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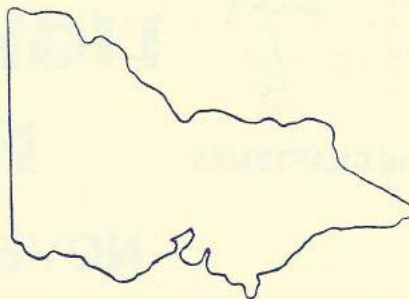
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THE PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

As you will notice this edition of 'The Flash' is a little earlier than usual due to the REME Association (S.A.) Branch having their Standard dedicated on December 4th 1998. Our Association has been invited to attend this Service, so we have sent out with this edition a proforma for anybody to join us to travel to Adelaide.

Since my last report to you all we have had

our A.G.M. with the appointment of our new Committee. However, we only had 10 starters for this year with Aranka Illia, Bill Slegers and Mal Drechsler retiring and I thank them for their efforts over their terms and George Riddle joining your Committee.

Unfortunately, I have received the resignations of John Ashworth (Treasurer Elect) and George Riddle both for family reasons, so this has resulted in me asking Aranka to again take on the Treasurer's role. I must ask anybody who is prepared to learn the Treasurer's role and relieve Aranka who has done a sterling job for the past 6 years and I think it is more than time she had a break from this work. An old friend Max Moore has joined the Committee after a short break. My thanks to both Aranka and Max.

We do need a Treasurer and Aranka will coach anybody who is willing to learn, together with a couple of new Committee members as new blood, is always welcome.

Included with this 'Flash' is our Calendar for the forthcoming year. Please take note of the dates and join us in the functions of

member is welcome to sit in on our Committee Meetings and particularly when we visit some of the Provincial cities (Korumburra 7th Nov).

By the time you read this edition hopefully you will have attended the Dedication of the RAEME Craftsman Statue at Bandiana on 24th October 1998.

PETER CARTLEDGE PRESIDENT



THE SECRETARY'S CORNER

Our 8th Annual General Meeting was held on Sunday 30th August 1998. Prior to the commencement of the proceedings, the President P. Cartledge, welcomed our Patron, members and introduced our new RAEME Colonel Commandant Southern and Tasmania Regions Designated to those present. The following were in attendance:

ORDINARY MEMBERS - P. Cartledge, P. Allen, A. Illia, J. Westernhagen, Brig Conrad Ermert (Patron) Lt Colonel Jack Wilson (RAEME Colonel Comdt Southern & Tasmania Regions), G. Hepburn, G. Riddle, R. Hunter, B. Holmes, A. Perrott, K. Kermonde LM, R. Foord, J. Stephens, B. Irons, D. Beattie, R. Clifford, V. Jaeger, R. Hope, L. Bailey, J. Lee, L. Dunn, J. Duncan, J. Miller, M. Drechsler, B. Ridgway, G. Allen, F. Parkin, T. Money LM, D. Brazier LM, M. Moore, N. Charter, G. Maggs LM, and P. Cook.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS - A. Kermonde, S. Foorde, C. Stephens, N. Clifford, M. Long, L. Lee, D. Avery, L. Cartledge, T. Brazier, N. Maggs, A. Cook, S. Westcott (Guest)

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THE WEARING OF MEDALS AND DECORATIONS - At the request of some of our members a flier on the correct wearing of Medals and Decorations is enclosed in this edition.

REVISED CONDITIONS FOR DEFENCE SERVICE AWARDS - Advice has been received from the Defence Personnel Executive Canberra that the Defence Long Service Medal (DLSM) has been introduced to replace the current Defence Force Service Awards (DFSA) the Defence Force Service Medal, the Reserve Force Decoration (RFD) and the Reserve Force Medal (RFD). The new award will not discriminate between rank, nor will it discriminate between Permanent or Reserve Service. Details are enclosed for eligible members information.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS - Please inform your Committee of any Change of Address. This is a means of ensuring that you receive the latest copy of our Quarterly Newsletter.

JACK WESTERNHAGEN
SECRETARY



MEMBERSHIP SUB-COMMITTEE

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

ORDINARY MEMBERS - David Beattie (319), Kerrie Bullman (329), Roland Jones (321), Robert Wilson (322),

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS - Rodney Brazier (A009/2), Carmen Brazier (A009/3), Adam

Brazier (A009/4) and Vivian Brazier (A009/5).

It is the policy of the C.O.M. in the August edition each year of 'THE FLASH', to send each member notice of his Membership Fees Renewal when they are due. The extra postage involved in sending members reminders for Unpaid Fees is causing a drain on our finances. Members are asked to pay their Membership Fees as at the 30th July prior, or immediately after, the A.G.M. upon receipt of their Membership Renewal Notice. Your co-operation would be gratefully appreciated in this matter.

WE NEED YOU NOW! We urgently need each and every member to make recruiting of ONE new member their immediate and personal responsibility. Some of our members are doing an excellent job in recruiting up to three new members at any one time. Keep up the good work by seeking out, and sign up, any of your old service comrades, or family members.

NAME BADGES - These are always available for the minimal cost of \$10.00 ea. (incl. Postage) for all members of the Association. Those interested, please place your order with the Secretary.

JACK WESTERNHAGEN CONVENOR



EDITORIAL

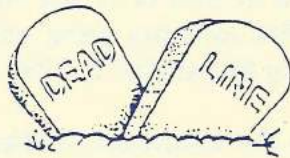
I WAS THERE' Competition - There were only two entries this time and the winner of the \$50.00 prize money in Stage 3 of this competition - was our Vice President Peter Allen, congratulations Peter.

There has been some very good entries submitted - however, there can be only one winner in this competition. How about some more articles from the AEME members and where you served in WW II

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Stage 4 which will close by the last week in July 1999.

In addition to the above Competition, your Editorial Staff is always looking for interesting and historical articles to publish in our Newsletter. How about brushing the cobwebs off those old memories and provide us with an article of the units you served with over the past years. If you have any photographs to supplement the article, they too would be gratefully appreciated.



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

14th MARCH 1999

JACK WESTERNHAGEN
EDITOR



**WELFARE & BETTERMENT
SUB-COMMITTEE**

Aranka ILLIA - I made a phone call to Aranka on 5.10.98 who once again had entered the Dandenong Hospital to have metal pins removed from her elbow following her accident on 6.10.97 as

reported in Nov 1997 'Flash'. She was discharged from the hospital the next day and was recuperating for another week before returning to work.

Barry RIDGWAY - I made a phone call to Barry, who was getting over the Flu and managed to attend the Committee meeting on 6.10.98.

(I only wish all phone calls could turn out this way.)

Tom MONEY LM - The day after the Committee Meeting I paid a home visit to Tom who is suffering from Arthritis in both knees and finds walking painful and slow. We chatted and I viewed his photograph collection, which was very extensive and interesting. Good Luck Tom.

Bill CHALLONS LM - A call to Bill, who is suffering from bad Arthritis in the hips and Bill said he was going to a Specialist to be checked over. We hope the results are favourable.

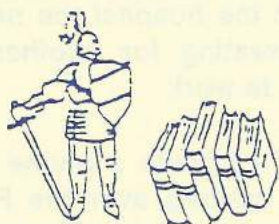
Peter MACK - I visited Peter at his home on 16.10.98, who is gradually improving on the chest trouble and abdomen complaints. He is in great spirits and a pleasure to yarn to.

REG COX, WELFARE OFFICER



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STANDING ON CEREMONY - THE UNKNOWN SOLDIER

The unknown warrior was buried in Westminster Abbey, in London, on November 11, 1920. He was intended to represent all of those who died for home and empire.

The idea of burying an unknown soldier as a memorial to the dead was conceived by a British Army Chaplain, the Rev David Railton. During WWI, while at Armentieres, he had noticed a grave which bore a pencilled inscription "An Unknown Soldier of the Black Watch".

It was not until 1920, some two years after the war, that he was able to put forward his plan for a national memorial of an unknown Soldier. The bodies of six unknown British soldiers were brought together at the Chapel at Saint Pol. They came from the battlefields of Aisne, Marne, Cambria, the Somme, Arras and Ypres. A blindfolded Brigadier-General selected a body and it became the unknown warrior. The five remaining bodies were then reburied in the Military Cemetery at Saint Pol.

The body was placed in a coffin of British Hampton-Court oak and, with a Bearer Party of five British, two Canadian soldiers and an Australian from the Light Horse, it began its journey back home. When reburied at the Abbey, the body was laid to rest in dirt from Ypres, soil on which so many of his fellow troops had fought and died.

Since that time there have been a longing for Australia to have a separate tomb for

its Unknown Soldier and it was finally decided in 1991 to bring an Australian digger back from the battlefields of Europe. It was planned that the entombment at the Australian War Memorial was to coincide with the 75th Anniversary of the Armistice in November 1918.

The soldier was selected from the Adelaide Cemetery at Villers-Bretonneux in northern France. This cemetery was chosen because 54% of the graves there are Australian and 117 of these are of unknown soldiers.

The Unknown Soldier was selected from grave 13, row M in plot III of the Adelaide Cemetery and the remains were exhumed at 8am on a chilly November 2, 1993.

On November 5 the Unknown Soldier, after 75 years, started his trip home. On November 7 he arrived in Sydney where the coffin was transferred to a Hercules for transportation to Canberra.

On the morning of November 11 the Unknown Soldier began the final leg of his long journey. The Bearer Party, flanked by 13 WWI veterans, carried the coffin from King's Hall to a 15-pound Gun Carriage. The Cortege then moved along King George Terrace, across Commonwealth Avenue Bridge over Lake Burley Griffin and up towards Anzac Avenue.

The bells of St. John's Church pealed, along with church bells across the country from Broome to Byron Bay, and a Field Marshal's compliment of 19 minute guns sounded out across the national capital.

The procession moved up Anzac Parade to the Australian War Memorial accompanied by the combined bands of RMC and Australian Army Band Kapooka playing Chopin's Funeral March, the Dead March from Saul and Flowers of the Forest.

The Chief Mourner was the Governor-General and the Chief Pallbearer was the Prime Minister. The official Pallbearers

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The casket of the Unknown Australian Soldier flanked by official Pall Bearers

VCDF, CNS, CGS, CAF, RSL National President and the Vice-Chairman of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission. All in all there were 32 official mourners, including the Mayors of Villers-Bretonneux and Ypres. Upon reaching the Memorial the coffin was placed on the Stone of Remembrance and the Commemorative Service was then started.

During the service the Chairman of the War Memorial Council accepted the remains and then, after the Catafalque Party withdrew, the soldier was carried up into the Memorial, past the Pool of Reflection and into the Hall of Memory. The Principal Chaplain for the Army read the Prayer of Committal and the coffin was lowered into the tomb by the same Bearer party that had accompanied it all through France.

Three rifle volleys were fired and after the Prayer of Dedication, the governor-general placed a sprig of Golden Wattle onto the casket. A 93-year-old veteran from the WWI then sprinkled soil from the

Ode was read, followed by The Last post and two-minute silence. Finally, at the conclusion of the ceremony the National Anthem was played.

After three days the tomb was sealed with a huge slab of Turkish marble. The face of the slab reads "An Unknown Soldier killed in the war of 1914-18". The sloping glacis around the tomb bears the inscription "He symbolizes all Australians who have died in war".

WO1 Chis JOBSON

former RSM Ceremonial ADHQ

(Copies of this ceremony is available from the Victorian Association @ \$ 20.00 ea.)

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OAKLEIGH BASE FOR CADET UNIT



Cadets from the 302 Regional Cadet Unit marching during their final parade before the move. The unit has been relocated closer to home and is now based in Oakleigh South.

Designed to 'get the best' out of Cadets, the 302 RCU Unit has been working at the development of young people since 1988.

Formerly based in Dunlop Barracks, East Brighton, the unit had their marching Orders and recently relocated to Oakleigh Barracks on North Road, to the same premises as its sponsor unit, 4 BASB (Brigade Administrative Support Battalion). Each Cadet unit has a sponsor unit, which provides accommodation for Cadets, an environment in which is conducive to learning and stores for practical training in both Barracks and the field.

"302 RCU was formed in 1988 as a Cadet Unit to represent the St. Kilda and surrounding districts, for young men and

women aged between 13-18 years. It is structured to provide youth with the basic knowledge needed before joining the Reserves or regular Defence Force" said Lt. Stephen Thurling. "With the change of location and the upgrade of facilities, and the change of Parade Night, 302 RCU is currently looking for young men and women to join its unit and be part of a great organisation" he added.

The 302 RCU is located at 1318 North Rd, South Oakleigh and parades every Thursday evening from 6.30 - 9.30pm. For more information about the unit, phone Lt. Thurling on 9550 3950

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STAND EASY

The Germans were so long trying to take Tobruk that they finished up speaking German with an Australian accent.

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Young boy asked his father, an Infantry-man at Tobruk during the siege, if he was going to see the picture "The Desert Rats". "No!" the father replied, "I saw the PLAY."

The men waiting to board the landing-craft were told they had 30 minutes to go and to relax during that time. As often happens, the whistle blew five minutes later. In the rush tempers flared and shouts resounded "Where's my webbing?" "Where's me tin hat?" At the peak of the confusion, tension was broken when one bloke asked meekly

Member's
Profile



Robert Raymond FULLER

Bob was born in Melbourne in 1941. He graduated from the Army Apprentices' School, Balcombe on 12 December 1959 as a Vehicle Mechanic. Early in life he identified with the dollar, so following further training, he became an Instrument Fitter (they were paid higher level than VMs, you see). Bob then served in a number of postings including Base Wksp, Medium Wksp, Fd Wksp and a Base Ordnance Depot. Following specialist training he was posted to 101 Fd Wksp SVN in 1966. His prime function in SVN was as the installer and initial in-country Technician maintaining the NCR32AW Accounting Machines utilised on the transition to machine accounting to replace the manual accounting then practised in 2 Composit Ordnance Depot and 55 Advance Engineer Stores Sqn.

On return to Australia in 1967 he was posted to AHQ (Melb) Albert Park Barracks - isn't it funny how the wheel turns, we now have a DEME again. He served in EME 14 (the old WS Section) prior to being posted to Technical Services Unit now known as DME(A) where he was involved in writing EMEIs. He was discharged in 1969 and continued to serve in TSU as a civilian.

He sought promotion in the Public Service

created in 1972. In 1975 the Departments were organised into one Department of Defence. Consequently he was promoted into the Organisation & Methods area of Defence and, although primarily addressing work study-type reviews, this area provided exposure across a wide range of operations of the ADF and the Department.

Over the next nine years he was involved in reviews addressing Supply, Finance, Personnel Management, a total review of the operations of CARO and finally the creation of an organisation within HQ Support Command RAAF of a Financial Section similar to the then Command Secretary Section in HQ Log Comd.

He became one of the three 'Colonels' in Supply and took over General Stores Group of the old Sup Div as COLSUPGEN with responsibilities for Foodstuffs, POL, Field and Barracks, Clothing, Medical and Dental Stores.

He explains that it is really difficult to be a short, rotund and bearded Public Servant then try to explain why your title is 'Colonel'. With the 1992 reorganisation his title became Director, Materiel, Combat Supplies - much easier to explain to non-Logistic personnel.

With regard to the Defence Reform Program he believes the Government has got it wrong; particularly in the field of logistics. Australia seems to have a perchance for ignoring history and the logistic lessons of Vietnam appear to be overlooked. Furthermore, it is simply not true to state 'the private sector does it better.' Furthermore, their decisions may be based on life and death situations.

Having served the Commonwealth for over 40 years Bob opted for Redundancy and left the Department of Defence on 31 October 1997.

Bob is married to Bronwyn and has three stepdaughters: Emma (23), Melissa (20) and Megan (18).

Australian nation claims first

A Christmas Message



Christmas is a time when family reunions often take place. These can be with all the family news and just enjoying each other's company. However, Christmas can also be a very hard time for families if there has been conflict, separations or a death during the year.

I came across the following story of peace brought in the midst of conflict one Christmas during World War 1. I hope you find it as moving as I did.

Lt. Gritz Rice belonged to a famous Canadian regiment which was sent to France in World War 1. His regiment fought across the bleak no-man's-land under fierce fire from the enemy.

One unusual instrument Rice's Company took with them was a piano which Rice used to compose the famous war-time song, "Mademoiselle from Armentiers."

On Christmas Eve the piano was brought to the front-line trenches. That night, an eerie quiet settled over no-man's-land that felt like the lull before deadly attacks at daylight. Enemy troops were so close they could hear each other talking.

Shortly before midnight, Rice began playing Christmas Carols in a British trench. The melody, ' Silent Night, Holy Night ' rang out and pierced the cold, frightening night. Then he played ' Hark, the Herald Angels Sing.'

The Canadian soldiers joined in and sang with great gusto. Suddenly they were startled to hear the German

More!) shouted the Germans. Then one of their own men climbed out of his trench, standing as a possible target for British rifles, and blended his rich baritone voice with that of the Canadian.

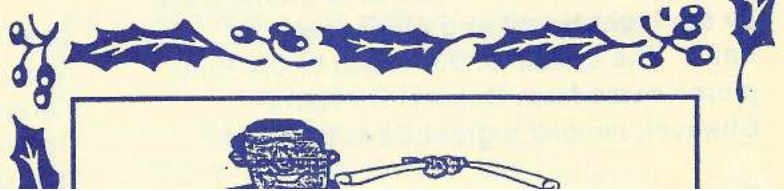
At least for one night the message of Christmas broke through to those battle-weary soldiers as they laid their guns aside and sang together the story about the greatest event the world has ever seen - the story of God coming to earth as a baby to save lost mankind and ultimately to end all wars forever.

The Christmas story is truly amazing. Its celebration every year for the last 2,000 years is a constant reminder of its central place in mankind's history. Even our calendar is dated according to the birth of Christ.

It's amazing that Christmas can transform enemies into companions (even if only for one night). I hope the Christmas break and the Christmas message will bring a new closeness to your family and work relationships too.

Courtesy Bruce Anderson, Holden Engine Co. magazine Dec 1993.

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 1999.





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**DEDICATION OF REME ASSOCIATION (S.A.) BRANCH STANDARD
FRIDAY 4th TO SUNDAY 6th DECEMBER 1998**

GENERAL

The REME Association (S.A.) Branch has invited members and their families of this Association to attend the Dedication of their REME Corps Standard in South Australia on Friday evening 4th December 1998.

The Association has organized a weekend trip to South Australia, on the 4th December 1998, which will include a tour of the Barossa Valley Wineries followed by a social evening on Saturday 5th December 1998.

Accommodation will be organised by the REME Association (S.A.) Branch upon confirmation of numbers attending.

DEDICATION LOCATION: 49th Cadet Unit Parade Ground Smithfield South Australia

TIME: 1900Hrs Friday 4th December 1998

TRANSPORT:

A 22-Seater Self-Drive Coach will be provided for the 3 days, Departing Oakleigh Barracks at 0700 Hrs. Friday 4th December 1998 with Pick-Up at Spencer Street Station and Maygar Barracks, Broadmeadows.

CATERING AFTER THE CEREMONY:

Following the Dedication Service, refreshments will be provided by the 49th Cadet Unit Parent's Committee.

ACCOMMODATION

Upon confirmation of No's booked for the trip, the REME Association (S.A.) will arrange Motel Rooms at \$50:00 per Double or \$25 : 00 per Single per night (B & B incl.) in Double or Twin Share units.

WEEKEND ACTIVITIES

The REME Association (S.A.) Branch will be arranging for a B.B.Q. Lunch and a Tour of the Barossa Valley Wineries on Saturday 5th December 1998.

RETURN TO MELBOURNE

We will be departing our Motel for the Return Journey to Melbourne after Breakfast on Sunday 6th, Dec.

<u>COST PER HEAD</u>	Bus	Includes Meals Friday Evening, plus B B Q Saturday Lunch. =	\$100.00
	Motel B & B.	\$ 25.00 Per head, per night. x 2 nights =	\$ 50.00

Please have your Booking's to our Secretary Jack Westernhagen, on the attached Booking Advice.
NO LATER THAN FRIDAY 27th NOVEMBER 1998.

Note:-1 I agree if cancelling after the 27th November occurs, a cancellation fee of:-\$100.00 Per Head will be charged.

Friday 4th to Sunday 6th December 1998 -
Dedication of the REME Association Branch Standard.

BOOKING ADVICE

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I wish to attend the Dedication of the REME Association (SA) Branch Standard and will be accompanied by:- * Wife - * Partner

* family -:

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Cost for Bus

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Signature:- Date .../.../98

THE RAEME ASSOCIATION (Victoria) INCORPORATED

PROGRAMME OF ACTIVITIES 01 SEPTEMBER 1998 - 30 AUGUST 1999

TUES	6 OCT 1998	7.30pm	COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT MEETING Oakleigh Barracks
SAT	24 OCT 1998	4.00 pm	CRAFTSMAN MEMORIAL DEDICATION ALTC Centre (old RAAOC Centre) BANDIANA
		5.00 pm	ALL RANKS BUFFET (old RAAOC Centre Oval) (Accommodation 4/19 PWLH Trg Depot Victoria Street, ALBURY)
SAT	7 NOV 1998	1.00 pm	COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT and PROVINCIAL REPRESENTATIVES MEETING - 3 Recovery Coy RAEME Trg Depot Charles Street, KORUMBURRA (Members welcome to attend)
WED	11 NOV 1998	10.45 am	REMEMBRANCE DAY OBSERVANCE SERVICE Oakleigh Barracks
		11.30 am	BUFFET (following Service)
FRI	4 DEC 1998	7.00 pm	DEDICATION OF REME ASSOCIATION (S.A.) BRANCE STANDARD - 49 Cadet Unit Parade Ground SMITHFIELD Light Refreshments to follow. Interested members to contact our Secretary Jack Westernhagen 9888 3359.
TUES	2 FEB 1999	7.30 pm	COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT MEETING Oakleigh Barracks
TUES	16 FEB 1999	8. 00 pm	RAEME ASSOCIATION TRUSTEES MEETING Conference Room Oakleigh Barracks
SUN	14 MAR 1999	11.30 am	LUNCHEON TO HONOUR ASSOCIATION OUR WIDOWS' and LIFE MEMBERS' Oakleigh Barracks Lecture Room (<u>Open to all members and their families</u>) <u>Please make an effort to attend</u>
TUES	13 APR 1999	7.30 pm	COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT MEETING Oakleigh Barracks
SAT	24 APR 1999	7.30 pm	RAEME ASSOCIATION ANNUAL ANZAC EVE REUNION Officers'/Sergeants' Messes (Opened to members and their partners)
SUN	25 APR 1999	5.50 am	ANZAC DAWN SERVICE (followed by a Gunfire Breakfast)
SUN	25 APR 1999	11.00 am	ANZAC DAY MARCH - Melbourne
		12.30 pm	Buffet Meal after the March at Oakleigh Barracks
SAT	29 MAY 199	1.00 PM	COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT an PROVINCIAL REPRESENTATIVES MEETING - 10 Medium Regt RAA Trg Depot Myers St, GEELONG (Members welcome to attend)
TUES	6 JUL 1999	7.30 pm	COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT MEETING Oakleigh Barracks

PROGRAMME OF EVENTS- Cont

TUES 10 AUG 1999	7.30 pm	COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT MEETING Oakleigh Barracks
SUN 29 AUG 1999	11.00 am	1999 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING and ELECTION OF OFFICER BEARERS 1999-2000 Model Room Oakleigh Barracks
SUN 29 AUG 1999	12. 30 pm	B.B.Q. Lunch (All members and family invited) Sergeant's Mess
SAT SEPT 1999	1.30 pm	COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT and PROVINCIAL REPRESENTATIVES MEETING (Date and Location to be advised)

**AMENDMENTS TO
STATEMENT OF PURPOSES AND RULES
Reissued 31st August 1997**

AMENDMENTS:- As Approved at AGM. 30th August 1998

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1. The name of the Incorporated Association is THE ROYAL AUSTRALIAN ELECTRICAL MECHANICAL ENGINEERS ASSOCIATION (VICTORIA) INCORPORATED. S AEME/RAEME ASSOCIATION' (In these Rules called 'The Association').

INTERPRETATION

2. (1) In these Rules, unless contrary intention appears:-

- 'Associate Member' means an Associate Member of the Association.
- 'By-Law' means a By-Law of the Association.
- 'Committee' means the Committee of Management of the Association.
- 'Financial Year' means the Year Ending on 30th June.
- 'General Meeting' means a General Meeting of members convened in accordance with Rule 11.
- 'Life Member' means a member who has been nominated and elected Life Member in accordance with Rule 25.
- 'Member' means a person admitted as a member of any Membership category.
- 'Ordinary Member' means a person admitted as an Ordinary Member Association.
- 'Special Member' means a member in need as determined by the Committee.
- 'The Act' means the Association Incorporation Act 1981.
- 'The Regulation' means Regulations under the Act.

(2) In these Rules, a reference to the Secretary of the Association is a reference

(a) where a person holds Office under these rules as Secretary of the Association, to that person, and

(b) in any other case, to the Public Officer of the Association.
(3) Words of expressions contained in these rules shall be interpreted in accordance with the provisions of the Acts Interpretation Act 1958 and Act as in force from time to time.

2.a. In these rules unless the context otherwise requires:-

- (1) Headings, underlining and the Table of Contents are for convenience only and do not affect the interpretation of these rules;
- (2) words implying the singular include the plural and vice versa;
- (3) words implying a gender include any gender;
- (4) other parts of speech and grammatical forms of a word or phrase defined in these rules have a corresponding meaning;
- (5) a reference to any thing includes a part of that thing;
- (6) a reference to these rules includes a reference to any appendix, annexure exhibit or schedule to these rules;

APPLICATION FOR ORDINARY MEMBERSHIP

- (1) A person who:-
 - (a) is serving or has served in the Royal Australian Electrical and Mechanical Engineers, or
 - (b) has served in the Australian Electrical and Mechanical Engineers, or
 - (c) has served in the Australian Army Ordnance Corps (Mechanical Engineering Branch), or
 - (d) has served in any British Commonwealth Corps of Electrical and Mechanical Engineers with which the Australian Army has served, or
 - (e) is serving or has served as attached to any of the foregoing; and, is nominated and approved for membership as provided in these rules is eligible to be a member of the Association on payment of the Entrance Fee and Annual Subscription payable under these rules.
- (2) A person who is not a member of the Association at the time of the Incorporation of the Association (or who was such a member at that time but has ceased to be a member) shall not be admitted to membership:-
 - (a) unless he is nominated as provided in Sub-Rule (3); and
 - (b) his admission as a member is approved by the Committee.
- (3) A nomination of a person for membership of the Association:-
 - (a) shall be made in writing on the form prescribed in By-Law 1; and
 - (b) shall be lodged with the Secretary of the Association.

ASSOCIATION DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURE

- (1) A member may be suspended or expelled from membership of the Association the Committee under the following circumstances:
 - (a) If the Committee has reason to believe that a member may be guilty of conduct unbecoming of a member, in which case the Committee shall give not less than 14 days notice in writing to that member of the date, time and place of its meeting, at which it will consider whether or not he has been guilty of such conduct.

ASSOCIATION DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURE - Cont.

- (b) The notice referred to in Rule 7.1(a) shall be accompanied by a statement in which there shall be set out full and precise particulars of the conduct of the member which will be considered by the Committee.
- (c) Either prior to or at the meeting of the Committee, the member concerned may request it to elaborate upon any of the particulars set forth in the statement. Such a request shall be complied with by the Committee. A member may put to the Committee at the meeting such facts as he may consider relevant and shall be given every opportunity to address it.
- (d) The Committee shall decide at the meeting whether the member has been guilty of conduct unbecoming of a member. If it is satisfied that he has been guilty of such conduct, it may resolve that he be placed on a warning, improve his conduct, or be reprimanded or be suspended from membership of the Association for a period not exceeding three months, or expulsion from membership of the Association.
- (e) The substance and decision of the meeting referred to in Rule 7.1(d) shall be in the minutes of the meeting. Written notices, submissions and other correspondence relevant to the meeting shall be attached to and form part of the minutes which shall be confirmed within 7 days of the meeting by the Chair.
- (f) The Secretary of the Association, shall notify the member in writing of the Committee's decision within 14 days after the meeting of the Committee.

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DISCIPLINARY POWER OF THE COMMITTEE Cont. and (10) - (11).
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APPEALS - Cont. and (7) -- (14).

22. (1) The Committee shall consist of:-

(a) the Officers of the Association; and

(b) 8 members, which may be Ordinary or Life Members, or Associate Members, except that there will be no more than 4 Associate members of the Committee.

(2) Each member of the Committee shall, subject to these rules, hold office until the Annual General Meeting next after the date of his election but is eligible for re-election.

(3) If there is a vacancy other than an Association Officer, the Committee may appoint a member to fill the vacancy, subject to these rules, until the conclusion of the next General Meeting next following the date of the appointment.

24. For the purposes of these rules, the office of an Officer of the Association or a Member of the Committee becomes vacant if the Officer or member:-

PROCEEDINGS OF COMMITTEE

27. (1) The Committee shall meet at least three (3) times in each year at such place and such times as the Committee may determine.

(2) Special Meetings of the Committee may be convened by the President, or by any members of the Committee. Or if the President is not available to convene the meeting, the Vice President.

(3) Notice shall be given to members of the Committee of any Special Meeting specifying the general nature of the business to be transacted and no other business shall be transacted at such a meeting.

(4) Any six (6) members of the Committee constitutes a quorum for the transaction of the business of a meeting of a Committee.

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AMENDMENT 5 To:- Table of Contents, Rules No's 2 (1), 3A (1)-(3)-(4), 7 (1) to (11), 7A (1) to (4), 22. (1)(b)-(2)-(3), 27 (2). A.G. N. 30. 8. 98

DEFENCE LONG SERVICE MEDAL

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1. The Defence Long Service Medal (DLSM) has been introduced to replace the current Defence Force Service Awards (DFSA) (the Defence Force Service Medal, the Reserve Force Decoration and the Reserve Force Medal). The DLSM is the result of a recommendation of the 1993/94 Committee of Inquiry into Defence and Defence-Related Awards (CIDA). The new award will not discriminate between rank, nor will it discriminate between permanent or reserve service. Consequently, it will not carry post-nominals.

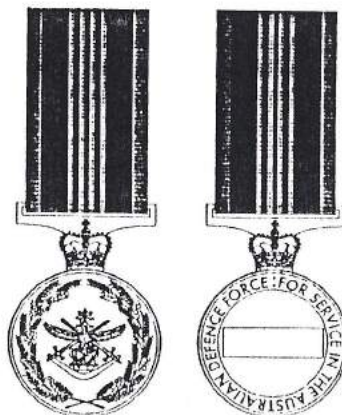
2. Like the DFSA, the new medal will be awarded for 15 years service and clasps will be issued for each subsequent five years service. The new award will also allow for recognition of service which has otherwise gone unrecognised, such as that lost by individuals who have changed between the permanent and reserve forces. The DLSM will not be awarded in addition to a DFSA.

3. A DI (G) is to be published concerning the award.

Eligibility for the DLSM

4. The date of effect for the DLSM is 20 Apr 94 (the date of the public announcement that the government had accepted the CIDA recommendation). As a result of the introduction of the DLSM, eligibility for a long service award will be calculated as follows:

- Eligible personnel who completed their 15 years service on or after 20 Apr 99 will be awarded the DLSM only,
- Eligible personnel who have qualified or will qualify for service award between 20 Apr 94 and 19 Apr 99, may elect to be awarded either the appropriate existing DFSA or the DLSM (this will be a once only election),
- Eligible personnel who qualified for an award prior to 20 Apr 94, but who have not received the award, will be awarded the appropriate DFSA,
- Eligible personnel who have been awarded a DFSA will continue to accrue service for clasps to the DFSA only and will not be able to reject the award of a clasp in order to accrue service towards a DLSM, and



c. Eligible personnel who have received a DFSA but also have unrecognised service, may elect to return their DFSA, in order to have all their service recognised to qualify for the award of the DLSM plus clasps.

Once Only Election for DFSA or DLSM

5. Service personnel who have or will become eligible for a long service award between 20 Apr 94 and 19 Apr 99, are to advise their choice for the award of the existing DFSA or the DLSM, as shown in paragraphs 6, 7 and 8. This will be a once only election. Neither the DFSA nor the DLSM will be issued until members advise their preference.

6. Personnel who have qualified for and received a DFSA since 20 Apr 94, and who want to return the DFSA in order to receive the DLSM should advise their choice of award as follows:

- Advice from personnel concerning their choice of medal must include the member's number, rank, full name, dates and type of service, any non-effective service and the member's signature,
- For Navy personnel, the election should be made through the ships office, which are to forward a consolidated list to the Navy Medals Section, and
- For Army and Airforce personnel, the election should be made individually, in the form of a minute, direct to the respective Medals Section.

Medals Should Not Be Returned Until Advised.

7. Personnel who are now eligible or have applied for an award, and have not

received their medal, are to advise which medal they prefer as shown in preceding paragraph. Medals will not be despatched until this advice is received.

8. Personnel who are yet to become eligible for an award before 20 Apr 99 are to advise their choice of award as shown in paragraph 6.

Unrecognised Service.

9. Persons who have unrecognised service, as described in sub-paragraph 4(c), are to advise their choice of award as shown in paragraph 6.

Advice On Eligibility

10. Personnel who require advice on their eligibility should make enquiries with their service medals section. Contact telephone numbers and addressees are:

Navy:

Phone: (02) 6265 3103
Medals Section - Navy
D-3-32A
Department of Defence
Canberra ACT 2600

Army:

Phone: 02 62654237 or 02 6263180
Medals Section - Army
RL-DO10
Department of Defence
Canberra ACT 2600

Airforce:

Phone: 02 62655946
Medals Section - Airforce
Queanbeyan Annex
Department of Defence
Canberra ACT 2600

The DLSM

11. The DLSM is currently in the hands of the manufacturer. A date of delivery for the medal is not known, but it is likely to be early 1999 before any DLSMs can be issued.

THE FAX IS DEAD

The low usage of the MHQ Fax on Demand Service has not justified its cost and it has therefore been discontinued. Plans for a Reserve-oriented Website are in the system now. More information will be published as it is received.

WEARING OF ORDERS, DECORATIONS AND MEDALS

General

Upon receipt of the numerous requests by members, this précis is produced to advise those eligible on the correct method of wearing Orders, Decorations and Medals on ANZAC Day, Remembrance Day Observance and official occasions.

IMPERIAL SYSTEM OF HONOURS AND AWARDS

The Australian system of honours and awards is much more simple than the Imperial system which it replaced. There is only one order in the Australian system (the Order of Australia).

WEARING OF CAMPAIGN/WAR MEDALS

Campaign/War medals are worn in the order of the date of the campaign for which they were awarded.

The order of wearing the General Service Medal (GSM) 1918-1962), Korean Medal and United Nations Service Medal (Korea) will vary dependent upon the dates of participation in the relevant campaign.

The GSM 1962 and the Vietnam Medal are to be worn according to the date of award. Campaign clasps awarded to the AASM, ASM and GSM 1962 are worn in order of the date of award, the first awarded being worn in the lowest position.

United Nations Service Medals (with the exception of Korea 1950) and the Vietnamese Campaign Medal are classed as foreign awards and as such are worn after all Australian awards and Imperial awards issued as Australian awards. These medals are worn in order of date of award.

WEARING OF RIBBONS OF ORDERS, DECORATIONS AND MEDALS

When ribbons are worn apart from the orders, decorations and medals themselves, a ribbon is worn for each medal. The ribbon of the Order of Australia (38 mm wide) is worn for the AC, AO and AM, with a narrower ribbon (32 mm) worn for the OAM.

The vertical width of ribbon bars, and the vertical width of ribbon sewn on garments, is to be 10 mm. This is shown in Figure 1.



Figure 1 - Vertical width of Ribbon Bars

The ribbons may be either sewn on, or pinned to the garment by means of a detachable brooch/bar. The ribbons are to be arranged in one or more rows as required, without either gaps or overlapping, in order of precedence as for medals, starting at the inside end of the top or only row. The bottom edge of the first row is to be 3 mm above the top line of the breast pocket. The rows are to be 3 mm apart.

Medal ribbons are to be presented as follows:

- a. **Bottom Row.** The bottom row is to be completed first. It is to contain not more than four ribbons (both male and female). If there are fewer than four the ribbon bar is placed centrally over the pocket. If there are more than four a second row is begun.
- b. **Second Row.** The second row is to contain four ribbons if eight or more ribbons are worn. If there are fewer than four ribbons in the second row the ribbon bar is placed centrally over the bottom row.

WEARING OF RIBBONS OF ORDERS, DECORATIONS AND MEDALS - Cont.

- c. Third and Succeeding Rows. Any further rows are to be placed centrally between the left and right edges of the lower rows. The rows are not to project under the lapel and are to be placed centrally between the edge of the lapel and the left-hand edge of the lower rows.

When a new award is made, the recipient is entitled to wear the appropriate ribbon as soon as the award is promulgated, irrespective of the date of the investiture or the date the medal is received.

WEARING OF ORDERS, DECORATIONS AND MEDALS BY NEXT OF KIN

A person in the immediate family of a deceased recipient of a decoration or medal may wear the insignia awarded to that member, on occasions specifically designated for military commemoration. The medals or ribbons of the medals are to be worn on the RIGHT breast and ONLY when the person is in CIVILIAN CLOTHES; they are not permitted to be worn on uniform under any circumstances.

WEARING OF ORDERS, DECORATIONS AND MEDALS WITH CIVILIAN CLOTHES

General

The word 'Decorations' on the invitation card is the intimation from the host that the entertainment is an official one and that decorations should be worn.

WEARING DECORATIONS WITH EVENING DRESS AND DINNER JACKET

When it is desired that decorations be worn with Evening Dress or Dinner Jacket invitations will state either 'Evening Dress - Decorations' (for all evening dress) or 'Dinner Jacket - Decorations'. When 'Evening Dress - Decorations' is prescribed those not in possession of full Evening Dress may wear Dinner Jacket, with decorations, etc. With 'Dinner Jacket - Decorations', it is permissible to wear either a stiff evening collar or a soft collar.

The occasions on which the insignia of orders, miniatures of orders, decorations and medals are worn with Evening Dress or Dinner Jacket are:

- a. at parties and dinners when any member of the Royal Family is present. Guests may expect to be informed if any such member will be present;
- b. at functions given in Embassies or residences of Ambassadors and Ministers, unless otherwise notified by the Ambassador or Minister concerned (a decoration of the country concerned should be worn in preference to a British one, and if both are worn, the former should take precedence over the latter);
- c. at evening parties given by or in the presence of a representative of the Sovereign, when within their sphere of jurisdiction;
- d. at official dinners and receptions, including Service dinners, and public dinners where the host intimates that 'Decorations' should be worn; and
- e. on official occasions when the hosts are:

(1) Cabinet Ministers,

(2) Ex-Cabinet Ministers.

WEARING OF ORDERS, DECORATIONS AND MEDALS WITH CIVILIAN CLOTHES - Cont.

- (3) Knights of the Order of the Garter,
- (4) Knights of the Order of the Thistle,
- (5) Knights of the Order of St. Patrick,
- (6) Great Officers of State and of the Sovereign's Household, or
- (7) Lord Mayors and Mayors.

WEARING OF DECORATIONS WITH LOUNGE SUITE

With Lounge Suit, full size orders, decorations and medals may be worn at appropriate daytime functions. At evening functions for which Lounge Suit is specified, the miniatures of orders, decorations and medals may be worn.

POSITIONING OF DECORATIONS

Medals and miniatures are worn on civilian clothing with the top of the riband positioned midway between the top of the shoulder and the jacket breast pocket. Females are to wear the medals, or miniatures, in a similar position, depending on the style of the dress. The positioning of decorations is shown in Figures 2 and 3.

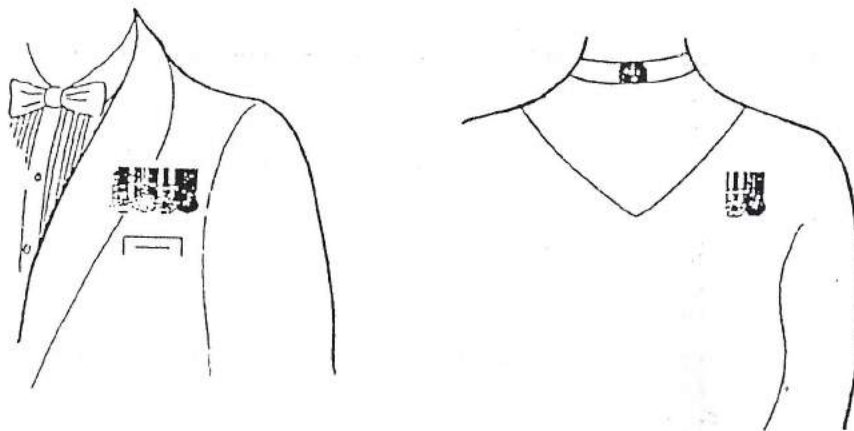
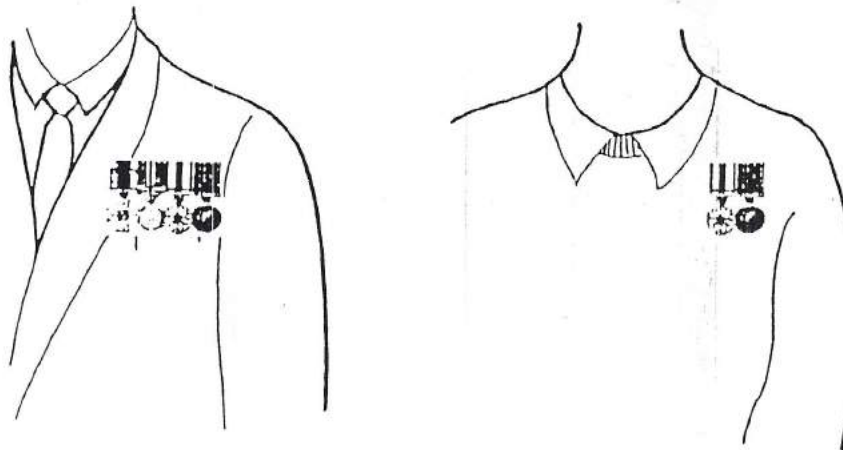


Figure 2 - Positioning Medals on Dinner Suit



MAINTENANCE OF AWARDS

Orders, decorations and medals are to be kept clean and in good repair. Ribbon worn with insignia or on ribbon bars is to be clean and not frayed or worn. Protective covering is not to be used over ribbon bars. Attached devices are to be securely fastened.

SECURITY

A member is to ensure that all orders, decorations and medals received by them are secure when not in use. Care is to be taken to prevent awards falling into the possession of unauthorized persons. Awards sent by post are to be registered.

MOUNTING OF ORDERS, DECORATIONS AND MEDALS

Medals are suspended from a metal bar. Bars are available in widths suitable for one, two, three, four and five medals. When there are more than five medals they are to overlap sufficiently to allow the number of medals to be evenly spaced on the five metal suspension (approximately 16 cm) with the highest in the order of precedence fully displayed. The method of mounting medals on the medal bar is shown in Figure 4.

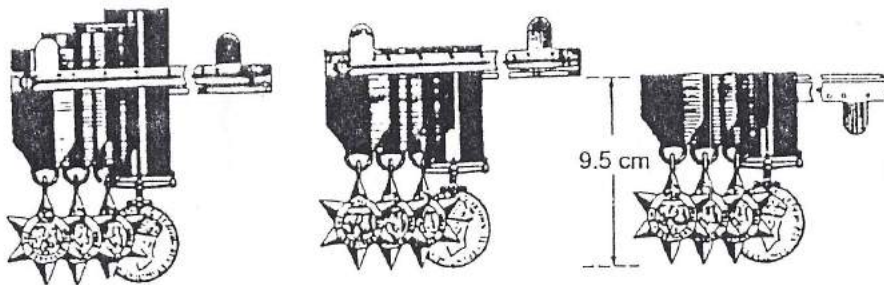


Figure 4 - Method of Mounting Medals to a Metal Bar

COURT MOUNTING - Medals may be 'court mounted' at the option and expense of the individual unless court mounting is ordered for the performance of a member's duties. The method of court mounting medals (full size and miniatures) is shown in Fig 5. Court mounting more than five medals is shown in Figure 6.

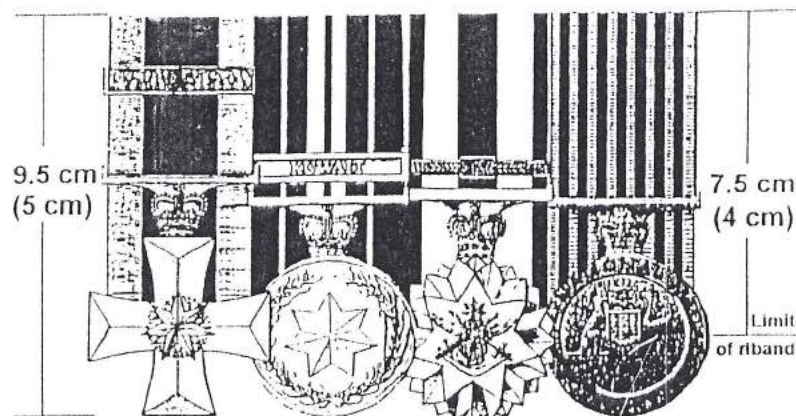


Figure 5 - Method of Court Mounting Medals (Full Size and Miniature Size)
(Measurements for miniature size shown in brackets)

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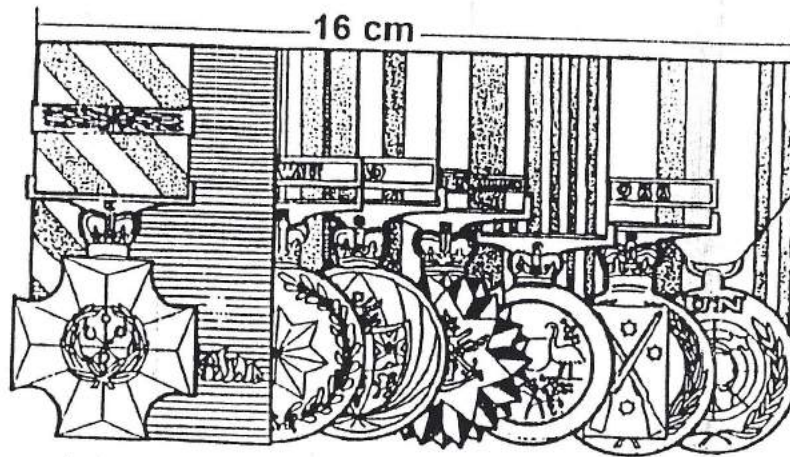


Figure 6 - Court Mounting of more than five Normal Size Medals

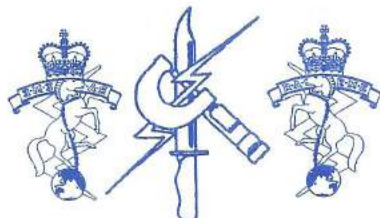
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