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*Prayer before attack at Ketoba New Guinea 1944  
(AWM 70114)*

## **GRANDPA MARCHED TODAY ....**

I saw a young boy march today with medals on his chest. He marched alongside Diggers who were marching six abreast. He knew that it was ANZAC Day. He walked along with pride and did his best to stay in step with the Diggers by his side.

When the march was over, the boy looked rather tired. A Digger asked "Whose medals son?" to which the boy replied: "They belonged to Grandpa but he did not come back. He died up in New Guinea on a lonely track."

The kid looked really sad and then a tear came to his eye. The Digger said "Don't cry

my son and I will tell you why. Your Grandpa marched with us today all the bloomin' way. We Diggers know that he was there like every ANZAC Day."

The boy looked rather puzzled, he didn't understand. The Digger went on talking and started to wave his hand. 'For this great land we live in there's a price we had to pay. And for this thing called freedom the Diggers paid the way.

We all love fun and merriment in this country where we live. The price was that some soldier his precious life did give. For you to go to school my lad and worship God at will. Someone had to pay the price, so the Diggers paid the bill.

There's some folk around today who think it's all for free. If the Diggers hadn't paid the price I wonder where they'd be? Your Grandpa died for us my son, for all things good and true. I wonder if you understand the things I've said to you?"

The kid looked at the Digger and thought a little while. Then with a changed expression, said with a lovely smile, "I know Grandpa marched with us today. This, our ANZAC Day. I know he did - I know he did, all the bloomin' way!"



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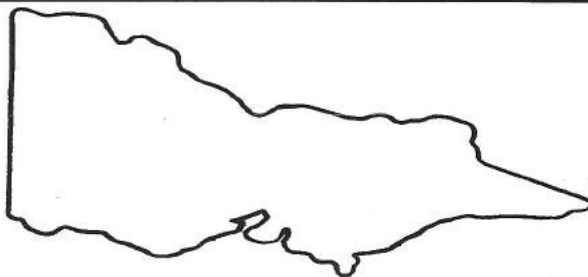
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### **THE PRESIDENT'S COLUMN**

Since our last edition of 'The Flash', your Association has been active in a number of areas:

#### **58<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY RAEME CORPS DINNER – 1<sup>st</sup> DECEMBER 2000**

We had a hand in the All Ranks (mixed) Corps Dinner held at the East Malvern RSL on 1<sup>st</sup> December last which was sponsored by Colonel Jack Wilson (Hon. Colonel Commandant Central & Southern Regions) who is also one of our Trustees.

This Dinner was a great success and thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended. We had a great surprise for our old 'Bait Layer' mate Les Bailey, a stalwart of our Association, with a cake for his 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday. (Refer Social Report).

We are in the process of arranging this year's Dinner. Details will be available in the August edition of 'The Flash'.

#### **ANNUAL LUNCHEON FOR WIDOWS and LIFE MEMBERS – Oakleigh Barracks**

On 18<sup>th</sup> March 2001 saw us at lunch with our Widows and Life Members. (Refer Social Report for full details).

#### **COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BREAK-UP**

As usual, your C.O.M. held their Annual Break-up at the home of Reg & Roma Cox (Our Welfare Officer and new Treasurer). Again a big 'THANK YOU' to you both for the use of your home and B.B.Q.

#### **NEW BANK ACCOUNT & CREDIT CARD FACILITIES**

Over Christmas we opened a new Bank Account for saleable items we have to offer interested Corps and Association members.

You are hereby advised that we are able to accept Credit Cards, both face to face and over the telephone, for any payments via Max Moore (☎(03) 9802 9128 which could be much more convenient to a number of our members. Please do take advantage of this service to you.

#### **YEAR 2001 ANNUAL ANZAC EVE REUNION – OAKLEIGH BARRACKS**

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2001, will be next our Annual Reunion at Oakleigh Barracks Sergeant's Mess. I am looking forward to seeing many of you, and any new members, at our Annual Reunion where a good evening is enjoyed by all.

Each member is asked to bring along an old RAEME mate or a new member, where old comradeships are renewed and many an old tale and experience is told (Refer Flier enclosed).

**FORTHCOMING EVENTS** - All members are reminded to mark in their diaries the following important events:

**RESERVED FORCES DAY** (Melbourne Shrine of Remembrance) Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2001 (refer Flier enclosed).

**BATTLE FOR AUSTRALIA DAY** (Melbourne Shrine of Remembrance) Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> Sept 2001. (Details will be provided in the August edition).

**BI-ANNUAL REUNION REME (S.A.) BRANCH and RAEME ASSOC (Vic) INC. – MOUNT GAMBIER, MELBOURNE CUP WEEKEND**

This year we are invited to join the S.A. REME Assoc for our Bi-Annual Reunion to be held at Mount Gambier on Melbourne Cup Week-end 3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> November 2001. (refer Flier enclosed).

**PETER CARTLEDGE, PRESIDENT**





### THE SECRETARY'S CORNER

The older you get, the quicker time goes by, especially when one is involved in numerous organisations.

When you change jobs or take on a new position, there is always something to learn, systems or procedures to follow.

The position of Secretary is certainly no exception. As part of the job for the future I will develop some SOPs in conjunction with a calendar so that things will be done when they should be done without having to go back over old documents.

### 58<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY RAEME CORPS DINNER

I must congratulate Peter and Max on the magnificent effort they put in to making the 58<sup>th</sup> Corps Birthday Dinner a great success. If it had not been for them we would have had only 6 people (all Committee members) instead of the 95 that eventually attended. Both of them would have no trouble getting a job in Telesales. I sincerely hope the response to the forthcoming Dinner this year is as good without the prodding.

Keep in mind and in your diaries :  
1<sup>st</sup> DECEMBER 2001 – it is the 59<sup>th</sup>  
Anniversary of our Corps.

### ANNUAL WIDOWS and LIFE MEMBERS' LUNCHEON – OAKLEIGH BARRACKS

Our Annual Luncheon to Honour our Widows and Life Members was held at Oakleigh Barracks on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2001. This turned out to be a marvellous day with a great meal provided by our Caterers, Brookdale Spit Roast, good company and again a job extremely well done by our President, his wife Leonie and other members of the Social Sub-Committee.

Things don't just fall into place, they are made to happen by a dedicated group of people for your benefit 'THE MEMBER'. Your support is needed to keep the Association and the name of RAEME ALIVE!!!

### ANZAC EVE ANNUAL REUNION – OAKLEIGH BARRACKS, 24<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2001

Don't forget our Annual Reunion on ANZAC Eve in the Oakleigh Barracks Officers/ Sergeant's Messes starting at 1930 hrs. (refer Flier enclosed).

### ANZAC DAY DAWN SERVICE – OAKLEIGH BARRACKS 25<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2001

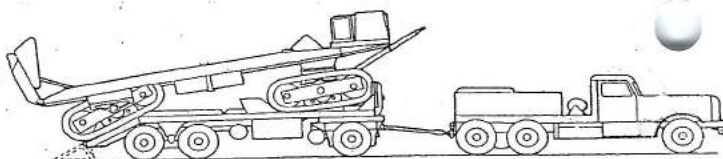
For those who are able to attend the Dawn Service at Oakleigh Barracks, we look forward to members swelling our ranks at this impressive Service.

This will be followed by the usual 'Gunfire Breakfast' in the gymnasium prior to our departure to the City by coach for the ANZAC Day March (Refer Flier enclosed).

### ANZAC DAY MARCH MELBOURNE – 25<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2001

Full details of our Assembly Point at the intersections of Flinders and Exhibition Streets, Melbourne are contained in the Flier enclosed.

RON CLIFFORD, SECRETARY



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**MEMBERSHIP SUB-COMMITTEE**

**A cordial welcome is extended to our nine new members: Bill Baker (M'Ship No. 069) of Lower Templestowe, Terence Bird (M'Ship No. 059) of Pascoe Vale, Jason Cassar (M'Ship No. 007) of Thomastown, Raymond Edsall (M'Ship No. 075) of Plenty, Jim Lewicki (M'Ship No. 038) of Mill Park, Guy Langford (M'Ship No. 025) of Forest Hill, Domenic Ponelandolfo (M'Ship No. 045) of Melton, John Spencer (M'Ship No. 013) of Kingsbury and David Wallis (M'Ship No. 063) of Eaglemont.**

**We look forward to the pleasure of you and your partners at our future social functions.**

Prior to each A.G.M., in the August edition of 'The Flash', all members are advised in writing of their Renewal of Membership for the next 12 months. Some members are prompt with the payment of their subscriptions thereafter, whilst others are slightly forgettable resulting in a further Notice of Dues being sent – or, in some instances, members find they are two (2) years behind in the payment of their Annual Subscriptions.

**This forgetfulness on behalf of a member causes additional administrative problems to your C.O.M. and denies the Association of the financial support by its members in the day to day running of the Association on your behalf.**

**It would be very much appreciated, if within twenty-eight (28) days of the receipt of a member receiving his Annual Subscription Advice, if members would forward their due Subscriptions to the Membership Convenor, Jack Westernhagen.**

**All members are hereby advised that Annual Subscriptions for Membership of this Association are due on 30<sup>th</sup> July of each Financial Year.**

**ORDINARY MEMBERSHIP** — Alf Albrecht, Eric Algra, Gus Allen, Peter Allen, John Ashburn, Colonel Ron Bade, Bill Baker, Douglas Barnes, Les Bailey, Jack Balsillie MBE, David Beattie, John Belfield, Frank Bell, Neville Bell, Jim Bernard, Gary Best, Ron Billing, Terence Bird, Shawn Blanchford, Paul Bond, Don Bonsor, John Boothroyd, Rodney Bowen, Donald Brown, Kerrie Bulman, Lawrence Burney, Eric Butler, Lyall Butling, Lt Col Brian Cahill, Peter Cartledge, Jason Cassar, Allen Charter, Neil Charter, Noel Cilia, Dennis Clarke, William Clarke, Ron Clifford, Bill Cole, Don Collins, Ray Collins, Lt Col Des Condron, Philip Cook, Ray Cousins, Frank Crocker, Robert Croker, Lt Col Chris Cromack MBE, Jim Crowe, Kevin Crowe, John Davidson, Ron Davies, Brig John Dean OBE, David Delaney, Duke DeRosayro, Bruce Doolan, Bryan Dowel, Malcolm Drechsler, Brian Driscoll, James Duncan, Laurie Dunn, Keith Dyall, Max Edbrooke, Lt Col John Edelsten, Raymond Edsall, Garry Edwards, Brig Conrad Ermert (Patron), Ron Fauvel, Albert Feathers, Cyril Ferne, Dave Field, Michael Fix, James Flood, Warwick Foletta, Rex Foord, Allen Freeth (QLD), Robert Fuller, Lt Col Wilfred Gill, Warwick Glendening, John Gooding, Alan Gostellow, Brig Ross Grant AM (QLD), Fred Greenway, Bill Hall, George Hepburn, Bruce Hickson, Keith Holland, Bill Holmes, Ross Hope, Bob Hunter, George Hutchinson (TAS), Ron Hutton, Aranka Illia, Barry Irons, Victor Jaeger, David Jones, Edmond Jones, Eric Jones, Roland Jones, Arthur Johnson, Rex Johnson, Ian Johnson, Bruce Johnstone, Ron Kelsey (QLD), Norm Kenyon, Bob Kershaw (QLD), Michael King, Stan Conrad, Guy Langford, Ken Lawrence, John Leckie, Col John Lee RFD.ED, Jim Lewicki, Murray Lewis, Henry Lowther, Lindsay Lorimer, Lee Magnussen (NSW), Pat Marley, Robert Matajicic, Dennis Mayor, Jim McFarlane, Tony McKenzie, John Maclean, Tony McNalley, Vincent McNamara, John Miller, Hubert Mills, Wes Missen, Andrew Moon, Kevin Moon, Tony Moon, Max Moore, William Morrison, Kiron Naug, Peter Nicholas, Lt Col Alan Nelson, Sam O'Brien.



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Lt Col Frank O'Brien, Ken Osborne, Berdg Papazian (SA), Frank Parkin, Alf Perrott, Swen Pettie, Neil Pitt, Domenic Ponelandolfo, Robin Radbourn, Barry Ridgway, Col Peter Robinson MBE, Harry Ross, Ivan Royle, David Scott, Lt Col John Scully, Bruce Sefton, Tony See, John Self, Steven Sherry, Bill Slegers, John Sloss, Diane Smith, Welton Smith, Noel Smithwick, Francis Smits, John Spencer, George Spiteri, Walter Swingler, Walter Thompson, Brian Tingwell, Frank Towers, Col Peter Tremain (NSW), Wilfred Turner, Ray Tuskin, George Vander, Garry Vapp, Graeme Vaux, Raymon Vaux, Daid Wain, David Wallis, John Walton, Ron Waters, Garry Welsh, Jack Westernhagen, Raymond White, Les Whitford, Stan Whitwell, Col Brian Williamson, Robert Wilson (NT), Col Jack Wilson, Joseph Wisdom, Edward Woods, Jim Wylie. **185 ORDINARY MEMBERS.**

**LIFE MEMBERSHIP** – Doug Brazier, Bill Challons, Ed Collins, Reg Cox, Norm Curtis, Ken Kermonde, Lt Col Don MacLeod RFD.ED, Geoff Maggs. **8 LIFE MEMBERS**

**ASSOCIATE MEMBERS** – Hazel Bailey, Adam, Bradley, Carmen, Rodney, Thelma and Viven Brazier, Jenny Burley, Leonie Cartledge, Rodney Challons, Norma Clifford, Wilma Cook, Roma Cox, Marilyn Field, Shirley Foord, Margaret Hope, Alice Kermonde, Florence Klein, Lynn Lee, June Lewis, Nancy Maggs, Jan Mills, Margaret Moon, Ray Moore, Julie Parisi, Rosemary Radbourn, Margaret Royle, Elaine Tingwell and Joan Wilson. **29 ASSOCIATE MEMBERS.**

**TOTAL MEMBERSHIP 222**

**JACK WESTERNHAGEN, CONVENOR**



### WELFARE & BETTERMENT SUB-COMMITTEE

**RONALD WATERS** – On 15.11.00, I visited the Jessie McPherson Wing Monash Hospital, where Ron was admitted for Lung trouble and a shortage of breath.

**LAURIE BURLEY** – In November 2000, Laurie was admitted to the Geelong Private Hospital, during his admittance, his right leg was amputated below the knee. After he recovered from this serious operation, Laurie has had a prosthesis limb fitted and now attends the Grace McCallum Hospital, Geelong 2 days a week for rehabilitation.

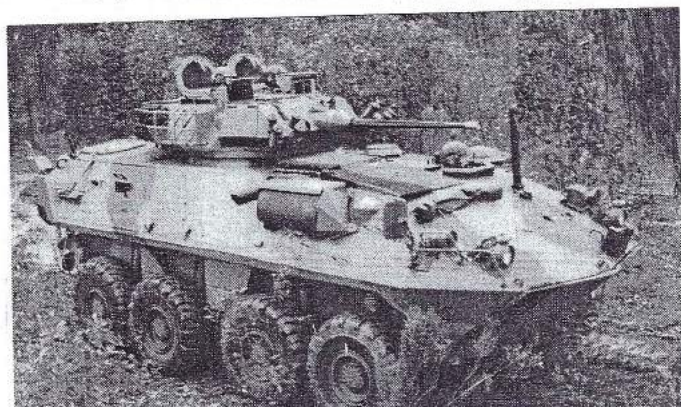
All of our members Laurie, send you their best wishes for a speedy recovery.

**ARANKA ILLIA** – has had 3 trips back to hospital – one to have wiring removed from her left elbow, two, to have corrective surgery to her right arm as a result of her fall at her home on 6.10.67, (and thirdly, I believe now, she has broken a bone in one of her a feet).

**VIN McNAMARA** – Recently spent a stay in the Austin and Warringal Hospitals for an Oncology Test. He is home again, and says he is now sparking on all 6 cylinders.

**FRANK BELL** – Has recently underwent an Artery/Vein By-Pass operation and is slowly recovering.

**REG COX (LM)** – I recently had an overnight stay in the Jessie McPherson Hospital for a Sleepnea Test – it appears that I did twist kicks and moved more than 124 times in the hour. This was abruptly stopped by a swift elbow into my ribs by my wife Roma. HA!... HA!





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To our many sick members, we wish you all good health and a speedy recovery from that which ails you in either in hospital or at

home.

REG COX, WELFARE OFFICER

## **RAEME ASSOCIATION (VIC) CORPS ITEMS**

Your Association has formed a Sub Committee to Develop and Promote Corps Items.

Your Promotional Committee:-

Max Moore, Ron Clifford & Bob Hunter

### **NEW AND REVIEWED RAEME CORPS ITEMS:-**

RAEME Logo Stickers 4 in. high, UV protected (both internal & external) refer flyer.  
Stubbie Holders Royal Blue with a 10cm high RAEME Logo on a white background, refer flyer.  
Thermal Mugs Cam. green with disruptive pattern and Corps Logo,  
Bomber Jacket, Polo Shirts, with a 11.5cm Embroidered RAEME Logo,  
Baseball Caps Royal Blue with 5cm Embroidered RAEME Logo, \$15.00 each.  
Cuff Links full motive, Tie Tack /Lapel, Ladies RAEME Pendant & Snake Chain,  
Ladies Dress Brooch \$40.00 each (a silver plated cap size badge with gemstones embedded in the crest and the safety chain Clasp ).

### **RAEME ASSOCIATION ITEMS:-**

Bomber Jackets with option of, RAEME Association, AEME/RAEME Association  
REME Association, Logo's,  
Polo Shirts with Logo - option's same as Bomber Jackets,  
Name Tag (made to order)  
Association Lapel Badge.

Note:- All Bomber Jackets now have new style pockets (side / front pockets on a slight angle nice and deep so things will not fall out), any existing Jacket may have pockets redesigned at a small cost to members, price to be advised.

### **THE ARMY MUSEUM BANDIANA still has some RAEME Corps Shop Items:-**

RAEME History Books (Craftsman of the Australian Army) \$45.00 each  
RAEME Tie \$25.00 each, Tie Pins \$ 6.50 each, Plaque \$35.00 each,  
Coasters ( pewter) \$11.00 ea,  
Print of the Presentation of the Prince Philip Banner (May 1986 unframed)  
Diary of Capt. B. Ditmar 1 Armd Shop Wksp. while on duty in Vietnam 1968 - \$5.00

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**SOCIAL SUB-COMMITTEE**

### **ANNUAL WIDOWS and LIFE MEMBERS LUNCHEON – OAKLEIGH BARRACKS**

March 18<sup>th</sup> 2001, saw us at our Annual Luncheon at which we honour the Widows and Life Members. A total of 76 sitting down to a delightful Dinner. I would like to see more of our Widows attend next year, **17<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2002.**

It was good to see the response to the Circular we sent out for this Luncheon with about 70% of members replying. For those that did spend 5 minutes and a stamp to reply, **thank you!** Let's keep this up as it makes it much easier for your Social Sub-Committee to know numbers attending for catering purposes without having to 'Crystal Ball' the event.

### **ANNUAL ANZAC EVE REUNION YEAR 2001 – OAKLEIGH BARRACKS**

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> APRIL, we will be holding our Annual ANZAC Eve Reunion in the Oakleigh Barracks Officers/Sergeants Messes commencing at 1930 hrs. (Refer Flier enclosed).

### **ANZAC DAY DAWN SERVICE – OAKLEIGH BARRACKS 25<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2001**

As in other years past, it has been the custom of this Association for its members and their families to attend the Dawn Service at Oakleigh Barracks which commences at 0545 hrs (Refer Flier enclosed).

Hopefully, we will see a good turn out of our Membership at this impressive Service. Tea/Coffee and Rum will be available before the commencement of the Service.

This is followed by the usual 'Gunfire Breakfast' in the gymnasium.

### **ANZAC DAY MARCH, MELBOURNE 2001**

Following the 'Gunfire Breakfast' a Coach will depart from Oakleigh Barracks at approx. 0830 hrs. for members to parade in the ANZAC Day March to the Shrine of Remembrance at a cost of \$6:00 per person returned.

For full details of the March and the location of our Assembly point in the City prior to the Stepping Off Time (refer Flier enclosed).

After the March has concluded at the Melbourne Shrine of Remembrance, we will be transported back to Oakleigh Barracks for a Light Luncheon in the gymnasium,

### **BI-ANNUAL REUNION BETWEEN REME (S.A.) BRANCH and THE RAEME (VIC ASSOCIATIONS – MOUNT GAMBIER**

Members are advised that our Bi-Annual Reunion with our REME friends from S.A. this year will be held at Mount Gambier during the Melbourne Cup Weekend (3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> November 2001).

Please speak to anybody who has been away with REME and RAEME Associations as to the good times they have had together.

The video of our last Reunion at Ballarat in Nov 1999 will be shown again at our Annual ANZAC Eve Reunion.

The Coach Pick-Up Points will be Oakleigh Barracks, Broadmeadows, Geelong or other points can be arranged en route to Mount Gambier (Refer Flier enclosed).

We have 24 people booked already for this trip, however the Motel can only accept another 12 Bookings for that weekend – so first in best dressed.

Full details of this trip will be available in the August edition of 'The Flash' so now is the time to budget for this trip.

### **SINGING IN THE RAIN**

Here is another opportunity to enjoy a Sunday afternoon with other members and their partners or Guests at the Regent Theatre Collins street to see this new musical.

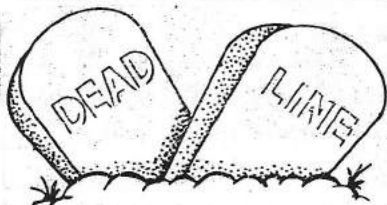
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**EDITORIAL**

**'I WAS THERE' COMPETITION** - The second edition of Barry Irons' Tour of The Western Front is published in this edition on Page. 11.

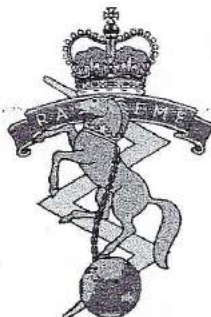
Any members who may have an interesting article or two, are asked to submit them to the Editorial Sub-Committee for publication before the date shown below to be eligible to win the \$50:00 Prize Money offered which is presented at our next A.G.M.



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

**1<sup>st</sup> AUGUST 2001**

**JACK WESTERNHAGEN, EDITOR**

**RAEME CORPS ACTIVITY**

**RAEME 58<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY CORPS DINNER**  
**AND THE AWARD OF 'THE CRAFTSMAN OF**  
**THE YEAR 2000 AWARD**

The Honorary Colonel Commandant (Southern and Central Regions) Colonel Jack Wilson held the 58<sup>th</sup> Corps All Ranks Mixed Dining-In night at the East Malvern RSL on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2000.

Wilson called upon Sgt Ian Finch (4 B.A.S.B. Wksp Company Oakleigh Barracks) to say the Corps Grace. The Dining President welcomed the 91 members of the Corps, their partners, plus the CO of 4 B.A.S.B. Lt Colonel Harold Hawson and Mrs. Hawson, the RSM 4 B.A.S.B WO 1 Brian Mills and Mrs. Mills ( a total of 95 sitting down to the Dinner).

After an excellent 3 course Dinner, the Dining President called for the 'Passing of the Port' and for Mr. Vice to give the Loyal Toast.

Capt Jason Vaughan (Secretary, RAEME Corps Committee Southern Region) gave a short speech on RAEME past, present and into the future, then he gave the Toast to the Corps.

The Dining President welcomed his Guests, all the lovely ladies and the old and bold of the Corps. Lt Colonel Hawson responded on behalf of all Guests and gave a run down on the G Res.

Colonel Wilson announced the winner of the Southern Region 'Craftsman of the Year 2000 Award', being Cfn Allen Coulter from 4 B.A.S.B. During his speech, Colonel Wilson said that this honour was not a prize won lightly, there is a vigorous selection process including a Confidential Report by his CO and a written recommendation by his OC, plus he should be a good member of the team, demonstrate the attributes of a good Team Leader, be an effective soldier contributing to the effectiveness of his unit, plus involvement in a extra-regimental activities including Community activities, sporting bodies, hobbies, etc.

The 'Craftsman of the Year Award' carries a framed certificate signed by the Colonel Commandant, and a Financial Prize being a cheque for \$200.00, plus the Southern Region Trophy.

(This Trophy has been reintroduced after a lapse of 9 years).



(Cont. from P. 9 Col 2.)



Mr. Peter Cartledge as President of the RAEME Association (Vic) Inc. added the Association's congratulations on the Members behalf, then presented Cfn Allen Coulter with a suitable engraved Plaque from the Association

Colonel Wilson mentioned that Allen had shown initiative and hard work during the year and the award was going to a worthy recipient. There was some good natured stirring by his mates



Colonel Wilson then called on the Senior Member (Mr. Les Bailey, 90 years old) and the Junior Member (Cfn John McKenna) to cut the RAEME 58<sup>th</sup> Birthday cake jointly.

Next Colonel Wilson called upon Colonel John Lee RFD.ED.Rtd. to speak. After a few well chosen words about Les Bailey's Association formally with 105 Inf Wksp, he announced that the 1<sup>st</sup> December 2000, was also Les Bailey's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday and presented him with a cake.

After all the good wishes to Les, Colonel Wilson gave thanks to all who had organised a most successful evening, especially Max Moore and Peter Cartledge.

Many comments were made by present and past members of the Corps on the success of the night. More than ½ of the members present, have booked for December 1<sup>st</sup> 2001.

### Member's Profile



### ANDREW (Jack) BALSILLIE MBE.

The longest serving member of RAEME since its existence as a Corps to have had continuous service in the Australian Army from World War II retired after 40 years of service on 22<sup>nd</sup> July 1985, marked the end of an era in Australian Military history, and for the Corps, the loss of one of our best loved and most dedicated members.

He was Maj. Andrew (Jack) Balsillie. Born at Bendigo (Vic), Jack enlisted as a RAEME Workshop Apprentice on 19<sup>th</sup> July 1945 in the days before the establishment of the Army Apprentices School Balcombe (Vic). His five year apprenticeship was undertaken at the then Victorian Lines of Communication Workshop, Broadmeadows, later redesignated Sth Comd Wksp, and later redesignated as 3 Base Wks, and on its completion, Jack served at the Workshop as a Fitter Armament.

By November 1957, Jack had attained the rank of Warrant Officer Class 2 and was posted to RAEME Trg Centre, Bandiana, where he served until August 1959, as an Assistant Instructor in armaments.

Jack's first full-time association with Artillery Corps came in 1959 with a posting to Malaya to serve as Officer (Warrant Officer) in Command, "A" Fd Bty, LAD and 101<sup>st</sup> Independent Fd Bty LAD. Whilst in Malaya, Jack spent many off-duty hours searching World War II battlefields for relics, and shipping those of historical value back to the Australian War Memorial in Canberra



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His greatest find, and certainly that of most historical significance for Australian Military history was the locating of the site of the "ROSE FORCE AMBUSH". Using war diaries, and other accounts, Jack found the ambush location, and shipped back relics of this, the first action of the Second World War between Australia and Japanese Troops.

After serving in a number of postings in the rank of Warrant Officer Class 1, Jack was granted a Quarter Master's Commission in 1967 and was appointed to the rank of Lieutenant.

In 1969 - 1970 saw Jack, with the rank of Captain, serve on the HQ First Australian Task Force, and Australian Force Vietnam, in South Vietnam. During this time, continued his historical work for the Australian War Memorial.

From 1970 until 1972, Jack held postings at 3 Base Wksp Bn, Broadmeadows, and the 3<sup>rd</sup> Cavalry Regiment, Townsville, but in 1972 was posted back to commanding an LAD with an Artillery unit, this time 4<sup>th</sup> Fd Regiment. The Regiment clearly was predominantly manned by members of the Royal Australian Artillery Corps (RAA), but while he was posted there, Jack saw that he and his LAD became as much a part of "4<sup>th</sup> Fd" as any of the gunners.

To this end, he worked tirelessly to keep the Regiment's equipment in peak condition, and in doing so, earned a unique respect from the members of the Regiment and the Artillery Corps itself.

In late 1981, Jack served as OC Sydney Workshop Company. Part of the role of the workshop was to support the Royal Australian Survey Regiment, and through dedicated support, Jack developed a close association with the Survey Corps.

For his extraordinary services commanding supporting workshops, Jack was appointed an Honorary member of the Royal Regiment, Australian Artillery in July 1981, by the then Corps Director, and was entitled to wear Artillery insignia ... a rare distinction for a serving soldier, and as an Honorary Surveyor of the Royal Australian Survey Corps.

**AWARDS** - Maj Balsillie's awards include: the

Australian War Memorial. This Medal was awarded in the New Years Honour List 1970. War Medal GSM with clasp Malaya, Vietnam Medal, Long Service & Good Conduct Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, the National Medal, and the Vietnam Campaign Medal.

Maj Balsillie joined the RAEME Association (Vic) Inc. on 8<sup>th</sup> July 1995.

(Courtesy of RAEME CRAFTSMAN November 1989) ... EDITOR

### TOUR OF THE BATTLEFIELDS OF THE WESTERN FRONT IN FRANCE

By Barry Irons (M-Ship No. 325)

(Following my Tour of Gallopli, which appeared in April 2000, Issue 39 of 'The Flash' I undertook a further Tour of the Western Front).

In the morning, we left Bursa for Istanbul, along the way we were taken to visit the Green Mosque, Ula Mosque (see what I mean), and the silk market.

We spent the next two nights in Istanbul visiting the Crimean War Cemetery, and the hospital where Florence Nightingale worked. Then flew to Paris, stopping at Vienna on the way.

On arrival at Paris, we were given a bus tour of that magnificent city, with the imposing Eiffel Tower. We were given the privilege to be the Honour Guard for the relighting of the Eternal Flame in the Arc de Triomphe at 6.00pm. This service is performed every night by the French Legion of ex-Servicemen.

Two days later, we travelled through the Verdun-Reims area, where we saw the underground tunnels of the massive forts of Veaux and Douaumont, which revealed the horrors of war on the Western Front.

The next day we travelled to Mont St. Quentin and viewed the Australian 2<sup>nd</sup> Division Memorial. In Peronne, we saw the displays of the Historiale Myseum and the nearby villages of Bray and Corbie. A full day was spent seeing the village of Villers Bretonneux, and the school that was rebuilt from a penny donation by Victorian schoolchildren. Standing in the quadrangle of the school, you can't help but notice the 24 high letters spelling



(Cont. from P. 11 Col 2.)

"Never Forget Australia" painted on the front of the school's shelter shed.

The Tour passed the rail junction of Amiens, which action cost more than 1,200 Australian lives, plugging the gap caused by the Germans. In the afternoon, we passed through the village of Le Hamel, and visited the Australian Corps Memorial Park at Sailly-Le-Sac, and then onto the 3<sup>rd</sup> Division Memorial at Pozieres "Gibraltar Site" and the 'Windmill Site', where during the battle of Ponieres, Australia had 24,000 casualties.

A full day was spent travelling to Herleville and Bullecourt, where we were warmly received by the villagers and joined them in a short march to the Memorial Service in the town. What is very moving is to see the Australian flag flown from the Town Hall and the Victorian State flag flown on the town memorial along side that of the French flag. This was in honour of Lt Colonel C.W. Dailey, and the 413 men of the 6<sup>th</sup> Battalion AIF, of those who died (mostly Victorians) whilst liberating the village.

We were taken to the Town Hall for a light lunch, courtesy of the village. We visited the local Primary School, where the children sang 'Advance Australia Fair' for us. On viewing some of the displays these schools have, in one was a poster of an Australian soldier, with the caption, "This man is your friend. He fights for freedom". Even in this day and age, these people are determined never to forget.

Then onto Flanders, Lille, Tynecot, Passendale, Polygon Wood, Hill 60, Messines Ridge, and the Menin Road, the scenes of battles that cost some 38,000 Australian casualties. A further stop at Vimy Ridge, where you can view the well preserved trenches and dugouts of WW I. That evening some of us marched with the British Legion at the Last Post ceremony at Menin Gate, held every evening at 8.00pm.

Then driving by coach to Calais and across the English Channel to Dover by ferry.

## LEGACY

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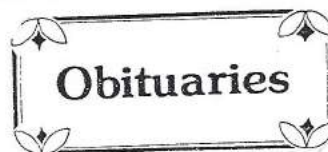
To help the Widows and Children  
of Servicemen killed in action  
or who have since died.

Please send donations to your nearest Legacy Office



The President Committee and members regret the passing of our special friends and colleagues:

Alf Keevers – 17 Jan 2001



Hazel Dean – 27 Oct – 2000, wife of Brig John Dean OBE. Rtd.

Lillian Thompson – 20 Feb 2001,  
Widow of Norman Dec. AEME Asscn.

Elaine O'Brien - 15 Feb 2001, wife of  
Laurie O'Brien ex-Treasurer RAEME  
Asscn (NSW) INC.

Our deepest sympathy to the families of  
the above Deceased Members.

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

BRITISH COMMONWEALTH  
BASE WORKSHOP  
By Lt Colonel A. Chapman Rtd.

The following is intended only as an unofficial history of the British Commonwealth Base Workshop, a large integrated unit of considerable interest and importance in the general history of RAEME, if for no other reason than that literally hundreds of AEME and RAEME personnel served in the unit during the period of its existence, from 1946 to the time of its closure in 1956.

Apart from its function as an Occupation Forces Workshop, and later as a Base Workshop for the British Commonwealth Forces engaged in the Korean War, it was of importance and value in several other regards:-



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It afforded valuable experience to Field Rank Officers in command, conduct, control, and operation of an integrated unit operating in a foreign country.

It afforded Junior Officers and NCOs in charge of Workshop Sections, practical experience on a large scale.

It, along with many other Occupation Forces and United Nations units throughout the country, provided steady employment for many thousands of indigenous personnel after cessation of hostilities.

After the surrender of Japan in Aug '45, the country was occupied by Allied Forces of World War 2, notably the U.S. and member nations of the British Commonwealth.

Research into the subject suggests that the first AEME personnel to arrive as part of the Occupation Forces was an RAE Regt LAD. Also that the first AEME Workshop to be established in Japan was 34<sup>th</sup> Bde Workshop.

This unit was formed largely from AEME personnel who were serving on the Netherlands East Indies island of MORATAI when the war ended, many being recruited from 13<sup>th</sup> Aust Adv Wksp, AEME. 34<sup>th</sup> Bde sailed from MORATAI on 13 Feb '46 and on arrival in Japan, was established in the Kure area of Southern Honshu, approximately 20 miles from HIROSHIMA.

In June '46, the main body of the U.K. Occupation Force also arrived in KURE Harbor from MADAS, INDIA. This force included a draft of 6 Officers and 180 Other Ranks from 10 Base Wksp, REME, and on arrival in JAPAN, combined with 34<sup>th</sup> Bde Wksp, AEME, to form an integrated British Commonwealth unit.

During the ensuing few months, strength of the British Commonwealth Forces increased and as a consequence the repair workload became heavier. During Oct '46, the workshop was enlarged, and to build up the workforce from as far away as KOBE and OSAKA.

On the outbreak of the Korean War in June '50, British Commonwealth Occupation Forces became British Commonwealth Forces Korea, with Base HQ in KURE. The workshop was now the British Commonwealth Base Workshop, and to cope with the added workload from KOREA, was enlarged still further.

HQ and No. 1 Shop, along with quarters, messes, and the various other essential administrative elements remained in the KURE area, while No. 2 Shop occupied a large Japanese locomotive workshop building, adjacent to the RAOC Vehicle and Gun Park at HIRO, 7 miles from KURE.

A prime function was now the Base Overhaul and repair of all types of vehicles, guns and other equipment used by the Commonwealth Forces in KOREA.

On instructions from "Q" Br., HQ, BCFK, specific Base Repair Programs were undertaken, e.g. "100 Trucks, ¼ ton G.S." or "50 Trucks 3 ton G.S." etc.

These vehicles would be concentrated at No. 2 Shop, HIRO, stripped to the bare chassis, and after return of fully reconditioned MUA's from No. 1 Shop, KURE, were reassembled, rewired, road tested, and returned to the Vehicle and Gun Park, HIRO. Similar procedure was adopted with regard to "A" vehicles, guns etc.

During the decade or so of its existence, approximately 7,500 "B" vehicles were Base Overhauled by the workshop, and in addition, the unit handled a proportionate commitment of Armt, S.A., "C" vehicles, instruments, telecommunications equipment, etc. Also Fd Repairs for Commonwealth units located in the Base area, were carried out.

In addition to the Machine Shops, No. 1 Shop at KURE contained several other large and important sections, e.g. textiles, wood-working, rubber, telecommunications, instruments, the armoury and the Ordnance Stores Section.

Total strength of the unit at the height of its activities was approximately 2000, made up of more than 300 U.K., Australian, Canadian and N.Z. military personnel, and about 1,650 Japanese male and female civilian employees.

Run-down of the unit began early in 1956 and Britcom Base Workshop finally closed on Sep 10<sup>th</sup> of the same year.

Several major articles of interest were sent back to Australia during the close-down period, and were located in the MOOREBANK/INGLEBURN area. Hopefully these items would remain as a lasting memory of a large Army Workshop in which many AEME personnel served.

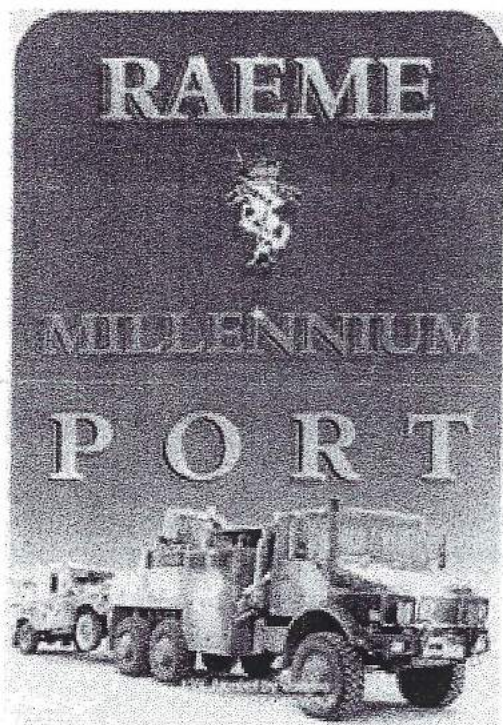


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The items referred to were two Japanese 50mm Naval cannons, the Officer name board at 2 Base Wksp Bn. MOOREBANK and the Gateway structure across the entrance to 101 Fd Wksp, INGLEBURN. The later item was originally erected across the main entrance to Britcom Base Wksp at KURE, and in this position carried the name "STURDEE BARRACKS", in Honour of Lt General V.A. STURDEE CBE.DSO. Colonel-in-Chief of the Corps of RAEME, prior to H.R.H. The Duke of Edinburgh, accepting the title.

(Courtesy of RAEME CRAFTSMAN No. 15 1986. EDITOR)

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**Cost \$12**



As advertised in the RAEME Craftsman Issue No. 45, there is a limited number of bottles of Port available for purchase.

Contact: Max Moore ☎ 9802 9128  
(First In ... Best Dressed)

My Friends, I give you . . .

### THE DUMBEST PERSON ON EARTH!

This picture is real – not doctored in any-way - it was taken by a Transportation Supervisor for a company that delivers building materials 'for 84 Lumber'. When he saw it in the parking lot of IHOP, he went and bought a camera to take pictures.



The car was still running, as can be witnessed by the exhaust. A woman is either asleep or otherwise out in the front seat passenger side. The guy driving it was jogging up and down on Route 925 (in the background).

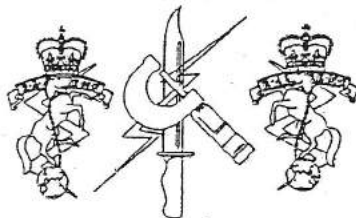
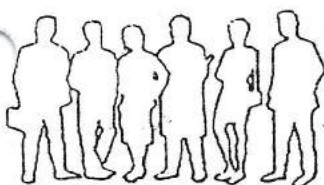
Witnesses said their physical state was OTHER than normal. The driver finally came back after the police were called, and was found crouching behind the rear of the car, attempting to cut the twine around the load! Luckily, the police stopped him and had the load removed.

The materials were loaded at Home Depot. Their Store Manager said they had the customer sign a waiver. While the plywood and 2x4s are fairly obvious, what you can't see in the back seat, which contains – are you ready for this? – 10 bags of concrete @ 80 lbs. each. They estimated the load weight at 3000 lbs.

Both back tires exploded, the wheels bent and the back shockers were driven through the floorboard. The car, with Florida licence plates (naturally), was headed for Annapolis, where the couple presumably planned to build a new house in which to smoke their crack.  
(Courtesy of 4 BASB Magazine FEB 2001 Issue).



The RAEME Association (Vic) Incorporated



SOLDIER and CRAFTSMAN

## ANZAC EVE REUNION

**TUESDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2001**

The main social activity for members of this Association to which we always look forward to with eager anticipation, is 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:** **MONDAY 24<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2001**

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

**LOCATION :** **OAKLEIGH BARRACKS** (Officers'/Sergeants' Messes  
**1318 OAKLEIGH SOUTH** 200 yds South from the  
(Melways Map 69 –K – 11) Huntingdale Railway Station).

**ENTRANCE FEE:** **\$12.00 per head** (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 the ANZAC Day March in the City, Sleeping Accommodation has been organised for **MALE** members in one of the Class Rooms. 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, RON CLIFFORD 9743 2418 Mobile: 0409 044 475 NOT LATER THAN TUESDAY 17<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2001. – FIRST IN .... BEST DRESSED!!**

**OAKLEIGH BARRACKS DAWN SERVICE:** The RSM 22 Construction Regt Group RAE has organised amoving Dawn Service, to be followed by a 'GUNFIRE BREAKFAST' in the gymnasium. Numbers for purposes of Catering are to be advised to the Secretary, Ron Clifford, **NOT LATER THAN TUESDAY 17<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2001.**

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



**ANZAC DAY 2001 – DAWN SERVICE OAKLEIGH BARRACKS – Cont.**

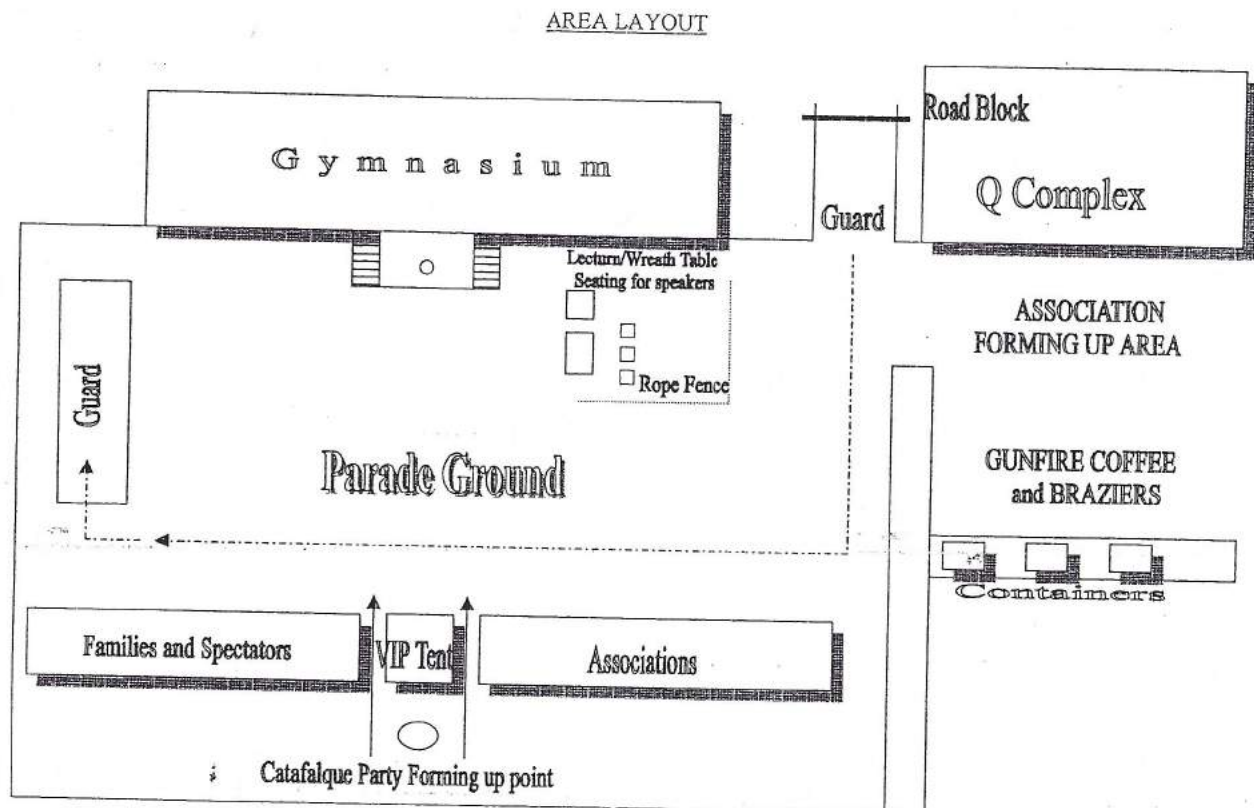
**0430 hrs. REVEILLE**

**0500 Hrs. (TEA/COFFEE/RUM)**

**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 'Q' Store in Sir Clive Steele Crescent.**

**Association, Spectators not marching are requested to form up on the side of The parade Ground facing the flag pole outside of the gymnasium (Refer Diagram below).**



**0555 hrs. Associations March on and Flag Orderly takes post.**

**0600 hrs. The Catafalque Mounts.**

**0605 hrs. The Service commences – this includes the Wreath laying as per Order of Service.**

**0630 hrs. Party and Catafalque Party is dismounted – the Guard, Catafalque Party and Associations March Off to their Dismissal Areas.**



**0635 hrs. Service concludes.**

**0640 - Normal Breakfast is served in the gymnasium.**

**0730 hrs.**

**0730 hrs. Those members who Slept Over are to return Sleeping Gear to the Association's Stores Officer.**

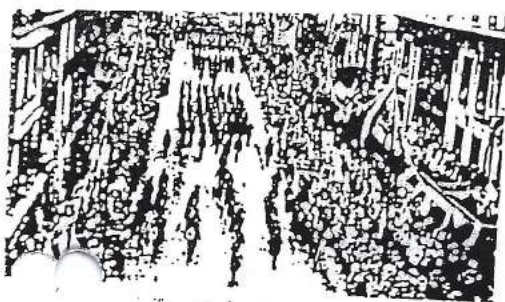
**0830 hrs. Old Sappers/RAE/RAEME Association members and their families are to board the Hire Coach in Swan Street Oakleigh Barracks for the Forward Journey to the City for our appropriate Forming Up Points prior to the commencement of the Year 2001 ANZAC Day March to the Melbourne Shrine of Remembrance.**

**RAEME ASSOCIATION'S BUS MARSHALL: (TBA).**

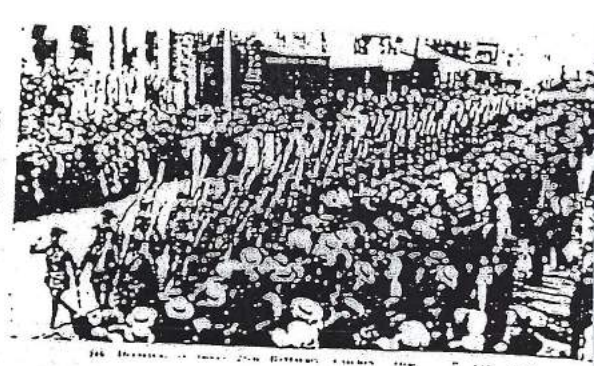








SHRINE of REMEMBRANCE



# ANZAC DAY MARCH

MELBOURNE 2001

## PRE-MARCH

### MET TRANSPORT:

For the Dawn Service at the Melbourne Shrine of Remembrance, the MET will provide Free Travel, just show Proof that you are attending the Service (i.e. wear your medals, RSL Badge, etc).

### SHUTTLE SERVICE:

A Tram Shuttle Service from the City to the Shrine has been organised for the Sawn Service.

### REFRESHMENTS:

Tea, Coffee & Biscuits after the Dawn Service at the North Gate of Victoria Barracks in St. Kilda Road, and on the Shrine Lawn after the March.

## ANZAC MARCH 2001

### ASSOCIATION TRANSPORT TO THE CITY MARCH

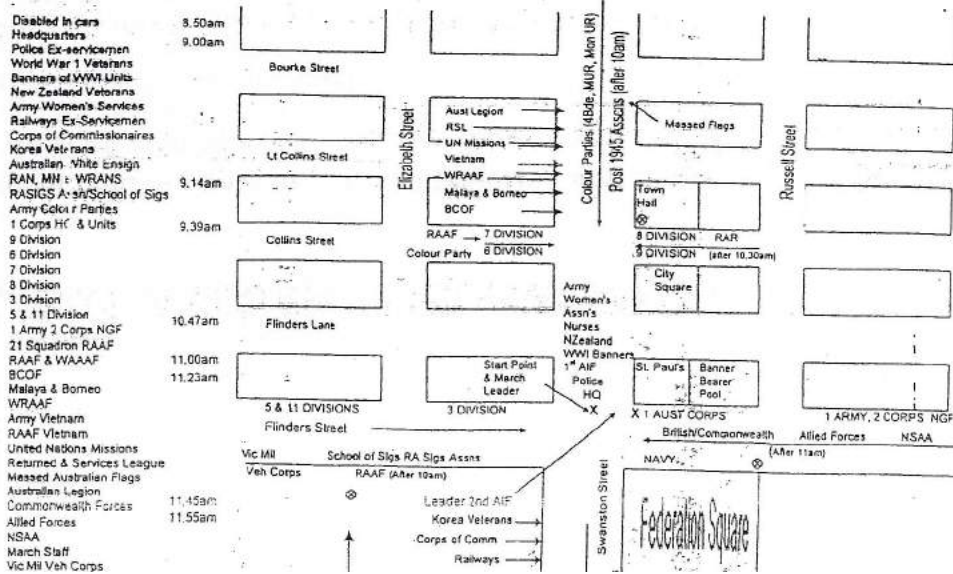
As in Year previous years, the Old Sappers and RAEME Associations will be sharing a coach to transport members and their partners into the City for the ANZAC Day March and return. The cost is \$6:00 per head payable to Ron Clifford.

### FORM UP POINT:

EAST end of Flinders Street, between RUSSELL & EXHIBITION STREETS on the SOUTH side look for the Association's Banner.

### ANZAC DAY - ASSEMBLY PLAN

#### ORDER OF MARCH





**FORM UP TIME:** 1015 hrs.

**STEP OFF TIME:** 1050 hrs. (Approx).  
THERE IS LIMITED SEATING AVAILABLE IN JEEP  
SEATS MUST BE BOOKED THROUGH THE  
SECRETARY, RON CLIFFORD ☎ 9743 2418 or  
Mobile: 409 044 475.

**ASSOCIATION's MARCH**  
**MARSHALL:**

RON CLIFFORD.

**DRESS FOR MARCH:**

RAEME Association members are requested to  
Wear your Association's Bomber Jacket, RAEME  
Corps tie and Black Beret (if you have them).

### **AFTER THE MARCH**

**RAEME VIETNAM**  
**VETERANS:**

Following the ANZAC March, if uncertain where  
to enjoy a drink or two with your fellow RAEME  
Veterans, a cordial invitation is extended to you  
All to journey back to Oakleigh Barracks at 1318  
North Road, Oakleigh South and join in with the  
RAEME Association (Vic) INC, or if you so wish,  
travel back to Oakleigh Barracks on the same  
Coach as the RAEME Association (Vic) INC. for  
**a cost of \$3:00. LOOK FOR THE RAEME**  
**ASSOCIATION EMBLEM ON THE FRONT**  
**WINDSCREEN OF THE COACH.**

**RETURN TRANSPORT TO**  
**OAKLEIGH BARRACKS:**

Members, their families and any RAEME  
Vietnam Veterans, please note – **the**  
**Association's coach will be leaving from**  
**'SIMPSON AND HIS DONKEY' STATUE in**  
**Birdwood Drive.**

**LUNCH AT OAKLEIGH BARRACKS:**

all AEME/RAEME Vietnam Association  
Members and partners, and RAEME  
Vietnam Veterans (if they so wish) are  
Requested to assemble at the Southern End  
of Oakleigh Barracks gymnasium (where we  
have 3 tables reserved) look for our RAEME  
Table Marchers. A light Lunch of Finger  
Foods will be made available. Drinks will  
also be available for purchase from the Old  
Sappers Association Club Room at the  
Northern end of the gymnasium for a nominal  
cost.

**1730 hrs.**

**THE OAKLEIGH BARRACKS OFFICIALLY  
CLOSES.**

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# SINGIN' IN THE RAIN

Dear Group Organiser

The most famous movie musical of all time is coming to the stage! *Singin' In The Rain*, remains one of the most loved musicals ever to come out of Hollywood. And now, I am thrilled to present a spectacular production in association with IMG at the Regent Theatre from 3 October 2001.

Gene Kelly was always an idol of mine and served as the inspiration for much of my work. His masculinity, effortless style and inimitable grace on stage was something every dancer has aspired to. My very first show *Dancin' Man* featured several of his brilliant dance sequences from *Singin' In The Rain*. Now the opportunity to bring to life the entire film live on stage is a lifelong ambition fulfilled.

We have assembled a wonderful cast for this all-Australian production of *Singin' In The Rain* featuring the stars of the most successful musicals ever staged here. Todd McKenney, fresh from his multi-award winning performance as Peter Allen in *The Boy From Oz* will perform the role made famous by Gene Kelly. Debbie Reynold's role will be played by Rachael Beck, the original Belle in *Beauty and the Beast* and Wayne Scott Kermond, a stand out performer in *Chicago*, will play the role made so memorable by Donald O'Connor in the film. Jackie Love, winner of six MO awards, with her comedic skills and movie star persona is perfectly suited for the role of Lina Lamont. Also joining the array of talent is Maggie Kirkpatrick, Glenn Butcher, Vic Rooney, Sheree da Costa and David Goddard. As Director and Choreographer, I am thrilled to be working with these wonderfully talented performers.

As a valued group organiser, we are opening up the entire season to you to allow greater flexibility in booking your group. You will have access to the full season prior to the general public. Special group seats have been placed on hold for every performance to ensure you receive great seating. And you get great savings!!!

Your Association has secured 1<sup>st</sup> class Stall Seats for 50 lucky Members, their partners and Friends. This a once off opportunity to see this famous musical prior to the general public. With a saving of **\$ 10.20 per ticket**, don't miss out, so make up a party and book early, as 14 seats so far have already been sold.

Date Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2001 Matinee 3 p.m.

Cost: \$69.00 each, Incl. GST, & booking fee.

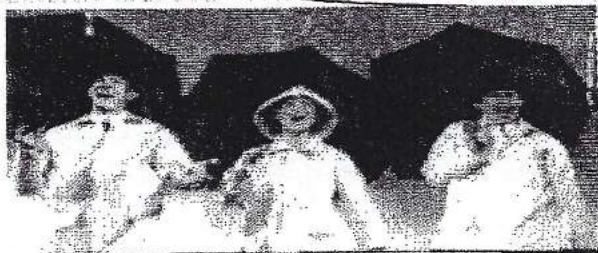
Place: Regent Theatre Collins Street Melbourne.

Your Contacts : Peter Cartledge 9802 6406  
— or — Max Moore 9802 9128

For your convenience we have included a floor plan of the Down Stair Stalls, as you can see these are some of the best seats in the House.

We have 25 seats in row  
and 25 seats in row

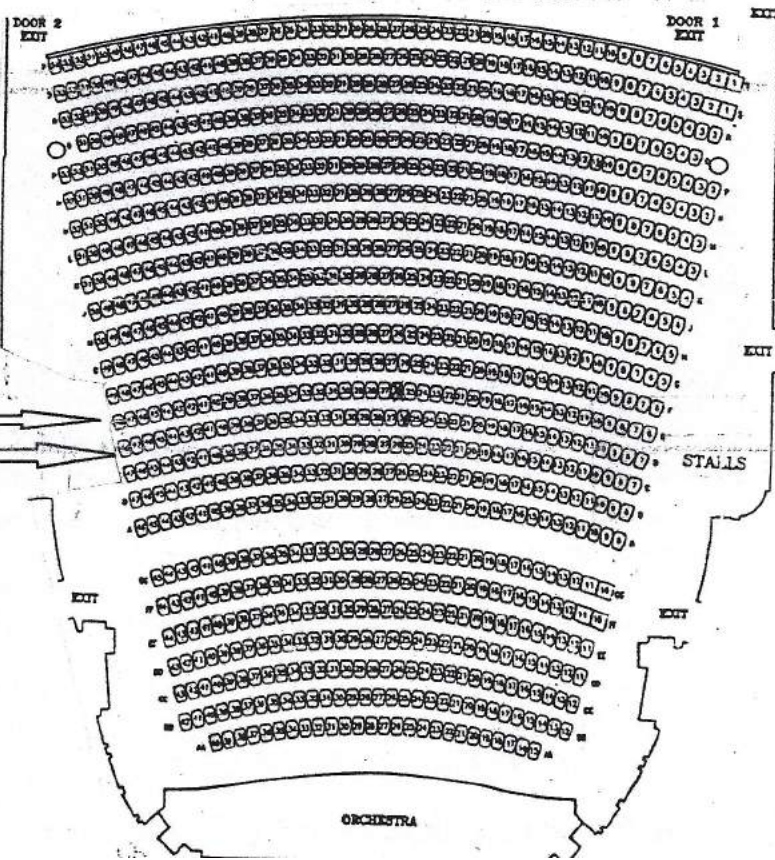
"E"  
"D"



See you at the show.

Yours sincerely

*David Allen*





# RAEME ASSOCIATION PROMOTIONAL

## STICKERS

Price \$2.00 Each



UV Resistant for External use

(As Vehicle Stickers)

Non UV Resistant

(For Cabinets & Tool-boxes)



Royal Australian

Electrical & Mechanical  
Engineers

## STUBBIE HOLDER

1/2 Actual size

Cost \$ 6.00 Each

These new products were developed to replace the old water based transfer (Decal), the UV protected one has become popular as people are placing them on the rear and side windows of their cars, (they are getting good response as cars pass them). The oval sticker was designed for the serving digger and can be seen on lockers, doors and tool boxes in Units (its their way of showing our RAEME colours). Requests have been made for larger ones for workshop display.

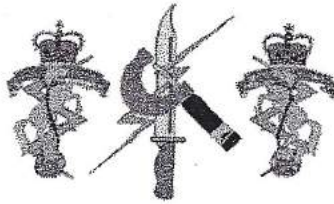
The Association had to have large stocks made to keep the price to you down.

The same is true with the Stubbie holder, these are going so well we have more on order.

**Stocks will be available ANZAC eve for your purchase, so please show the colours we are all so proud of, or use our mail order**



THE RAEME ASSOCIATION (Victoria) INCOPORATED



SOLDIER and CRAFTSMAN

**MELBOURNE CUP WEEKEND 3<sup>rd</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2001**

**REMEMBER THE BALLARAT TRIP IN 1999? ....**

**THIS YEAR WE ARE INVITED TO MOUNT GAMBIER TO JOIN THE SOUTH AUSTRALIAN REME ASSOCIATION ONCE AGAIN.**

**WE TRAVEL TO MOUNT GAMBIER BY COACH SATURDAY MORNING AND RETURN LATE TUESDAY AFTERNOON. FULL DETAILS WILL BE PROVIDED IN THE AUGUST EDITION OF 'THE FLASH'.**

**THE COST FOR BALLARAT WAS \$ 200:00 PER PERSON. SINCE THEN COSTS HAVE RISEN INCLUDING G.S.T. WITH THAT IN MIND, AND BUDGETING ON 30 PEOPLE TRAVELLING ON THE COACH, THE APPROPRIATE COST WILL BE \$ 300:00 PER PERSON, IF MORE PEOPLE ATTEND, THE COACH PART OF THE COST WOULD BE LESS, CONSERVANT LESS PEOPLE THE HIGHER THE COST! BEAR IN MIND, WE USED OUR OWN TRANSPORT TO BALLARAT ... MOUNT GAMBIER WOULD BE AT LEAST TWO TANKS OF PETROL!**

**WE HAVE A TENTATIVE BOOKING OF 17 ROOMS AT THE RED CARPET MOTOR INN (BROCHURE IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST) WHICH WOULD LIKE ACCOMMODATION CONFIRMATION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. THESE ROOMS RANGE FROM SINGLE, DOUBLES, TWIN SHARE AND TRIPLE SHARE. (THERE IS A \$29:00 EXTRA CHARGE FOR A SINGLE ROOM BOOKING.) THE TARIFF INCLUDES DINNER, BED AND COOKED BREAKFASTS.**

**REME ASSOCIATION IS ARRANGING A PROGRAM OF EVENTS FOR THE WEEKEND WHICH, IF YOU REMEMBER THE LAST TRIP TO SOUTH AUSTRALIA, WAS THOROUGHLY ENJOYED BY ALL.**

**RAEME ASSOCIATION HAS 42 PEOPLE ATTENDING. SO PLEASE LET US MAKE AN EXTRA ORDINARY EFFORT AND FILL THOSE AVAILABLE ROOMS.**

**PLEASE ADVISE THE SOCIAL CONVENOR PETER CARTLEDGE ☎ 9802 6406 MOBILE: 0414 771 144 OF YOUR INTENTION TO ATTEND AND OF THE NUMBERS IN YOUR PARTY. IN THE APPROPRIATE PORTION PROVIDED BELOW AND RETURN NOT LATER AN 27<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2001.**

**BOOKING SLIP**

Christian Name	Surnames	Type of Accommodation required			
		SINGLE Room	DOUBLE Room	TWIN Share	TRIPLE Share

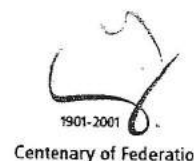
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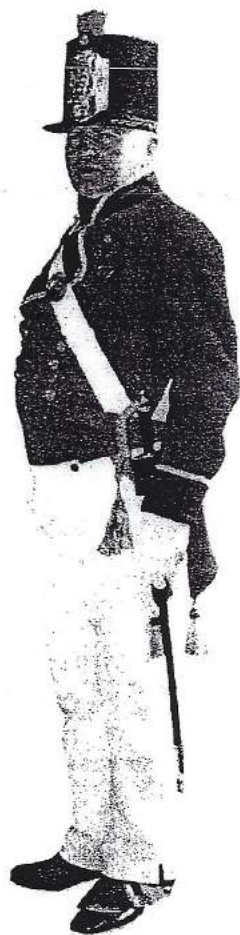
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