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241. BURIAL OF A SOLDIER IN BÉCOURT CEMETERY, AUGUST, 1916

The burial party consists of British and Australian troops. *Vol. III.*

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**REMEMBRANCE DAY OBSERVANCE SERVICE**  
**OAKLEIGH BARRACKS - Tuesday 11th NOVEMBER 1997**  
(Refer Flier enclosed)



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**THE PRESIDENT'S COLUMN**

Well, here it is November again - haven't the months slipped by! Since my last note to our Membership we have had our Annual General Meeting and from that meeting, it seems to me, you, our members; are quite happy with the way my Committee are managing your Association.

We had a couple of changes in the C.O.M. Don Brown who is not very well and Jack Tusler both retiring, Gus Allen and Barry Ridgway filling those vacancies.

However, we do have some problems in the Committee and they are these - Aranka has agreed to stay on as Treasurer to coach a new Treasurer. Aranka had an operation on her knee and recently had a bad fall breaking her left elbow. Barry Ridgway, whom I was hoping would be able to take over the Treasurer's position has been in hospital for an operation and is still very much on the Sick List, so we do badly need somebody to take up the Treasurer's post as soon as possible.

There was a member who came forward after the 1997 A.G.M. and asked about the Treasurer's position which I thought we had covered at the time, and did not take down his name, but as you can see the position has changed dramatically since the A.G.M., so if that member, or any other member is still interested in the Association Treasurer's position we would be most interested in talking to them.

Your C.O.M. travelled to Bendigo for their September Bi-Monthly meeting and met with a number of our Provincial Representatives. At this meeting it was moved that we hold two 'Out of Town'

**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 out what's happening in and around THE RAEME ASSOCIATION, or in fact RAEME? Through 'THE LIGHTNING FLASH' of course.



meetings to publicised the dates and invite members residing in that location to join us as Observers, to be followed by a Social Evening to enable members to meet with their C.O.M. members.

I would like some comments from the membership at large with regards to this idea.

PETER CARTLEDGE  
PRESIDENT



#### THE SECRETARY'S CORNER

The 7th A.G.M. was held as usual on the last Sunday in August.

The following were in attendance:

Ordinary Members - P. Cartledge, P. Allen, A. Illia, J. Westernhagen, J. Duncan, J. Ashworth, H. Lowther, G. Riddle, E. Collins (LM), H. Chamberlain (LM), B. Challons (LM), K. Kermonde (LM), T. Money (LM), D. Brazier (LM), G. Maggs (LM) M. Drechsler, R. Hope, R. Foorde, J. Stephens, J. Lee, L. Bailey, B. Holmes, B. Hunter, J. Wilson, G. Hepburn, N. Charter, G. Spiteri, R. Budgen, G. Allen, R. Cox, P. Cook, J. Miller, M. Moore, J. Edelsten and E. Butler.

Associate Members - A. Kermonde, M. Long, S. Foord, L. Lee, H. Bailey, L. Cartledge, T. Brazier, R. Cox, J. Parisi, A. Cook and N. Maggs. In all 28 Ordinary Members, 7 Life Members, 12 Associate Members and 2 Guests - TOTAL of 49.

The previous year's Executive were once again returned to Office for 1997/98, and we gained two new Committee Members, Gus Allen and Barry Ridgway.

A 'Dutch Auction' was held in Classroom 2 at the conclusion of the A.G.M. where certain items of memorabilia was auctioned

off and the amount of \$150.00 was raised to be used for the upkeep of historical items on display at Oakleigh Barracks.

The usual B.B.Q. Lunch provided by the Association followed thereafter and an enjoyable social afternoon was had by all who attended.

C.O.M. & PROVINCIAL REPRESENTATIVES MEETING, BENDIGO - A historical meeting was held at 15 Tpt Sqn RACT Passchendale Barracks Trg Depot in Mollison St Bendigo on Sat 27.9.'97 with 17 members and their partners attending. At this meeting, the President P. Cartledge invested those Provincial Representatives present with their Association Provincial Representative Name Badges and each received a set of Business Cards. At the conclusion of this meeting a Social Evening was held at the Kangaroo Flat Hotel. Members and their partners slept over in the Barracks and came together for breakfast the next morning before departing for their respective homes.

REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE TUESDAY 11th NOVEMBER '97 OAKLEIGH BARRACKS - Members and their families are cordially invited to attend a Remembrance Day Observance Service to be conducted by The RAEME Assocn (Vic) Inc. and The Old Sappers Association. This will be followed by light refreshments in the gymnasium after the Service (Refer Flier enclosed).

ANNUAL RAEME DINNER DANCE SAT 15.11.'97 - Members and their partners are given a final reminder to patronize this Annual end of the year event. (Refer Flier enclosed).

WIDOWS AND LIFE MEMBERS LUNCHEON SUNDAY 22ND MARCH 1998 - Once again the Association will be hold a Widows and Life Members Luncheon at Oakleigh Barracks on the abovementiond date. Members and their families are cordially invited to support this special event. (Refer Flier enclosed).



**ASSOCIATION STATEMENT OF PURPOSES & RULES** - If any member has not yet received his copy of the above booklet, the same may be obtained from the Secretary upon receipt of \$1.00 in Postage Stamps from the member concerned.

JACK WESTERNHAGEN  
SECRETARY



#### **SPECIAL EVENTS SUB-COMMITTEE**

Since my last report, we have had the A.G.M. followed by a B.B.Q. Lunch, which I'm sure everyone who attended enjoyed the fellowship of this social event. Your C.O.M. met at Bendigo in September and enjoyed an evening meal at the Kangaroo Flat Hotel, followed by sleeping overnight at the Depot and enjoyed a hearty breakfast the next morning before our returned trip home. I would like to thank Dave & Marilyn Field for their help in organising this venue and taking the member's partners on a tour of Bendigo whilst our meeting took place. Our thanks also to 15 Tpt Sqn Depot Staff for the use of their Depot.

As it was my wife Leonie's birthday on the Sunday, a special 'thank you' to Marilyn Field for baking her a Birthday Cake.

On going to press, we are about to travel to Bandiana for our last trip to the old RAEME Trg Centre Sergeant's Mess before it closes forever in November and becomes a Day Centre for the Bandiana Area.

#### **COMING EVENTS -**

11.11.'97, there will be a Remembrance Service at Oakleigh Barracks together with the Depot Staff and The Old Sappers' Association followed by a light luncheon.

**15.11.'97 - ANNUAL RAEME DANCE OAKLEIGH BARRACKS** - We have had a very poor response to this function. Please let me know if we are going ahead with this Dance or do I cancel it (which I do not wish to do), but I cannot run this Dance at a loss!

**30.11.'97 FAMILY FARM DAY** - At Jindivick North, the home of Bill and Coral Slegers. This is at a beautiful setting and don't forget to bring a container for some fresh milk.

**22.3.1998 - WIDOWS & LIFE MEMBER'S LUNCHEON, OAKLEIGH BARRACKS**  
(Refer Flier enclosed)

**28/29.3.1998 The Old Sapper's Association Bus Trip** - To be held as a week-end trip to Wangaratta and Benalla by bus visiting the Air Museum and 'Weary' Dunlop's statue.

**RETURN TO CANBERRA** - By popular demand we are looking at a week-end Bus Trip to Canberra together with The Old Sappers Assocn as it is now nearly over 4 years since the ceremony of 'The Entombment of The Unknown Australian Soldier' was held.

Please let me know if you are interested in these functions.

PETER CARTLEDGE  
CONVENOR



**U R G E N T!!!!**

**WE NEED A TREASURER**

(See President's Report)





HELPING  
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HOSPITAL/HOME  
VISITATIONS

### WELFARE & BETTERMENT SUB-COMMITTEE

Hubert MILLS - was visited at his home after he had been hospitalized for Aneurysm Repair, quite a successful operation. Hubert has healed rapidly and was allowed to come home. He is in good spirits and well on the way to recovery.

Ronald WATERS - I visited Ron in the Austin Hospital, Heidelberg Rehabilitation Centre. He was admitted for a By-Pass operation on 25.8.'97. The operation was quite successful and had his walking practice the day I visited him, then back to bed. His recovery is progressing quite well. Ron's wife was visiting him at the same time and was very appreciative of the lift home with me.

Donald BROWN - I rang Don on 4.9.'97 who has had a recurrence of his medical complaint and apparently cracked 2 ribs, also some back bone upset.

Wilfred GILL - I rang Wilfred on 18.9.'97 who has had a Hernia operation and is now feeling quite well again.

Jim WYLIE - I rang Jim on 18.9.'97 who has now left hospital and is on medication, the heart is O.K.

Harold CHAMBERLAIN - is now residing at the Berwick Village Hostel. If any member wishes to speak with him, his phone is ☎ (03) 9769 9491.

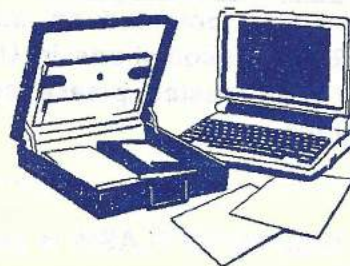
Barry RIDGWAY - I contacted Barry on 21.9.'97 who has had a serious operation for Cancer of the Bowel. Barry has attended The Peter McCallum Clinic three times in the last week. He manages to do

some walking exercises but not to far. I will contact him again this week.

Aranka ILLIA - Aranka fell off a trestle ladder on Monday 6.10.'97 whilst painting the eaves under the roof and fell on her left elbow, breaking it, resulting in pins and screws having to be inserted in her arm. Our Secretary provided transport for Mrs. Illia from home to the hospital to visit Aranka whilst she was hospitalised. Aranka came out of The Dandenong Hospital last Tuesday 14.10.'97 and is back home again slowly recovering but still in pain.

Good health to all those recovering in Hospital or at home.

REX COX, WELFARE OFFICER



### MEMBERSHIP SUB-COMMITTEE

A cordial welcome is extended to the following new members:

ORDINARY MEMBERS - Lee Magnusson (313), Robert Matejic (312), Bruce Scott (315), Gordon Young (314).

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS - Julie Parisi (A133/2) and Margaret Long (A 264).

WE NEED YOU NOW! We urgently need each and every member to make recruiting of at least one new member their immediate and personal responsibility.

JACK WESTERNHAGEN  
CONVENOR





### EDITORIAL

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

If you are not receiving your copy of 'The 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.

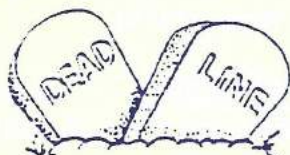
When you change your place of residence, please let us know your new address.

**REME ASSOCIATION BRANCHES** - The Secretary has now obtained an updated copy of all REME Associations in U.K. If any member is interested please contact the Secretary for details.

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AIR YOUR VIEWS

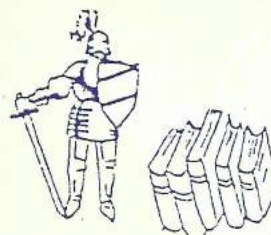
SHARE YOUR NEWS!



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

**13th MARCH 1998**

JACK WESTERNHAGEN, EDITOR



### HISTORICAL SUB-COMMITTEE

#### STANDING ON CEREMONY - THE CATAFALQUE PARTY

A Catafalque is a raised structure supporting a stand, upon which a coffin is placed for display before burial. People may then file past and pay their last respects to the deceased person.

In times gone by, a watch or vigil was mounted around the coffin to ensure that the body was not interfered with while it laid in state.

Today, vigils, or Catafalque Parties, are mounted as a sign of respect around personages as they lie in state and around memorials on occasions of remembrance such as ANZAC Day (it could be said that memorial is a 'symbolic coffin for those who have fallen').

The origin of the tradition of the Resting on Arms Reverse is lost in time; however, it was used by a Commonwealth soldier at the execution of Charles I in 1649 (the soldier was, however, duly punished for his symbolic gesture towards the King's death) and it is recorded that at the funeral of Marlborough in 1722 the troops carried out a formal Reverse-Arms drill, which was specially invented for the service as a unique sign of respect to the great soldier.

The modern trend of sticking rifles upside down into the ground as a temporary memorial to a fallen soldier (with a helmet or hat over the butt) originated with the introduction of tanks. When a soldier fell during an advance, his mate would pick up the rifle and stick it into the ground by the bayonet as a marker to indicate to the tanks that a wounded or dead soldier lay



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there. This way, armoured vehicles would not accidentally run over the body.

WO1 C.J. JACOBSON, RSM CEREMONIAL  
and PROTOCOL

### **'I WAS THERE'**

by Les Bailey Mship No. 180

The Government of Victoria's 82nd Anniversary of ANZAC Day Luncheon was held at the A.N.Z. Pavilion Theatre Building, Victorian Arts Centre, Melbourne on the 18.4.1997 in the presence of His Excellency, The Governor of Victoria, The Honourable Richard E. McGarvie.

There was approximately 250 guests, mostly 80 years old and the oldest being 103 years old.

Entertainment was supplied by a section of the RAAF Band. Tables of 8 were arranged with the flags of Australia, Victoria and New Zealand; and settings for a 3-course meal, each table had a table Host, plenty of drinks were available - hard or soft.

The official party entered at 12.35 pm, as guests rose in welcome, the National Anthem was played, the Loyal Toast was made and the Ode was read by the State President of the Victorian RS & L, Mr. Bruce Ruxton. A speech of welcome was made by the Premier of Victoria Mr. Kennett.

The luncheon was served by an army of waiters. The menu was as follows:

Cream of Chicken & Sweet Corn Soup  
Tisdall Semillon Chardonnay  
Fillet of Blue Eye topped with  
Breadcrumbs and Chive Beurse Blanc,  
steamed Pumpkin, creamed Mashed  
Potato, Beans and Tomato Concasse.  
Tisdall Shiraz Cabernet  
Individual English Trifle with Vanilla Ice  
Cream, Tea, Coffee and Chocolates.

A very enjoyable meal and pleasant conversation with fellow guests came to an end about 14.30 pm.

I take this opportunity to thank the C.O.M. of The RAEME Association (Vic) Inc. for my nomination to attend this excellent function and a special vote of thanks to John Lee for supplying transport.

### **ARMY LOGISTIC TRAINING CENTRE** The Centre for Training Excellence



#### **Unit Emblem**

The symbolism of the emblem is as follows:

The Crown - Allegiance to the Nation

The Laurel - Mark of Excellence

The Geared Wheel - Logistic Training

The Cross - Strength of Character

The Crossed Swords - The Profession of  
Arms

The Flame - The Torch of knowledge

#### **Unit Motto**

'Excel with Honour'

#### **UNIT HISTORY**

There is no doubt that the formation of the ALTC is an important and exciting development for training with the Army. However, it is important not to lose sight of the part played by the individual Schools throughout the past. Soldiers trained by each of these Schools have long had a



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important that this reputation be remembered and that the heritage is carried into the ALTC. The history of each School needs to be maintained. In conjunction with respective Heads of Corps, a Working Group was established to retain the links between the ALTC and its predecessors.

#### UNIT LOCATIONS

The following titles will be used to redesignate areas: Army College of TAFE at Bonegilla will be redesignated as ALTC Latchford Barracks. RAAOC Centre at South Bandiana will be redesignated as ALTC Gaza Ridge Barracks. RAEME Trg Centre at North Bandiana will be redesignated as ALTC North Bandiana. Army School of Transport and Army Catering Centre at Puckapunyal will be redesignated as ALTC Tobruk Barracks. School of Army Health at Portsea will be redesignated as ALTC Norris Barracks.

#### FORMATION OF THE ARMY LOGISTICS TRAINING CENTRE - 1 DECEMBER 1995

The formation of the Army Logistic Training Centre on 1 December 1995 marked a significant and exciting step in the development of the Australian Army.

#### WHY FORM THE ALTC?

A number of studies since 1981 when the Chief of the General Staff Advisory Committee first addressed the issue, have pointed consistently to the need for better logistic training. In particular, most studies concluded that more effective logistic training is essential, given that there have been major changes in the provision of logistic support.

To meet these changes, the ALTC has been formed and will provide the Army with better logisticians who have the skills to address these changes and who can conduct the modern business of logistics; that is, provide support at the least cost, on time and in the right place to win the land battle. The ALTC will provide better and broader logistic training at a lower

#### VISION

- The changing strategic environment and increasing emphasis on logistic self-reliance;
- significant changes in combat service support and the introduction of Brigade Administrative Support Battalions;
- the application of integrated logistic support in the Materiel Acquisition Cycle;
- the establishment of logistic complexes
- the implementation of fleet management;
- the emphasis on fast distribution rather than inventory management and warehousing;
- the increasing emphasis on commercial support;
- the introduction of new technology; and
- the devolution of responsibilities for resource management.

The challenge for the Army Logistic Training Centre is to quickly establish itself to meet the logistic training requirement; that is, to produce innovative and skilful logisticians who can adapt to change and employ their knowledge of logistic support from the strategic to tactical levels.

(EXTRACT FROM JUNE 1996 ARMY ORDNANCE MAGAZINE..... EDITOR)



**U R G E N T!!!**

**WE NEED A TREASURER**

(See President's Report)



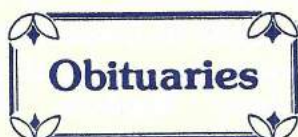


Colonel Harold Ron BYRON - 16.9.1997  
 Arthur CLARKE - 19.9.1997

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

We extend our sincerest sympathy to Gwenn, Jean and respective families of both members.

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



Colonel Ken RAWNSLEY - 15. 2.1997  
 Colonel Roy BARRETT - 6. 6.1997  
 Maj Bill PRENTER - 8.10.1997

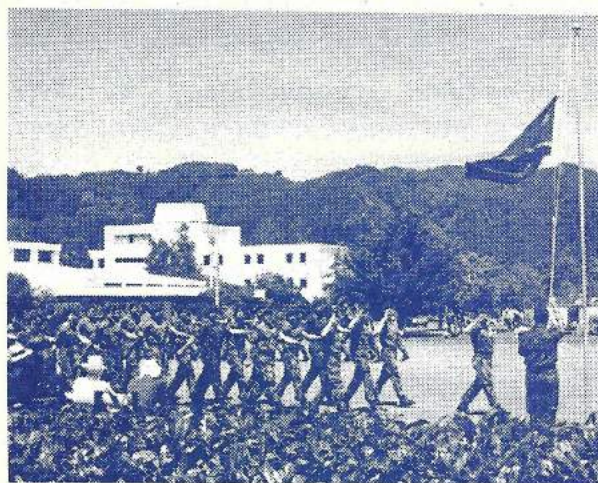
The President and Members join ranks in extending their deepest sympathy to the families of the above Departed Comrades.

Gone, but not forgotten,  
 As we think of you constantly.

#### RAEME LOSES A SISTER

December 9, 1996 was a sad day in the history of EME. That was the day that the Royal New Zealand Corps of Electrical and Mechanical Engineers (RNZEME) was disbanded. RNZEME has a history which

1946, and the Royal title was granted in 1947. RNZEME has over the years had very strong ties with both REME and RAEME.



The RNZEME flag is lowered for the last time, Trentham Camp, WELLINGTON

The process of disbanding commenced as a result of a 1992 study, after which a number of Logistic Regiments were formed. These consisted of EME, Ordnance and Transport subunits, somewhat similar to the Australian BASBs. In 1995 the NZ Army CGS appointed a study team to look into the introduction of integrated logistic support in the NZ Army. As a result, CGS Directive 07/96 dated April 1996 directed the disbanding of RNZCT, RNZAOC and RNZEME, to form the RNZ Army Logistic Regiment (RNZALR). December 9, 1996 was the sad day when the three Corps flags were lowered for the last time, with one of the major parades occurring at Trentham Camp in Wellington. Trentham is the traditional home of RNZEME with a high EME population due to the presence of the Trade Training School, the Base Workshop and the Directorate of Technical Services (similar to MEA).

With the formation of the RNZALR the logistic support units were also renamed. RNZALR consists of 4 Logistic Battalions, a Base Logistic Group, a Force Support Company and a Transport Company.



## LATE NEWS.

### RETURN TO BANDIANA 25/26.10.1997

31 members accompanied by their partners and family members once again left Melbourne on 25.10.'97 by luxury Coach, (some members and their partners made their own way) for the journey back to the old RAEME Trg Centre Sergeant's Mess for a Buffet Social evening and a B.B.Q. Breakfast on 26.10.'97.

At 7.30pm we all assembled in the RAEME Sergeant's Mess to await the arrival of our guests Colonel Bruce Amor (DEME-A) and his wife Diane, Colonel Colin Sharp CSC, Commandant ALTC Trg Centre/Bandiana Area Commander and his wife Sally, WO1 Craig Jones, RSM ALTC Centre and PMC of the Mess with his wife Rhonda, Laurie O'Brien representing RAEME Association NSW Inc. and his wife Elaine, Colonel John Lee, Chairman RAEME Association (Vic) Inc. Trustees and Peter Cartledge, President of the RAEME Association (Vic) Inc, Mine Host and his wife Leonie. Peter Cartledge then called upon Geoff Maggs (a Past President of the Vic Branch Association and our No. 1 Life Member) to say Grace.

Also in attendance at this function was two of our new members Robert Matejcic and his wife Genny, Lee Magnussen and his wife Fiona, a welcomed attendance by Estelle Hollingsworth, the widow of one of our members and 'Tiny' Brierley and his wife Shirley from the NSW Branch.

A brief talk was given by Colonel Sharp on the ALTC Centre during which he paid a compliment to Colonel Amor for his help since assuming command of the ATLC. Colonel Sharp also made mention of the CRAFTSMAN Statue soon to be erected (photographs of this statute was circulated during the evening). Our President, Peter Cartledge prior to calling upon Colonel

brief paid a special 'THANK YOU' to Brian Tingwell and his wife Elaine for their attendance and in particular for Brian's efforts as co-ordinator for this memorable evening's function.

A first class Buffet had been prepared by the ALTC Sergeant's Mess Catering Staff which was thoroughly enjoyed all by.

Who could forget Laurie Dunn's early morning call at 5.30am Sunday morning 26.10.'97 knocking of the doors on the first level crying out 'If I'm awake - everyone should be awake'. If we could have got hold of him homicide would have been committed by all. Following a delightful B.B.Q. Breakfast, we were given a conducted and very informative tour of the new Tank Workshop by Sgt MacDonald, showing us the process for refurbishing Tanks, APCs and APC Recovery Vehicles. Laurie O'Brien and your Secretary Jack, reminisced about the days they both served at the old Bandiana Area Wksp, (later redesignated No. 4 Shop and finally Tank Wksp) as Cfns before going to 20 NS Trg Bn, Puckapunyal as Corps Instructors. This was followed by a look at the new reorganised Army Museum Bandiana worthy of a visit by anyone passing through the Wodonga/Bandiana area. Members of the NSW Branch then bid their fond farewells and the rest of us continued onto Campbell's Winery, Lunch at Benalla and finally homeward bound to Melbourne.

QUOTATION OF THE YEAR.... by Laurie Dunn at Spencer Street Station, 'ONCE PEOPLE MEET ME, THEY NEVER FORGET ME'. (I wonder why? EDITOR)

MEMBERSHIP LISTING - once again this request has been made by some members. If any member does not wish his name and address published would you please contact the Secretary, as it is intended to produce a short Listing by name and Suburb ONLY in the April edition of the LIGHTNING FLASH, full details will be



## THE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE ...



Colonel BRUCE AMOR

## MEMORIAL TO THE CRAFTSMAN

For many years our Corps has considered the development of a memorial which encapsulates and commemorates the contribution of the Craftsman to our Nation. Over recent years proposals have included the incorporation of a RAEME memorial into the planned rebuild of the Chapel at North Bandiana through to the construction of an Honour Wall at the entrance to North Bandiana. For a variety of reasons these proposals have not progressed past the initial planning stages.

Other Logistic Corps have established memorials. RAAOC have developed a memorial Garden comprising a pond, rose garden and seating in an area opposite the Army Museum Bandiana (AMB). RACT have a wooden wagon wheel set into a bluestone wall. This memorial is presently located at Puckapunyal but with the imminent disestablishment of the Corps Directorates (1 Dec '97) and the relocation of the RACT Museum to AMB the RACT has taken the decision to relocate its memorial to a site adjacent to the RAAOC Memorial Garden by the end of this year.

CENTREPIECE OF THE MEMORIAL

Because the long term future of the Corps is not assured I would be keen to not 'date' the memorial by using the Corps badge as

a centrepiece. Instead I would like to see the memorial focus on the enduring and robust nature of our 'Craftsman' in a kneeling position designed along similar lines to the figurine in the 3 MD WO's & SNCO's Craftsman of the Year Award. The statue would be life size, and to provide eye to eye contact to compensate for the kneeling figure, it could be raised on a rock garden approximately 3-4m in diameter. If the decision is taken to incorporate the Corps badge into the memorial I would strongly recommend that it be displayed in a much less prominent position than the statue.

I believe the ideal site for the Craftsman Memorial to be adjacent to the RAAOC and RACT Memorials and opposite the AMB.

Costings

Maj Doug Gammon, who is the Project Officer for the memorial, has already visited the sculptor (Dorathe Saaghy at Landborough, VIC) who produced the 3MD trophy. Dorathe has produced a number of statues and statuettes for military establishments and has established a sound reputation within the Army community. Dorathe has provided the following indicative costings for the memorial:

- a. Sculpture - \$10,000.
- b. Foundry - \$28,000, and
- c. Landscaping - \$ 5,000.

Timings

Dorathe has advised that sculpting will take approximately 2 months' while we should plan for 3 months to cast the mould. Landscaping could commence as soon as possible to allow trees, shrubs and ground covers to establish. It may be possible to hold the dedication of the memorial to co-incide with the 50 Years of Apprentices celebration over the Australia Day Weekend in 1998. It is estimated that over 4000 ex-RAEME members may attend this event. If we want to target this



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celebration then time will be of the essence.

### Donations

We will be accepting donations towards the cost of the statue. Names of donors will be published in the Craftsman magazine and included in a time capsule that will be set into the footing of the memorial.

### NOTE:

Donations towards the memorial at this stage should be forwarded to:

The Secretary, 3 MD RAEME Corps  
Committee C/- Maintenance Engineering  
Agency P.O. Box 4955WW Melbourne Vic  
3001. Attention: Capt. Richard Legge.  
JACK WESTERNHAGEN, EDITOR



Let us store  
a little warmth  
and gentleness away  
Let us save  
a bit of Christmas  
for another day.



Reg. Contractor 187  
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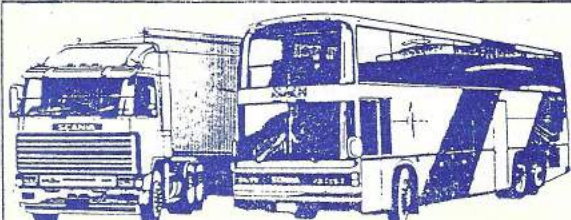
## Leopet Plumbers

Contractor Authority 1965 Licence 10230  
Props. Leonie and Peter Cartledge

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From your Management Committee members, and our Sponsors, we wish you all a very Happy, Prosperous Christmas, safe holidays, and a bright forthcoming New Year full of happiness and good health to each of you for 1998.





Burial of a soldier in Becourt Cemetery, August 1916  
The Burial Party consists of British and Australian troops.



## REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE OAKLEIGH BARRACKS 11th NOVEMBER 1997

### GENERAL:

A Remembrance Day Service will be observed at the Oakleigh Barracks 1318 North Road, SOUTH OAKLEIGH ON TUESDAY 11TH NOVEMBER 1997 to commemorate not only those who served in all wars but especially to remember those who served in WW II and conflicts thereafter.

### PARTICIPATION:

All ARA, Gres Personnel, The Old Sappers, RAAOC and RAEME (Vic) Inc. Associations, their family and friends are invited to attend this service.

### DRESS:

Dress for visitors is neat Civilian attire. Service members both ARA and Gres may wear Civilian attire, but are encouraged to wear Ceremonial Parade Dress, IAW Refence C.

### ON ARRIVAL:

Participants are asked to make their own way to the Parade Ground at the rear of the gynasium where the normal ANZAC Day Dawn Service is conducted.



**TIMINGS:**

ARRIVAL OF PARTICIPANTS	- 1000 Hrs.
CATAFALQUE PARTY FORMS UP	- 1030 Hrs.
SERVICE COMMENCES	- 1050 Hrs.
CATAFALQUE PARTY MOUNTS	- 1050 Hrs.
LAST POST	- 1059 Hrs. (All ranks in uniform not on parade or part of a formed body of troops, are to salute).
SILENT TRIBUTE	- 1100 Hrs. (2 Minute Silence).
REVEILLE	- 1102 Hrs. (Salute as for Last Post).
NATIONAL ANTHEM	- 1103 Hrs. (Advance Australia Fair).
CATAFALQUE PARTY MARCH OFF	- 1105 Hrs.

**WREATH LAYING:**

Wreaths will be laid by: Commanding Officer 22 Construction Regt or RAE Representative.

Commanding Officer 4 B.A.S.B. or 4 B.A.S.B Representative.

The Old Sappers Association.

The RAAOC Association.

The RAEME (Vic) Inc. Association.

Any individual person.

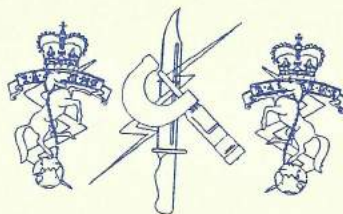
**REFRESHMENTS:**

At the conclusion of the Remembrance Service at approximately 1115 Hrs., The Old Sappers Bar will be opened on the day and a Light Buffet will be provided in the gymnasium.

**CAR PARKING:**

Participants private vehicles may be parked within Oakleigh Barracks area and are asked to observe directions for parking by the Traffic Attendants on the day.





THE RAEME ASSOCIATION (Victoria) INCORPORATED

**WIDOWS AND LIFE MEMBER'S LUNCHEON**  
**SUNDAY 22nd MARCH 1998**

Oakleigh Barracks  
1318 North Road,  
OAKLEIGH SOUTH

**BOOKING SLIP**

To:  
Peter Cartledge  
8 Neera Court,  
GLEN WAVERLEY VIC 3150

I, ..... ☎ (.....) .....  
(Please Print Name in Full)

**\*WILL/\*WILL NOT be attending the 1998 Association's Widows and Life Member's Luncheon on SUNDAY 22nd March 1998.**

**DRESS:    Neat Casual**

**TIMING:    11.30 am for 12.00 MIDDAY**

I will be accompanied by ☐ Guests @ \$15.00 Per Head.

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

Enclosed please find my cheque (made payable to 'THE RAEME ASSOCIATION')

for \$ ..... : 00 being the total amount thank you.

\* Please Delete as applicable.

**RSVP 9th March 1998**





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# WIDOWS AND LIFE MEMBERS LUNcheon

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AEME/RAEME ASSOCIATION (Victoria) INCORPORATED

# 1997 ANNUAL DANCE



Oakleigh Barracks  
1381 North Road,  
OAKLEIGH SOUTH

BOOKING SLIP



To:  
Peter Cartledge  
8 Neera Court,  
GLEN WAVERLEY VIC 3150

I, ..... ☎ (.....) .....  
(Please Print Name in Full)

\*WILL/WILL NOT be attending the 1997 Annual Dance on Saturday  
15th NOVEMBER 1997.

DRESS: NEAT CASUAL

TIMINGS: DINNER 5.30 pm for 6.00 pm.

DANCE 7.30 pm - 11.30pm

I will be accompanied by ☐ Guests @ \$25.00 Per Person.

Signature: ..... Date: .... /.... /1997

Enclosed please find my cheque (made payable to THE RAEME ASSOCIATION  
for \$ ..... : ..... being the total amount thank you.

\* Please delete as applicable.



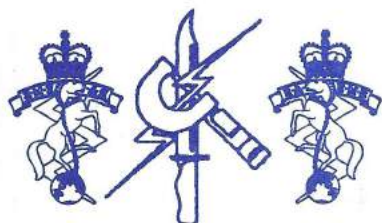
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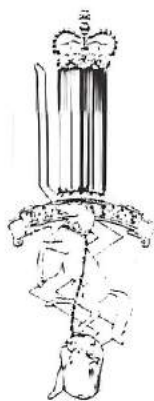
**The Editor, THE LIGHTNING FLASH  
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The Convenor  
The RAEME Association (Vic)  
Historical Committee  
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GLEN IRIS VIC 3146

Please accept my Video Order(s) for

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I enclose my \* ☐ Cheque      \* ☐ Money Order for the sum of \$.....

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Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date / /19

(Please Print Initials and Surname): \_\_\_\_\_

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