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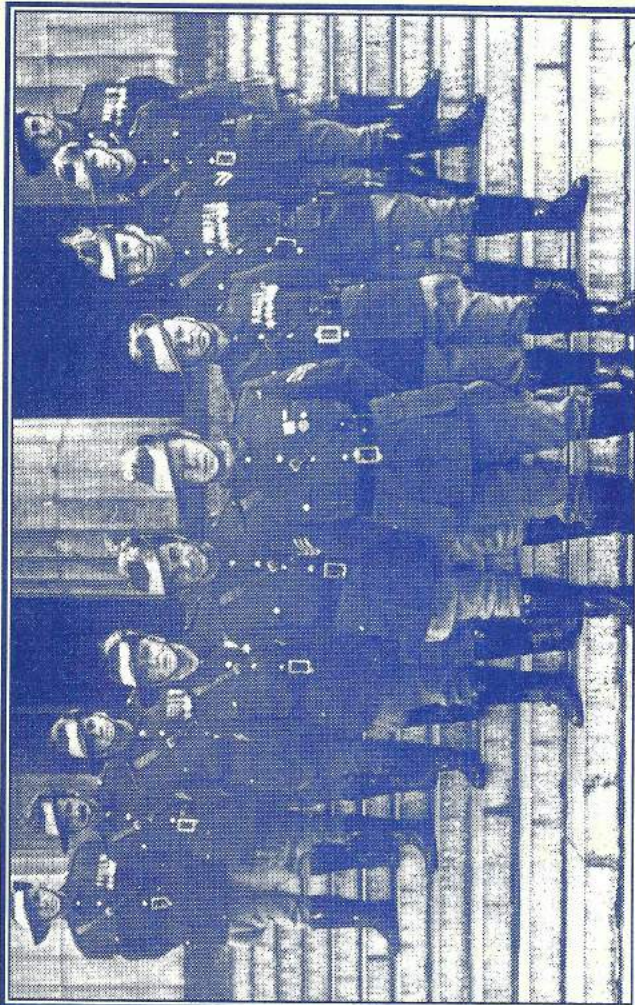
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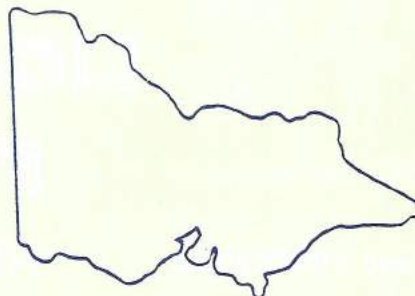
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This magazine is produced by the members, for the members, and is not to be solely one-way communications.

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



THE PRESIDENT's COLUMN

Dear members, Here we are into April again and we are looking forward to our Annual Reunion. I do hope to meet you ALL at Oakleigh Barracks on 24th April '98 at 7.00pm, and I invite you all to the quite moving Oakleigh Barracks Dawn Service on ANZAC Day at 6.00am. A little 'something' before the Service and the 'Gunfire' Breakfast afterwards.

Sadly I must report the loss of several stalwart members over the past few months (see P. 10).

Your Committee have established a 'Phone Tree' by which to inform all members of the Committee, Trustees and our Provincial Representatives as to the demise of any member or their partner and I ask those members to please contact any other members they know who would like to be informed. As you will realise, it is impossible to contact all members.

Would you please ask your N.O.K. if they would contact either our Secretary, the Welfare Officer (Reg Cox) or myself on any emergency occurring to you so that we can set the 'Phone Tree' in motion.

May I take this opportunity to thank our Welfare Officer Reg Cox and his wife Roma for their ongoing kind and selfless help to our members and ask if you know of any member who needs their attention to contact them. You will find Reg, Jack and my phone numbers elsewhere in this and all copies of the 'Flash'.

We have proceeded with the Memorial Plaque for the RAEME Vietnam Veterans

and it should be in place for the forthcoming Dawn Service.

The latest on our Weapon Display, they were removed from the walls in the passageways at Oakleigh Barracks and placed in 1 Petrol Platoon's Armoury after a Security Check of the Depot for security until they are rendered innocuous under the latest EMEIs which is underway at this moment by the Directorate Maintenance Engineering (A).

Under the proposed amendments to the Fire Arms Act 1996, we hope to be in a position when we will be able to display the weapons in the near future in our own right.

See you all on 24th April '98.

Regards

PETER CARTLEDGE
PRESIDENT



THE SECRETARY's CORNER

A SAD NOTE TO END 1997 - On 30.12.'97, our old Comrade-In-Arms Harold (Moonglow) Chamberlain (LM) passed quietly away and was buried on 2.1.1998. His funeral was attended by Peter Cartledge (President), Max Moore, Douglas Brazier (LM) and his wife Thelma, Ed Collins (LM) and his wife May (both friends of Harolds of long standing), Lindsay McCoubrie (son of the late Les McCoubrie (LM) and representing his mother Lotte), George and Joan Riddle and myself. At the request of the family, our Association was asked to participate in the Service, at which I delivered a final Tribute to Harold on behalf of you, our members.

AEME/RAEME Association ACT - In the December 1997 Edition of 'THE RAEME CRAFTSMAN' on P.3 it was announced that the AEME/RAEME Branch is now formed and can be contacted by using the web site address <http://users.netinfo.com.au/wedd/raeme.html>. The site can also be found using keywords AEME or RAEME in the Alta Vista internet search engine.

As N.S.W. and Vic Branches will be in ACT during the 'Queens Birthday' weekend, it has been suggested that all three Branches could meet socially that weekend. During the 50th Anniversary Celebrations of the Army Apprentices School which I attended I had an opportunity to speak to some of the AEME/RAEME Assoc (SA) members present and some of them too will be joining with us to make this a memorable weekend.

REME ASSOC, SOUTH AUSTRALIA BRANCH - The first Standard of the REME Assoc, South Australia Branch journeyed from the United Kingdom to Australia and was presented to Mr. Fairbass Chairman of that branch at a REME Corps Birthday Lunch at the Saracens Hotel, Adelaide. A near disaster occurred when, on handing over the Standard to the Chairman, the finial struck the ceiling, luckily no damage was done to the ceiling during the proceedings.

AEME/RAEME (S.A. Division) have made contact with the REME Branch and invited their membership to the RAEME Birthday Social on 18.11.'97 at Warradale Barracks, Marion. S.A.

ASSISTANT TREASURER - Following our request in the November edition of 'THE LIGHTNING FLASH' for a Treasurer, one of our new members John Ashworth has volunteered his services to fill this position. On behalf of the President and members, we welcome John onto your C.O.M. as the replacement for Aranka Illia who has served this Association faithfully over the past 6 years.

RAEME CRAFTSMAN MEMORIAL STATUE
On P. 11 of the November '97 edition of 'THE FLASH' details of the proposed Memorial was announced. Members are asked to keep **SATURDAY 24th OCTOBER 1998** open for the Dedication at Bandiana. Further details will be released in the August edition as they are finalised.

Any member wishing to make a individual donation towards this Memorial are asked to contact Maj. Doug Gammon OAM, SO 2 DEME-A Bandiana (see flier enclosed)

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT of \$100.00 donation by John 'Darky' Edwards is hereby recognised, Thank you John, you have set an example to all of us to contribute what each member feels he can afford towards the cost of this Memorial.

ASSOCIATION STATEMENT OF PURPOSES AND 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

It was with much regret we had to cancel the Dance in November '97 and at a cost due to lack of support. Since that dark day we have again enjoyed a day with Coral and Bill Slegers at their farm in Jindivick North.

WIDOW's and LIFE MEMBER's LUNCHEON
Unfortunately this edition had to be with our Printer before it was originally intended so we cannot report on the forthcoming

Luncheon that was organised for 22nd March '98. We hope to make this an Annual Event and it is 'OPEN' to ALL MEMBERS (at their cost), so please support this luncheon and meet our Widows and Life members over an informal meal on a Sunday afternoon.

THE OLD SAPPER'S ASSOCN BUS TRIP 28/29.3.1998 - Due to circumstances beyond our control this proposed trip had to be cancelled by that Asscn.

ANNUAL ANZAC EVE REUNION 1998 - Members and their partners are reminded of our forthcoming Annual ANZAC Eve Reunion in the Oakleigh Barracks Sergeant's Mess commencing at 7.30pm.

OVERNIGHT ACCOMMODATION - Those members wishing to Sleep Over on ANZAC Eve, please give your names to the Secretary as there will only be 12 Sleeping Bags and Camp Stretchers available again this year.

ANZAC DAY DAWN SERVICE/ANZAC DAY MARCH 1998 - (see flier for full details).

SOCIAL CALENDAR 1998 - You will see in this Issue of the 'Flash' our Social Calendar for the rest of the year, may I commend it to you. There are some great events coming up - our trip to Canberra in June, Dedication of the Craftsman Memorial Statue at Bandiana in October opposite the Army Museum Bandiana. No doubt you will have seen photographs of the memorial Statue (they will be available at our ANZAC Eve Reunion on 24th April) The Annual Remembrance Day Service at Oakleigh Barracks on 11.11.'98. Please keep these dates free for our trips. Would you please complete and return your reply Pro-Formas ASAP to help us with numbers.

If you have any ideas of events you would like us to arrange, please let your Committee know as it is in hard to know what you would like to do if you don't tell us.

PETER CARTLEDGE CONVENOR



MEMBERSHIP SUB-COMMITTEE

A cordial welcome is extended to the following new members:

ORDINARY MEMBERS - Lt Col Chris Cromack Retd. James McRae.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS - Elaine Tingwell, and Joyce Ashworth.

Maintaining the Assoc Membership Register is an ongoing process. We request that as members become aware of any changes, that they notify the Secretary to ensure that the Correspondence Address List can be updated.

ORDINARY MEMBERS LIST - Gus Allen, Peter Allen, John Ashburn, John Ashworth, Jack Asker, Colonel Ron Bade Retd. (Colonel Commandant Southern & Tasmania Regions), Douglas Barnes, Les Bailey, Jack Balsillie MBE, John Belfield, Frank Bell, Rex Bell, Jim Bernard, Gary Best, Ron Billing, Don Bonsor, John Boothroyd, Rodney Bowen, Douglas Brazier (LM), Kerry Brindell, Donald Brown, Robert Budgen, Robert Burney, Ted Burton, Eric Butler, Lyall Butling, Bill Challon (LM), Lt Col Brian Cahill Retd. Peter Cartledge (President), Allen Charter, Neil Charter, Albert Chinnock, Noel Cilia, Dennis Clarke, Ivan Clarke, William Clarke, Ron Clifford, Barry Collard, Ed Collins (LM), Lt Col Des Condron Retd. Philip Cook, Ray Cousins, Reg Cox, Reg Crawford, Robert Crocker, Lt Col Chris Cromack Retd. Jim Crowe, Kevin Crowe, Norm Curtis (LM), John Davidson, Ronald Davies, Brig John Dean OBE Retd. David Delaney, D. DeRosayro, Bryan Dowell, Mal Drechsler, Brian Driscoll, James Duncan, Laurie Dunn, Keith Dyall, Lt Col John Edelsten,

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(188 Members)

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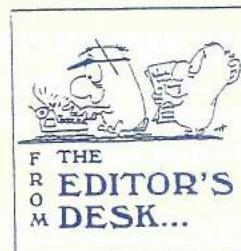
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(21 Associate Members)

WE NEED YOU NOW! We urgently need

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. and S.A. If any member is interested please contact the Secretary for details.

'I WAS THERE' COMPETITION

Please keep your entries coming in for Stage 2 of the \$50.00 Prize Money for the best of three entries submitted. Series 2 of this competition began in September 1997 and will close by the last week in July 1998.



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

17th JULY 1998

**'THE LIGHTNING FLASH' is your
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JACK WESTERNHAGEN, Editor



**HOSPITAL/HOME
VISITATIONS**

WELFARE & BETTERMENT SUB-COMMITTEE

Peter ALLEN - was visited at the Monash Medical Centre on 8.12.'97. Peter has had a slight stroke and is now having extensive tests. A lot of the symptoms have already lessened. Peter sends his regards to all Association Members.

Harold CHAMBERLAIN (LM) - A visitation to Harold at the Dandenong Valley Hospital on 23.12.'97 and was very appreciative of my visit by him.

(Unfortunately as we go to press, we have since learned of Harold's Passing.)

REG COX, WELFARE OFFICER

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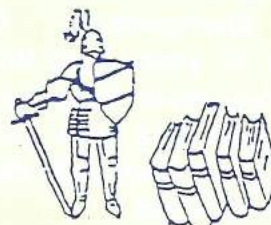
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STANDING ON CEREMONY - GALLIPOLI 'LONE PINE' LIVES ON

The Gallipoli 'Lone Pine' has become a piece of living history in Australia. Every Australian Soldier who served at Gallipoli, knew Plateau 400 or 'Lone Pine', the scene of some of the fiercest hand to hand combat by Australians in WW I. The Plateau was distinguished by a solitary lone pine which bore silent witness to the heroism and tenacity of Australians who fought there.

Lone Pine was a heavily fortified Turkish trench position, identified by a solitary *Pinus Halepensis* species *Brutia* commonly known as an 'Aleppo Pine'. At 5.30pm on August 6th 1915, Australians of the 1st Brigade attacked the Turkish trenches under heavy machine-gun and artillery fire. The Australians found the trenches were roofed over with pine logs covered with earth.

They clawed the roofing back and jumped into the trenches below. After savage hand to hand fighting the trenches were taken by 6pm. Attack and counter attacks continued until August 10th, when fighting was still firmly held in Australian hands. The 6 Australian Infantry Battalions involved lost 80 Officers and 2,197 men in the battle for Lone Pine. Turkish deaths were estimated between 5,000 and 6,000.

Although the Lone Pine was destroyed in the fighting it lives on today in Australia. During the withdrawal a soldier Sgt Keith McDowell picked up a pine cone from the original Lone Pine and placed it in his

he gave it to his aunt, Mrs Emma Gray of Grassmere near Warrnambool. But it wasn't until some 12 years later that Mrs Gray planted the few seeds from the cone, five of which spouted and grew into little trees. One of the pines eventually died but the remaining four survived.

In May, 1933, one was planted in Wattle Park on the occasion of the Trooping of the Colour by the 24th Battalion. On 11th June 1933, the 2nd tree was planted with full military honours by S.G. Savige of the 24th Battalion, at the Shrine of Remembrance, where it now shades the well loved statue of Simpson and his Donkey.

18th June 1933 the 3rd tree was planted at the Sisters, near Terang, just North East of Warrnambool. This is the area Mrs Gray's family lived and the home of several Gallipoli veterans. The 4th tree was planted in the Warrnambool Gardens on 23. 1. 1934.

In 1964 Legatee Tom Griffiths, then President of the Warrnambool Legacy, put forward the idea that more seedlings should be raised in the Jubilee Year of Gallipoli from the established trees throughout Australia in memory of those who fell in action at Lone Pine in 1915.

Two batches of cones were sent to Melbourne, one from the tree at 'The Sisters' and another from the tree at the Warrnambool Gardens. Approximately 150 seedlings were raised from these cones. On 14.9.1989 further seedlings were collected with the hope to raise 1,000 trees from the seeds.

Thus Legacy is helping to keep the memory of the Gallipoli 'Lone Pine' alive - its spirit lives on today. Presentations are made to schools, ex-service organisations and interested bodies by Legacy Clubs in the hope that they will be cherished as a symbol of Australian nationhood and its just pride, devotion, courage, selfishness and sense of service to others.

(EXTRACT FROM THE HUME GAZZETTE
THE EDITOR)

THE HERO LABEL HAS STUCK



Horace (Horrie) Clyde MARTYR
1896 - 1986

As a distinguished war hero, Horace Martyr was appropriately named.

This 90 year old Gallipoli veteran saw out two World Wars and took home 14 service medals, including the Distinguish Conduct Medal and Croix de Guerre. The strapping young private was the first Australian honoured at Gallipoli after he carried a wounded NCO 150 meters through enemy territory. At the time Horace had been shot in the back.

The son of that NCO has honoured Mr. Martyr by detailing the exploits on a bottle of Port, produced by Mildura Vineyard Wines.

The label tells of Sgt Frank Pollock, a Red Cliffs Soldier-Settler, who was wounded in the head by a Turkish bullet while leading a patrol overlooking the Dardanelles. 'He was carried back several miles by Pte. Martyr, for which Martyr received the first medal, a Distinguish Conduct Medal, awarded on Gallipoli' it reads.

Horace 'Horrie' Martyr was a frequent visitor to the RAEME CMF Sergeant's Mess at Chapel Street East St Kilda. Appearing

in that Mess after the conclusion of parading with his parent CMF unit (6th Bn 'City of Melbourne' Regiment) in which he held the exalted rank of Warrant Officer Class 1. Many members of the old Chapel Street Mess still remember the distinguished uniformed WO 1 with 6 rows of Campaign and Decoration Medals displayed on his chest. A happy personality, always with a cheerful word or two to the young Sergeants and Warrant Officers and was highly respected by all present in that Mess.

THE EDITOR

Member's Profile



John ASHWORTH
(ex-REME 22878142 Cpl)

Born on 23.7.1931 in Leeds, Yorkshire, England. My family consisted of 4 girls and 4 boys of which I was the eldest boy, and the second eldest in the family.

I left school at 14, and immediately commenced an Apprenticeship as a Vehicle Mechanic. This was for the recognised 7 year training period, so with studies at Night School and Technical College, my National Service in the British Army was deferred until 1953. In 1953, I joined the Corps of REME, had 6 weeks basic training at Honiton, Devon, followed by 3 weeks overseas training, then Embarkation Leave in readiness for Overseas Service.

On the day of our Embarkation Parade, 3 of us from the Contingent were transferred to Home Command Posting - all 3 of us were Vehicle Mechanics and were posted to Gibraltar. On arrival in Gibraltar, we reported to REME HQ, and after reception, each of us was posted to his relevant LAD. For the last 9 months, I served as a Mechanic to the Governor's and VIP Cars, including the vehicles of the Royal Tour in 1954.

My Demobilisation took effect in June 1955, when I returned to civilian life and became involved with passenger vehicles consisting of a small fleet of coaches (12 in all).

In 1959 I met Joyce, my wife, and on 1.10.1960 we were married in the local church. On 18.1.1962, our first daughter Wedy was born, and on 15.8.1963, our second daughter Linda was born.

We left England for Australia in October 1976. Still in the Motor Industry, my occupation on arriving in Australia until I retired in July 1996, was in 'Customer Relations' as a Service Receptionist.

The family have had no regrets of settling in Australia, and now, being retired, Grandparents to two girls, (a 3 year old and a 15 months baby girl), on joining the RAEME Association (Vic), I look forward to many years of being part of the RAEME organization.

REMEMBER TO KEEP OPEN
SATURDAY 24th OCTOBER 1998
for
DEDICATION OF THE RAEME
CRAFTSMAN MEMORIAL STATUE
AT BANDIANA ALTC
(Previously the old RAAOC Centre)



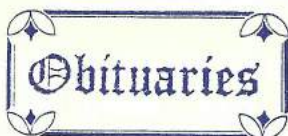
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George COLLEY - 22.10.1997
 Harold CHAMBERLAIN (LM) 30.12.1997
 John DUNWOODIE - 29. 1.1998

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 the Sylvia Colley, and Joan Dunwoodie and their families and and to Harold's daughters and their families respectively.

*We cannot bring back the old days
 When we were all together
 But wonderful memories of you 3
 Will always be in our hearts.*



Maria COONEY 12.9.1996 (widow of the late WO 2 Pat COONEY Retd.) (Late Notice).

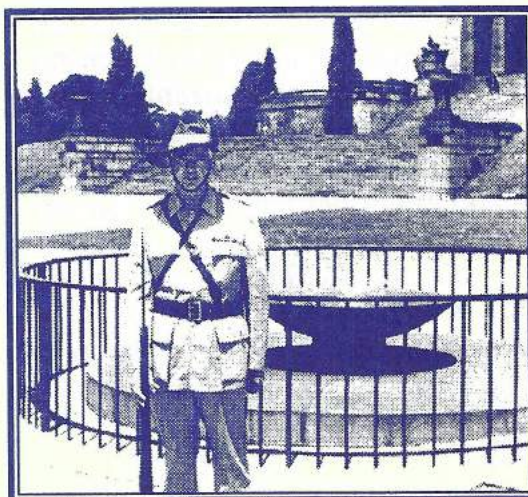
33581 Maj. Roy HARTNEY Retd.
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ex-WO1 Roy THOMPSON Retd.
 6.3.1998

Harry King 13.2.1998 President
 Tasmanian Asscn RAEME

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

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



ON GUARD AT THE ETERNAL FLAME

**THE VICTORIA POLICE SHRINE GUARD
 1935 - 1960**

Since its establishment in 1935, the Shrine Guard has played a unique role in the history of policing in Australia, and quite possibly the English-speaking world, in carrying out permanent guard duties at a War Memorial, dressed in military-style uniform. Their specific role included providing a twenty-four hour guard, assisting in ceremonial duties such as the Memorial Service, and the maintenance of a vigil in commemoration of the sacrifice of the men who died in World War 1.

The distant origins of this function can probably be traced to the early years of this century when, following Federation, the State Militia ceased to perform security duty at State Government House, only a few hundred metres from the Shrine, and were replaced by Constables of Victoria Police. Even the lodge used by the Constables was said to be the original Militia Guardhouse.

Sworn members of Victoria Police were provided to carry out this function until 1990, when the task was taken over by Protective Services Members of Victoria Police.

The story of the Guard actually begins with the building of the Shrine itself.

THE BUILDING OF THE SHRINE OF REMEMBRANCE

- The battlefield horrors of World War 1 profoundly affected a generation of Australians, particularly their perception of what was owed to the memory of those who had served and died. Throughout the British Empire memorials were erected to the 'glorious dead', and the people of Victoria were similarly moved.

The idea of Melbourne's own memorial, the Shrine of Remembrance, can be traced to the early 1920s. Despite its present ranking as one of Melbourne's major cultural icons, the concept created a great deal of controversy when it was first suggested. The Herald in particular ran a campaign against its construction, and many people thought that a more fitting tribute would be the establishment of hospitals or War Widows Homes. The opposition was so strong that by the mid 1920s it was proposed to abandon the scheme altogether. However, through the efforts of many dedicated individuals the question was finally successfully resolved in the latter years of that decade.

One of the main champions of the cause was General Sir John Monash, one of Australia's greatest war-time commanders; it was only the support of such people that the idea was brought finally to fruition. Monash and his associates stressed the fact that the Shrine was to be a memorial of great service and sacrifice, and in no way celebrated the triumphs of militarism.

THE FIRST POLICE GUARD - Despite its great symbolic significance to the people of Melbourne, there were a number of cases of petty vandalism reported at the Shrine at the time of its opening. It was recognised at a political level that some decision would have to be made as to how the building was to be protected. The actual police involvement in that role can be traced to February 1933, when the Premier requested that Chief Commissioner Tom Blamey provide a police guard for the protection of the Shrine until the question of safeguarding it

Blamey arranged for three Constables to be detailed for this duty, and on 17 February Constables James Wall, 5014, John Thomas, 6048, and Herbert Williams, 7791, began work at the Shrine. For administrative purposes they were attached to the St Kilda Rd Police Station, and placed under the direction and supervision of the Officer in Charge, Sergeant Samuel Manfield, 4763.

DEVELOPMENT OF THE SHRINE GUARD CONCEPT

- The long awaited settlement of the question of who should guard the Shrine was decided by the Premier of Victoria, Sir Stanley Argyle. On 24 June 1933 the Argus reported a suggestion by the Premier that military guards should be employed for this purpose. The article went on to quote Argyle as saying that the idea was principally based on the need for a link between the Shrine and the old AIF, and that it should be guarded by former members of the AIF as long as they were available, if possible wearing the old AIF uniform.

The Minister for Defence, while willing to co-operate, had pointed out that as members of the military forces lacked the power of arrest, their employment for such duties would be impracticable. He suggested, however, that of the State Ministry would make available for this duty members of the police force who had been members of the AIF, the Defence Department would grant permission for the use of the uniform and equipment worn by those Australian soldiers on Active Service, while engaged as Special Guards.

THE RECRUITMENT OF THE FIRST GUARD MEMBERS

- By July 1934, following consideration by all the relevant authorities involved, the Government considered the first draft of a bill to provide for the policing of the Shrine and Government House. In fact the Special Act was never implemented as it was found to be more convenient to amend the existing Police Regulations to allow for the recruitment of older men specially for the Guard. Special consideration for the older

to provide ex-Servicemen for the Shrine.

There were insufficient men with the appropriate experience and military decorations within the ranks, while the men with those qualifications in the general community were over the official recruiting age. A special effort was made to recruit highly decorated ex-Servicemen from World War 1. Eventually fourteen men were selected and all were appointed to Victoria Police on 8 April 1935.

The first ceremonial duty was at 11.30am on 21 August 1935 when the entire guard turned out to Present Arms as the Governor, Lord Huntingfield, returned from an interstate trip. Their first formal parade took place on 27 August, when the Governor made a formal inspection of the guard.

THE FIRST OFFICER IN CHARGE - The first Officer in Charge of the Shrine Guard was Senior Constable Herbert Newland, who was himself a former soldier and veteran of World War 1. A policeman before the war, he had resigned to enlist and had come back to the Force after his discharge.

THE SHRINE GUARD UNIFORM - In their early years the uniform worn by the Shrine Guard was that of a Private soldier of the AIF in World War 1, and together with the supply of the appropriate weapons and accoutrements, was obtained from the Defence Department. The only concessions to the police service were the display of the member's Registered Number in metal on both collars of the tunic, the use of police buttons, and an adapted police badge on the upturned brim of the slouch hat. The actual badges used were metal ones which dated back to Queen Victoria's reign, and had originally shown the letters VR encircled by a wreath.

EXTRACT JOURNAL OF POLICE HISTORY
Official Journal of the Victoria Police
Historical Society Inc. dated JUN-SEPT
1995.

EDITOR

FAMOUS QUOTES

Who said?

'WE WILL FIGHT THEM ON THE BEACHES.'

Sir Winston CHURCHILL

'I WILL RETURN.'

General Douglas MACARTHUR U.S.A.

'I WONDER WHY THOSE BLOODY SHEILAS ARE COMING IN HERE?'

Les BAILEY (Inadvertently having a shower in the Ladies Shower Block - 1997 Return to Bandiana Trip.)

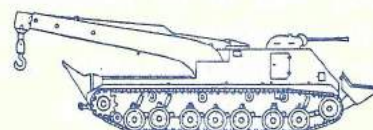
'WHAT THE HELL WAS THAT!'

No! Not the Mayor of Hiroshima but the side rails on Bill Slegers' Hay Trailer when Max MOORE stepped on board - Family Day November 1997.



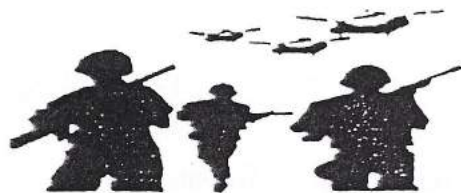
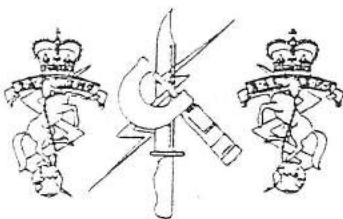
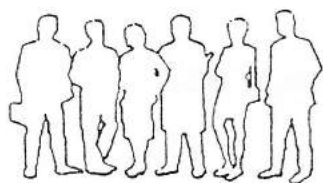
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SOLDIER and CRAFTSMAN

ANZAC EVE REUNION FRIDAY 24TH APRIL 1998

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: FRIDAY 24th APRIL 1998

TIME: 7.30 pm to 11.30 pm

LOCATION: OAKLEIGH BARRACKS
1318 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 14th APRIL 1998. - FIRST IN BEST DRESSED!

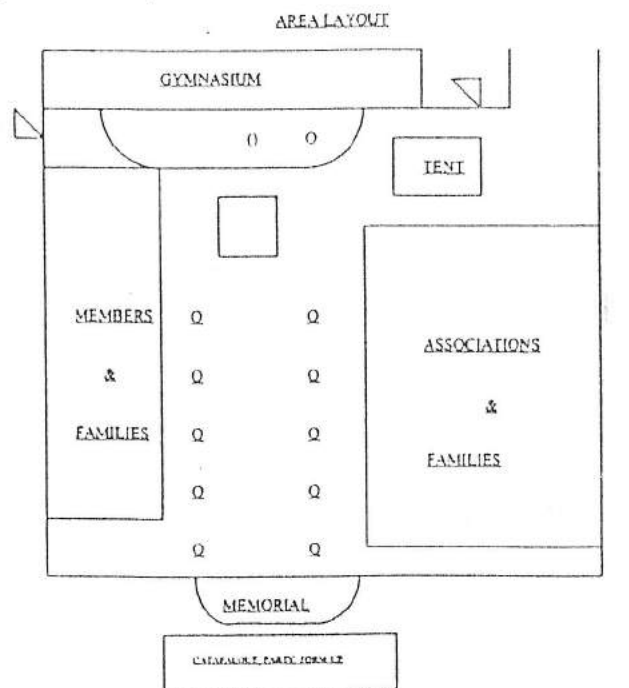
OAKLEIGH BARRACKS DAWN SERVICE: The RSM 4 B.A.S.B. (WO 1 CAMPBELL) has organised a moving Dawn Service followed by the usual 'GUNFIRE BREAKFAST'. Number for purposes of Catering are to be advised to the Secretary, Jack Westernhagen not later than TUESDAY 14th APRIL 1998.

DISPLAY THIS ON YOUR NOTICE BOARD SO YOU WON'T FORGET

ANZAC DAY 1998 - 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).



- 0555 hrs. Associations March on Flag Orderly takes post.
- 0600 hrs. The Catafalque Party Mounts.
- 0605 hrs. The 1998 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 -
0730 hrs. Normal Breakfast is served in the Gymnasium.
- 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 1998 ANZAC Day March.

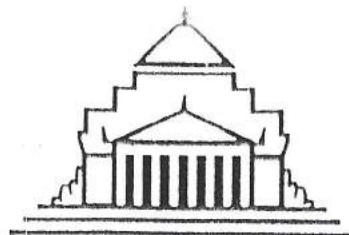
ASSOCIATION'S BUS MARSHALL: JACK MILLER.

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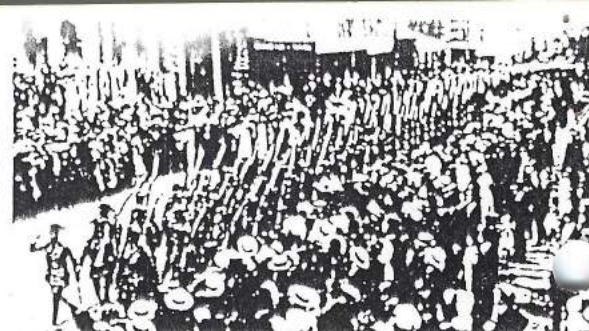
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SHRINE of REMEMBRANCE



ANZAC DAY MARCH

MELBOURNE 1998

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 1998 March.

1998 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 ELDERLY 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 1998 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, 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 (look for The Australian Coach Travel with the RAEME Association emblem on the front windscreen.)

**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 opposite THE "SIMPSON AND HIS DONKEY STATUE" IN BIRDWOOD AND THE BUS WILL COLLECT YOU.

AFTER THE MARCH:

The AEME/RAEME Association members, families/friends and any RAEME Vietnam Veterans (if they so wish), are to assemble in the Southern End of Oakleigh Barracks gymnasium (where we have 3 tables reserved) look for our RAEME Table Markers.

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 drinks will be available from the 'Old Sappers Club' for a nominal cost.

**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 1500 Down Point.

1730 hrs.

THE OAKLEIGH BARRACKS OFFICIALLY CLOSES.

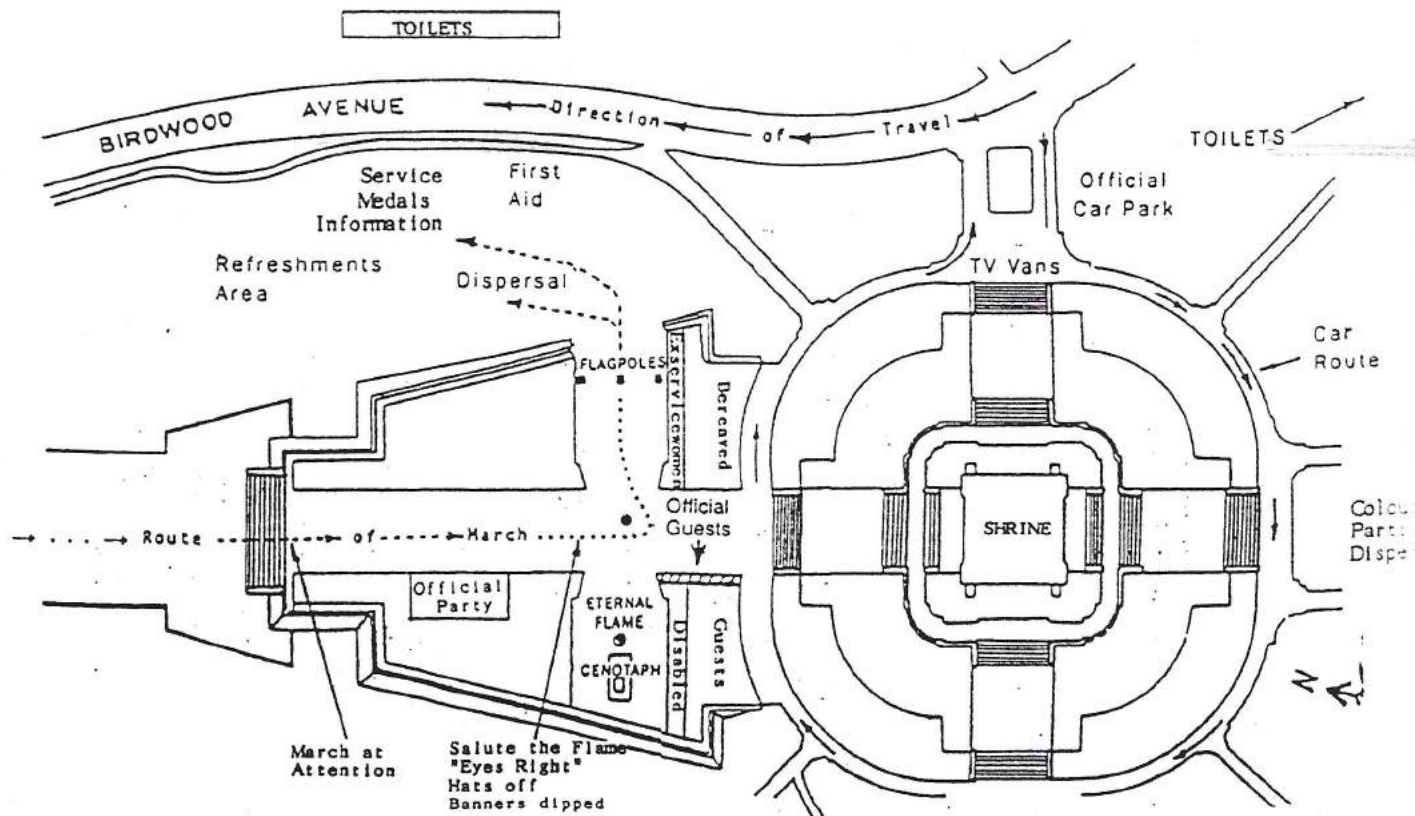
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SHRINE AREA, ANZAC DAY, 1998



THE RAEME ASSOCIATION (Victoria) INCORPORATED

CANBERRA REVISITED 3 DAY TOUR
QUEENs BIRTHDAY WEEK-END 6th-8th JUNE 1998

DAY #1

SATURDAY 6th JUNE 1998

Departing Oakleigh Barracks at 8.15am, arrive Spencer Street Inter-State Bus Terminal 8.40am, arrive Broadmeadows Camp 9.10am Pick-up Craigieburn 9.20am.

We start our 3-Day Tour to Canberra heading NORTH along the Hume Highway where we stop at EUROA for a short Morning Tea Break (20 minutes), then we continue on NORTH, over the Victorian/New South Wales border into ALBURY for lunch at The Commercial Club approximately 12.30pm (45 mins.) Then continuing NORTH onto GUNDAGAI (Where The Dog Sat On The Tucker Box) for a short 20 mins break before travelling onto CANBERRA where we will be checking into our Tour Accommodation at The Macquarie Hotel Barton ACT in the heart of Canberra's sightseeing area at approx 6.00pm. There is a choice of either Single, Double or Twin Guest Rooms and a cooked Breakfast is provided for both days.

Facilities include:

- Bathrooms, Toilets, Laundries and Drying Rooms conveniently located just a few steps away from your door.
- A lounge where you can sit back and enjoy TV.
- Licensed premises.
- a Table Tennis Room.
- A Pool Table.

Here we can freshen up before going out to Dinner at the Mt. Ainslie Football Club and a Social Evening before returning to our accommodation for a much earned rest.

DAY # 2

SUNDAY 7th JUNE 1998

Breakfast is to be completed by 8.30am, after which we depart our Hotel for a short Sight Seeing Tour of CANBERRA and the various National Embassies, then onto The National War Memorial for a full day's viewing. Lunch is available from various venues in the area. Our Coach will then depart from the National War Memorial at 4.00pm for the return to our Hotel to enable you to freshen up prior to going to the Gundaroo Hotel for an informal 'Dinkum Aussie' Evening Meal and Social gathering. At the conclusion of which we once again return to our Hotel for another well earned sleep.

DAY # 3

MONDAY 8th JUNE 1998

Breakfast is to be completed by 7.30am. We depart CANBERRA at 7.45am for our return journey to MELBOURNE via GUNDAGAI for a 20 mins. stop, then onto 'THE BLACK STUMP Hotel Bandiana for Lunch (aprox 45 mins.) if time permits, a short tour of the Army Museum Bandiana (if members so wish) arriving at CRAIGIEBURN at 4.45pm, BROADMEADOWS at 5.00pm, SPENCER STREET at 5.30pm and our final destination at Oakleigh Barracks at 6.00pm.

What a great 3 days to look forward to - We hope you will enjoy it.

COSTS: Coach, Accommodation B & B, and 2 Evening Meals (Members)
@ \$155 : 00 per Person.

Coach Accommodation B & B and 2 Evening Meals (Non-Members)
@ \$165 : 00 per Person.

Family and friends are most welcome to attend - subject to sufficient seats being available.

Please Note: * Any Entrance Fees to the National War Memorial or the Army Museum Bandiana, Lunches or drinks are not included, this is individual responsibility.

Private Vehicles may be left over the week-end at Oakleigh Barracks or Maygar Barracks Broadmeadows at owners risk.

PETER CARTLEDGE
SOCIAL CONVENOR

THE RAEME ASSOCIATION (Victoria) INCORPORATED

RETURN TO CANBERRA WEEK-END TOUR
6th-8th JUNE 1998 (QUEENs BIRTHDAY WEEK-END)

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TERMINAL/*MAYGAR BARRACKS.

NOTE: * Delete where not applicable

Signature: Date: / / 19....

NOTE: Cheques to be made payable to THE RAEME ASSOCIATION (Vic) INC.

RSVP 15th May 1998

THE RAEME ASSOCIATION (Victoria) INCORPORATED

SOCIAL CALENDAR - 1998

To be displayed prominently on Unit or personal Notice Boards.

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|---|--|
| 22 MAR 1998
(Sunday) | WIDOW'S & LIFE MEMBERS' LUNCHEON
OAKLEIGH BARRACKS |
| 24 APR 1998
(Friday) | RAEME ASSOCIATION ANNUAL ANZAC EVE
REUNION - OFFICERS/SERGEANTS' MESS
OAKLEIGH BARRACKS |
| 25 APR 1998
(Saturday) | a. 1998 DAWN SERVICE - OAKLEIGH BARRACKS
b. 1998 ANZAC DAY MARCH |
| 6/8 JUN 1998
(Sat/Sun/Mon) | RAEME ASSOCIATION 'RETURN TO CANBERRA -
WEEK-END BUS TRIP |
| 31 AUG 1998
(Sunday) | RAEME ASSOCIATION 8th ANNUAL GENERAL
MEETING OAKLEIGH BARRACKS |
| SAT 24/SUN25th
OCT 1998 | RAEME ASSOCIATION RETURN TO BANDIANA
DEDICATION OF RAEME CRAFTSMAN MEMORIAL
STATUE |
| 11 NOV 1998
(Wednesday) | REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE - OAKLEIGH
BARRACKS |
| 29 NOV 1998
(Sunday) | ANNUAL FAMILY FARM DAY - JINDIVICK NORTH |



RESERVE FORCES DAY WEDNESDAY 1st JULY 1998

About three years after the cessation of hostilities in World War II the Australian Government decided to create a voluntary, Part-Time Military Force and, on 1st July 1948, raised the Citizen Military Force (CMF).

To celebrate 50 years of CMF Service the Government will declare 1st July 1998 to be Reserve Forces Day.

The public is invited to take to the streets in every Capital City later this year to recognise the dedication and commitment of the Reserve Forces.

The inaugural Reserve Forces Day will coincide with the 50th Anniversary of the recruitment of the first soldiers into the Citizen Military Forces, the predecessor of the modern ARes.

NSW Governor Gordon Samuels recently launched the concept in Sydney.

Chairman of the Reserve Forces Day Committee Sir Laurence Street said the marches were open to all Reserve members, past and present, including those who served in the pre-WW 2 Militia and Regular Forces who have served with Reserves.

'Reserve Forces Week will allow the community to learn more about the Reserves and to show their support for them,' Sir Laurence said.

'Today's Reserve Forces are made up of highly trained men and women who give up their free time with the willing support of their employers to help Australia's defence.'

Sir Laurence said invitations have been extended to the Reserve Forces of USA, Canada and New Zealand to participate in the activities. Parades, displays and other activities will be conducted in all State and Territory Capitals and selected Regional Centres throughout the first week in July.

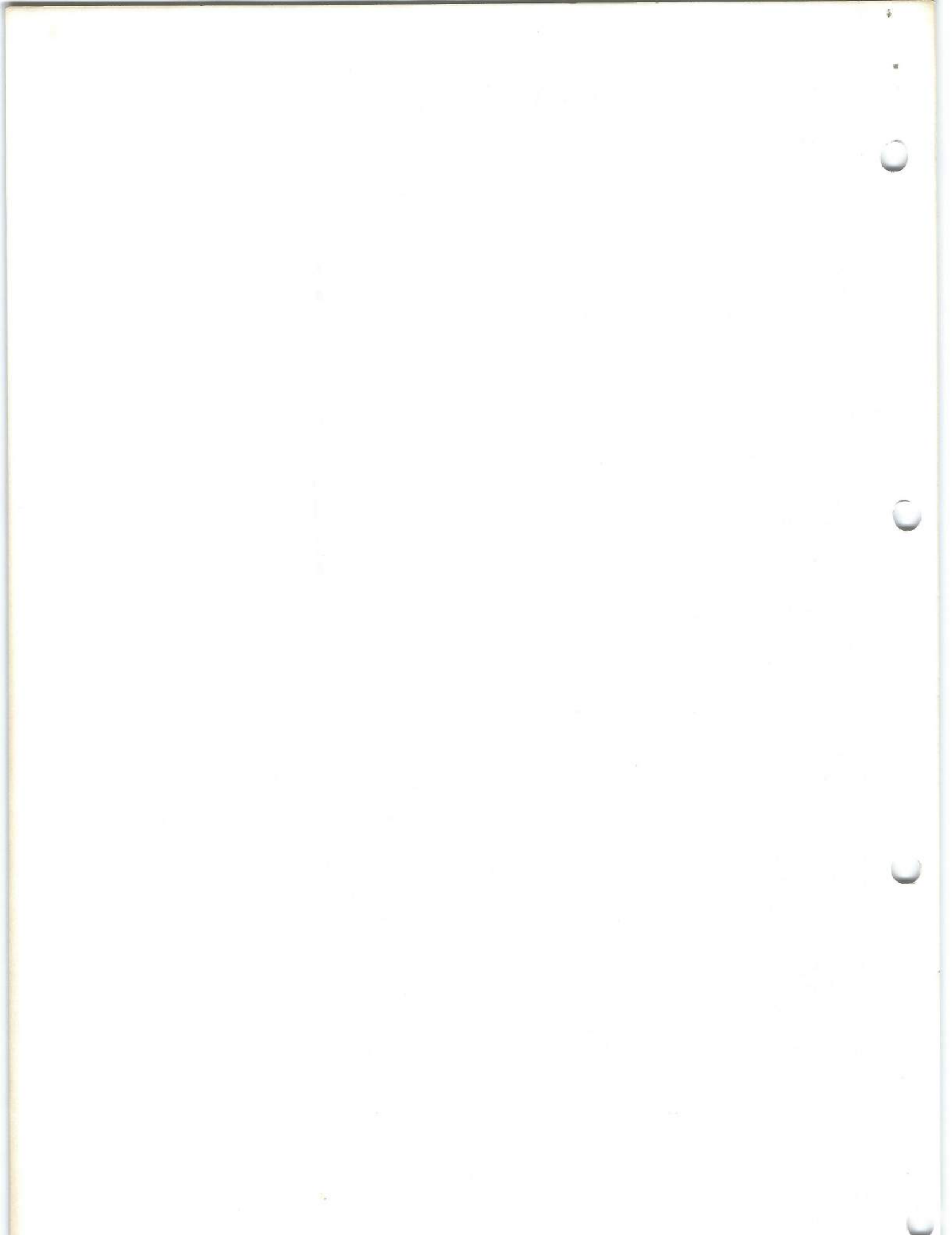
(EXTRACT ARMY Newspaper March 5 1998)

MELBOURNE - A march through the City of Melbourne, starting at 12.30pm on Wednesday, 1st July 1998 followed by a service at the Shrine of Remembrance.

All CMF units will be asked to participate as escorts to their Colors, Guidons and Standards and all former members of the Naval Reserve, Militia, Citizen Military Forces and Citizens Air Force are invited to participate.

Details will be promulgated as they come to hand.

Jack Westernhagen
(Jack Westernhagen)
The RAEME Association (Vic) Inc.



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 logistics 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. RACT have a wooden wagon wheel set into a bluestone block wall. The RACT has taken the decision to relocate its memorial to a site adjacent to the RAAOC Memorial Garden.

For a number of reasons, and with the continued development of our historical heritage in the Army Museum Bandiana, the Corps Committee has taken the decision to establish a Corps Memorial in the area opposite the Army Museum Bandiana. The centrepiece of our memorial will be a bronze statue of a Craftsman. The picture on the front of The Craftsman No 37 is a clay model of the statue. It is intended to set the statue in a low growing garden surrounded by a paved area. The craftsman depicted in the status does not tie the craftsman to a particular era. More, the memorial is to reflect the contribution craftsman have made to our Nation over many years.

At the October meeting of the RAEME Corps Committee the concept of the memorial was further enhanced and a decision was taken to add a memorial garden to the site to provide a repository for the ashes for members of the Corps. It is anticipated that the memorial will be dedicated to October 1998.

On learning of the decision to develop the Memorial to the Craftsmen, many past and present members of the Corps have expressed a desire to make a financial contribution to the Memorial. To this end, the names of individuals, organisations or corporations who donate to the Memorial before 1 March 1998 will be published in the next edition of the *RAEME Craftsman* and also included in a capsule which will be sealed in the foundation of the Memorial. Donations should be made to the *RAEME Corps Fund*, Army Logistic Training Centre, Latchford Barracks, MILPO, Bandiana VIC 3694. **The contact for the project is Major Doug Gammon, Telephone 02 6055 2193.**

To: Project Officer
MAJ D Gammon
Logistic Support Cell
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Bandiana VIC 3694

Enclosed is my cheque/money order to the value of \$ _____ made payable to the RAEME Corps Fund.

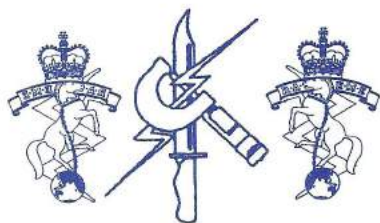
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