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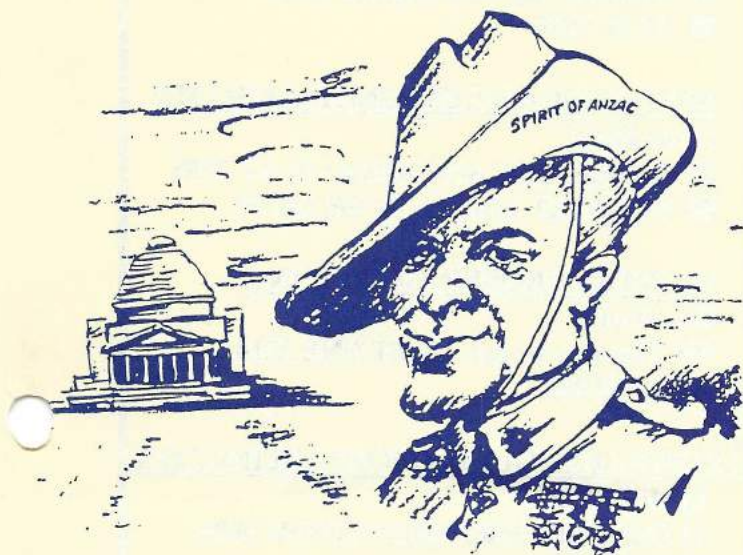
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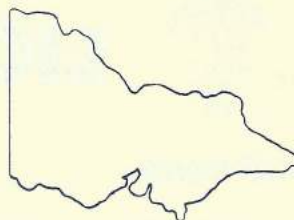
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### THE PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

On Sunday March 14th, 1999, we held our Annual Luncheon to honour our Widows and Life Members at Oakleigh Barracks and what a great day it was! After quite a shaky start once the preparation was complete, the room and tables looked a treat for the 78 people, including 5 Widows and 7 Life Members who sat down to our Luncheon (a little disappointing with the Widows numbers but hopefully more will be able to attend next year).

Many thanks to the willing workers who had a lot to contend with beforehand.

Geoff Maggs proposed the Loyal Toast, while John Lee the Corps, Brig Conrad Ermert (our Patron) our guests; and Bill Challons (LM) summed up the feelings of all present with his words on behalf of the Widows, Life Members and our guests. I wish to thank them for their interesting remarks. A quiet afternoon followed the Luncheon where many old friendships were rekindled as people sat in the Sergeant's Mess and 'Chewed the fat'. I have heard only favourable comments of the day.

Next year, I hope the numbers top the 100, as this year we swelled the numbers by around 20 so its up to you all to make the 100 next year. Once again, thanks to all who rolled up their sleeves for the function.

Please don't forget ANZAC Eve 7.30 pm Saturday 24th April 1999 at the combined Oakleigh Barracks Officer's/Sergeant's Messes, Widows are most welcome. If transport is a problem, please ring our Secretary Jack Westernhagen on 9888 3359.

4 B.A.S.B. have moved to Maygar Barracks Broadmeadows and will be holding a Dawn Service on ANZAC Day for people who wish to attend - more details from our Secretary under his Column, I feel we should be represented there as well as at Oakleigh Barracks.

THE YEAR 2000 - A suggestion from the RAEME (NSW) Branch is the issue of a Certificate to all members. Suggestions are required from our members.

PETER CARTLEDGE, PRESIDENT



### THE SECRETARY'S CORNER

SEASON'S GREETINGS - In this our first Issue of 'THE FLASH' for 1999 I would like to wish our many RAEME families and single members a Happy New Year for 1999 and hopefully it will be a very prosperous and healthy new year to you and yours for future years to come.

ANZAC DAY DAWN SERVICES - Members are informed that this year you will have the opportunity to attend either a Dawn Service at Oakleigh Barracks (as per previous years, see Flier enclosed) or at Maygar Barracks, Broadmeadows.

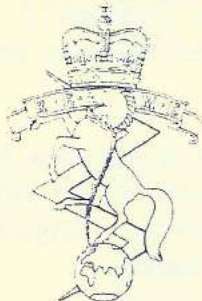
4 B.A.S.B HQ and some of its main elements were transferred to Maygar Barracks Broadmeadows this month. 4 B.A.S.B. will also hold a Dawn Service at their new location at 5.45 am. Perhaps members and their family residing in the Broadmeadows area would like to attend 4 BASBs Dawn



(Cont. from P. 3 Col. 2)

Service prior to joining the Association in the City for the 1999 ANZAC Day March.

## THE REME



### ASSOCIATION SOUTH AUSTRALIA BRANCH

#### DEDICATION OF THE REME ASSOCIATION (S.A.) BRANCH

STANDARD - On Friday evening 4th December 1998, 12 members of our Association 'Marched On' with several other ex-Service Associations including 7 members of the AEME/RAEME Association of Sth Australia Inc., to the combined Annual Ceremonial Parade of 49 Regional Cadet Unit (RCU) and the Dedication of the Standard (Association Colours) of the REME Assocrn (SA) Branch.

Two Platoons of Cadets provided the Guard to the Standard. The Parade, which included a 'March-Past' in 'Column-of-Route' and an 'Advance-in-Review Order' was followed by a light supper. This provided an opportunity to meet the members of the AEME/RAEME Association of S.A. Inc. (Refer to the Social Events Column for activities over the remainder of that week-end with members and the wives of our sister Corps of REME on P. 5).

#### MEMORIAL TO THE RAEME CRAFTSMAN

- 14 members of our Association and their wives journeyed to Albury to attend this historical event on Saturday 24th October 1998. (Refer to a full coverage of this historical event on P. 12)

#### NEW CERTIFICATES RECOGNISE SERVICE - An application for a Federal Government "THEIR SERVICE-OUR

HERITAGE" Certificate which is another recognition of your war service is enclosed, those eligible please fill the application in and forward it to your local Federal MP and you should receive the certificate within six weeks.

#### 1999 ANZAC EVE ANNUAL REUNION -

Members are reminded of our forthcoming Annual Reunion on SAT 24th APRIL 1999

At Oakleigh Barracks, Oakleigh South. This function is opened to ALL MEMBERS and their families (no small children please) (See the Information Sheets enclosed for full details).

#### RAEME ASSOCIATION JEWELLERY -

Members interested in purchasing items of Association Lapel Badge for themselves or RAEME Lady's Brooch or Pendants for their partners, I will have a selection on hand during the evening, both at the Reunion and again after the March in the city, for those wishing to purchase same.

#### RAEME ASSOCIATION JACKETS AND CAPS

- Orders for the above items will be taken during the Annual Reunion and again after the March upon our return to Oakleigh Barracks. Have you obtained yours? These have proved to be a very good seller both within our Branch and to those of our sister Branches.

#### C.O.M. and PROVINCIAL REPRESENTATIVE'S MEETING

GEELONG - Members are advised that our next C.O.M. and Provincial Representative's Meeting will be held at the 10 Med Regt Drill Hall Myers Street, Geelong on Saturday 29th May 1999 commencing at 1.00pm. This meeting is open to ALL MEMBERS residing in the Geelong and Rural Areas. Come along and meet with your Committee and see how the business of the Association is conducted on your behalf. This meeting will be followed by a Social-Get-Together at a local venue at which we look forward to the members and their partners joining us.





As you can see by the above notice, we are still requiring a member to volunteer to be the Association's Treasurer.

**JACK WESTERNHAGEN SECRETARY**



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

Since our last 'Lightning Flash' you will know we journeyed to Adelaide on Friday December 4th 1998 to witness the Dedication of the REME Association (S.A.) Branch Standard and whilst there we enjoyed the hospitality of the REME Association.

They joined us on our coach on Saturday 6th and we started off with an interesting historical tour of Gawler then on through the spectacular Barossa Valley with a tour through Chateau Yaldara Winery, after which we stopped for a B.B.Q. Lunch before returning to our Motel to freshen up before the evening meal.

That evening, some 60 of us sat down to a Chinese Banquet which was enjoyed by all. During the evening festivities we sang old war times songs accompanied by one of our members, Bruce Doolan piano accordion.

Our Association was presented with a plaque from the REME Association (S.A.) Branch which we plan to hang in the Oakleigh Barracks Sergeant's Mess.

We were made most welcome by the members of the REME Association and are now in the planning stages of a joint visit by us and them to Ballarat over the Melbourne Cup weekend 1999. They have indicated an interest (and have collected deposits already of approx 40 people) for this weekend, and I would like to see at least that number of our Membership there also. After all, their Membership is well under 100, whilst our Membership is over 200. So please let Jack Westernhagen or myself know A.S.A.P. of your numbers so we can visit Ballarat and talk to people regarding rates and prices at various accommodation and venues.

Several people have expressed an interest to visit the Canberra War Memorial again now that it has re-opened with a much different display and to allow much more time at the Memorial than the last visit. This could possibly be Australia Day or Queen's Birthday Weekend 2000. Please let us know of your choice of weekend and give your Committee an indication of attendance.

Please note - our Widows are more than welcome to attend any of our functions.

#### **ANNUAL ANZAC EVE REUNION 1999** -

Due to the increase of food costs since our last Reunion, members and their partners are hereby advised that the Entrance Fee at our 1999 Annual ANZAC Eve Reunion (and those Annual Reunions thereafter) has been increased to \$12 : 00 per head.

**PETER CARTLEDGE - CONVENOR**





### MEMBERSHIP SUB-COMMITTEE

A cordial welcome is extended to the following new members:

ORDINARY MEMBERS - Bill Cole (035)

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS - Hazel Bailey (A180), Bradley Brazier (A9(6), Ray Collins (A 44).

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 - Alfred Albrecht, Gus Allen, Peter Allen, John Ashburn, John Ashworth, Jack Asker, Colonel Ron Bade, Douglas Barnes, Les Bailey, Jack Balsillie, David Beattie, John Belfield, Frank Bell, Neville Bell, Jim Bernard, Gary Best, Ron Billing, Shawn Blachford, Paul Bond, Don Bonsor, John Boothroyd, Rodney Bowen, Donald Brown, Robert Budgen, Kerrie Bullman, Lawrence Burley, Robert Burney, Ted Burton, Eric Butler, Lyall Butling, Lt Colonel Brian Cahill, Peter Cartledge, Allen Charter, Neil Charter, Albert Chinnoek, Noel Cilia, Dennis Clarke, Ivan Clarke, William Clarke, Ron Clifford, Bill Cole, Lt Colonel Des Condron, Phillip Cook, Ray Cousins, Reg Cox, Frank Crocker, Robert Crocker, Lt Colonel Chris Cromack, Jim Crowe, Kevin Crowe, John Davidson, Ronald Davies, Brig John Dean, David Delaney, D. DeRosayro, Bruce Doolan, Bryan Dowel, Mal Drechsler, Brian Driscoll, James Duncan, Laurie Dunn, Keith Dyall, Lt Colonel John Edelsten, John Edwards, Brig Conrad Ermert, Ron Fauvel, Albert Feathers, Cyril Ferne, Dave Field, Michael Fix, James Flood, Warwick Foletta,

Rex Foord, Alan Freeth, Robert Fuller, Lt Colonel Wilfred Gill, Warwick Glendening, John Gooding, Alan Gostellow, Fred Greenway, Bill Hall, Peter Hearn, George Hepburn, Bruce Hickson, Keith Holland, Bill Holmes, Ross Hope, Robert Hunter, George Hutchinson, Aranka Illia, Barry Irons, Victor Jaeger, David Jones, Edward Jones, Eric Jones, Roland Jones, Arthur Johnson, Rex Johnson, Ian Johnson, Bruce Johnstone, Alf Keevers, Ronald Kelsey, Norman Kenyon, Robert Kershaw, Michael King, Stan Konrad, Ken Lawrence, John Leckie, Colonel John Lee, Murray Lewis, Henry Lowther, Lindsay Lorimer, Peter Mack, Lt Colonel Don Mcleod, Lee Magnusson, Pat Marley, Robert Majetic, Jim McFarlane, Anthony McKenzie, John McLean, Tony McNally, Vincent McNamara, James McRae, Jack Miller, Hubert Mills, Wes Missen, Andrew Moon, Kevin Moon, Tony Moon, Max Moore, William Morrison, Kiron Naug, Michael Newbond, Peter Nicholas, Lt Colonel Alan Nolan, Dennis Oakley, Lt Colonel Frank O'Brien, Ken Osborne, Berdg Papazian, Frank Parkin, Alfred Perrott, Neil Pitt, Charles Potter, Barry Ridgway, Colonel Peter Robinson, Hugh Rogers, Harry Ross, Ivan Royle, Bruce Scott, David Scott, Lt Colonel John Scully, Tony See, Bruce Sefton, John Self, Steven Sherry, Bill Slegers, John Sloss, Diane Smith, Welton Smith, Noel Smithwick, Francis Smits, George Spiteri, John Stephens, Len Stephens, Westleigh Tabe, Walter Thompson, Brian Tingwell, Frank Towers, Colonel Peter Tremain, Jack Tusler, George Vander, Garry Vapp, Graeme Vaux, Raymon Vaux, John Walton, Ronald Waters, Garry Welsh, Jack Westernhagen, Crosbie Wheeler, Les Whitford, Stanley Whitwell, Daren Williams, Colonel Brian Williamson, Lt Colonel Jack Wilson, Robert Wilson, Joseph Wisdom, Edward Woods, Jim Wylie, Gordon Young. (189).

LIFE MEMBERS - Douglas Brazier, Bill Challons, Ed Collins, Norm Curtis, Clive Hill, Ken Kermonde, Geoff Maggs, Tom Money (8).

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS LIST - Dorothy Averv, Hazel Bailey, Thelma Brazier.



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Rodney Brazier, Carmen Brazier, Adam Brazier, Vivian Brazier, Bradley Brazier, Leonie Cartledge, Norma Clifford, Wilma Cook, Ray Collins, Roma Cox, Marilyn Field, Shirley Foord, Alice Kermonde, Lynn Lee, June Lewis, Margaret Long, Nancy Maggs, Jan Mills, Margaret Moon, Ray Moore, Julie Parisi, Margaret Royle, Elaine Tingwell. (26).

#### ASSOCIATION WIDOWS LISTING -

Mini Asche, Vera Binaisse, Margaret Buckley, Gwen Byron, Jean Clarke, Sylvia Colley, Cheryl Collins (nee White), Isobel Dean, Joan Dunwoodie, Philomena Hands, Estelle Hollingsworth, Lotte McCoubrie, Ivy Munro, Jessica Patching, Bernadett Pennant, Ray Pretty, Elsie Scott, Joyce Snedden, Anne Snowball, Peggy Switzer, Lillian Thompson, Barbara Treloggan, Heather Watts, Barbara White. (25)

**WE NEED YOU NOW!** - Members, our message to you is simple. There aren't enough of us. We **URGENTLY** need each and every member to make the recruiting of at least one new member their immediate personal responsibility.

If we are going to be able to look after our members, old and new, we are going to need the strength of numbers and the subs brought by recruiting, to succeed.

Don't leave it to your Committee. They can't possibly know all the people who are potential members. You don't have to be a great salesman. Carry your Association Newsletter, or better still an Application for Membership with you, you may come in contact with a potential member. Approach that person. They may be delighted with the idea, having simply never thought of it.

**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.

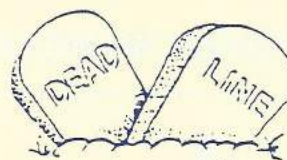
**JACK WESTERNHAGEN, CONVENOR**



#### 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 its 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.

**'I WAS THERE' COMPETITION** - Please keep your entries coming in for Stage 4 of the \$50.00 prize Money for the best of three entries submitted. To date we have not received any entries for Stage 4 of this competition. Series 4 commenced in September 1998 and will close in the last week of July 1999.



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

**15th JULY 1999**

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

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**JACK WESTERNHAGEN, EDITOR**





### WELFARE & BETTERMENT SUB-COMMITTEE

Reg COX - Our Welfare Officer recently decided to have a spell in the Monash hospital after he and his wife Roma returned from their holiday.

Nancy MAGGS - The wife of one of our LM's also had a short spell in the S.E. Hospital but is home once again.

Laurie DUNN - Went into hospital only for the day with ear trouble on 14/2/99.

John LEE - Was recently involved in a serious motor accident and is now recovering at home.

**JACK WESTERNHAGEN, SECRETARY**



### HISTORICAL SUB-COMMITTEE ORIGIN OF THE ODE

The ode is the fourth verse of the poem "For the Fallen" written by the poet and writer Laurence Binyon and first published in London in the Winnowang Fan; "Poems of the Great War". For the Fallen was written by Binyon, as a

tribute to those who served their country in times of danger, and particularly, to those who paid the supreme sacrifice.

The Ode was in common use in commemoration services in Australia in 1921, and has since been recited in every RSL, each evening by the President or his Deputy. Also, all RSL meetings commence with a 'Silent Tribute', and at least part of the Ode. The intention is to remind ourselves, that we are about to attempt work, which is aimed at giving assistance to those who are bereaved, incapacitated or otherwise in need of help as the result of action against an enemy in times of war.

The few harmonious words of the Ode have become a universal eulogy on occasions, when ex-servicemen and women gather to honour their old friends who have passed on since the wars. A copy of the handwritten verse by Laurence Binyon and bearing his signature is held by both Albert James of Royston Park, S.A. Colwyn B. Williams (Author of this article) and RSL HQ S.A.

*They shall grow not old as we that are left grow old.  
Age shall not weary them nor the years condemn.  
At the going down of the sun & in the morning  
We will remember them*  
Laurence Binyon

This very clearly demonstrates, that Binyon was careful to cross all of the letters "T" and the word "condemn" clearly spelt with a "d" not a "t" as is often been mentioned by writers and speakers. It was printed in the Adelaide Advertiser on May 11, 1989 under the heading "Nor years CONDEMN, or is it CONTEMN". From time to time, there have been comments on the exact shades of intent conveyed. Yet it is commonly agreed, that the words kindle a feeling of reverence. We can probably consider such meaning and feeling as these: "They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old" perhaps suggests: When we ageing ones think of them we remember them only as they were in their youth.



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"Age shall not weary them"; The trials of life can no longer affect them - they have passed into a realm of contentment. "Nor the years condemn"; As time passes, there will be no lessening of the strength of their cause; their deeds will be immortal in the history of their country. and finally - "At the going down of the sun, and in the morning we will remember them"; On every day and throughout all nights, we will recall their sacrifices.

The Ode at RSL ceremonies By-Law 20 Sub-article 32.1 of the National Memorandum of Association, sets out the procedures for incorporating the Ode in RSL in RSL Commemoration Ceremonies, in brief, it calls for:

#### LAST POST

"They shall grow not old (short pause)  
As we that are left grow old (longer pause)  
Age shall not weary them (short pause)  
Nor the years condemn (longer pause)  
At the going down of the sun (short pause)  
And in the morning (longer pause)  
We will remember them (short pause)"  
The gathering repeats "We will remember them:

Silence

Speaker says "Lest we Forget"

Rouse or Reveille is played. The ceremony is ended.

The words "Thank you" shall NOT be spoken to end the ceremony.

(EXTRACT FROM MUFTI DECEMBER 1997 EDITOR)

#### The Digger -

The nickname is attributed to the number of former gold diggers in the early army units and to the trench-digging activities of Australian soldiers during WW1.

The actual origin of the name has been lost in time but the Australian soldier is still affectionately known around the world as the digger.

Chris Jobson, former RSM Ceremonial ADHQ

#### LETTER TO THE EDITOR

REME Association (S.A.) Branch  
Hillier Park, Site 130  
Hillier Road, GAWLER S.A.

Dear Comrades,

The President and members of the Royal Electrical & Mechanical Engineers Association (SA Branch) wish to thank you for your attendance at the Dedication Ceremony and Parade on Friday 4th December 1998. Your presence helped to make it a real success, not only for us but also for 49 Regional Cadet Unit end of the year Passing Out Parade. We did not expect so many to be on parade, nor so many spectators, we are grateful for a magnificent turnout, wish you all the very best for Christmas and the New year.

Derek Fairbrass, President  
Gerald Preston, Secretary

#### IMPORTANT NOTICE



#### 110 Bde Wksp & Fd Park Association

Amongst our historical memorabilia was found the Minutes of the above AEME unit held on 8th November 1981. It contained an Address Listing of members (at that time). If any member of that unit wishes to obtain a copy of said document, please contact the Secretary Jack Westernhagen. A copy was forwarded to the RAEME Assocn (NSW) Inc.

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**THE AUSTRALIAN SUBMARINE AE 2**  
(Extract from "FIRST IN, LAST OUT THE  
NAVY AT GALLIPOLI' by T.R. Frameland  
& G.J. Swinden)

The AE 2 was the first Allied submarine successfully to penetrate the Dardanelles, an operation that had significant impact in the early stages of the Gallipoli Campaign and the morale of the ANZAC troops. The submarine had a very difficult road to acceptance as a weapon of war, not at least in Australia.

The cost of the new class of submarine, to be known as the E-Class was £115,000, a significant increase in the £85,000 price tag on the D-Class which the Admiralty had subsequently recommended as better suited to Australian conditions. In all, sixty E-Class submarines were commissioned between 1913 and 1918. They would see service in the North Sea, the Baltic, and the Pacific and twenty-eight were lost in the course of the war. Larger than their predecessors, they displaced 725 tons on the surface and 810 tons submerged. Overall length was 181 ft. beam 22.5 ft. and they drew 12.5 ft. of water (draught). The E-Class were powered by two sets of 8-cylinder diesel engines which produced 1,750 Horsepower, Diesel Oil replaced the dangerous and toxic petrol as fuel. Submerged, the electric motors produced 55 Horsepower. The machinery arrangements translated into 15 knots on the surface and 10 knots submerged. The battery gave a theoretical endurance of 50 miles submerged, but only at 2.5 knots.

The eight E-Class had four torpedo tubes

while the later boats (except those fitted as Minelayers) had five. configured for Minelaying had only three. The AE-2 was not fitted with a gun but that does not seem to have caused concern. The usual E-Class ship's company consisted of thirty-five, including three officers and thirty sailors, although the Australian Navy operated the boats with only twenty-eight.

The successful Tenderer was the firm of Vickers and Sons and Maxims Ltd. who were to build two submarines for Australia at a cost of £105,415 each. The delivery date for the first was set for December 7th 1912 and the second for January 18th 1913. The Australian Naval Board was also quick to decide that the submarines were to have the prefix "A" before the class designation to show they were Australian. Thus the two Australian boats were to be AE 1 and AE 2, making them distinguishable from their RN sisters.

The Commissioning Commanding Officer of AE 2 was Lieutenant Henry Hugh Gordon Dacre Stoker. He was born in Dublin on February 2nd 1882 into a family with no naval connections. He was attached to the London Depot of the RN from November 7th 1913 to stand by AE 2 whilst she completed her final fitting out. By the time he came to serve with the RAN he had seven years seniority in the rank of Lieutenant.

The First Lieutenant of the AE 2, and effectively the second in command, Lieutenant Geoffrey Arthur Gordon

**BLUEY & CURLEY**



**Alex Gurney**





(Cont. from P. 10 Col. 2)

Haggard was born in 1888, making him six years younger than his Captain, and joined the Training Ship Britannia in 1903. He was a natural for the Submarine Service and ideal as the Commissioning First Lieutenant for the AE 2.

The remainder of the AE 2s crew were volunteers who needed to have complete confidence in their Captain, the only man who could see the submarine's targets and hazards. They needed to trust him and give him what he wanted when he wanted it.

A small detachment of the Australian Naval Brigade was landed near Rabaul to capture the Wireless Station on September 11th 1914 and German communications in the Pacific was disrupted. Just three days later the RAN suffered its first loss. Sent to sea on a patrol off New Britain, the AE 1 vanished without a trace with all hands. The wreck of AE 1 has not been located to this day, nor has a reason for her loss been determined. It seems most probable that she struck a submerged reef which ripped open the thin hull, sending AE 1 to the bottom. AE 2 was now the sole Australian submarine.

The AE 2 was immediately given her first patrol in the mouth of the Dardanelles, alternating with other boats. Just after midnight on April 24th, AE 2 crept up to the entrance of the Straits. Stoker's plan was to enter the Straits after the moon set, and proceed slowly along the surface - slowly so that our wash would not attract attention from the shore, and on the surface, so as to conserve electric power. We hoped in this manner to complete some miles without being discovered by the enemy. Then, at break of day, we would dive.

After nearly an hour of avoiding mines, Stoker brought his submarine to periscope depth. "In order to take stock of the situation; Stoker later wrote, "I remained at 20 feet depth with periscope up". Back in the Straits, AE 2 went deep again with a general sense of direction. The periscope

was raised once more off the small but imposing town of Chanak.

Unknown to Stoker, it was sighted by a Turkish Battleship in the narrows which was shelling the anchorage off the landing beaches. On sighting AE 2s periscope, the Battleship ceased fire and ran for safety at a time when its shelling was becoming most effective.

For forty-five minutes AE 2 sailed up the Dardanelles at seventy feet, which was tremendous progress. Stoker thought he had eluded the enemy craft until he raised the periscope, AE 2 was surrounded by small craft and coming towards them were two tugs with a wire snare between them. At that time, anti-submarine warfare was in its infancy. There was no underwater detecting devices and all surface ships could do was to fire their guns at the submarine; ram or drag wires and chains through the water in an attempt to damage the submarine's hull. The only escape avenue for AE 2 was to dive and turn 90 degrees to the approaching snare.

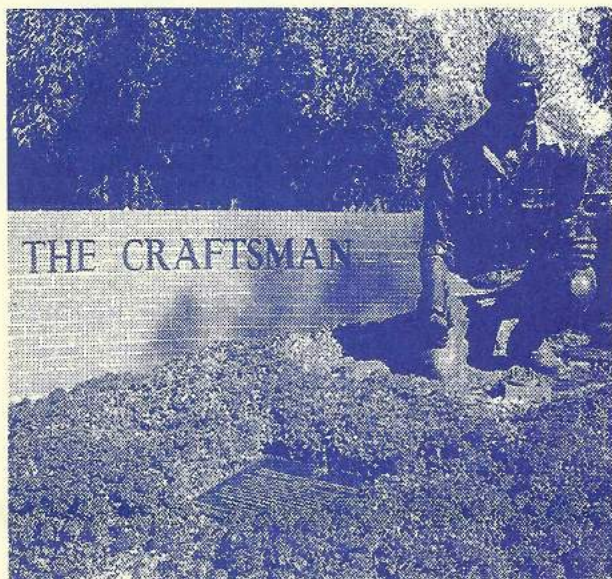
Having altered course, AE 2 rose to twenty feet and Stoker raised the periscope again. The submarine was in the centre of the Strait and heading for the Sea of Marmara. The AE 2 ended her career on April 30th 1915.

The survivors were picked up by the Torpedo Boat 'Sultan Hissar'. It was also the first day of a long incarceration as Turkish Prisoner of War. For pay purposes the men in the AE 2 were all deemed POWs from May 15th while the Naval Board decided that all of the AE 2 men would receive their full wages and Submarine Pay until they returned to England.

On May 25th 1915, the American Ambassador in Constantinople reported that three Officers and twenty-nine men had been captured and made P.O.W.

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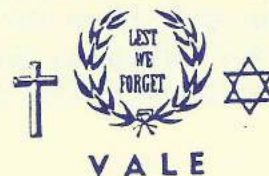


### DEDICATION OF THE CRAFTSMAN MEMORIAL - BANDIANA

On the 24th October 1998 in excellent weather for the occasion, the Memorial to the Craftsman was dedicated in the grounds of Gaza Barracks Bandiana South (the old RAAOC Centre, now part of ALTC) by Major-General John Kingston AM, RL., the Address of Welcome was given by Brigadier R.M. Millar RL., the Representative Colonel Commandant RAEME. Past and present Corps Directors and Colonel Commandants of all states were part of the Official Party, together with the Sculptor Dorothea Saaghi. It was well attended by members, both serving and retired of the Corps of RAEME and by representatives of our sister Corps the REME Association (S.A.) Branch.

This Memorial can now provide a place for Corps members to gather on special occasions or just come to reflect.

The RAEME Association (Vic) Inc. has made a video of this historical event and is available on request for \$15 : 00 (Incl. Postage).



Peter C. MACK - 3. 4. 1999  
(ex- A.E.M.E.)

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

We extend our sincerest sympathy to Jean and her family.

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



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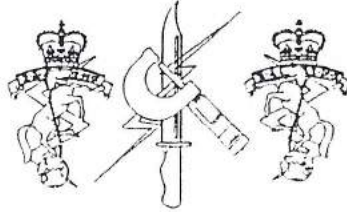
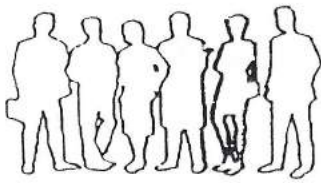
STILL NEEDS YOUR HELP

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

*Please send donations to your nearest Legacy Office.*



The RAEME Association (Vic) Incorporated



SOLDIER and CRAFTSMAN

## ANZAC EVE REUNION SATURDAY 24TH APRIL 1999

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:**                    **SATURDAY 24th APRIL 1999**

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

**LOCATION:**            **OAKLEIGH BARRACKS**  
1318 North Road,  
OAKLEIGH SOUTH

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

**ENTRANCE**            **\$12. 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. 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 20th APRIL 1999. - FIRST IN BEST DRESSED!**

**OAKLEIGH BARRACKS DAWN SERVICE:** The RSM 22 Construction Regiment RAE 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 13th APRIL 1999.**

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



## ANZAC DAY 1999 - DAWN SERVICE OAKLEIGH BARRACKS

0430 hrs. Reveille.

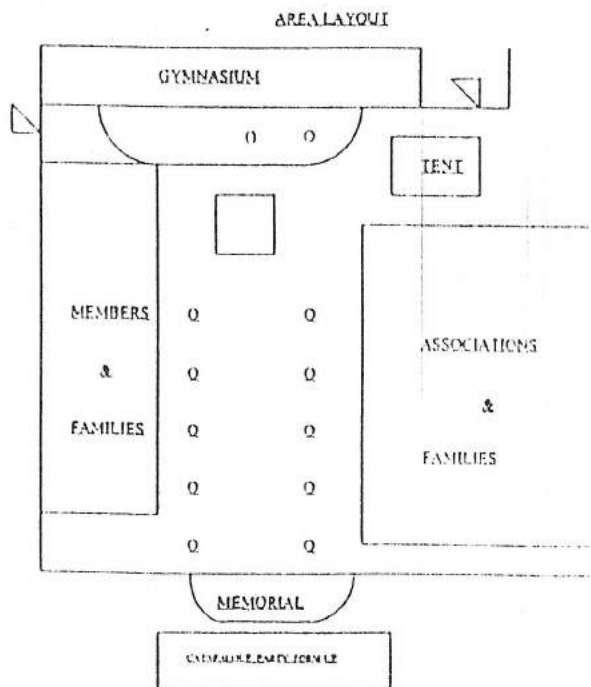
0500 - Gunfire Breakfast (consisting of Tea/Coffee/Rum).

0530 hrs.

0545 hrs. Guard Mounts.

0550 hrs. Unit Associations to Assemble in mass under an ex-Servicemen's March Leader's control on the roadway adjacent to the Oakleigh Barracks main entrance flagpole in Swan Street, in readiness to march onto the Parade Ground via the Sir Clive Steele Crescent.

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



### LEGEND.

Q GUARD



△ PA SPEAKERS

□ FLAGPOLE

○ LECTURE

0555 hrs. Associations March on Flag Orderly takes post.

0600 hrs. The Catafalque Party Mounts.

0605 hrs. The 1999 Service commences - this includes the Wreath Laying as per Order of Service.

0630 hrs. Guard and Catafalque Party is Dismounted - the Guard, Catafalque Party and Associations March off to the Dismissal Area.



- 0635 hrs.      Service Concludes.
- 0640 -      Normal Breakfast is served in the Gymnasium.  
0730 hrs.
- 0730 hrs.      Those members Sleeping Over are to return Stores to the Association's  
Stores Officer.
- 0830 hrs.      Association members and their families board the coach in Swan Street  
near the main gate of the Oakleigh Barracks for our Assembly Point in  
the City for the 1999 ANZAC Day March.

ASSOCIATION'S BUS MARSHALL: JACK MILLER.

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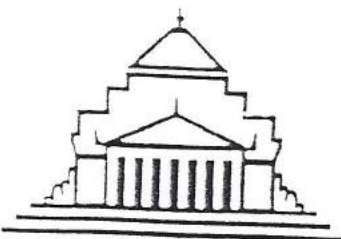
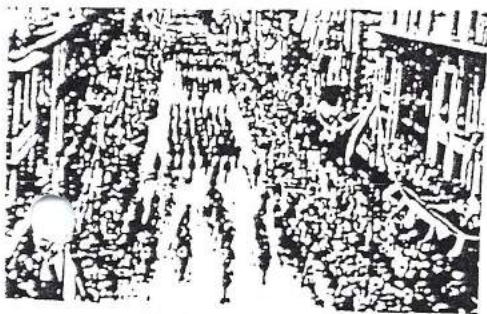
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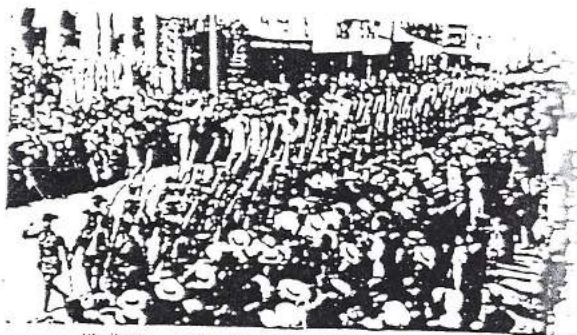








SHRINE of REMEMBRANCE



# ANZAC DAY MARCH

## MELBOURNE 1999

**FORM UP POINT:**

EAST end of FLINDERS STREET, between RUSSELL and EXHIBITION STREETS on the SOUTH side, LOOK FOR THE ASSOCIATION'S BANNER (Refer to the 1999 ANZAC March brochure attached).

**FORM UP:**

From 1015 hrs.

**STEP OFF TIME:** Approx. 1050 hrs

**ASSOCIATION's  
MARCH MARSHALL:**

Jack Westernhagen.

**MET TRANSPORT:**

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

**SHUTTLE SERVICE:**

ALL MET TRAMS WILL RUN SHUTTLE SERVICES UP TO 0900 hrs. Terminating at:

- a. Intersections of FLINDERS/RUSSELL STREETS.
- b. Intersections of ELIZABETH/FLINDERS STREETS.
- c. SWANSTON STREET OPPOSITE THE CITY BATHS.
- d. MELBOURNE ART CENTRE and intersection of PRINCES BRIDGE/ST. KILDA ROAD.

**MOUNTED  
TRANSPORT:**

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

**REFRESHMENTS:**

Tea, Coffee & Biscuits will be available at the SOUTH GATE, Victoria Barracks after the Dawn Service and on the Shrine Lawn after the 1997 ANZAC March to the left of 'SIMPSON & HIS DONKEY' statue prior to boarding the coach.



## PRE-MARCH

### ANZAC DAY 1999 - OAKLEIGH BARRACKS

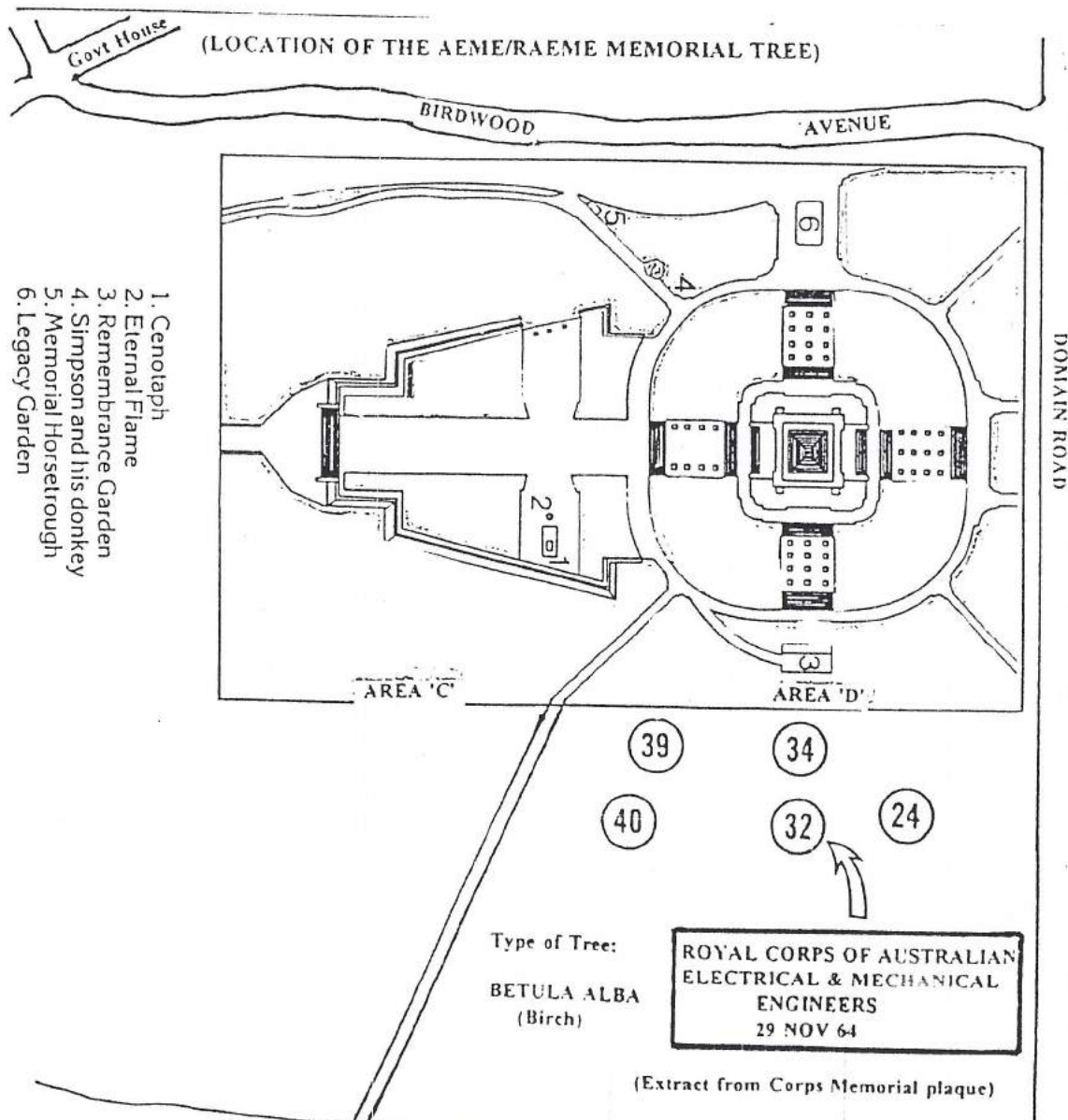
**DAWN SERVICE:** Form Up time 0555 hrs. in mass outside of the Barracks "Q" Stores /Messes in the Sir Clive Steele Close. Spectators to form up around the parade ground perimeter. DON'T FORGET TO BRING YOUR POCKET TORCH TO READ THE SERVE.

**GUN FIRE**  
**BREAKFAST:**

To be served in the gymnasium at the conclusion of the Dawn Service.

**TRANSPORT:**

A coach, inconjunction with the 'Old Sappers Association, will depart from Oakleigh Barracks to convey Association members and their families to the City for the 1999 March DEPARTURE TIME 0800 hrs. at a cost of \$6.00 per head Return. This same coach will depart from the Domain Road behind the Shrine at approx. 1200 hrs. for the return journey to Oakleigh Barracks - LOOK FOR THE RAEME ASSOCIATION SIGN ON THE FRONT WINDOW.





A 'FREE COACH' will depart from OAKLEIGH BARRACKS for the City at approx 1500 hrs.

AFTER MARCH  
SOCIAL:

On your return to Oakleigh Barracks the Association's Assembly is at the SOUTHERN end of the gymnasium opposite the RAEME wall. Buffet Lunch will be in the form of Finger Foods available at a small charge. Drinks at Mess Prices. WATERING POINTS - The Old Sappers Bar, and all Messes will be opened.

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