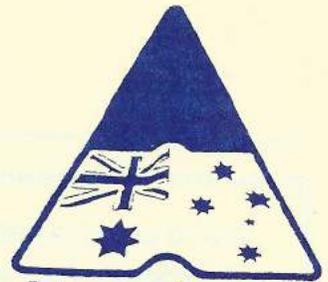


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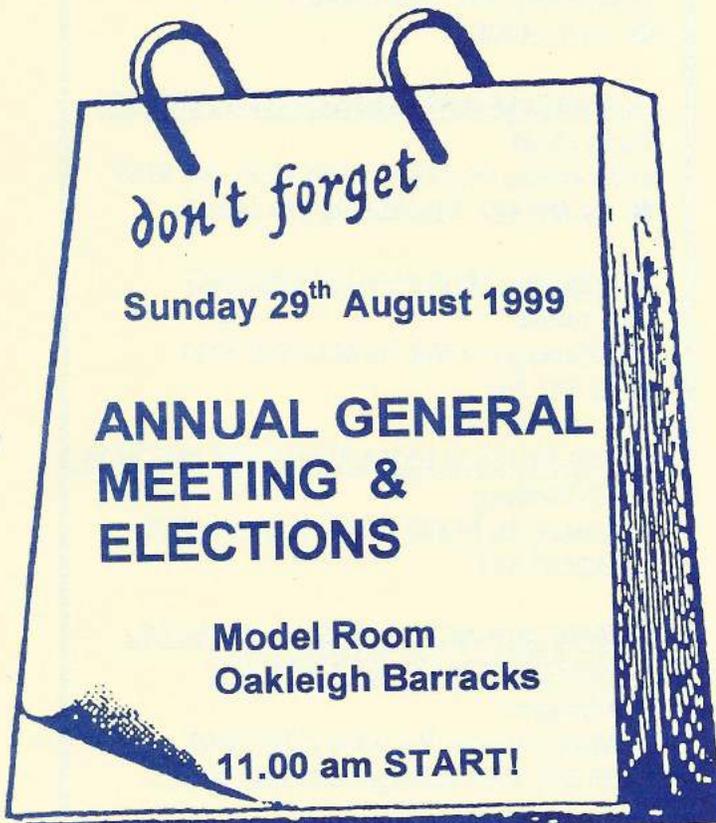
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## THE PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Greetings all. Since our last 'Lighting Flash', we have had a very successful Reunion on ANZAC Eve with 61 present, followed by our ANZAC Dawn Service at Oakleigh Barracks. However, our numbers were down for the March.

We had members of the 302 Regional Cadet Unit as our Banner Party, and were a credit to their unit as well as themselves. Let us all make the effort next year.

We had our most successful Regional meeting at 10<sup>th</sup> Med Regt RAA Depot at Myers Street, Geelong with 27 attending and several new members joined our Association on the day. My thanks to our Provincial Representatives and members from the Geelong Area who made this meeting such a great day. (Cont. P.3 Col 1)

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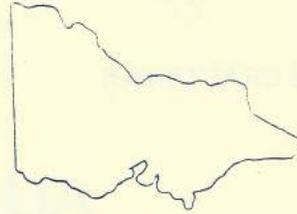
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**THE PRESIDENT'S COLUMN**

(Cont. from P.1 Col 2)

At the conclusion of the Regional meeting, a tour of 10<sup>th</sup> Med Regt Wksp and its equipment had been arranged by Rex Foord.

A few members enjoyed a most interesting visit to the Ford Museum prior to the evening meal, well worthy of a visit.

Those present, were joined by other members and their partner's who were unable to attend the meeting earlier, for a Social Evening at 'SMORGY's' Restaurant on Cunningham Pier Geelong.

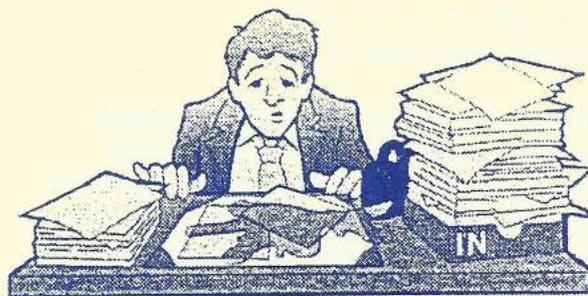
A number of Committee members and their wives stayed overnight and on Sunday they journeyed to Ballarat by car to preview the Motel we have selected to stay at over the Melbourne Cup Week-end (Sat 31.10 – Tue 2.11.99 Incl) when we will be hosting the REME (S.A.) members and their partners at our Annual Reunion. More of this week-end will be found within this edition of 'The Flash'.

On a much sadder note, our Association took an active part at the funeral of Pam Newbond. Our thoughts are with Michael and his family during their sad loss.

I look forward to meeting you all at our A.G.M. on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> August 1999 at 1100 hrs. At the conclusion of the 1999 A.G.M. all members and their families are cordially invited to attend an enjoyable B.B.Q. lunch at no cost to the members. Let's all make the effort to attend both the meeting and the lunch.

Please consider a position on the Committee of Management of your Association for 1999 – 2000 as we would look forward to some new blood and fresh ideas on the new Committee as there are several positions becoming vacant at this years Election of Office Bearers.

PETER CARTLEDGE, PRESIDENT

**THE SECRETARY'S CORNER**

**4 B.A.S.B. 4<sup>th</sup> BIRTHDAY DINNER** - On Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> June 1999, your President and myself were invited amongst other guests to the 4 B.A.S.B. 4<sup>th</sup> Birthday Dinner in the Officer's Mess at Maygar Barracks, the new home of HQ 4 B.A.S.B.

At this Dinner, the President (Peter Cartledge) on behalf of our membership, presented to 4 B.A.S.B. on 'Permanent Loan' Exhibit #9 a No. 4 MK 1 .303 SMLE Rifle from our Weapon's Display at Oakleigh Barracks suitably mounted as 4 B.A.S.B. Military Skills Annual Award.

In addition to our presentation, the RAAOC and RACT/RAASC Associations also made presentations on behalf of their respective Associations and its membership to 4 B.A.S.B.

**ARMY RESERVE FORCES DAY, 1<sup>st</sup> JULY 1999** - A small contingent from our Association attended the 2<sup>nd</sup> Army Reserve Forces Day at the Melbourne Shrine of Remembrance with other Reservist Association and serving members.

Members are asked to keep the 1<sup>st</sup> July of each year free on their calendar to enable them to attend this brief service at the Shrine.

**BATTLE FOR AUSTRALIA, WED 1st SEPTEMBER 1999** - The South-West Pacific Theatre of WW II was historically speaking a non-event, overshadowed by the war in Europe and the Middle East and remembered only by those of that generation who served in or lived through (cont. on P. 4. Col. 1)

(Cont. from P. 3. Col. 2)  
those perilous years.

The fact that there was a bloody battle fought on Australian soil and intense repeated bombing of Australian mainland towns is generally unknown to subsequent generations and sadly, their ignorance of these events have been compounded by the removal of Australian history from many school curriculums over the last three decades.

The Battle for Australia Commemoration Committee felt that the Australians who defended their country against a military attack by the Japanese in 1942, had not received the recognition that they deserved for their heroism, sacrifice and service. They also felt that the Japanese attack on Australia and its Territories, the resistance to that attack, and the ultimate expulsion of Japanese troops from Australian territory is described as The Battle for Australia.

In September of each year since 1997 a Service at the Shrine of Remembrance, Melbourne has been observed. On WED 1<sup>st</sup> Sept 1999, another Annual Tri-Service Commemoration Service will be held to honour the courage, sacrifice and service of Australians who defended Australia from invasion in 1942.

It is hoped that as many as possible members of this Association will attend and march behind their Association Banner (Watch the Melb Sun late in August for further details).

#### GRANTING OF 'THE FREEDOM OF THE CITY OF BROADMEADOWS' TO 4 B.A.S.B.

On SAT 6<sup>th</sup> Nov 1999, the prestige honour granting of 'The Freedom of the City of Broadmeadows' is to take place in an impressive ceremony commencing at 1100 am in the Town Park, Broadmeadows.

RAAOC, RACT/RAASC and RAEME Associations and their membership have been invited to participate in this ceremony and are invited to display their appropriate Association Banners. Full details will be

available in the November '99 edition of "the Flash".

**NOMINATION FORMS FOR COMMITTEE** - Nomination Forms for Committee of Management 1999 – 2000 are enclosed in this edition of our Newsletter. This Association can only survive if members are prepared to offer their services for the next 12 months (or more, if that is your desire). If every member takes his turn on Committee at least ONCE during his membership, it will be a great help in carrying the burden of administering the welfare and day-to-day running of this Association on behalf of your fellow members. Please don't leave the load to rest on the shoulders of the few faithful and dedicated members, who, until now have been doing a sterling job.

**LIFE MEMBERSHIP PRESENTATIONS** - At this year's A.G.M. a new Life Member is to be awarded a Life Membership of this Association, in addition, all other Life Members will also be presented with their Life Membership Certificates. All members are asked to make a special effort by attending the 1999 A.G.M.

**DEDICATION OF RAEME CRAFTSMAN MEMORIAL** – Members are reminded that there are still two bottles of the Craftsman Commemoration Port and the Video of that historical occasion available for sale, these will be displayed at the B.B.Q. lunch at the conclusion of the 1999 A.G.M. for interested members to purchased.

**JACK WESTERNHAGEN, SECRETARY**

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

We had a great Reunion on ANZAC Eve 1999 followed by a luncheon after the ANZAC Day March back at Oakleigh Barracks.

In May, we enjoyed a Social Evening at 'SMORGY's' in Geelong following the C.O.M. and Rural Representative meeting held at 10<sup>th</sup> Med Regt Trg Depot Myers Street. At the conclusion of this meeting a tour of the Wksp Area and its equipment had been organised by Rex Foord.

Prior to the evening meal, some members visited the Ford Museum, a very interesting and informative display by the Ford Motor Coy, Geelong.

**ANNUAL REUNION, BALLARAT** - On the Sunday, some members of the Social Sub-Committee travelled to Ballarat to inspect the Quest Colonial Motel where we will be staying over the Melbourne Cup Weekend and to look first hand as to what was on offer for our Annual Christmas Reunion with our sister Corp REME S.A. and to celebrated both 'EME Birthdays.'

As you will see from the flier in this edition of 'The Flash', we are well down the track with arrangements for this forthcoming Melbourne Cup weekend. May I take this opportunity to commend it to you all. There are many attractions on offer at Ballarat.

**1999 A.G.M. and B.B.Q. LUNCH** - Sunday August 29<sup>th</sup> at 1100hrs is our A.G.M. to be followed by the usual B.B.Q. lunch which is always a good time to meet each other and discuss common interests and memories.

**Re-Enactment of the origin of the 'UNKNOWN SOLDIER'** - On Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> November, we have arranged a repeat of the re-enactment of the origin of the 'Unknown Soldier' at Oakleigh Barracks (See flier).

An open invitation to this impressive Demonstration/Lecture is extended to all members of this Association, 4 B.A.S.B, the RAAOC and Old Sappers Associations and your families. Light refreshments will be served at its conclusion. So please make a good showing of our membership at this special function. Please advise the Secretary of your intention to attend.

**LACK OF NOTIFICATION OF ATTENDANCE AT FUNCTIONS** - There has been a significant repetition by some members of not notifying the Special Events Convenor of their intention, or non-intention, of attending functions organised by your Committee. This has resulted in additional administration costs being incurred and time consuming efforts on behalf of the C.O.M. contacting individuals to see if they will be attending because of their lack of response by the cut-off date indicated.

Some functions in the past have been cancelled because of this, and in some instances, when some members were contacted it appears they are not reading or making note of forthcoming events. Please read your mail carefully and mark your calenders accordingly.

**PETER CARTLEDGE, CONVENOR**

### Stand Easy

During World War II, Bill visited his Grandmother in Liverpool England. He explained that he was a member of the Paratroopers who often parachuted behind enemy lines.

"Well." She said with relief, "I won't have to worry any more. I was afraid you were doing something dangerous, but if you parachute in behind the enemy they'll all have their guns pointed the other way."



### MEMBERSHIP SUB-COMMITTEE

A cordial welcome is extended to the following new members:

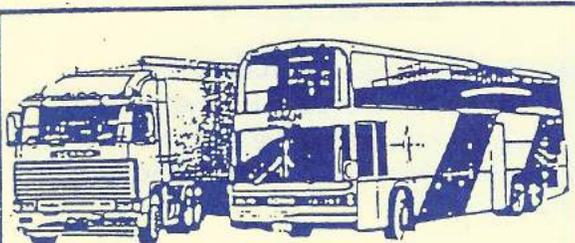
**ORDINARY MEMBERS** – Brig Ross Grant AM Retd (054), Swen Pettie (044), Eric Algra (053), David Wain (060), and Robin Radbourne (052).

**ASSOCIATE MEMBERS** – Rodney Challons (A023/1), and Rosemary Radbourne (A052/1).

**CHANGE OF ADDRESS** – Don't just fold your tent and steal quietly away. We request that as members become aware of any proposed changes, that they notify the Secretary to ensure that the Correspondence Address List can be undated.

If you are not receiving your copy of 'The Flash', or your contact with the Association's Secretariat appears to be lost, it may be that you have not advised of your new place of residence, please let us know of your new location and Tel. No.

**JACK WESTERNHAGEN, CONVENOR**



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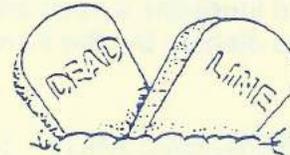
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### EDITORIAL

**'I WAS THERE' COMPETITION** – Since Aug 1998, there has been a lack of articles submitted by members for this category that carries a \$50.00 Prize Money. Therefore, this year at the 1999 A.G.M. there will be no presentation of Prize Money. Please keep those articles coming in - you could be lucky and win the Prize money next year.

Members are asked to supply items of interest for publication in 'The Flash'.



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

**15<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 1999**

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**JACK WESTERNHAGEN, EDITOR**



## HISTORICAL SUB-COMMITTEE

### FREEDOM OF ENTRY

The tradition of Freedom of Entry to a city or shire stems from a custom observed by British regiments in marching through the City of London.

The fathers of the City of London claimed that they had the right to forbid bodies of armed troops, when marching through the city precincts, to do so with bayonets fixed, colours flying and music playing.

This claim was based on an ancient privilege which appears to have originated shortly after Charles II became king in 1660. This custom has been adopted by many Australian cities and shires.

The privilege is usually extended to a unit that has had close association with the city or shire and once granted these units have the right to exercise the Freedom of Entry.

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### SWORDS

There are four types of swords used within the Australian Army. There are the sword worn by Generals, the Cavalry sabre, Artillery and Infantry swords.

The General's sword or, to use its correct title, the Mameluke sword, is a simple design with no pommel (the knob on the sword's hilt or handle).

It is a copy of the Turkish or Egyptian shamshir – a curved slashing Cavalry sword. Mamelukes were a group of Turkish soldiers romanticised in Victorian England, hence the association of the name with the design.

The Cavalry sabre worn by the RAAC and AA Avn is the British Army's 1912 model. This design, with a fully enclosed 'bowl' guard, was seen as the best between the 'cut' and the 'thrust' type sabres.

The Gunners' sword was introduced into the Royal Artillery in 1788. The Royal Horse Artillery thought the Infantry sword of the day was too heavy and was '.... good neither for cut nor thrust ....', however, the Light Cavalry pattern sword was described as '.... Impetus to the slash as the mounted man flanked past his quarry'.

The 1822 Light Cavalry sword incorporated a three-bar hilt, which assisted in making the sword even lighter. The sword underwent more changes in 1850. The blade of the sword is slightly curved.

The current Infantry sword is the British Infantry pattern of 1895. The blade has a flat back and an even taper to the cutting edge, so that it is in the form of a wedge.

The sword knot, or leather loop, hangs free on the cavalry and Artillery swords; the user would slip the strap over his hand and wrap it around his wrist so that he would not drop and lose the sword during use.

The dangling knot was seen by the Infantry as a hinderance so it was wrapped around the guard to keep it out of the way.

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### WELFARE & BETTERMENT SUB-COMMITTEE

Peter Allen – Our esteemed Vice-President, was admitted to the Monash Hospital on Sat 10.7.99 for a Gallbladder operation. The operation was a success and Peter's now on the way to recovery. Not a very good way to start your Retirement was it Peter?

REG COX, WELFARE OFFICER

### OBITUARY

Pam NEWBOND, beloved wife of our Esteemed member Michael Newbond Passed away suddenly on 23.6.99.

The President and members join ranks in extending their deepest sympathy to Michael and his family.

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

### YEAR 2000

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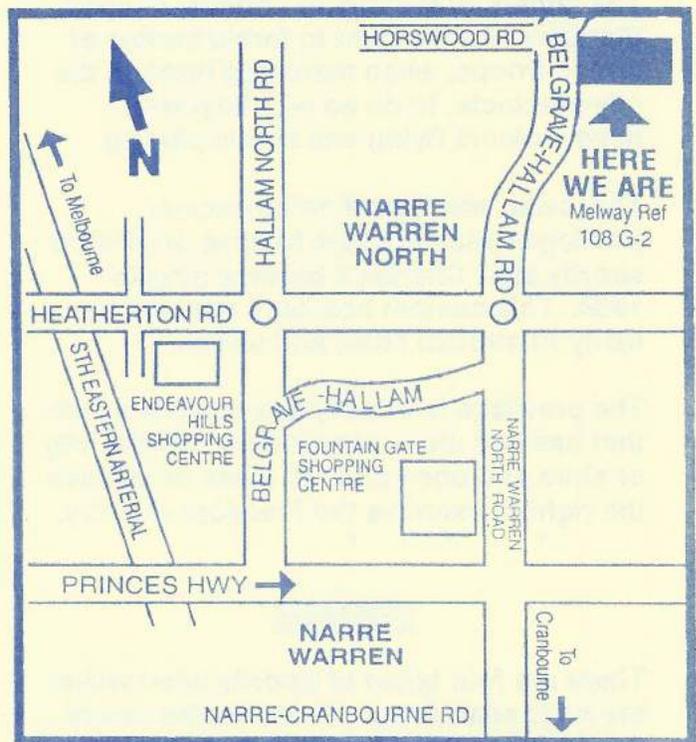
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**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
**and**  
**ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS**

**SUNDAY 29<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 1999**  
Model Room, OAKLEIGH BARRACKS  
1318 North Road, OAKLEIGH SOUTH 3167  
(NOTE: Please be seated by 1100 hrs.)

**TO ALL MEMBERS**

In accordance with Rule 8(3) of this Association, the above notice must have been Served at least 14 days prior to the A.G.M.

It is your responsibility to express your opinions of our future direction and to pass on an assessment of the past year's activities.

**A G E N D A**

TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF 30<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 1999.

TO RECEIVE SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS UPON THE TRANSACTION OF THE ASSOCIATION DURING THE PRECEDING FINANCIAL YEAR.

TO ACCEPT PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE ASSOCIATION RULES.

PRESENTATION OF A LIFE MEMBERSHIP AWARD and CERTIFICATES

TO ELECT THE MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE FOR 1999- 2000.

**ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS 1<sup>st</sup> JULY 1999 – 30<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2000**

**ORDINARY MEMBERS SUBSCRIPTIONS** – of \$15.00 for the above period are now due and can be paid at the conclusion of this A.G.M.

**ASSOCIATE MEMBERS SUBSCRIPTIONS** – of \$10.00 for the above period are now due and can be paid at the conclusion of this A.G.M.

It should be pointed out to ALL MEMBERS (except Life Members of this Incorporated Association) are liable for the above Subscriptions.

JACK WESTERHAGEN  
SECRETARY



### THE ANNUAL RAEME OFFICERS DINING-IN NIGHT

The Colonel Commandant RAEME (Southern & Tasmanian Regions) Colonel Jack Wilson Retd. invites all current and retired RAEME Officers to attend the Annual RAEME Dining-In Night to be held in the presence of the Corps Banner and Centrepiece at:

The Victoria Barracks, Officer's Mess Melbourne on FRI 3<sup>rd</sup> SEPT 1999 at 1900 for 1930 hrs. Partners welcomed.

**DRESS:** Is Winter Mess Dress/  
Formal Civilian Attire  
(as appropriate)

**COST:** Is \$38.00 per head.

Invitations will be sent out by the end of July.

RSVP by FRI 20<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 1999

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### STAND EASY

A woman was telling her neighbour about her only son receiving his wings and getting married on the same day.

'Isn't it wonderful,' she said. "It isn't every day your son receives his wings in the morning and has them clipped in the



### RAEME 57<sup>th</sup> BIRTHDAY DINNER SAT 20<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 1999

Permission has been sought and granted to hold a RAEME Birthday Dinner on the above date.

The Dinner will be held at Maygar Barracks, Broadmeadows and is open to all ARA, GRes and retired RAEME Officers, Warrant Officers and SNCO's.

Brigadier C.M.C. Sharp, AM. CSC.  
(Head of Corps RAEME) will be attending in the presence of the Corps Banner and Centrepiece.

Full details will be advised as they come to hand.

Max Moore ☎ (03) 9802 9128 or  
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Is this Association's Representative  
on the organising Committee.

### DID YOU KNOW

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## ALEXANDRIA

An interesting history of a city familiar to all men of the 2/2<sup>nd</sup> Advance Fd Wksp  
AEME written by L Cpl Byron.

### THE FOUNDING OF A CITY

Age is a comparative matter, and to the Australian, with his new world outlook, Cairo may well seem old, but Alexandria for all its modern appearance, precedes the Arab capital by nearly one thousand years.

Alexandria, like all Egyptian things, owed its existence to the sacred Nile. When Memphis was the capital of ancient Egypt, though not far from the present position of Cairo, it was then a sea port, but the silt in the Nile, gradually built up the Delta, and like the site of Alexandria, rose above the sea.

The year 331 B.C. was a momentous one for Egypt, for Alexander, the great Greek King, drove out the Persians, who then held it, and selecting the site, decreed a city should be built on it, bearing his name.

The city was laid out according to mathematical lines drawn by Greek architects, and although the great King never saw it completed having passed on to fresh conquests, it soon rose to be the metropolis of the world.

Its situation near the Delta of the Nile was exceedingly favourable to commence, especially as the difficult navigation was helped by the construction of the great Pharos light house, one of the seven wonders of the world.

The city had the good fortune of being under the rule of Ptolemy, one of Alexander's generals, and to whom the rich province of Egypt fell, after the leader's death.

Ptolemy and his descendants established a policy of commercial expansion, and a very good amount of trade was done with Greece and Asia Minor.

But it is not by commerce that the city is known to posterity, its chief claim to fame, is the fact that it became the centre of culture in the Mediterranean; a magnificent library was built, which contained 400,000 books. In the cloisters gathered sage poets, philosophers and scientists.

In this golden age, names familiar to our school days are found euclid propounded mathematics which were the foundations on which Newton and Einstein founded their theories. There also, the first steam engine was made by a scientist but, the world was not yet ready for his inventions.

But inevitably, the over ripe civilisation of the Ptolomies fell before the new and vigorous Romans.

By means of intrigue comparable to that of the present Roman leader, Julius Caesar gained Alexandria and Egypt.

After Caesar's death, followed the tragedy of Cleopatra and Mark Anthony, of whom it was said that, he left an Empire for love, the reverse might be said of our present forces.

After Cleopatra's death in 30 B.C. the Romans held Egypt for nearly 700 years. During which time Alexandria was still the capital of the province, but as the Greeks, their decayed rule came to fall before the rising tide of the Moslems.

In the fateful year of 641, the Arab general Amr, swooped on Egypt via Suez with only 4,000 horsemen, his victory was easy, but it was probably due, to the treachery of the Emperor General Cyril, a minor Quisling of his day.

With the Arab conquest, the golden age of Alexandria came to an end, the new Moslem capital, Cairo, became the centre of Egypt, and the old Greek city fell into decay, with a silted up harbour and a dwindling population. It remained a minor city until Napoleon landed in 1798 following the dream of an empire in the East, which ambition is apparently shared by a later dictator.

The naval victory of Nelson at Aboukir (not far from Alexandria), ended that dream, and the old city slumbered once more until the English influence in Egypt, when the far seeing Lord Fisher realised the importance of the harbour as a naval base, his persistence was eventually rewarded, and a million pounds was spent, in the dredging of the harbour, until the biggest warship in the navy could enter and be refitted.

Unfortunately, few remains of the Greek and Roman city are to be found, the old city was roughly on the same site that is occupied by the modern one, stretching from the harbour to the suburb of Chatby.

Traces of it come to life when digging for foundations, as succeeding ages have built on the ruins of its predecessors, so the old city is buried several feet under the actual ground level.

Of the few relics to be seen, one of the most interesting is Pompays Pillar, just passed the Mohamedan cemetery, this in all probability belonged to the temple of Serafis of the Ptomies regime.

The Anfouchy's catacombes are also worth a visit, these also date from the Greek period, inscriptions scribbled on the walls over 2,000 years ago, are to be found, this seems to indicate that vandalism existed even then.

(EXTRACT from 'THE TIFFY' June 1941 magazine of 2/2<sup>nd</sup> Adv Fd Wksp AEME.)  
EDITOR



## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Recently, I conducted a service for the late Ken Mason, an ex- RAEME WO II, when we placed his ashes next to his father's plaque on 28.4.1999.

Members of Ken's family had travelled from Queensland, Victoria, A.C.T. as well as Burbury W.A. to attend the service.

I must give thanks to the RAEME Assocn (Vic Branch) for the copy of "Breavement and Tribute to a Deceased Member" which is well written and definitely covers all situations.

An address covering Ken's service to the Corps, which was prepared by the W.A. Honourary Colonel Ian Stewart and was read by Maj. Guy Mewburn W.A., Senior RAEME Representative present.

Ken was born at Bunbury W.A. on 9<sup>th</sup> Oct 1927 and enlisted in the Army on 4 Dec 1958. After completing Recruit Training he was allocated to the Corps of RAEME.

During his distinguish service, Ken Mason served in many Eastern state units such as 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Base Wksp. He was an Instructor at R.T.C. Bandiana in Armaments in general passing on his knowledge to many a young Craftsman persuing a trade in the Corps. He also served with 12<sup>th</sup> Fd Regt in Vietnam in 1968/69. He was awarded the Active Service Medal, Vietnam Medal, Nation Medal and the Vietnam Campaign Medal.

Ken Mason was 72 years of age when he passed away in Queensland this year.



WO 2 Kennenth John MASON  
28<sup>TH</sup> April 1999

*Lest We Forget*

DON HORSLY  
Secretary  
RAEME Vietnam Association (WA)

The RAEME Association (Victoria) Incorporated

INVITATION

**LECTURE-DEMONSTRATION**  
**STORY OF THE UNKNOWN SOLDIER 1920**  
**SUNDAY 7<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 1999**

You are cordially invited to attend a Lecture-Demonstration of the 'Internment of the Unknown Soldier' as conducted in Westminster Abbey in 1920, to be held in the Oakleigh Barracks gymnasium commencing at 2.00 pm (approx 1 hour's duration) which will be followed by Light Refreshments.

The re-enactment segment is to be conducted by a well practised team from the Corinthians 12 Group (1987-1999) from the Masonic lodge. The team performing this Lecture- Demonstration story does so to help raise funds in aid of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Masonic Charities, namely the Royal Freemasons' Homes, the Freemasons' Hospital and the Masonic Charitable Foundation.

This historical event is open to all interested persons, families and their friends. Please come along and support this worthy charitable cause.

At the conclusion of the Presentation, the Masonic Lodge Team usually takes up a Collection to support their Charity Fund.

Yours faithfully,

JACK WESTERNHAGEN  
SECRETARY

# "" ~ ~ STOP PRESS ~ ~ ""

The Association now has its own Corps items for sale.

THESE ITEMS WOULD MAKE PERFECT CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR A MEMBER OR THEIR PARTNER

Get your orders in early to Jack Westernhagen on 9888-3359 or Max Moore on 9802-9128

RAEME Association Corps items are :-

**1. Bomber Style Jackets:-**

They are Royal Blue, with a 10cm. high embroidered RAEME Badge with ASSOCIATION scrolled below, this is located at the left breast pocket position. They have the Corps colours on the collar, cuffs, and band. They come with studs or zippers and sizes from S to XL

Cost:- \$45.00 each, postage extra.

**2. Base Ball Style Cap:-**

These are Royal Blue with a 5cm. high RAEME badge embroidered at the front above the peak with RAEME ASSOCIATION scrolled in a half circle above it. One size fits most.

Cost:- \$15.00 each, postage extra.

**3. Association Lapel Badge:-**

A RAEME badge with ASSOCIATION in a scroll at its base. It is 2cm. high with 2 pins and clutches on the back. (the badge is the same as the old Corps shop stick pin.)

Cost:-\$10.00 each.

**4. Ladies Dress Brooch:-**

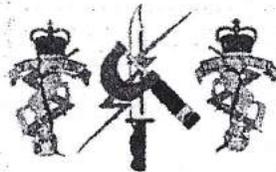
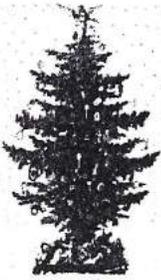
This was designed to replace the old Marquisette brooch. It's a winner. The brooch is the same size and design as the RAEME hat badge and is silver plated. The scroll has 8 gem stones in place of the RAEME letters, the lightning flash is studded with approx. 15 gem stones. It has a safety chain with a clasp studded with 7 gems.

Cost:- \$40.00 each, postage extra

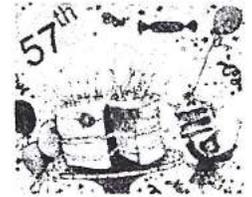
**5. Ladies RAEME Pendant:-**

This was designed for our ladies and one of our best selling items. The pendant comprises of full motif RAEME badge, (same motif as on the cuff links). The pendant is suspended on a 45cm. long gold plated snake chain with clasp. Longer chains can be obtained.

Cost:- \$17 .00 each, postage extra.



SOLDIER and CRAFTSMAN



# ANNUAL CHRISTMAS REUNION

This Year at our Annual Reunion we will Celebrate EME Birthday's

We will travel to Ballarat and join with REME (SA) to enjoy Melbourne Cup weekend 30<sup>th</sup> OCT - 2<sup>nd</sup> NOV 1999 for the joint 57<sup>th</sup> birthday of EME . This is possibly the first time RAEME & REME have celebrated their birthday together either here or in the UK.

Ballarat is a city that has so much to offer it is steeped in history, what with gold, Sovereign Hill and where the miners took it to authority just to name a few.

We have a weekend arranged to tempt you all. Travel by shared car to Ballarat on Saturday morning to Quest Colony Apartments where we have arranged a special package there that includes bed Saturday night, Sunday breakfast, BBQ lunch, semi formal Christmas / Birthday Dinner and Bed, Monday Breakfast (REME SA depart) we will stay on for Dinner and Bed and Breakfast Tuesday when we will depart.

There have been some arrangements made so far however it is mainly up to the individuals to decide what they wish to do. Most of the REME people (44+) have already booked **Sovereign Hill on Saturday** with dinner there and then the sound and light show.

**Sunday morning** we will visit the Woolshed, back to the Quest for BBQ lunch, then we will board a coach with a Ballarat tour guide to show us some of the historic sights of this fair city. **Sunday evening** we will have a semi formal Christmas / Birthday dinner with a Christmas tree with presents a Birthday cake with candles, a wet bar and sing along with printed words accompanied by Bruce Doolan and his accordion.

P.T.O.

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## BOOKING ADVICE

(Please Print)

I, ..... of .....

Post Code: ..... ☎ .....

**\*Will/ \*Will NOT be attending the Ballarat Trip and will be accompanied by ..... guests @ \$200.00 per person, or Sunday Night Dinner only @ \$35.00 per person and I \*Will/ \*Will not require Bed and Breakfast @ \$45.00 per person.**

**R.S.V.P. to the Secretary by 8<sup>th</sup> OCT 1999.**

**I agree, if I accept this offer, I will be responsible for any costs incurred.**

**Signature: ..... Date: / /1999.**

**On Monday** morning we will all meet to see REME off and discuss where we wish to go and what we will do for the day. **Monday night** we have been invited by Neil Charter to a dance at Castlemaine if people are interested we may use a drive yourself bus.

**Car pooling.** Due to the close proximity of Ballarat to our members we would suggest car pooling with 4 people per car, this would cost about \$7.00 per head against \$2,400.00 for a coach for the 4 days!

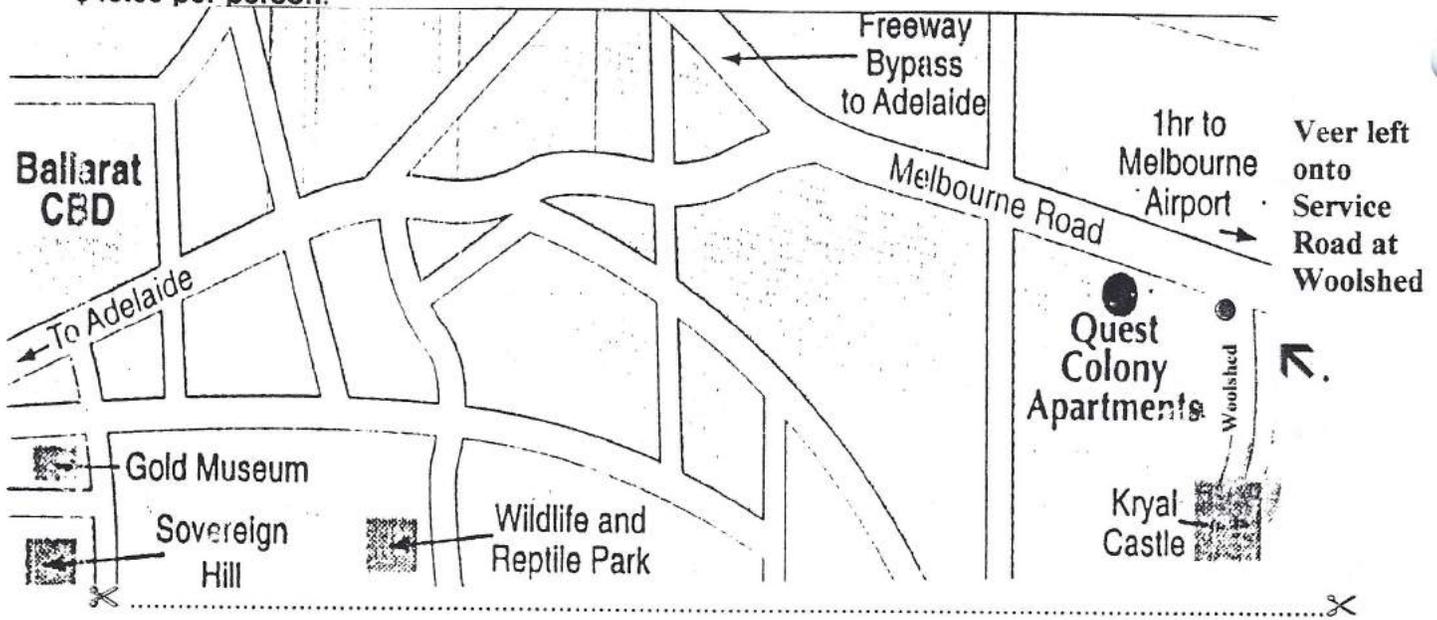
**If you have difficulty arranging transport please contact Max Moore (03) 9802 9128.**

**TIMINGS:-** Depart so as to book in at Quest by 9am.  
 Welcome to REME & RAEME 9.30am.  
 Depart for Sovereign Hill about 10.00am.

**COSTING:-** The weekend will cost \$200.00 per head for accommodation and meals as noted above.

**As there maybe some people who wish to do other than what we have planed (and please feel free to do this) we have not included any entry fees to any venue these will be at your cost.**

There maybe some people who wish to only attend the social evening and dinner on Sunday, if so, this will cost **\$35.00 per person** and if you wish to stay overnight with breakfast Monday please add **\$45.00 per person.**



**Guest Names:** .....

**Guest Names:** .....

**FOR OFFICE USE ONLY**

Acceptance YES NO

Payment Received YES NO CHEQUE CASH

Receipt No: ..... Date Issued / /1999.

Accommodation Booked: YES NO

Sunday Night Dinner Only: YES NO

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**C. JACKSON**  100ml \$54 **D. JACKSON**  100ml \$54

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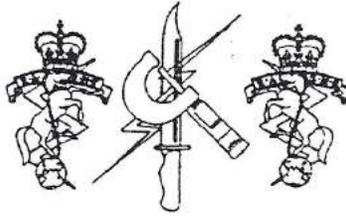
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**NOMINATION FOR COMMITTEE MEMBER**

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(Given Name) (Surname)

Street & Address: .....

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

Signature: ..... Date: .../.../..... Phone No. ( ) .....

Hereby nominate: ..... (Nominee) Date of Birth: .../.../.....  
(Given Name) (Surname)

Membership No: .....

Street & Address: .....

..... Post Code: ..... Phone No: ( ) .....

for Election as a Committee Member of the RAEME Association (Vic) Inc.

I, ..... (Secunder) Membership No: .....  
(Given Name) (Surname)

Street & Address: .....

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

Signature: ..... Phone No: ( ) .....

Second the above nomination.

Support reason for consideration: (Please be brief) .....

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I, ..... (Nominee) Membership No: .....  
(Given Name) (Surname)

Signature: ..... Date: .../.../..... accept the above nomination.

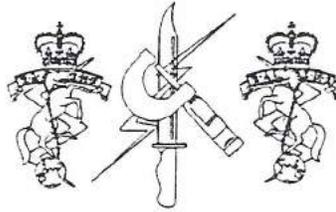
Please note: Each member being Nominated or Proposing this nomination, MUST BE financial at the time of submitting this form.

Received for inclusion in AGM Ballot

Signature of the Secretary: ..... Date: .../.../.....

THE RAEME ASSOCIATION (Victoria) INCORPORATED

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FORM OF APPOINTMENT OF PROXY

I, ..... Membership No: .....  
(Please Print Full Given Name) (Surname)

Street & Address: .....  
..... Post Code: .....

being a member of the RAEME Association (Vic) Inc. and in accordance with Association Sub-Rule 19(1), hereby appoint:-

..... Membership No: .....  
(Please Print Full Given Name) (Surname)

Street & Address: .....  
..... Post Code: .....

being a member of that Incorporated Association, as my Proxy to vote on my behalf at the General Meeting of the Association (Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting, as the case may be), to be held on the ..... day of ..... 19 ..... and at any adjournment of that meeting.

My Proxy is authorised to vote in \*favour of/ \*against the resolution (insert details).

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Signature: ..... The ..... Day of ..... 19 .....

\* DELETE as applicable.

(To the Secretary no later than **24 hours** before the time of the meeting in respect of which the proxy is appointed.



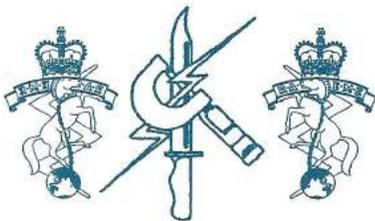
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