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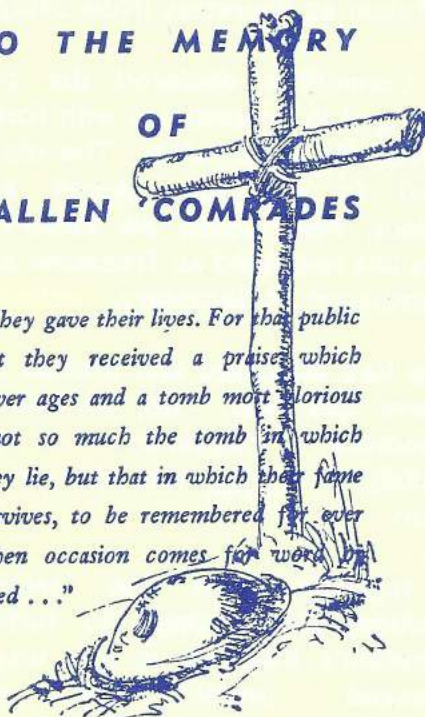
## SOLDIER TO SOLDIER

TO THE MEMORY

OF

FALLEN COMRADES

*"They gave their lives. For that public  
gift they received a praise which  
never ages and a tomb most glorious  
—not so much the tomb in which  
they lie, but that in which their fame  
survives, to be remembered for ever  
when occasion comes for words of  
deed..."*



Splash of blue, the Southern Cross  
Alluvial streams and charcoal rocks  
The Simpson, the Outback, the Nullabor  
Plains

Kalgoorlie, the Alice, the long summer  
rains

Longreach, Ceduna, Ballarat, Cloncurry  
The Reef, the Stockade, the winding  
Murray

That's what they died for  
Were wounded and maimed  
They fought for our freedom  
Their hearts ever stained  
They don't ask for glory  
Nor money or fame  
They'll never forget, their lives ever  
changed

They ask not of our sympathy  
Their sacrifice made  
Just call us comrade  
The words aren't just words  
They are from respect  
From Soldier to Soldier

*Lest We Forget*





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## ARTICLES FOR PUBLICATION

This magazine is produced by the members for the members, and is not to be solely one-way communications.

How do you find our what's happening in and around the THE RAEME ASSOCIATION,

or in fact RAEME? Through 'THE LIGHTNING FLASH' of course.



## THE PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Hello fellow members.

As you would no doubt have noticed in other parts of 'The Lightning Flash' there has been a reshuffle of office Bearers in your Association. You may remember that Bruce Williams stated at our last A.G.M. he felt the need to step down from the Presidency.

Bruce resigned late last year together with Jack Westernhagen as vice-President and Jack Tulser as Secretary (Rule 24(c)).

Your Committee declared the positions vacant, and in accordance with Rule 21 (4) appointments were made. The result I am pleased to say has myself as your President, Peter Allen as Vice-President, Aranka Illia remained as Treasurer and Jack Westernhagen as Secretary.

Aranka has indicated she wishes to finish her term this year. So, we will need a replacement Treasurer. PLEASE CONSIDER!!! if YOU are able to fill this position.

We, together with the balance of Committee, are working to further our Association's interests in any way it has progressed under the previous administrations.

A further development from the last A.G.M., with the assistance of Colonel John Wertheimer, Honorary Colonel



Commandant RAE, and a member of the old Sappers Association; we now have in writing, 'there will be NO charges for the use of the Oakleigh Barracks facilities for this or any other like Associations.'

We have been granted permission to use Oakleigh Barracks as our permanent Mailing Address and elsewhere in this edition you will find the correct address. Please use this address for all future correspondence.

What did you think of the change format of this and the last edition of 'THE FLASH'? Please let us know of your thoughts about this as we enjoy your feed back!

I am looking forward to seeing you all on ANZAC Eve.

Regards

PETER CARTLEDGE  
PRESIDENT



### THE SECRETARY'S CORNER

**SEASONS GREETINGS** Firstly I would like to wish our many RAEME families and single members a Happy New Year for 1997 and hopefully it will be a very prosperous and healthy new year to you and yours for future years to come.

**RETURN TO OFFICE** As you can see with the recent changes in the C.O.M., I have once again return to the position as your Secretary. This is a position I take much pleasure in performing on behalf of you, the members.

**PERMANENT MAILING ADDRESS** For the first time our Association now has a permanent Mailing Address no matter who is elected as Association Secretary, the Mailing Address will remain the same, now and in the future.

**ASSOCIATION WIDOWS** As always, it is a sincere pleasure to hear from you and to let you know that the Association still cares about you. Please feel free to write at any time. For those widows who sent the Association Christmas Cards for 1996/97 they were gratefully received and tabled at our C.O.M. meeting in February '97.

**DEPARTED COMRADES** As you will observe on P. 9 we have lost another three of our members since our November '96 edition of 'THE FLASH', a very sad occurrence indeed.

**NAME TAGS** These are always available for the minimum cost of \$10.00 ea. for Ordinary and Associate Members alike. Place your order for one through the Secretary. With our 1997 Annual ANZAC Eve Reunion approaching, it is hoped that all members attending will have their Name Tags displayed.

**1997 ANZAC EVE REUNION** Members are reminded of our forthcoming Annual Reunion on THURS 24th APRIL 1997, (see Information Sheets enclosed with full details). As ANZAC Day this year falls on a FRIDAY, most people turn this into a long weekend and possibly be going away. However, it is hoped that as many members as possible will still come along to our Annual gathering. Members' wives/partners are always made welcome and we would like to see you all there.

**CHANGE OF ADDRESS** Please inform us of your change of address. Our quarterly Newsletter is well received and hopefully read by all who receive a copy. Its contents are appreciative for the wealth of information it conveys to each members and our widows.



Social Sub-Committee has planned for our members during the early part of 1997.

**COSTUME JEWELLERY** This is a term used to describe medals sold by organizations, or manufactured and sold for profit by small businesses. They are really Lapel Badges, but look like medals. Some examples of this class of "Medal" are:-

Front Line Service Medal, Prisoner-of-War Medal, Tobruk Siege Medal, Regular Forces Medal, CMF/Reserve & Territorial Medal, Conscript Medal and Foreign Service Medal Commemorative.

A good guide to the legitimacy of a medal is:

"If you are eligible, the Government will give it to you free of charge. If you have to pay for it, it is unlikely that you should wear it". Only medals authorised by the Governor-General should be worn by members of the Australian Forces.

## **RE-ISSUE OF ASSOCIATION'S RULES**

It is hoped that the Association's Statement of Purposes and Rules will be ready for re-issue in time for our 1997 Annual General Meeting.

**JACK WESTERNHAGEN**  
**SECRETARY**



## **SPECIAL EVENTS SUB-COMMITTEE**

Since our last 'FLASH' we have enjoyed our, and what we hope to continue to be, Annual Dinner Dance. We had around 60 people at the dance (not a big crowd in the Depot gymnasium) but unfortunately not a

lot of members attended. This was very disappointing to my hard working Social Committee!

We are now gearing up for ANZAC Eve and ANZAC Day, so please let us all get behind your Association and attend!

In the pipeline we are looking at a bus trip on Sunday 18th May '97 to Queenscliff and the Point Nepean fortifications via the ferry from Queenscliff.

On Sunday 15th June '97 a visit to the War Cabinet Room at Victoria Barracks St Kilda Road, a visit to the RAEME Commemoration Tree at the Melbourne Shrine followed by a Social Drink back at Oakleigh Barracks. (see Flier enclosed).

A further Return to Bandiana weekend about October '97 (look for details in the August edition of 'THE FLASH') and our Dinner Dance later in the year.

So enter those Social dates in your diary now so you won't forget them.

Sincerest thank you to all who support our functions, and to those who have not, please try one and I am sure you will come to more when you see what you have been missing!

Please bear in mind that our Social Events are one of the main reasons why our Annual Subscriptions are able to be kept low.

Payment of Annual Subscriptions helps towards keeping this Association alive and providing its members with a very viable and informative Newsletter.





always gratefully appreciated, is the donations of Raffle Prizes for our Social functions. This helps to supplement our income and to cover our many administrative expenditures. Perhaps members could see their way clear to donate suitable items to help in our Fund Raising Campaign.

Finally, thanks to you my Social Sub-Committee for their work in the past, don't rest, get your heads down for the future!

PETER CARTLEDGE  
CONVENOR



### MEMBERSHIP SUB-COMMITTEE

A cordial welcome is extended to the following new members:-

**ORDINARY MEMBERS** - Ron Bade (310), John Ashworth (374), Ron Davies (304), Robert Crocker (307), John Dunwoodie (305), George Riddle (277), John Self (296) Ronald Waters (306) and Edward Woods (308).

**ASSOCIATE MEMBERS** - Dorothy Avery (A301) and Joan Riddle (A277).

Our current Financial Membership stands at 245 strong. Do not be confused by the higher Membership numbers shown above. Some of those higher numbers have been reallocated to new Members due to recent resignations and/or cancellation of previous membership of this Association.

**WE NEED YOU NOW!** We urgently need each and every member to make recruiting

of at least one new member their immediate personal responsibility.

If we are going to be able to continue to look after our members, old and new, we are going to need the strength of numbers and the subscriptions brought by recruiting, to succeed. Don't leave it to the 'old faithful ones' to recruit new members, we can't possibly know all the people who you know that are potential members. Approach that person, they may be delighted with the idea of joining, but having simply never thought of it.

JACK WESTERNHAGEN  
CONVENOR



### EDITORIAL

Welcome to the first Newsletter for 1997! Your editorial staff will continue to strive to improve the Newsletter, as we have in the past, **BUT WE NEED YOUR HELP!**

What are your impressions of the new format and presentation?

Because this is the issue prior to ANZAC Day we have a wide selections of interests, with articles on almost every subject you could think of for an Association Newsletter.

Letters to the Editor are popular, and are looked forward to with much anticipation.

**'I WAS THERE' COMPETITION** - The August edition will be the closure of the first series of such articles for 1996/97 that will be appearing over future editions. The winner of the first series will be announced in the August 1997 edition. Please don't stop



there as this competition is a continuous one offering a prize of \$50.00 once a year over the best of three submissions.

The second series begins in September 1997 and will close in August 1998.

**CHANGE OF ADDRESS** - Don't fold your tent and steal quietly away -

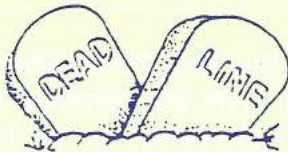
If you are not getting your 'LIGHTNING FLASH' or if contact with the Association's Secretariat appears to be lost, it may be that you have not let us know your new address.

When you change your place of residence, please let us know your **NEW ADDRESS**.

**THE 'LIGHTNING FLASH' is your Newsletter**

**Air your views -**

**Share your news!**



Material for the next issue of 'THE FLASH' must reach the editor not later than:

**18th JULY 1997**

**JACK WESTERNHAGEN  
EDITOR**



**HISTORICAL SUB-COMMITTEE**

The following is the first such articles that will be appearing in this column.

## **STANDING ON CEREMONY - FUNERALS AND GUN CARRIAGES**

In the time of Henry VIII, military bands were not included in establishments, but every body of fighting men boasted a party of drummers and trumpeters; the former to set and maintain the marching pace, the later to break the monotony by blowing an occasional fanfare.

King Henry directed that these instruments should be employed in the funeral ceremonies of high-ranking officers. During the 18th century, coffins were carried on a bier, which was born by soldiers or officers depending on the rank of the deceased.

Behind them marched a party of drummers playing what was then called the 'Dede Sounde' to a pace beat in keeping with the extremely slow rate of progress of the bier party. Thus was born the 'Slow March' and "Dead March" of the present time. Although speedier means of transportation were introduced, the original Slow March was retained as more befitting the dignity of the occasion.

In 1723, the term 'Dede Sounde' was changed to 'Dead March' in military parlance. The procedure followed at the graveside was also inaugurated in Tudor times. After the coffin had been lowered into the grave, musketeers posted on either side fired three volleys.

The firearms of the period, being wheellocks, some six feet long and about 15lbs in weight, required support in the shape of a forked rest, which was stuck in the ground under the muzzle. In order to elevate the weapon, firing parties were formed in a kneeling position opposite each other. After the volleys, Last Post and Reveille were played. At that time, Last Post took the form of Taps, which was played at 10pm each night as a sign for



Reveille consisted of a series of long blasts in no prescribed form.

It is recorded that the funeral for the Duke of Marlborough in 1722 was the first occasion of using the drill movements Reverse Arms, and Rest on your Arms Reverse, this solemn ritual evidently having been invented specially to show an unusual degree of respect. The act of Reversing Arms no doubt was used prior to this time as a symbolic gesture towards death, as a Commonwealth soldier was punished for reversing his arms at the execution of Charles I in 1649.

Gun carriages are synonymous with military funerals, however, despite popular belief and Hollywood-made history, this has not always been the case. It was not until the mid 1800s that Queens Regulations authorised the use of a gun carriage and team, when available, to carry a coffin to a burial ground, providing said ground was more than a mile (1.6km) away.

Nowadays, the carriage and procession combine for the departure from the church or chapel and again on the arrival at either the cemetery or crematorium.

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### WELFARE & BETTERMENT SUB-COMMITTEE

KEN KERMONDE - I recently contacted his wife Alice, who told me that Ken is still in bed with the shingles. On 17.2.'97, Ken visited Heidleberg Hospital to see an Eye Specialist, who advised Ken as to what can

be done to obtain better vision for him, particularly for night driving. Ken sends his regards to all our RAEME members and hopes to be able to attend the ANZAC Day March this year health permitting.

DICK DUNCAN - Dick was assisting in the Solar Powered Race in Darwin recently. After a car trip, helicopter and plane journey from Alice Springs to Melbourne, he finally arrived at Box Hill Hospital where tests were made and Dick was told it wasn't Cancer. However, he did undergo an operation to clear abscesses from his hip and groin.

BILL HALL - Is recovering from a stroke. X-Rays and tests showed he is in good shape and soldering on.

JACK WESTERNHAGEN - On 21.2.'97, at 2.30am in the morning, Jack was admitted to the Dandenong Valley Hospital overnight with a suspected Gall Stone attack. Showing a quick recovery, he was discharged from hospital on 22.2.'97 and is back in harness once again.

MARY WESTERNHAGEN - Has had to go back into hospital again on 11.3.'97 to the Waverley Private Hospital with an infection in her left kneecap and finds it very painful to walk. It is hoped that this time it will be successful and give her some relief and enable to improve her mobility.

JENNY MOORE - Is still on the mend at home, and very gradually her right ankle is improving.

Good wishes to all our sick friends and hope for a speedy recovery to you all.

REG COX. WELFARE OFFICER





Hero at war – and home: Victoria Cross winner Albert Jacka is remembered as one of Australia's finest fighters.  
Picture: VALERIU CAMPAN

### THE CHARGE OF JACKA'S BRIGADE

Capt Albert Jacka, VC. MC. legendary exploits in battle made him a sort of wartime Don Bradman.

Jacka won the Victoria Cross (VC) at Gallipoli on May 19 when he was only 22.

"Great battle at 3am" he wrote in his diary after the action. Turks had captured a large portion of our trench. Lieut. Hamilton shot dead. I lead a section of men and recaptured the trench. I bayoneted two Turks, shot five, took three prisoners and cleared the whole trench. I held the trench alone for 15 minutes against a heavy attack".

Jacka's subsequent actions on the Western Front were no less extraordinary. On August 6 1916, he won the Military Cross (MC) at Pozieres in an action many believe should have delivered him a second VC.

Jacka's battalion was shelled continuously from 9pm until 4.45am when German infantry attacked. Jacka and nine of his men sheltered from the bombardment in a

dugout. Two waves of Germans had passed over the dugout when a German appeared at the entrance and rolled a grenade inside, killing two Australians and stunning the rest.

Jacka was the first to recover. He raced out of the dugout and came face to face with a group of about 50 Germans rounding-up about 40 Australian prisoners.

Rather than surrendering, Jacka and his seven men charged the Germans - Jacka reportedly saying "This is no good boys - charge!" and not only succeeded in releasing the Australian prisoners, but capturing 42 German prisoners.

Official war historian C.E.W. Bean called it 'the most dramatic act of individual audacity in the history of the AIF'.

Jacka was wounded several times in this action alone and more than 20 times during the war.

He was demobilised on January 10, 1920, and started a business that was to fail during the Great Depression. He was elected to the St Kilda Council in 1929 and became Mayor in 1930. He collapsed after a St Kilda Council meeting on December 14, 1931 and died on January 17, 1932 at Caulfield Military Hospital. He was 39.

It was estimated 50,000 people lined Princes Bridge during Jacka's funeral procession.

On the day of Jacka's funeral, 10 soldiers were selected to form a guard of honor at the graveside and to deliver the gun salute.

One of the guards, was Les Bailey. Now 87, later to become a member of this Association. 'I was at the former Drill Hall at the corners of Commercial and Punt Roads when the Adjutant came in and picked out the 10 best-dressed privates', Mr. Bailey said.





### V A L E

Ronald EVERETT - 25.11.1996  
 Bruce SNEDDEN - 18.12.1996  
 Douglas DEERY - 2. 1.1997

The President and Management Committee of the RAEME Association (Vic) Inc. respectively inform members of the sudden passing of three of our esteemed colleagues on the above dates.

We extend our sincerest sympathy to their wives, Nancy, Joyce, Heather and their respective families.

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

### IT'S IN THE BADGE

Crafties come from all walks of life  
 some are young, some old  
 but all can get into strife  
 and most (if not all) are bold!  
 RAEME Fitters, Greasers, Metal Smiths and  
 Recce Mechs,  
 They wear the same badge and do their job  
 by heck

A minimum of fuss with a wink and a nod  
 Tradespeople by other name  
 the Crafty is a big player in the Army game  
 often catching other people unawares  
 in keeping them moving by making repairs  
 to their guns and tanks and trucks and  
 things  
 he or she really is the "Tonka Toy" king!  
 And be it hot and sunny or wet and cold  
 you'll find them there in the sticks

working hard - with a brew of course  
 no job is too tough to fix!  
 And look out enemy here's an 'FRT'  
 coming down the road in a beaten up  
 Series 2 Rover.

(Can you imagine the Burke to Burketown Rally)

Watch our Kamarians, they'll run you over!  
 But whether they're in camp or out bush  
 They're right at home either dirty or clean  
 they'll say 'giddyay' with a cocky grin  
 you knowing that they're just committed  
 some cardinal sin  
 fighting and playing hard in the arena  
 most earn their money - they don't have to  
 be greener  
 somewhat unlike most other Corps  
 Flexibility is what they strive for  
 And to finish off this piece of prose  
 you won't just recognise them by their  
 clothes  
 but by their manner and the way they  
 swagger  
 (sometimes it's a drunken stagger)  
 but look at their eyes and then their hat  
 once you've been EME-fixed you won't  
 forget that  
 or the six-pack repair bill for services  
 rendered.



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## THE DIRECTOR's MESSAGE ...



**COLONEL BRUCE AMOR**

Members of all RAEME Associations are hereby informed of the latest Honorary Colonel appointments.

**Brig R.M. MILLAR**  
Representative Colonel Commandant  
& Colonel Commandant QLD Region

**Colonel R.W. BADE**  
Colonel Commandant Southern/Tasmania  
Region.

**Colonel L.J. FOLEY**  
Colonel Commandant Eastern Region.

**Lt Colonel J. WILSON**  
Colonel Commandant Central/Northern  
Region.

**Maj I. STEWART**  
Honorary Colonel Commandant Western  
Region.

### LEGACY

#### STILL NEEDS YOUR HELP

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

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Legacy Office.

### Member's Profile



**COLONEL RON BADE**  
COLONEL COMMANDANT  
SOUTHERN/TASMANIAN REGION

A native Queenslander, Ron completed his Secondary education at Brisbane State High School, after which he entered the Royal Military College, Duntroon in 1960, graduation into RAEME in December 1963. In 1965, as the Army expanded for the Vietnam commitment, he was Seconded to Infantry and served with 5 RAR for two years. This included service in Vietnam as 2i/c 'A' Coy 5 RAR, an Advisor/Liaison Officer with a Vietnam Regional Force Company and OC Admin Coy 5 RAR.

On return from Vietnam, Ron served as the QM N Comd Wksp before being posted to RAEME Trg Centre where he served as an instructor in Corps Trg Wing and subsequently OC Corps Trg Wing. After a brief period as OC 106 Fd Wksp when it returned from Vietnam to become the Army's first resident in the old Migrant Centre at Bonegilla.

Ron was posted to the UK to attend the Technical Staff Officer's Course at the Royal Military College of Science, Shrivenham. On return to Australia he served in the Directorate of Trials & Evaluation (Army) and the Directorate of Trials (Defence) in Canberra.



Canberra was followed by three years as CO 4 Base Wksp Bn and then a return to Logistics Branch Canberra as SO1 Leopard, responsible for co-ordination of Logistics Support for the Leopard Tank. After attending Joint Services Staff College in 1982, Ron was promoted Colonel and appointed as Director of Technical Services (Army) working for the DGEME in his Defence Central role.

In 1983, he moved to Melbourne as Colonel, Electrical & Mechanical Engineering in HQ Logistics Command. His last appointment in the Army was as Controller Maintenance Engineering Agency from where he resigned in 1988 after 28 years service.

On leaving the Army, Ron joined Kodak where he spent time as a Staff Assistant to the General Manager Marketing, reviewing Customer Service and Inventory Control measures. In November 1989, he was appointed Transport Manager and in June 1992, assumed the position of Distribution Manager. His responsibilities include National Warehousing and transportation of finished goods to domestic customers, export orders to New Zealand and the Pacific Islands, control of the import process for the company and provision of a range of transport and administration services within the company.

Ron is married and he and his wife Janet, have a family of four 'young adults', none yet married. His interests are golf, wood turning and gardening.

(We welcome Ron to our Association as an Ordinary Member. EDITOR

**' I WAS THERE '**

**by**

**JACK MILLER ex 16 A.A.D.**

Three days after the Second World War finished, and before the surrender of

Lt General Adachi to Maj General Robertson on the airstrip at Wewak, New Guinea, I was involved in an incident with the Japanese, which was both terrifying and humorous; in that order.

I was attached to a unit which supplied all the ammunition to the 6th Division, as a Bomb Disposal Officer, and a part of the job was to blow up any unserviceable or dangerous goods. I had received an aerial photograph of a suspected Japanese ammunition dump about 5 miles down the coast, near the beach, and was asked to investigate and clean it up etc. if required.

I managed to get a small motor cruiser to take me down to the general area, the area was so rocky that we could not land, however, we found a narrow channel that I could swim through so I stripped off naked and tied my boots around my neck and made it to the shore. As I started to walk up the beach to my amazement, 7 Japanese stepped out of the bush, in a line. I hoped that they knew that the war was over, and then I saw them invert their rifles, indicating a form of surrender, much to my relief, as I was stark naked except for my boots.

One of the Japanese could speak pidgin English, and was an N.C.O. He told me that they were part of a unit who were camped some 10 minutes away. He asked me if I would return to his camp with them, as his Commanding Officer was fluent in English. I agreed, and told him that I would have to get some clothes, so we all went down to the shoreline and I swam back to the boat and put some clothes in a bit of plastic and swam back to shore again, and then accompanied them to their campsite.

Upon arrival, he took me to his Commander, who told me that the unit was composed of two other Officers, (to whom he introduced me) and 53 Other Ranks, with only one ill with malaria. The camp was spotless, and was only built from native bush, they still had their weapons. but no ammunition.

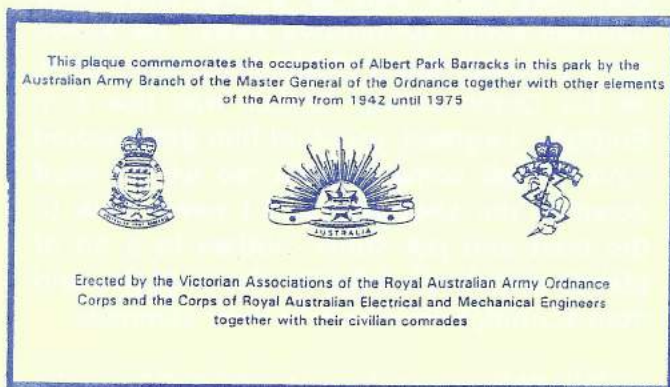


We went back to his hut for some terrible tea, and during our conversation he disclosed that he had been a Wool Buyer for Mitsubishi & Co. of Melbourne at the Wool Exchange in Kings Street, where I had amazingly, been a Clerk for the V.P.C. in their wool department; that called for some more of their terrible jungle juice! I invited him to return with me, however, he would not leave his men. So I was escorted back to the rock channel by most of his unit, where I undressed again, and swam back to the boat, much to the relief of the crew, and the Japanese; as the tide had turned and the seas were not with me.

When I reported the incident to Divisional HQ there were howls of laughter and it was conceded that the surrender of so many armed enemy troops to an unarmed nude soldier would be an unheralded feat for the Division.

FOOT NOTE! ... I managed to meet up with the officer at the unit Detention Centre and made sure that he was well looked after together with his men, especially after I had disclosed the account of the incident.

## DEDICATION OF M.G.O. BRANCH COMMEMORATION STONE & PLAQUE



To commemorate where the old Master-General of the Ordnance (MGO Branch) was once sited at Albert Park Barracks (off Aughty Drive, Albert Park), a

Commemoration Stone with a bronze Plaque was unveiled by Brigadier John Dean OBE a previous DEME at AHQ(M) 30.12.1969 to 31.7.1975 on Sunday 24th November 1996.

A composite guard selected from 4 B.A.S.B. members of 1 Petrol Platoon (RAAOC) and 105 Fd Wksp Coy (RAEME) gave the General Salute on the arrival of Brig Dean, who was welcomed by Colonel Don Fenwick Rtd, RAAOC Representative Colonel Commandant and Convenor of the Albert Park Barracks Memorial to martial music supplied by 10 Medium Regt RAA Band from Chapel Street Trg Depot.

Representation from both Corps in addition to other public spectators were present.

Following the ceremony, Colonel Don Fenwick invited those present to partake in Afternoon Tea provided in the Melbourne Grand Prix Pit Stop Social Rooms, where a static display of Military Memorabilia was displayed, including an aerial photograph of the original Albert Park Barracks site, familiar to those members present who had served in this headquarters.

Please note our new official  
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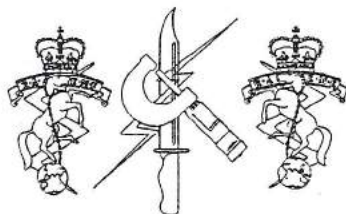
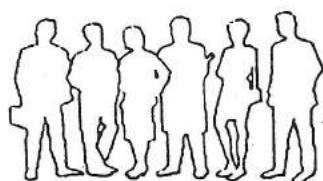
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## ANZAC EVE REUNION

24 APRIL 1997

The main social activity for members of this Association to which we always look forward to with eager anticipation, has been our Annual Reunion on ANZAC Eve.

members are asked to take this opportunity to have an ale or two with those mates you may have not seen for some time - better still, give them a ring and organise to bring them along, and other AEME/RAEME members with you, maybe a family member could pick you up.

**DATE:** **THURSDAY 24th APRIL 1997**

**TIME:** **7.30 pm to 11.30 pm**

**LOCATION:** **OAKLEIGH BARRACKS**  
**1381 North Road,**  
**OAKLEIGH SOUTH**

Officers'/Sergeants' Messes)  
(200yds South from the  
Huntingdale Railway Station)

**ENTRANCE** **\$10. 00 per head**  
**COST:**

(This includes Finger Foods  
and a Complimentary Door  
Prize Ticket)

**DRINKS:** **At Mess Prices**

**OVERNIGHT ACCOMMODATION:** All members (both City and country) intending to sleep over and attend the Oakleigh Barracks Dawn Service and later attend the ANZAC Day March in the City, Sleeping Accommodation has been organised for MALE members. This year army Sleeping Gear has been restricted to 12 Sets (unless you can supply your own gear, you would be quite welcome to do so). DON'T FORGET TO BOOK A BED EARLY THROUGH THE SECRETARY, JACK WESTERNHAGEN (03) 9888 3359 NOT LATER THAN TUESDAY 15th APRIL 1997. - FIRST IN BEST DRESSED!

**OAKLEIGH BARRACKS DAWN SERVICE:** The RSM 4 B.A.S.B. (WO 1 Mike Hogan) has organised a moving Dawn service followed by the usual 'GUNFIRE BREAKFAST'. Number for purposes of Catering are to be advised to the Secretary, Jack Westernhagen not later than TUESDAY 15th APRIL 1997.

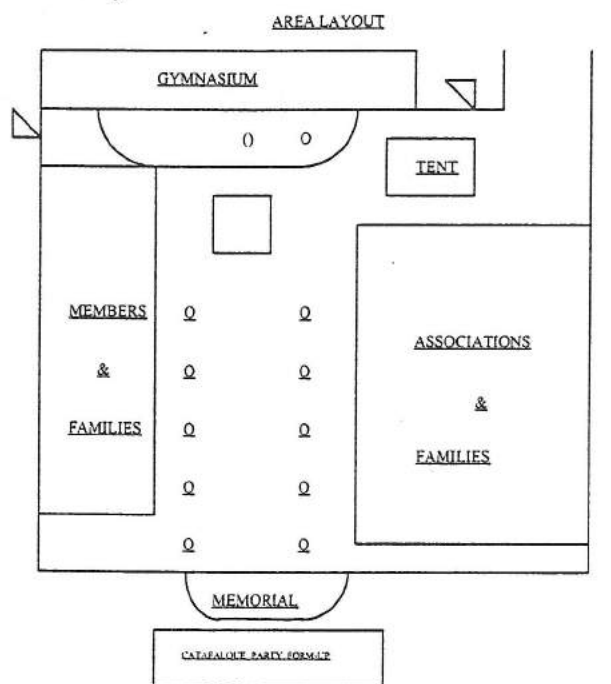
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## ANZAC DAY 1997 - DAWN SERVICE OAKLEIGH BARRACKS

- 0430 hrs. Reville.
- 0500 - Gunfire Breakfast (consisting of Tea/Coffee/Rum).  
0530 hrs.
- 0545 hrs. Guard Mounts.
- 0550 hrs. Unit Associations to Assemble in mass under an ex-Servicemen's March Leader's control on the roadway adjacent to the Oakleigh Barracks main entrance flagpole in Swan Street, in readiness to march onto the Parade Ground via the Sir Clive Steele Crescent.

Association Spectators not marching are requested to from up on the side of the Parade Ground facing the flag pole outside of the gymnasium (Refer diagram below).



LEGEND:

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○ FLAGPOLE

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- 0555 hrs. Associations March on Flag orderly takes post.
- 0600 hrs. The Catafalque Party Mounts.
- 0605 hrs. The 1997 Service commences - this includes the Wreath Laying as per order of Service.
- 0630 hrs. Guard and Catafalque Party is Dismounted - the Guard, Catafalque Party and Associations March off to the Dismissal Area



0635 hrs.      Service Concludes.

0640 -      Normal Breakfast is served in the Gymnasium.  
0730 hrs.

0730 hrs.      Those members Sleeping Over are to return Stores to the Association's  
Stores Officer.

0830 hrs.      Association members and their families board the coach in Swan Street  
near the main gate of the Oakleigh Barracks for our Assembly Point in  
the City for the 1997 ANZAC Day March.

**ASSOCIATION'S BUS MARSHALL: REG COX.**

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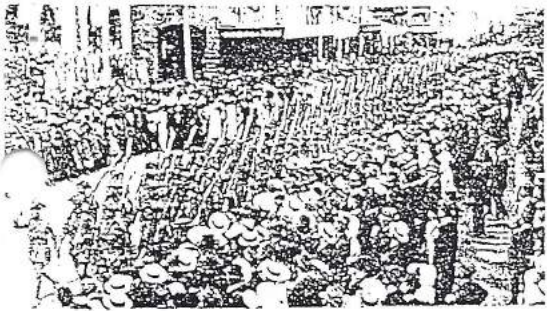
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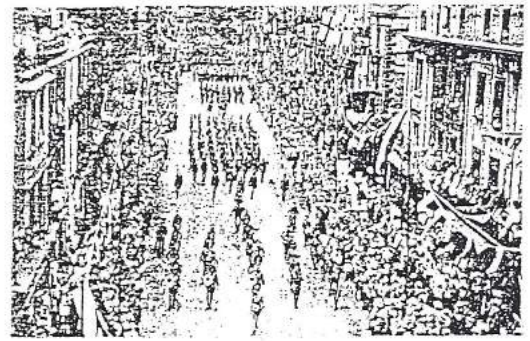




Australian Contingent in the March of Britain  
& Allied troops through London July 1919.



SHRINE OF  
REMEMBRANCE  
MELBOURNE



Departure of Australian 25th Bn marching  
through Brisbane before embarking in  
June 1915.

# ANZAC DAY MARCH

## MELBOURNE 1997

### PRE-MARCH

#### MET TRANSPORT:

For the Dawn Service at the Shrine, the MET will provide Free Travel, just show proof you are attending the Service (i.e. wear Medals, RSL Badge, etc).

#### 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 1997 March.

### 1997 ANZAC MARCH

#### FORM UP POINT:

EAST end of Flinders Street, between RUSSELL & EXHIBITION STREETS on the SOUTH side look for the Association's Banner.

#### FORM UP TIME:

1015 HRS.

STEP OFF TIME: 1050 hrs. (Approx).

#### MOUNTED TRANSPORT:

THERE IS LIMITED SEATING AVAILABLE IN JEEP TRANSPORT FOR TPI or ELEDERLY MEMBERS. SEATS MUST BE BOOKED THROUGH THE SECRETARY, JACK WESTERNHAGEN ON (03) 9888 3359

#### ASSOCIATION's MARCH MARSHALL:

JACK WESTERNHAGEN.

### AFTER THE MARCH

#### RAEME VIETNAM VETERANS:

Following the 1997 March, if uncertain where to enjoy a drink or two with your fellow Veterans, a cordial invitation is extended to you all to journey back to Oakleigh Barracks at 1318 North Road,



**AFTER THE MARCH - Cont.**

Oakleigh South (200 yds from the Huntingdale MET Railway Station on the Dandenong Line) and join in with the AEME/RAEME Association, or if you so wish, travel back on our coach.

**RETURN TRANSPORT  
TO OAKLEIGH  
BARRACKS:  
1215 HRS.  
(Approx)**

Members, their families and RAEME Vietnam Veterans please note - **the Association's Coach will be leaving from DOMAIN ROAD (SOUTH SIDE) BETWEEN DALLAS BROOKS DRIVE AND ST KILDA ROAD (MELWAYS Map Ref: 2L-2-A) OUTSIDE OF THE MELBOURNE GRAMMAR SCHOOL.**

**DISABLED MEMBERS ONLY, WHO TRAVELLED IN JEEP TRANSPORT DURING THE MARCH, ARE TO REMAIN OPPOSITE THE "SIMPSON AND HIS DONKEY STATUE" IN BIRDWOOD DRIVE AND THE BUS WILL COLLECT YOU.**

The above Transport Parking Rule is to be enforced by the Melbourne City Council over which the RSL has no control.

**AFTER THE MARCH:**

The AEME/RAEME Association members, families/friends and any RAEME Vietnam Veterans (if they so wish), are to assemble in the Oakleigh Barracks gymnasium for a light Lunch & Drinks afterwards.

**LIGHT LUNCH:**

A Light Lunch will be provided in the gymnasium in the form of Sandwiches and Finger Foods at a minimum cost by the Old Sappers Association.

**RETURN TO THE  
CITY TRANSPORT:  
1500 hrs.**

A free Bus Service will depart from Oakleigh Barracks to Spencer Street Bus Terminal direct. This will be the only Set Down Point.

**1730 hrs.**

**THE OAKLEIGH BARRACKS OFFICIALLY CLOSSES.**

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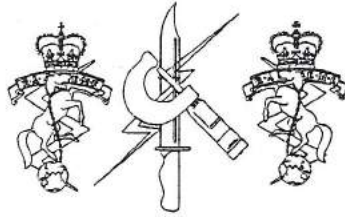
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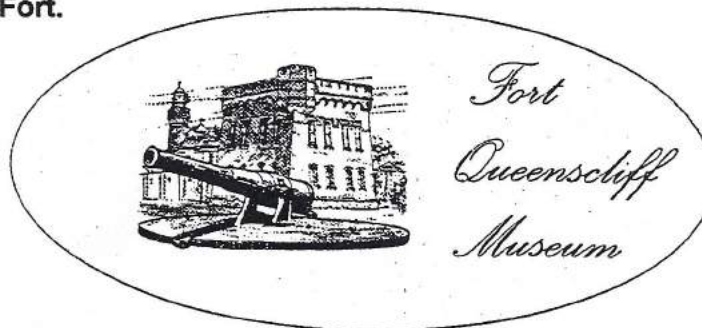


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**QUEENSCLIFF BY THE BAY/POINT NEPEAN NATIONAL PARK  
SPECIAL BUS TRIP - SUNDAY 18th MAY 1997**

**Tour Departs Oakleigh Barracks 8.00am Returns approximately 5.00pm**

We depart from Oakleigh Barracks and travel over the West Gate Bridge to Geelong via the Princes Highway. After leaving Geelong we join the Bellarine Highway and travel direct to Queenscliff and the Fort.

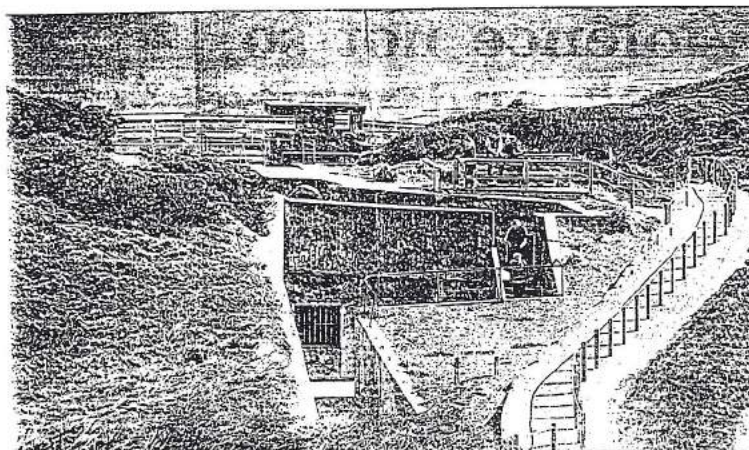


Fort Queenscliff is one of the State's finest heritage assets and Victoria's only coastal fortress which offers an excellent opportunity for you to acquaint yourself and friends with an intriguing part of our living history.

Fortifications at Queenscliff date back to 1859, when the Victorian Government decided to emplace guns on Shortland's Bluff to command the entrance to Port Phillip Bay. Shortland's Bluff is the land on which the Fort now stands. Construction of the Fort itself began in 1882 and it was armed with large muzzle-loading cannons and later breach-loading cannons, many of which is still on display.

Lunch, at the conclusion of the Fort Queenscliff Tour, will be served at the Royal Hotel.

**FERRY TO SORRENTO** - After lunch we board the 1.00pm Ferry to Sorrento where we travel onto Point Nepean National Park in the coach.





Fort Pearce, built in 1912 and deserted after WWII, was buried under 44 years of sand carried by the gale force winds that whip over the point, until a retired Black Rock couple dug it up with a bucket and shovel. As the sand began to shift, the fort's rooms were revealed - a Dressing Station, Artillery Store and Shelter Room.

Of the five fortresses, Fort Nepean is the biggest and the oldest. It was built in 1882.  
FORT RIDE - a "Tractor Train" transports people around the island to its many attractions.

COST OF THE RAEME SPECIAL BUS TRIP (incl. 5 Star Coach travel, Entrance Fees to both Fortifications, the ferry across to Sorento and a free Lunch)

All Members = \$36 : 50 per head (Includes Bus Subsidy) Non-Members = \$42 : 50 per head.

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### TOUR OF WAR CABINET ROOM - VICTORIA BARRACKS SUNDAY 15th JUNE 1997

## Cabinet follows in historic footsteps



A room with a view to the past and future ... Federal Cabinet meets in the historic war cabinet room at Victoria Barracks, Melbourne, for the first time since the end of WW2. Prime Minister Robert Menzies held the first war cabinet meeting there on September 27, 1939, just days after Australia declared war on Germany. It was the first time Australia formed a war cabinet dealing specifically with all war matters. The barracks was established in 1856 and served as Australia's principle military headquarters during the Boer War, WW1, WW2 and the Korean War. Photo by Denis Hersey.

A tour of the War Cabinet Room, Victoria Barracks has been organised commencing at 2.00pm. **SHARP!!!** Members and friends wishing to attend are to assemble outside the middle entrance to Victoria Barracks in St Kilda Road prior to the tour starting.

Members are requested to supply their own transport and parking is available in St Kilda Road or Coventry Street (ref. MELWAYS Map 2F-F12 to H 12 incl.)

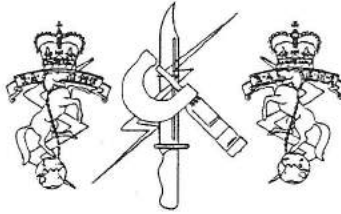
At the conclusion, those interested are invited to visit the location of the RAEME Corps Commemoration Tree on the St Kilda Road Side of the Shrine of Remembrance under the guidance of our Secretary.

This will be followed by a 'Social Drink' back at Oakleigh Barracks.

Those interested in attending either/both occasions please complete the enclosed Booking Notice.



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BOOKING NOTICE

I, ..... \* WILL  
(Given Name) (Surname) \* WILL NOT be attending the RAEME Special Bus Trip on

Sunday 18th May 1997 to Queenscliff/Point Nepean.

Number of Persons attending @ \$36 : 50 per head. ☐

Number of Persons attending @ \$42 : 50 per head. ☐

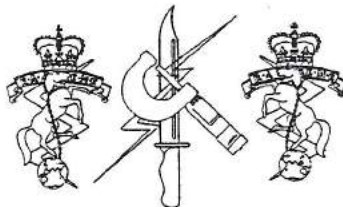
Please find enclosed \* ☐ Cheque/ \* ☐ Money Order for \$ : 00

Payment to be made to THE RAEME ASSOCIATION (VIC) INC.

Signed: ..... Date: .... / .... / 1997. Ph: No: .....

\* Delete what is not applicable.

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BOOKING NOTICE

I, ..... \*WILL  
(Given Name) (Surname) \* will not be visiting \*THE WAR CABINET ROOM/ \* The

RAEME COMMEMORATION TREE/ \* SOCIAL DRINKS at Oakleigh Barracks. on Sunday 18th June 1997.

Number of people attending: ☐

Signed: ..... Date: .... / .... / 1997. Phone No. ....

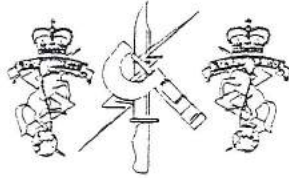
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## VIDEO ORDER FORM

To:  
The Convenor  
Historical Sub-Committee  
C/- Oakleigh Barracks  
1381 North Road,  
OAKLEIGH SOUTH VIC 3167

Please accept my Video Order(\*s) for

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | * | Qty | <input type="checkbox"/> | ANZAC DAY MARCH 1996   | \$15 : 00 ea.<br>(Incl. Postage) |
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|                          | * | Qty |                          | RAEME VETERANS RETURN TO BANDIANA<br>PILGRIMAGE 14th/15th SEPT 1996  | \$15 : 00 ea.<br>(incl. Postage) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | * | Qty | <input type="checkbox"/> | DEDICATION OF MEMORIAL STONE & MGO<br>BRANCH PLAQUE ALBERT PARK BARRACKS<br>24th NOV 1996  | \$20 : 00 ea.<br>(Incl. Postage) |

I enclose my ☐ \*CHEQUE ☐ \* MONEY ORDER for the sum of \$ : 00  
Payable to THE RAEME ASSOCIATION (Vic) INC.

(Please Print .....  
(Initials) (Surname)

Address: ..... Post Code: .....

Signature: ..... Date: .../.../ 19 ....











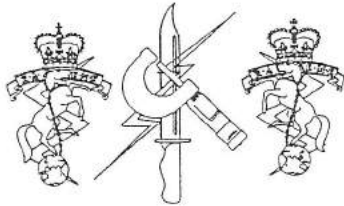
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