruce. Well done Norm.

**CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION** - As a Past President of this Association for many years, Geoff Maggs was called upon to present a Certificate of Appreciation to Max Moore in recognition of his 15 years service to the Association. In addition, Geoff also made a nice floral presentation to Max's wife Jenny for her stalwart support to Max over those years.

**ANZAC DAY AUSTRALIA WIDE:** To all our sister Associations around Australia, we send you our regards for ANZAC Day. If any of your members happen to be in Melbourne on ANZAC Eve, they would be most welcome at our Reunion - of course it is a mixed function (for address and times, refer our Special Events News.)

**CUT AND PASTE AMENDMENTS TO OUR CONSTITUTION AND RULES** - Enclose you will find a copy of the Amendments to our Constitution and Rules agreed to at our A.G.M. on 7th Aug 1994, and approved by the Corporate Affairs on 28th October 1994. Please amend your copy accordingly. A new reprint (with all amendments included) is soon to be published, hopefully in time for the 1995 A.G.M.

**SPECIAL EVENTS** - read thoroughly in detail about our ANZAC Eve Reunion (YES, we have returned to the ANZAC Eve function as in the past) and take particular note of the relevant information regarding the Dawn Service at Oakleigh Barracks and the ANZAC Day Commemoration March 1995 the enclosed fliers.

**VICTORIAN GOVERNMENT LUNCHEON FOR W.W. 1 & 2, VETERANS** - two of our Life Members (Tom Money and Harold Chamberlain) have accepted the invitation to attend the above Luncheon on at the ANZ Pavilion, State Theatre Building (Melbourne Art Centre) on Friday 21st April 1995. Congratulations Diggers.

**RECRUITMENT OF MEMBERS** - One of the success stories of recruitment for this Association has been the constant response from new members reading our advertisement that appears in "Mufti" twice a year. Not forgetting the sterling efforts our Provincial Representatives are doing in this field as well. We are continually growing slowly in numbers, but ARE YOU doing your share by recruiting and bringing new members into the Association?

#### WELCOME TO NEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS

I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of all members of the Association of welcoming Sgt. George SPITERI (105 Fd Wksp Rep) and Peter CARTLEDGE who have recently joined the Committee of Management as new Committee Members. WELCOME FELLOWS!

Looking forward to see you all at our Annual Reunion and on ANZAC Day.

JACK WESTERNHAGEN SECRETARY

#### TRUSTEES ARE APPOINTED . . . .

There is no legal requirement for the Association to have Trustees, however the Management Committee saw the need for Association Trustees to act on behalf of members as "WATCHDOGS" of Welfare Funds, both Patriotic, and other as well, Military Memorabilia being collected, both Hardware, and Documentation; and so Rule 38 was produced and approved at the 1994 A.G.M.

Since then at a Special General Meeting on 26th February, 1995 five Trustees were appointed. They are - Jack Wilson, John Edelsten, Jim McFarlane, Geoff Maggs and John Lee.

The appointment of the Trustees in no way affects the role of the Committee of Management. The Committee is there to manage in a business-like manner all the affairs of the Association. The Trustees are there to see that proper procedures are being followed by the Committee, to ensure the utmost security of Welfare Funds and Military memorabilia, together with their good management. The president and Treasurer of the Association will attend all Trustee Meetings for the purposes of good communication, and Financial reporting. Trustees will meet regularly, and as required, and will assist the Committee as requested.

JOHN LEE  
ACTING CHAIRMAN/SECRETARY  
TRUSTEES



### SOCIAL/SPECIAL EVENTS

Make a note of the forthcoming Social/Special Events in your Diary. Full details for ANZAC Eve Reunion and the 1995 ANZAC Day March are covered in the enclosed fliers.



### WIDOWS & LIFE MEMBER'S LUNCHEON

All members and their wives are cordially invited to participate in this function which will be fully catered for.

There is no cost to the Widows, Life Member's and their wives. Drinks are at Mess Prices.



### THEATRE AFTERNOON

SUN 18th JUNE 1995, Model Room Oakleigh Barracks.

2.30pm for 3.00pm Screening Time.

The Committee of Management would like to introduce, for the first time, a new Social function into our Social Calendar. It is hoped that as many members as possible will participate and support this venture by coming along and having a good afternoon amongst friends of long standing - and to meet our ones.

Members attending are requested to bring a Social plate of food for sharing. Entrance Fee will be a \$5.00 donation per person.

PETER ALLEN CONVENOR

## LATE NEWS.

### LAUNCH OF THE 'AUSTRALIA REMEMBERS' PROGRAMME

On Wednesday 12th April, 1955 at 10.30 am in the presence of the Minister for Veteran's Affairs, Mr. Con Sciacca, it is proposed on Platform 1 of Spence Street Station to launch the 'Australia Remembers' Commemoration activities.

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Major Richard Henry (Dick) WEARNE  
(14 Aug 1914 - 27 Nov 1994)

The President and Executive Committee of the AEME/RAEME Assn (VIC) Inc. respectively inform members of the passing of our esteemed colleague of our sister Branch of the RAEME Assn (NSW) Inc. A well known Corps identity to serving and non-serving

## Member's Profile



Geoffrey S. MAGGS  
(Life Member)

He was born in Dandenong on 20th September 1916, educated at Carnegie State School, Dandenong High School & Caulfield Grammar School.

He started work with his parents in Dandenong in 1931 as a Truck/Farm Motor Mechanic.

In 1933, he initially joined 2nd Field Squadron RAE at Alexandra Gardens, Melbourne as a Junior Farrier (Cadet) and issued with Army No. 51616. Later he transferred to 2nd Field Squadron as a Sapper in 1936.

In 1938, he went to England to complete a course as a Journeyman Engineer, (also to pass Ironmongery exams) with Lister & Co, Bramfords, Ruston & Hornsby Engineering Coys, Steel & Iron courses with Sheffield Eclipse and Imperial Steel Works.

Whilst employed as a Journeyman, his duties included manufacture and installation of Dairy Machine products, also building Army tanks from plans to testing and installation of engines in trawlers (which were also Minelayers in the North Sea.)

With W.W. 2 about to start, Geoff tried to enlist in a Motor Regiment in Aberdeen, Scotland but was refused because he already had, as he believed, a commitment in the Australian Army. He made his way to South Hampton and eventually managed to be signed on the "Esperance Bay" as an Engine Room Attendant - passenger.

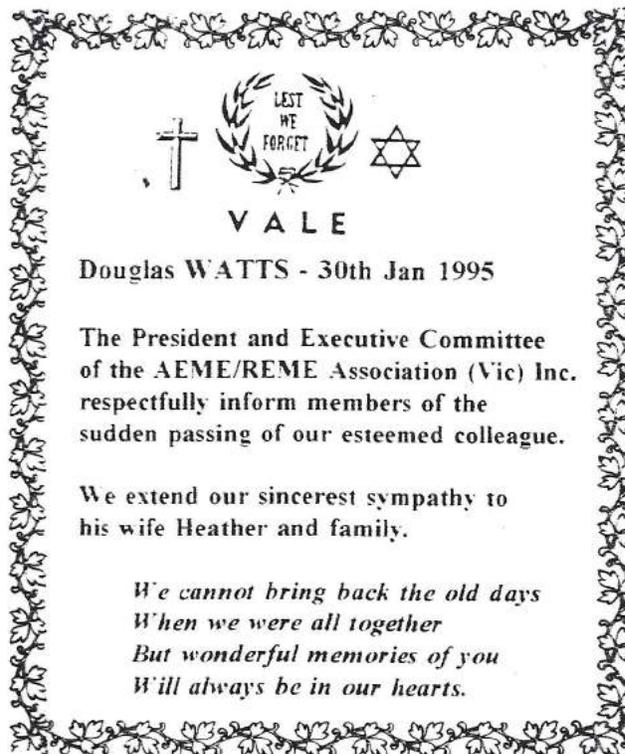
Arriving back in Melbourne, Geoff found

himself in Ordnance Corps at Powlett Street as a Drill Instructor. Later he was sent to the Ordnance Wksp at Mob Siding, Seymour, he also saw service with 100 LAD at Gnarpert (Western District), 4th Army Field Workshops at Cranbourne Race Course, 2nd Light Workshop and then with 1st Australian Infantry Troops Workshop where he saw service in New Britain.

In 1941, Geoff and his wife Nancy, were married and raised a family of 4 girls and 2 boys, setting up the family home in Ormond.

In 1945, he joined the AEME Assn (as it was then known) and has served on various Committees to the present date. Nancy his wife, was stalwart in supporting Geoff's involvement on Committees, and was especially active in the catering area at Chapel Street Depot at many of the Association's functions.

Geoff was elected Vice President of the AEME Assn from 15.3.70 to 24.4.75, President from 24.4.76 to 24.4.90. Has represented the AEME Assn at many RAEME Corps Committee Meetings (Southern Region). In recognition of his dedication to the AEME Assn he was made a Life Member of the AEME Assn on 24.4.82.



VALE  
Douglas WATTS - 30th Jan 1995

The President and Executive Committee of the AEME/REME Association (Vic) Inc. respectfully inform members of the sudden passing of our esteemed colleague.

We extend our sincerest sympathy to his wife Heather and family.

*We cannot bring back the old days  
When we were all together  
But wonderful memories of you  
Will always be in our hearts.*

## LEGACY

STILL NEEDS YOUR HELP

To help the Widows and Children of Servicemen killed in action or who have since died.

Please send donations to your nearest Legacy Office.

### FOR THOSE BORN BEFORE 1950

We are the survivors. Consider the changes we have witnessed: we were born before television, before penicillin, before polio shots, frozen foods, Xerox, contact lenses, frisbees and the pill. We were before radar, credit cards, laser beams and all ballpoint pens: before pantihose, dishwashers, clothes dryers, electric blankets, air conditioners, drip dry clothing and before man walked on the moon.

We got married first and then lived together. How quaint can you be!! We were before house-husbands, gay rights, computer dating, dual careers and computer marriages. We were before day care centres, group therapy and nursing homes. We never heard of FM radio, tape decks, Walkmans, electric typewriters, artificial hearts, word processors, yoghurt and blokes wear earrings. For us time sharing meant togetherness - not computers or condominiums: a chip meant a piece of wood used to heat water for the bath, hardware meant hardware and software wasn't even a word. In 1950 "Made in Japan" meant junk and the term "making out" referred to how you did in an exam or interview.

Pizzas, McDonalds, instant coffee and tea bags were unheard of. Chicken was a luxury after Dad chopped the head off one of the chooks and mum spent hours plucking it.

In our day, cigarette smoking was fashionable, grass was mown, coke was a cold drink and pot was something you cooked in. Rock music was Grandma's lullaby and Aids were helpers in the Headmaster's office or a type of nurse.

We were certainly not before the differences between the sexes was discovered, but we were surely before "sex changes". We made do with what we had and were the last generation so dumb we thought you needed a husband to have a baby.

No wonder we are so confused and there is such a generation gap.

### BUT WE SURVIVED!!

(Courtesy of the Australian Gift & Homeware Association Ltd. Dec 1994. EDITOR.

### LAUGHTER IS THE BEST MEDICINE . . .

The difference between a married man and an unmarried man is that when a Bachelor walks the floor with a baby, he is dancing.

### ONE ON ONE

(Members in Contact with other Members)

This is a new segment we would like to see appearing regularly in our Newsletter - so how about being a Roving Reporter and letting all of us know who you have come in contact with recently???

John LEE reports . . .

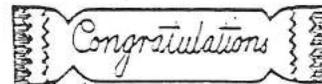
It was great to see Bill Holmes and son, Ian at the S.G.M. Bill tells me his long time mate, Lyall Butling is in good shape, and we should see both he and Lyall on ANZAC Day.

Another surprise at the S.G.M. was to meet Brian Tingwell, all the way from Wodonga. Great to see you "Tinger", hope to see more of you down this way again.

Les Bailey has fully recovered from a short spell in hospital and is in training for the ANZAC Cup.

'Darkie' Edwards is back driving his car after a medical setback. He can be located most lunch times at the Mordialloc R.S.L., and he will be terrorising his old mates over ANZAC Re-unions.

I have been in contact with Brian Driscoll, he reports all is well up Terang way, but he is not sure whether he can make it down here on ANZAC Day, as he is under pressure to participate in local ANZAC activities.



### HIS BEST MATE SAID, "IT WOULDN'T LAST."

It was in the early 30's when Les Bailey's so-called mate said just that. Les was serving with the 14th Battalion ("Jacka's Mob"), and he had just announced his impending marriage to Hazel.

On April 27th this year, Les and Hazel celebrate their Diamond Wedding Anniversary. How wrong some best mates can be.

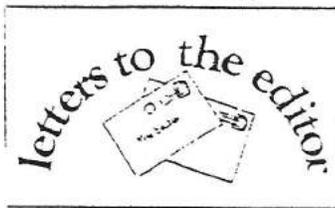
Heartiest congratulations Les and Hazel Bailey from all your old mates and members of the AEME/RAEME Association.

JACK WESTERNHAGEN EDITOR

### Quotable Quotes

Standing in the middle of the road is very dangerous: you get knocked down by the traffic from both sides.

You can't act like a skunk without someone getting wind of it.



FOSTER VIC  
19/2/95

Dear Jack,

Enclosed please find a cutting from the Mirror dated January 25, 1995. (see opposite) The lady on my right is Mrs. Mavis Fishlock, the lady in the centre is Barb Sabadin, the Banksie Lodge Supervisor and myself on the right.

I have just been informed that the 2/2nd Adv Fd Wksp have made me a Life Member. I was both proud and surprised.

Thank you again for getting in touch with me.

Yours Sincerely,  
Lillian Thompson.



HAMLIN HEIGHTS. VIC.  
Feb '95

Dear Jack,

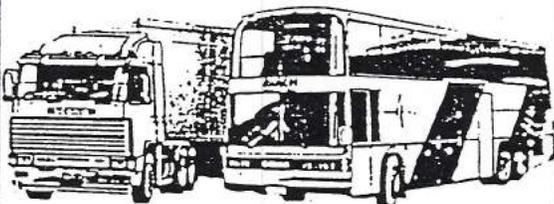
Could I take the opportunity to congratulate all those involved in the "Lightning Flash". Although still active (albeit in a Non Corps posting) I have found it most informative in keeping the ear to the ground and tracing the movements of the old and bold.

Regards  
Don Collins

This segment of our Newsletter is slowly attracting many letters from our members and readers which, space permitting, are reproduced for interesting reading and general information to those concerned.

It is very important when submitting photographs of some special event that the author write an article about what the event was. PLEASE when submitting photographs, identify (if possible) those persons appearing in the photograph otherwise it will have no meaning to the reader.

JACK WESTERNHAGEN EDITOR



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## WHO ELSE ANSWERED THE FIRST BUGLE CALL FOR WW 2??

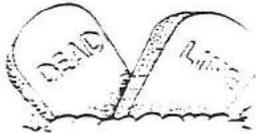
How many "Thirty-Niners" do we have in our Association? That is, members who joined the 2nd AIF before mid-night December 31st, 1939. One such member is Jack "Darkie" Edwards.

We would like to hear of any other members who fall into this distinguished category. It would be a great opportunity to record history.

JACK WESTERNHAGEN EDITOR

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## CLOSURE FOR NEXT ISSUE ...

Members are advised that the Closing Date for the **AUGUST** edition of "The Lightning Flash" is:

**15th JULY 1995**

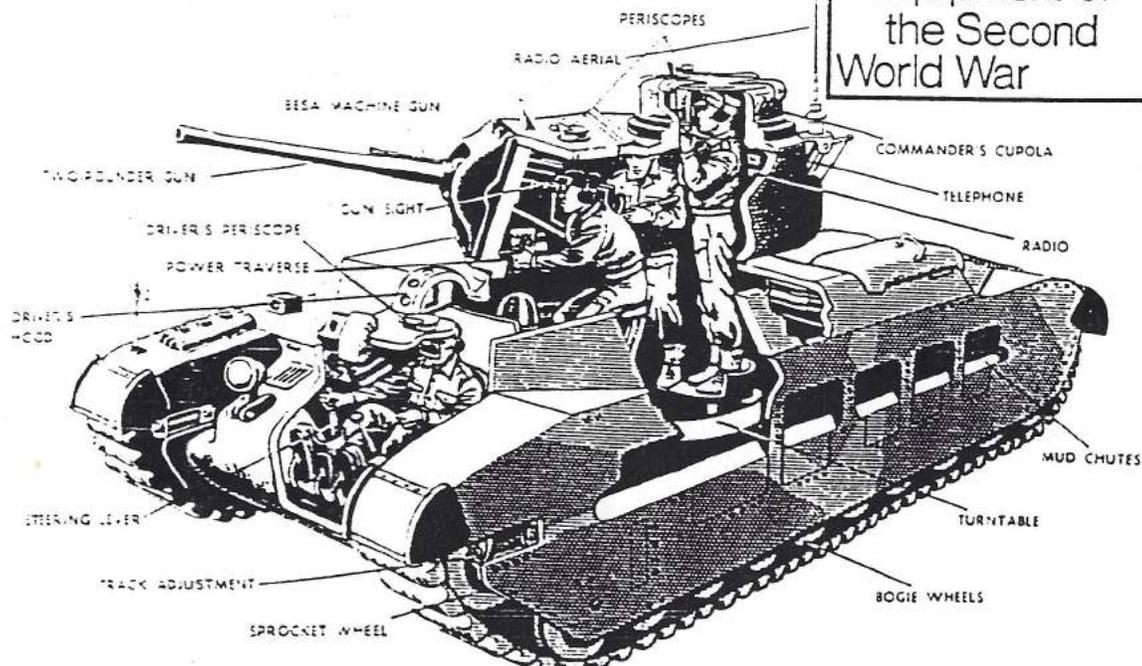
## HELP!

The Association is seeking the services of a Certified Accountant for the purposes of Auditing the Books of Account of the Association.

Preference is on a voluntary basis. Is there anyone out there who could help us in this matter?

Perhaps there is some serving or retired member with Accountancy background who would be prepared to take on this task, and in this way, be seen to be doing his share in some small way of helping our Association survive? Please contact your Secretary, Jack WESTERNHAGEN (03) 509 5806 if you can help

## MATILDA INFANTRY TANK



**T**ANKS came into their own during World War Two, and the Matilda was one that made sure it would never be forgotten. It went into battle for the first time during the British retreat through France in 1940, but

heavy armour meant that enemy shells bounced off it. Not until the Germans introduced their 88mm gun was there anything that could stop the Matilda. This famous tank's last action was at El Alamein.

armour 78mm. Armament one 2-pounder (40mm) cannon, one 7.7mm or 7.92mm machine-gun, Bren gun stowed inside for defence or anti-aircraft. Speed 16mph (25km/h). Range 160 miles (257km).

AUSTRALIA REMEMBERS 1945-1955

VICTORIA COMMITTEE

State Secretary  
Returned and Services League of Australia (Victoria Branch)

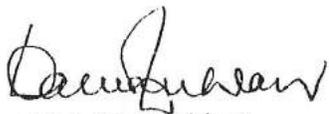
'VE' DAY COMMEMORATIVE SERVICE - 8 MAY 1995

At 11.00 am on 8 May 1995, a Commemorative Service is to be held at the Shrine of Remembrance to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of Victory in Europe.

The service will take a form similar to that of Remembrance Day and will involve the rendition of selected hymns, speeches by His Excellency the Governor of Victoria and a senior student, wreath laying and a fly-over of vintage military aircraft, including a Spitfire. The Melbourne Welsh Male Voice Choir and the Australian Army Band, Melbourne will also participate.

Could I seek your support in publicising this activity throughout your sub-branch and unit association networks. Invitations will be forwarded separately to many organizations but should we inadvertently miss some who would like to attend, they could ring Mrs Petah Hatcher on 284 8427 before 24 April 1995.

I thank you for your support.

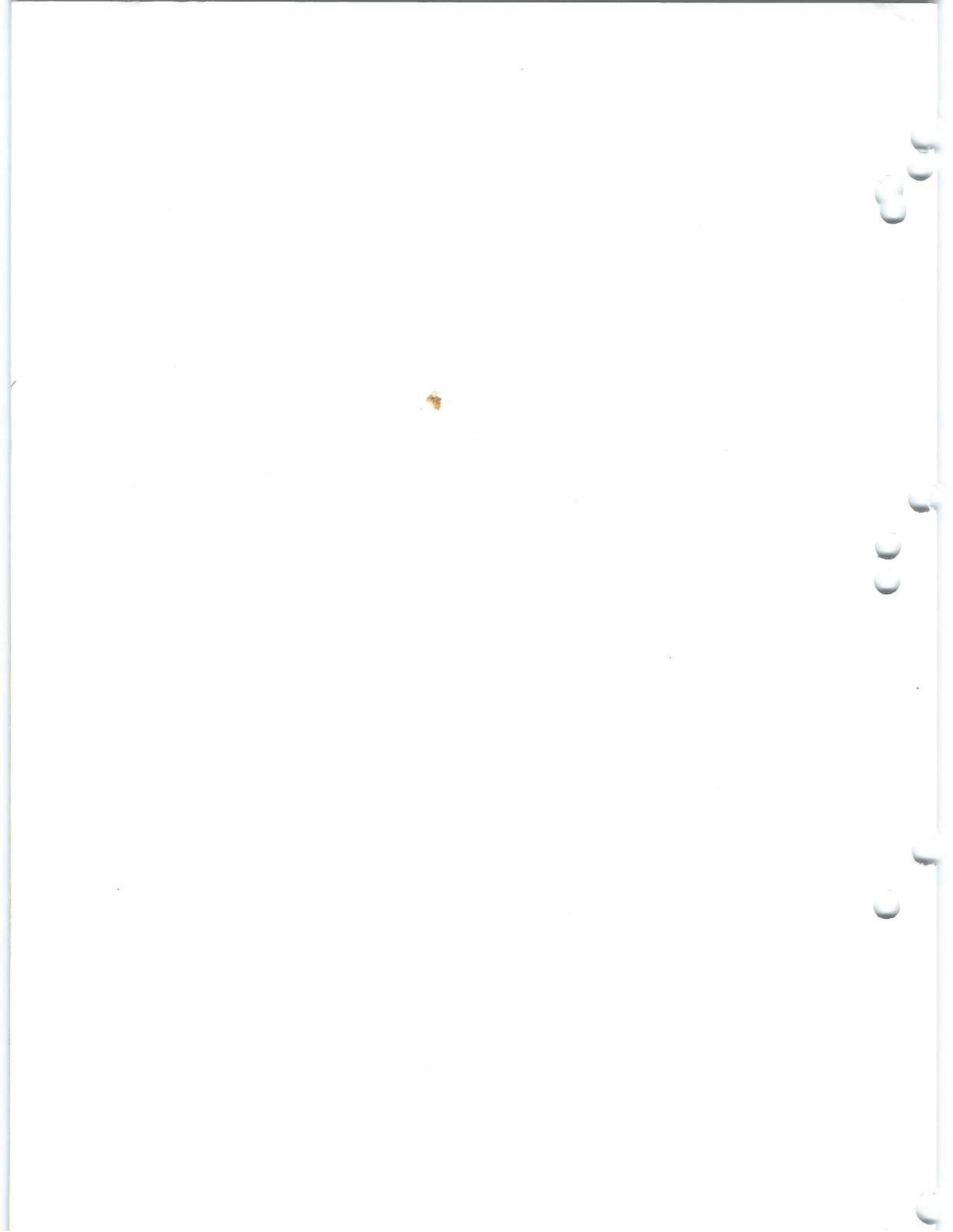


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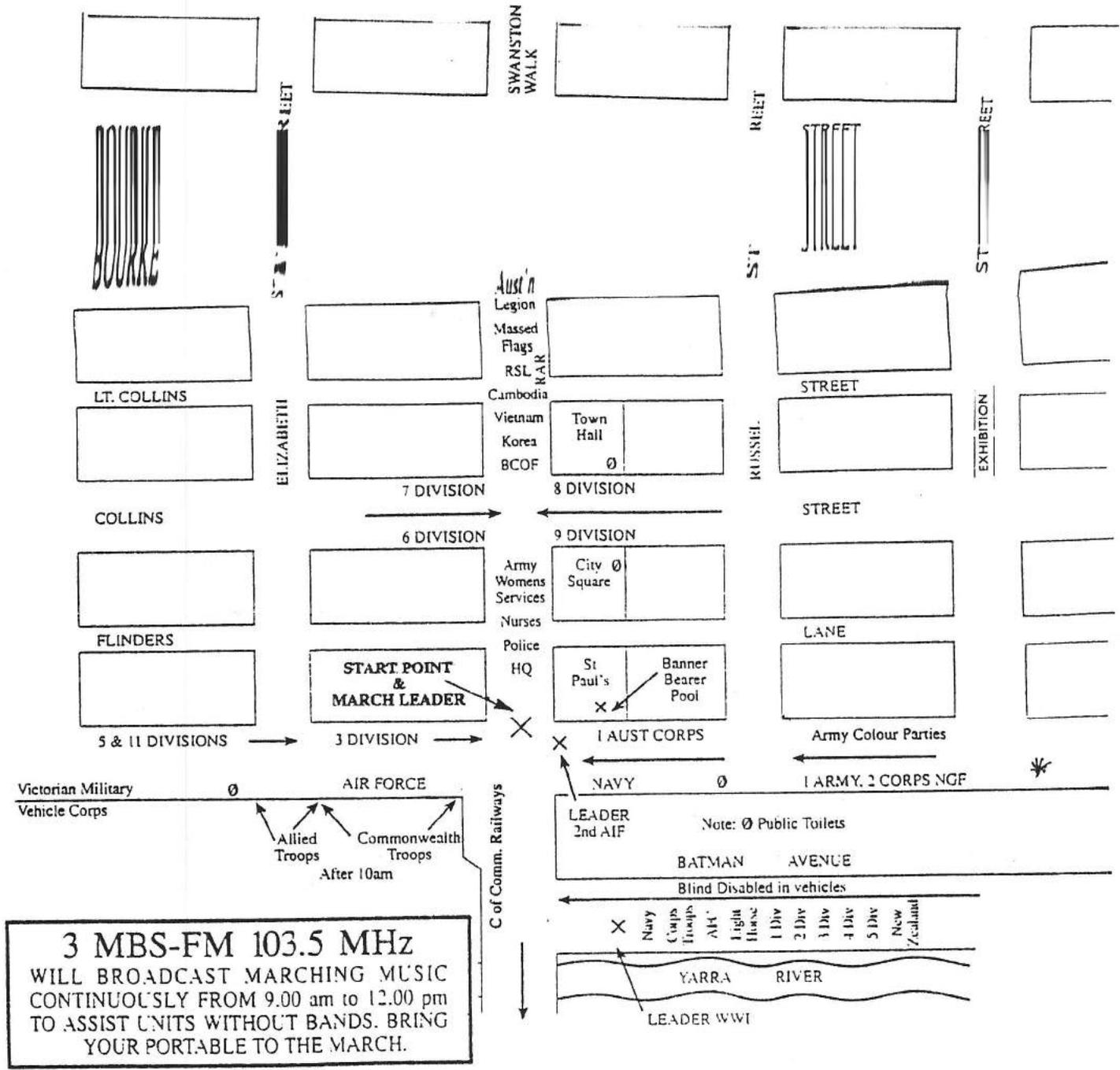
Chairman

Commemorative Sub Committee

13 March 1995

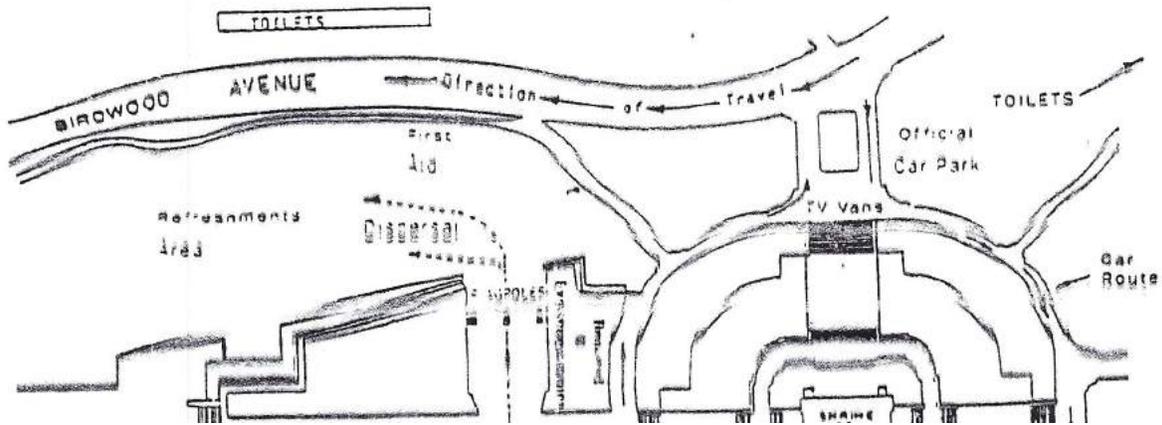


# ANZAC DAY — ASSEMBLY PLAN



○ Public Toilets

## SHRINE AREA, ANZAC DAY, 1995





# ANZAC DAY COMMEMORATION MARCH

MELBOURNE - 25th APRIL 1995

3. Division WW2 1050 hrs

- 217 Vicpol Military Band
- 218 Leader 3 Division
- 219 Headquarters 3 Division
- 220 2/4 Armoured Regiment
- 221 2 Field Regiment
- 222 4 Field Regiment
- 223 101 Heavy Motor Company
- 224 106 Tank Attack Regiment
- 225 Band
- 226 4 Field Coy RAE
- 227 10 Fd Coy RAE
- 228 15 Fd Coy RAE
- 229 53 Fd Park Coy RAE
- 230 Signals 3 Division
- 231 15 Brigade Signals Section
- 232 Band
- 233 24 Inf Battalion )
- 234 57/60 Inf Battalion )
- 235 58/59 Inf Battalion )
- 236 7 Inf Battalion) 23
- 237 8 Inf Battalion) 23
- 238 27 Inf Battalion) 23
- 239 42 Inf Battalion) (23 1st Bde)
- 240 Band
- 241 3 Division AASC
- 242 4 Field Ambulance
- 243 15 Field Ambulance
- 244 126 Brigade Workshops & Fd Park
- 245 127 Brigade Workshops

2. & 11 Divisions 1034 hrs

- 246 Vicpol HPB
- 247 Leader 5 & 11 Divisions
- 248 2/8 Armoured Regiment
- 249 22 Inf Battalion
- 250 29/46 Inf Battalion
- 251 37/52 Inf Battalion
- 252 Band
- 253 14/32 Inf Battalion
- 254 38 Inf Battalion
- 255 2 Field Ambulance
- 256 6 Field Ambulance
- 257 Spare

1st Army, New Guinea Force & 2 Corps 1043 hrs

- 258 Band
- 259 Leader 1 Army, NGF
- 260 13 Armoured Regiment
- 261 20 Pioneer Battalion (VAMR)
- 262 Heavy Ack Assn
- 263 67 AA Searchlight Regiment
- 264 112 Light Ack Assn

1st Army, New Guinea Force, 2 Corps cont...

- 265 116 Light Ack Regt
- 266 Old Sappers Assn
- 267 20 Field Coy RAE
- 268 Water Transport RAE
- 269 Docks Operating Coys RAE (23,26)
- 270 33 Aust Works Company
- 271 Band
- 272 Spare
- 273 R Aust Signals Association
- 274 New Guinea Air Warning Wireless
- 275 Aust Special Wireless Group
- 276 RAAS/RACT Association
- 277 118 AGT Company (Ushers Mob)
- 278 135 AGT Company
- 279 159 AGT Company
- 280 Band
- 281 RAAOC Association
- 282 3 Supply Group AAO
- 283 11 Advanced Workshops

\*284 RAEME Assn

AIR FORCE

- 285 RAAF Central Band
- 286 21 Squadron (City of Melb) escorting
- 287 RAAF Pennants
- 288 Leader of Air Force Group Standard
- 289 21 Squadron Association (Liberators)
- 290 RAAF Nursing Service
- 291 WAAAF
- 292 Spare

RAAF South East Asia

- 293 Band
- 294 Air Command South East Asia
- 295 86 Attack Wing
- 296 RAAF Singapore (1, 8, 21, 453, HQ Sqns)
- 297 RAF Malaya

RAAF Europe & Middle East

- 298 Band
- 299 Leader
- 300 RAAF Rhodesia
- 301 Sunbury Junior Fire Brigade Band
- 302 467-463 Squadron
- 303 3 Squadron Desert Air Force
- 304 Desert Air Force Assn (3, 450, 451, 452)
- 305 P & D Band
- 306 460 Squadron

RAAF Europe & Middle East cont...

- 307 455 Squadron
- 308 Odd Bods (UK) Association
- 309 RAAF Association
- 310 Path Finder Force
- 311 10 & 461 Squadrons (The Sunderlanders)

RAAF South West Pacific

- 312 Band
- 313 Spare
- 314 Catalina Flying Boats (1, 20, 42, 43 Sqns)
- 315 2 Squadron (Hudsons)
- 316 4 Repair & Salvage Unit
- 317 18 Sqn (MEI-RAAF)
- 318 4 Transport Tac R Squadron
- 319 36 Squadron (Dakotas)
- 320 86 Squadron (Kittyhawks)
- 321 Beaulieu Squadrons (1,2,6,7,8,14,15,32,100 & 89 Coms Units)
- 322
- 323 22 Squadron
- 324 30 Attack Squadron (Beaufighters)
- 325 31 Squadron
- 326 22 Repair & Salvage Unit
- 327 78A Fighter Wing (mostly 75,78,80 Sqns)
- 328 11 Repair & Salvage Unit
- 329 10 Repair & Salvage Unit
- 330 Fighter Squadrons Branch (76,77,79,82, 83)
- 331 9 Repair & Salvage Unit
- 332 Band
- 333 23 Squadron (Liberators)
- 334 24 Squadron
- 335 2 Mobile Works Unit/Airfield Construction Sqn
- 336 3 Airfield Construction Squadron
- 337 4 Works Maint Unit/Airfield Construction Sqn
- 338 5 Airfield Construction Squadron
- 339 6 Mobile Works Unit (Hydraulic 6th)
- 340 Band
- 341 7 Works Maint Unit/Airfield Construction Sqn
- 342 14, 1 & 8 Airfield Construction Squads
- 343 RAAF Wireless Units
- 344 RAAF Radar Units
- 345 112 Mobile Fighter Control Unit
- 346 Training & Support Units
- 347 Spare

Post 1945 Services 1117 hrs

- 348 Band
- 349 Leader
- 350 BCOF
- 351 Korean Veterans' Association
- 352 Korea & SE Asia Forces Association
- 353 WRAAF 1951-77

Post 1945 Services cont...

- 354 Band
- 355
- 356
- 357 Aust Army Training Team Vietnam
- 358 Headquarters (AFV,ATF,ALS)
- 359 Band
- 360 RAAF (4/19, 1 Arm, 1 APC, 3 Cav)
- 361 RAAF (1,4,12 Fd Regts 131 Div Loc Bty)
- 362 RAE Vietnam
- 363 RA Signals (104,110 Sqn,537 Sig Tp)
- 364 City of Melbourne HPB
- 365 Leader RAR
- 366 2nd Battalion RAR
- 367 3rd Battalion RAR
- 368 4th Battalion RAR
- 369 Band
- 370 5th Battalion RAR
- 371 6th Battalion RAR
- 372 7th Battalion RAR
- 373 8th Battalion RAR
- 374 9th Battalion RAR
- 375 1st Battalion RAR
- 376 Band
- 377 Aust Special Air Service Assn
- 378 161 Recon Flt Assn
- 379 RAAVC Vietnam
- 380 RAAAC Vietnam (1st Fd Hosp, 2 Fd Amb, 8 Fd Amb)
- 381 RAAOC Vietnam
- 382 RAEME Vietnam
- 383 RACMP
- 384 1 Aust Psychological Operations Unit
- 385 RAAF Vietnam
- 386 RAAF Signal
- 387 Peacekeeping Forces
- 388 Band
- 389 RSL
- 390 Massed Australian Flags
- 391 Legion of Ex-Servicemen & Women

British Returned Servicemen & Women 1137 hrs

- 392 Band
- 393
- 394 The Household Division
- 395 British Sub-Branch RSL
- 396 Scottish Ex-Servicemen
- 397 Dunkirk Veterans
- 398 Band
- 399 White Ensign & Escort
- 400 Royal Marines
- 401 Royal Naval Association
- 402 WRENS
- 403 British Ex-Service Legion of Aust
- 404 British Airborne Force

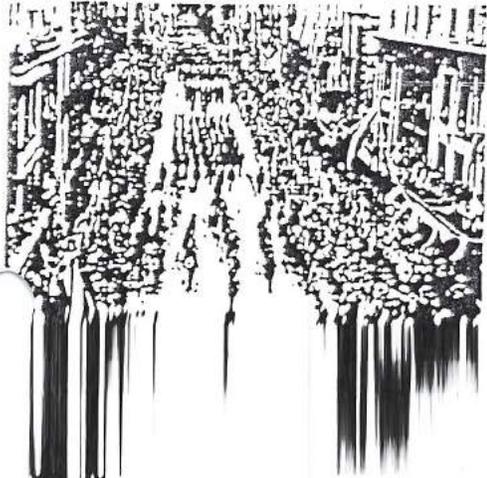
Commonwealth

- 405 Band
- 406 South Afric
- 407 Indonesian
- 408 Canadian
- 409 Cypriote
- 410 Cayton Arli
- 411 Maltese Ve
- 412 Indian Veie
- 413 Gurkha B

Allied Troops

- 414 Meka Gozo
- 415 French Veit
- 416 Chers 'O' th
- 417 Netherlands
- 418 USSR Veie
- 419 Greek Veie
- 420 Polish Veie
- 421 Band
- 422 Vietnamese
- 423 Serbian Veit
- 424 Italian Veie
- 425 United State
- 426 Band
- 427 March Marst
- 428 Victorian Mill

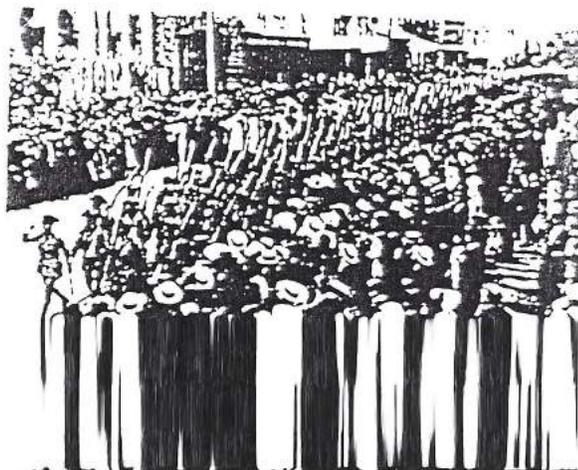
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Australian Contingent in the March of Britain & Allied Troops through London on 19th July 1915



SHRINE OF  
REMEMBRANCE  
MELBOURNE



Departure of troops, Australian 25th Battalion marching through Brisbane before Embarking for Overseas in June 1915.

# ANZAC DAY MARCH

## MELBOURNE 1996

**FORM UP POINT:** EAST end of Flinders Street, between RUSSELL and EXHIBITION STREETS on the South side, look for the Association's Banner. (Refer 1996 ANZAC March brochure attached.)

**FORM UP TIME:** From 0930 hrs - **STEP OFF TIME:** Approx 1050 hrs.

**ASSOCIATION'S 1996 MARCH MARSHALL:** Peter CARTLEDGE

**MET TRANSPORT:** For the Dawn Service at the Shrine, the MET will provide free travel, just show proof you are attending the Service. (Wear Medals, RSL Badge, etc.) You are advised to check at your MET Station or Tram Depot, prior to ANZAC DAY to confirm Departure Times.

**SHUTTLE SERVICE:** A Tram Shuttle Service from the City to the Shrine has been organised for the Dawn Service.

**REFRESHMENTS:** Tea, Coffee & Biscuits will be available at the South Gate of Victoria Barracks after the Dawn Service and on the Shrine Lawn after the "1996 March".

### ANZAC DAY - OAKLEIGH BARRACKS

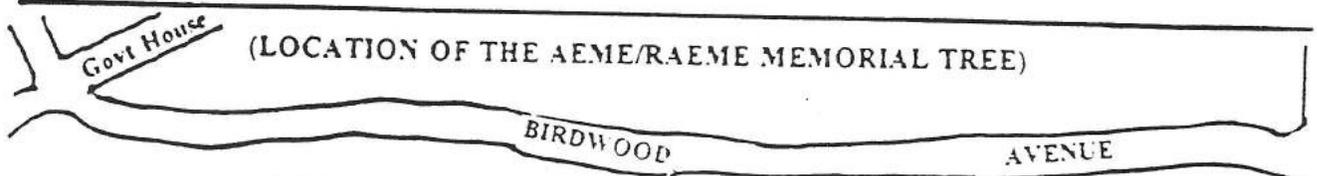
**DAWN SERVICE:** Form Up Time 0555 hrs in MASS outside of the Barracks "Q" Stores/Messes in the Sir Clive Steele Close. Spectators to form up around the Parade ground perimeter. DON'T FORGET TO BRING YOUR TORCH TO READ THE SERVICE.

**GUN FIRE BREAKFAST:** To be served in the gymnasium at the conclusion of the Dawn Service AT NO COST.

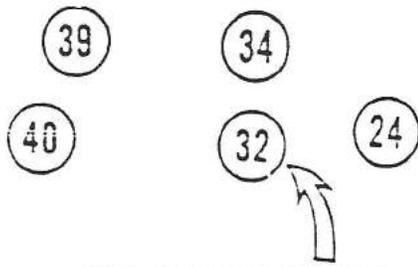
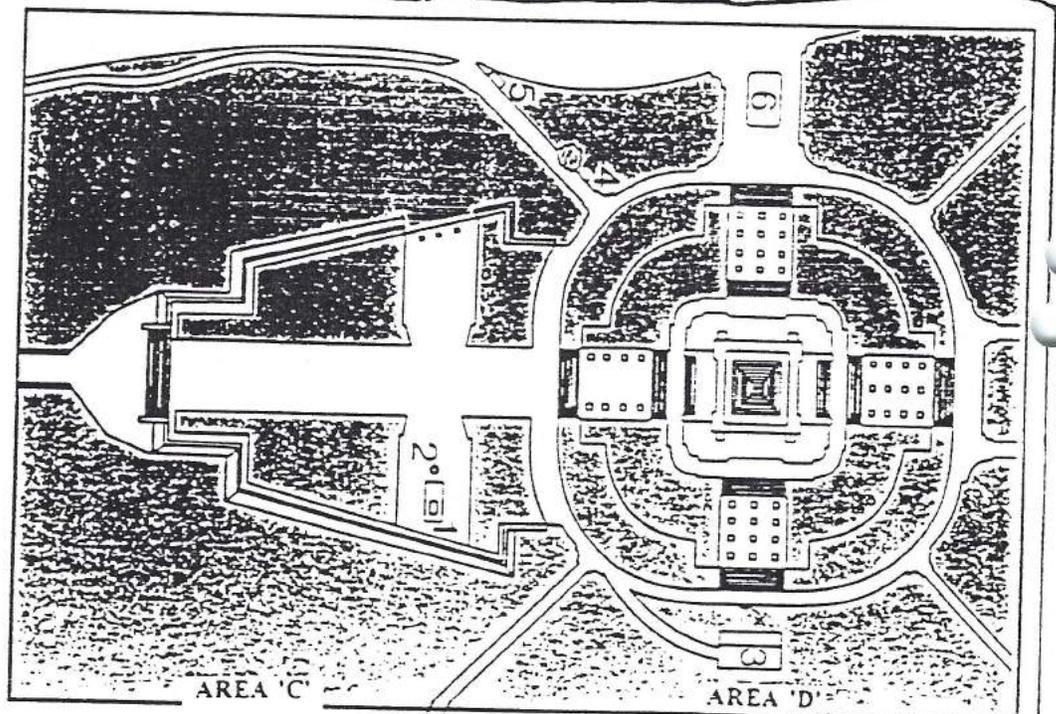
**TRANSPORT:** A coach from Oakleigh Barracks will be provided to convey Association members and their families to the City for the 1996 March Departure Time 0800 hrs. This same Coach will depart from Birdwood Avenue behind the Shrine at approx 1200 hrs. A FREE COACH will Depart

THE LIGHTNING FLASH

(LOCATION OF THE AEME/RAEME MEMORIAL TREE)



1. Cenotaph
2. Eternal Flame
3. Remembrance Garden
4. Simpson and his donkey
5. Memorial Horseshrough
6. Legacy Garden



Type of Tree:  
 BETULA ALBA  
 (Birch)

ROYAL CORPS OF AUSTRALIAN  
 ELECTRICAL & MECHANICAL  
 ENGINEERS  
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(Extract from Corps Memorial plaque)