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(L to R: Phil Cook, Ed Collins and an unidentified passenger) Just like old times: Three veterans have fun in the back of a Jeep ANZAC Day March 2001.



THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

MEMBERSHIP LISTING - As part of the 'Day to Day' Administration of our Association, many man-hours have been spent in editing and amending our Association's Membership Listing. Members are asked to please spend a few minutes completing the enclosed Personal Information Sheet provided on the reverse side of 'The Lightning Flash' Wrapper.

When completed, please return same by Post, or at our next A.G.M. on 26th August 2001, so we are able to correct any errors to our Association's Membership Listing.

RESERVE FORCES DAY - 1ST JULY 2001 -

This year's Reserve Forces Day and Commonwealth Service in Victoria commenced with a march down Swanston Street to the Shrine of Remembrance for a Commemoration Service facing the Eternal Flame.

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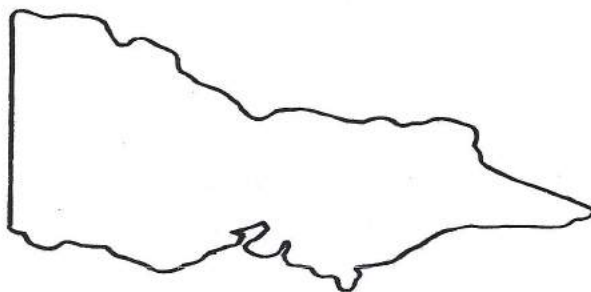
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The President's Report: Cont. from P. 1 Col. 2.

16 ex- RAEME CMF Reservists paraded behind our Association's Banner - a far cry from the 79 Serving/ex-serving CMF and G Res members who paraded for the first march on 1st July 1998.

However, it was great to march with a band to help us keep in step. Two groups of marchers in front of us were the former 5th Bn Victorian Scottish Regt Pipes and Drums Band with the 2/10th Med Regt RAA Band directly behind us leading the National Service Association.

It sounded particularly eerie to listen to the Martial Music rebounding back to the marchers in the "tunnel" caused by the tall buildings on either side of Swanston Street.

BATTLE FOR AUSTRALIA DAY, 5th SEPTEMBER 2001 - Members are asked to mark this date on your calendars, especially those ex WW II Veterans who fought so gallantly to defend Australian soil from the proposed threat by the Japanese Imperial Forces in 1942.

Once again there will be an impressive Service at the conclusion of the March which will be starting at the steps to the Forecourt to the Melbourne Shrine of Remembrance at 10.30 am. Look for the RAEME Association's Banner.

ANZAC EVE ANNUAL REUNION, 2001 -

This year, our Annual Reunion was a great success. However, we would like to see more of our members and their guests, and any new members, attending in 2002.

ANZAC DAY MARCH - Our numbers were down on last year, but the old faithful were there to march proudly behind our Association's Banner. It would have been nice to have seen a better turn out by an Association that is now becoming well recognised in the marches through the City of Melbourne.

60th ANNIVERSARY RAEME CORPS, 2002 -

All serving and past members of the RAEME Corps, are hereby advised that we will be celebrating the Corps 60th Anniversary next year and permission has been granted for 'The Prince Philip Banner' to lead our Association in the ANZAC Day March.

4th Combat Service Support Battalion (formerly 4 BASB) will provide an armed escort.

Hopefully, our ranks will be swelled with serving and ex-serving members of the RAEME Corps. It is our wish that all AEME/RAEME units will join with us behind 'The Prince Philip Banner' and escorts, as was the memorable occasion for our 50th Anniversary in 1992.

11th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - Once again the pendulum of time has swung 360 ° and the time is approaching for the Election of a new Committee of Management for the period Aug 2001 - Aug 2002.

In the past, we have seen the same old 'faithfuls' accepting nomination to serve on our Committee for the betterment of you, the members.

This year, we are seeking some fresh blood from our Membership to serve their fellow members in the 'day-to-day' administration of our Association. With the exception of the office of President and Vice President, Associate Members can now stand for Committee Elections. I ask you all, if you feel you are able to serve our Association, that you give serious consideration to volunteering your services and time to help shoulder this responsibility for the remainder of this year, and for the first half of next year; until our next A.G.M. in Year 2002.

Enclosed in this edition of 'THE FLASH', you will find enclosed a Nomination for Committee Form, please complete it and return it to our Secretary Ron Clifford 14 days prior to the A.G.M. Your intention to serve on the Committee will be greatly appreciated.

NANCY & GEOFF MAGGS 60th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY - Our congratulations to you both on your recent 60th Anniversary. Unfortunately, my wife Leonie and I were unable to attend this happy event as we had made prior arrangements to be in W.A. for our long awaited holidays and family celebrations.

However, I was told there was a good representation from our Association on the day to celebrate with you both.

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BEST WISHES FROM W.A.



Peter Cartledge, Ruth & Don Horsley)

During our recent holiday in W.A., Leonie and I joined Ruth and Don Horsley for lunch at their home at Wanneroo, where we found Ruth with a little back trouble and Don his same old self, if not a little thinner in the hair department like mine. Don wishes to be remembered to all of his friends in the East and keeps himself busy with Dept of Veterans Affairs and restoring Honda Motorcycles.

I look forward to meeting you all at our A.G.M. and afterwards joining the Association in the Oakleigh Barracks Sergeant's Mess for our traditional BBQ Lunch at the conclusion of the meeting, where all members and their families are made welcome.

PETER CARTLEDGE, PRESIDENT

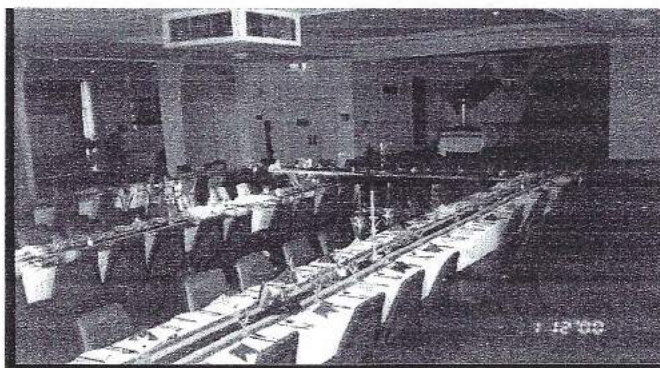
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58th Corps Dinner 1st December 2000

THE SECRETARY'S CORNER



How the months have whistled by. It seems that the weeks are getting shorter, but maybe it's just that I'm busy with belonging to a few different organisations.

I can recommend to anyone that finds life boring, to go and join a club, get involved; it stimulates the brain.

MT. GAMBIER TRIP - With ANZAC Day now behind us, we can concentrate on our 4-day trip to Mt. Gambier on the Melbourne Cup Weekend 3rd - 6th November 2001 for our next Bi-Annual get-togethers with our sister Association REME S.A. Branch.

Everyone is welcome to attend, we need to fill the 48 Seater Coach, so dust the cobwebs off; and join in with your fellow members and their partners. (refer Booking Slip enclosed).

RECENT BEREAVEMENT - For those that did not know, Thelma Brazier passed away on 8th May 2001. The Service and burial was well attended by the President, Committee and their partners. This was followed by a get-together with the family and friends of Doug Brazier at the Fawcner RSL.

Doug and his son Rodney, both spoke of their love and lives with Thelma and expressed their thanks to the RAEME Association for their support and friendship. Our deepest sympathy was extended to Doug and his family.

59th RAEME CORPS ANNIVERSARY DINNER

Again we are the Sponsors, just a reminder to put the 1st December 2001 in your diary for this Dinner. The Social Committee will provide more information. Let's make it the success it was last year, but don't leave it until the last minute to advise us of your intention to attend.

RON CLIFFORD, SECRETARY



MEMBERSHIP SUB-COMMITTEE

A cordial welcome is extended to our three new Ordinary Members - Jeffrey Gould (M'Ship No. 077) of Glenhuntly, Brian Coulter (M'Ship No. 046) of Emerald, Lt Colonel Laurie Sergeant Rtd. (M'Ship No. 076) of Blackburn, and a hearty welcome back to our Membership of Don Walker (M'Ship No. 233) of Anglesea.

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

Annual Subscription Advice's for the Year 2001 - 2002 are enclosed to all members (not already paid) in this edition of 'The Flash'.

JACK WESTERNHAGEN, CONVENOR



WELFARE & BETTERMENT REPORT

Kevin CROWE - On 19th April, Kevin rang me to say that he has had an operation for Bowel Cancer. Then a further medical check up revealed 7 small Cancers in the Liver. All 7 were removed on 17th May with keyhole surgery. Kevin sounds in good form.

Phil COOK -



was admitted to the Cabrini Hospital on 25th July with chest pains and they suspected heart problems. However, tests were unable to find the possible cause and he was discharged from hospital on 27th July.

Ross HOPE -



Margaret his wife, informed me that Ross underwent a Triple by-pass operation at Cabrini Hospital Malvern on 27th July. Ross's operation was successful and he is now recovering. Please keep both Margaret and Ross in your thoughts.

Les BAILEY -



A call to Les on 12th May, who is now recovering after a bad fall breaking some bones in his right shoulder. He is now well on the way to recovery, and hopes to see all his old and young mates at the AGM.

Geoff MAGGS - has had a very bad dose of the Flu. We wish him a speedy recovery.

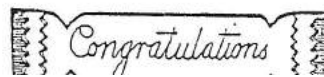
Mary WESTERNHAGEN - Wife of our Past Secretary Jack, has been diagnosed as having Osteoarthritis in the right shoulder joint. On 14th August she will be admitted to Cabrini Hospital for surgery to repair the damaged right shoulder. This will be followed by six weeks in an immobilized sling, to be followed by physiotherapy. Mary has been told this will only restore 80% usage of her right shoulder. Our thoughts are with Mary and Jack during this trying time.



REG COX WELFARE
&
BETTERMENT OFFICER

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Frank Bell, one of our members (M'Ship No. 003), a Vice President of HQ Melbourne RSL, who at their recent State Conference, was awarded with a Life Membership and Gold Pass.



FRANK



SOCIAL SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT

Since our last Social Report, we have had a very successful ANZAC Eve Reunion and ANZAC Day March. However, to see some more faces turning up at both of these events would be great.

4 CSSB DINNER - Max Moore represented our Association at the 4 Combat Service Support Battalion (formerly 4 BASB) Dinner at Broadmeadows in June of this year. Max reported having a most enjoyable evening.

11th A.G.M. 2001 - At the conclusion of our A.G.M. the Association will be providing a traditional BBQ Lunch for ALL members and their families. Please make time to stay and enjoy some friendly chatter with other members and their families.

SINGING IN THE RAIN - There are still tickets available for 'Singing In the Rain' on Sunday 7th October 2001, at the wonderful restored Regent Theatre in Collins Street at the Special price to the Association of \$69.00 each.

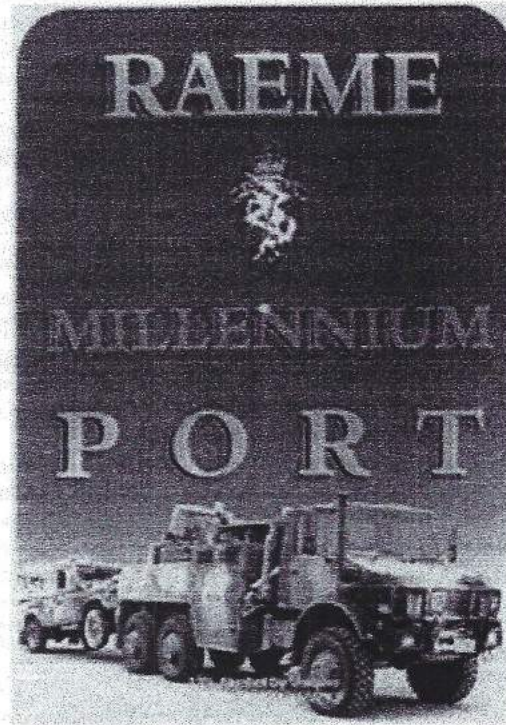
This is a great opportunity to see this show and invite your family members and your friends interested in obtaining tickets for this well reviewed musical as stated in the papers, whilst assisting your association.

These tickets are 1st class, 2 rows in the Stalls towards the front. (Refer Flier enclosed).

MT. GAMBIER TRIP, MELBOURNE CUP WEEKEND 3rd - 6th NOVEMBER 2001 - Our proposed Melbourne Cup weekend trip to Mt. Gambier to join our sister REME Association (S.A.) Branch is progressing very well. We will keep you informed of any further developments.

For those interested members and their friends who have not already indicated their desire to attend, there is a Pro-forma enclosed in this edition of 'The Flash' to be returned to me with a deposit of \$150.00 or full payment

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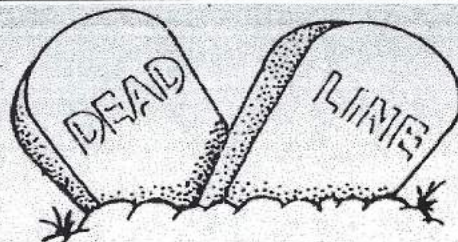
As we have only 5 bottles of this Millennium Port left. Anyone interested in purchasing a bottle, please contact Max Moore on :

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E-mail vraeme@nex.net.au

(1st in best dressed)

PETER CARTLEDGE, CONVENOR



Material for the next Issue of 'THE FLASH' must reach the Editor not later than: **23rd OCTOBER 2001**

THE RAEME ASSOCIATION (Vic) INC.

WANTED

COMMITTEE MEMBERS FOR AUGUST 2001 – AUGUST 2002

POTENTIAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Serving RAEME, retired and recently Retired Corps members or approaching Retirement and planning to reside in Victoria. Nominations close on FRIDAY 10TH AUGUST 2001.

COMMITMENT

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THE RAEME ASSOCIATION (Vic) INC

11th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

and

ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS

SUNDAY 26th AUGUST 2001

Model Room, Oakleigh Barracks
1318 North Road, OAKLEIGH SOUTH
(Note: Please be seated by 11.00am.)

TO ALL MEMBERS . . .

In accordance with Association Rule 8 (1), the above notice has been served to remind you of the 11th Annual General Meeting date.

You should be aware that at this Meeting Reports are given from all Sub-Committees and it is your opportunity to express your opinions as to our future direction and to pass on an assessment of the Year 2000/2001 past activities.

**REMEMBER YOU MUST BE FINANCIAL
AT THIS MEETING** or your vote on any Resolution may be deemed invalid.

All Membership Categories (except Life Membership) Subscriptions for the Year 2001 – 2002 are now due and can be paid at the conclusion of the AGM.

It should be pointed out that all Membership Categories (except those of Life Membership of the Incorporated Association) are liable for the above dues.

RON CLIFFORD, SECRETARY

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Leslie BAILEY

(As stated by Leslie) On 1st December 1910
I was born at Carlton, Victoria.

I was called up for Universal Training in 1927 and declared Unfit. Later, I was called up again in 1928 and this time accepted as Medically Fit. Part of the training was an 8-day Camp at Seymour in the month of March 1928, that year March had very hot weather.

I took on the job as Assistant Cook with the 14th Infantry Battalion, who were at that time, Melbourne University Rifles Attached. The camp cooking sites consisted of an Aldershot Oven, several rows of Dixie trench fire places and rows of 12-Gallon Sewer Coppers, fuelled by half green wood. Cooks at that time were paid Extra Duty Pay - and they earned it.

1928 was the final year of Universal Training as a change of Government abolished it and later introduced Militia Training on a Voluntary basis. I was glad to see the end of Universal Training as most of us were treated badly.

I'll never know why, but one day I walked into the Drill Hall and joined the Militia. What a difference to be treated like a human being. I had a good life with the Militia, mainly in Cook Houses and treks with the old horse drawn Cooker running behind stoking the fire box and working the brakes up and down the hills. A couple of highlights was the taking over of the Queenscliff Barracks and mounting a guard at night.

The Garrison Artillery were still there then. I would have loved to join them, but I had no hope; not being tall enough for starters.

The funeral of the late famous Captain Albert Jacka VC. MC, (refer 'THE FLASH' P. 8 April 1997 edition), was a memorable occasion as I played a major part at the graveside and I still attend the pilgrimages each year at the St. Kilda Cemetery in Dandenong Road.

With the great Depression in the 1930's, many lives were changed including mine. At one stage I became a 'Swaggie' and my Army experience helped through that hard time.

After WW II, I enlisted in 105 Infantry Workshop on 14th Sept 1948 at Powlett Street, East Melbourne as a Pte Cook, and promoted Corporal Cook 22nd Nov 1948. My Brother-In-Law Bill Castles, was the Sergeant Cook at that time. Bill Castles was promoted and I became a Sergeant Caterer on 26th July 1950. I was later transferred to 3 Div Column RAASC Sturt Street, South Melbourne for a while as an acting WO II Cook. A few years later I was transferred from 3 Fd Regt Batman Avenue, Richmond to 105 Inf Workshop Chapel Street East St. Kilda, as a Sergeant Cook on 9th Sept 1954. I was pleased to be back with a good team. I had some of the best years of my life with RAEME.

The RAEME Camps were good, and I was proud and pleased to receive three cheers from National Servicemen and be taken out and wine and dined by other National Service Boys..... Great memories.



Les celebrating his 90th birthday at the Corps 58th Birthday Dinner at East Malvern RSL 1st Dec. 2000

On 26th August 2001 at our 11th AGM, Les Bailey now 90 years of age and our oldest RAEME Association member, is nominated to be awarded Life Membership..

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, Price T.B.A.

Bomber Jacket, Polo Shirts, with a 11.5cm Embroidered RAEME Logo, refer flyer.

Baseball Caps Royal Blue with 5cm Embroidered RAEME Logo, \$15.00 each.

Cuff Links full motive, \$15.00 each.

Ladies RAEME Pendant & Snake Chain, \$17.00 each

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 (in Blue or White)

Name Tag (made to order) \$10.00 each

Association Lapel Badge. \$10.00 each

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 ref Max Moore.

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** \$38.00 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**



V A L E

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

Thelma Brazier - 8 May 2001



Lt Col Bert Riddell MBE. 31 May 2001

Previous RAEME Corps identity of RAEME Corps Directorate AHQ (Melb)

Lt Colonel Theodore Redhead 17.2.2001

Late of MGO Branch AHQ (MELB) and

Capt Arthur Lazenby 2 Aug 2001

(Both past Staff Members of the Army Apprentices School Balcombe Vic.)

Maj Doug Finning 4 July 2001

Secretary RAAOC Assocn (Vic).

Pte Debra Walker 29 Jun 2001

A life cut short in her prime 35 Years old.
(a member of 4th CSSB Dental Corps)

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

SPANNERS IN THE WORKS

By Cfn P. Knight

Saturday 8th May 1943, 6.25pm. In darkness as A2 Victorian steam locomotive began its journey from Wodonga to Bandiana. Its three blackout lights three blackout lights hardly pierced the darkness. Coming from Bonegilla was a crowded 19-Seater Reo bus. On board thirty-three soldiers waited in anticipation of a well earned night's leave in town.

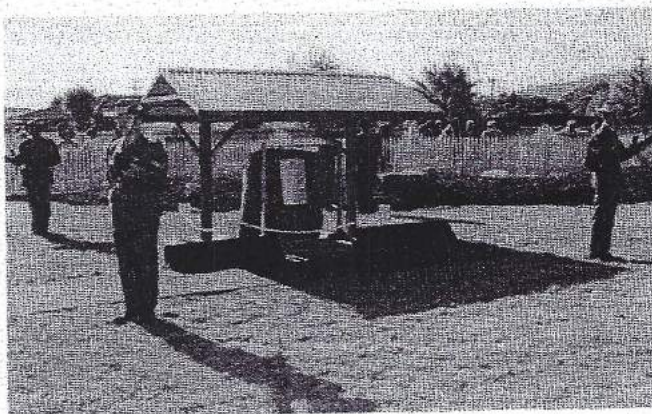
Above the din and rattle of the bus the soldiers joked and made plans for the evening in town with their mates or girlfriends. On the locomotive, the Fireman saw the bus and shouted 'RED LIGHT'. The Driver immediately applied the emergency brakes. On the bus in a futile attempt someone yelled out 'TRAIN!'. It was too late.

With the bus impaled on the locomotive's tender the joined vehicles bulldozed the two side posts. The locomotive ploughed the bus another 38 meters as dead and injured were thrown from the wreckage. In all, twenty-three servicemen, and 1 servicewoman plus the civilian bus driver were killed in what was Australia's worst railway crossing accident. Being war time, the accident did not receive much publicity, after all enemy torpedoes sank the Hospital ship 'Centaur' with the loss of 268 lives, no one wants to read about more bad news at home. Eventually, the gravelled Tallangatta road was sealed and renamed 'Thomas Mitchell Drive. The cows in the paddocks moved on to make way for houses and the terrible train accident became a distant memory.

In May 1992, Mr. Rob Madgwick, a retired WO II, was browsing through some old newspapers in the local library when he came across some articles describing the horrific accident.

In October 1992, Mr. Madgwick brought details of the terrible accident to the attention of the Army Area Representative Albury/Wodonga, Colonel Jim Campbell AM. and emphasised that in May 1993 it would be the 50th Anniversary of the rail crossing disaster. Colonel Campbell tasked the RSM of the Albury/Wodonga

Military Area WO 1 Matt Burke OAM (RACT) to organise a Memorial Cairn and Commemorative Service. To help with this mammoth task WO II Paddy Keenan (RACT), Bandiana Logistic Group appointed himself Foreman and set about organising the event.



The Memorial Cairn with Cenotaph party

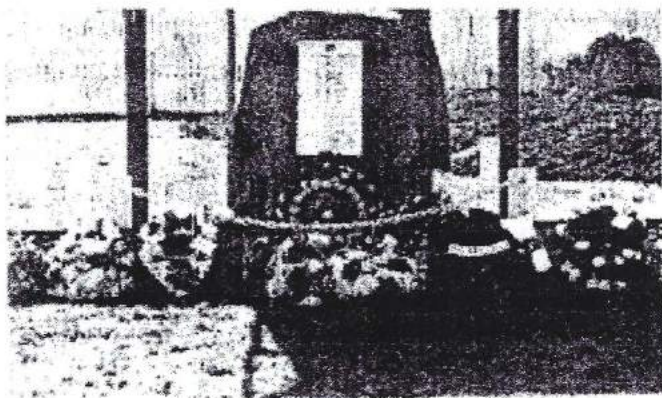
There was some difficulty in finding the Next-of-Kin of the victims, so newspaper adds were run interstate. The adds were successful and some relatives were found. When the site of the accident was inspected the area was found to be in very poor condition. A Memorial Cairns placed in this drab area would not emphasise it's true significance. Mack loads of top soil were used to form the base of the landscaping that would take place at the site. At the same time, Sergeant Tony Monagle (RAEME), was fabricating a shelter from the harsh weather at Albury/Wodonga.

After much consideration, an appropriate area was chosen to place the Cairn. The Cairn and shelter were then placed in the correct position with the help of a Tadano Crane, Army Apprentices from the Army TAFE Building Trades Wing, laid concrete to secure the Cairn in place, also building a picket fence to further enhance the landscaping.

Rolls of turf were laid out amongst the numerous trees and scrubs that had been planted and the Local Council laid kerb, guttering and constructed a driveway into the car park.

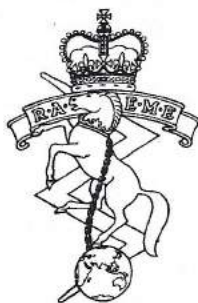
With the Commemorative Service planned to coincide with the 50th Anniversary of the tragic event, time was running out. Late on the evening of 7th May, 1993 the final touches were completed.

Due to problems with vandalism a security piquet was placed at the site. Come Saturday morning, 8th May 1993, the overcast sky boded ill for the Service. Come 10.30am, the skies cleared and the 33 members of the Guard, (consisting of the many Corps represented in the Albury/Wodonga Military Area, marched out under the direction of the Guard Commander Lt. Julian Moro (RAEME) and supported by the Australian Army Band Kapooka (commanded by Capt P.A. Piquet). The Commemoration Service was very well attended, highlighting the co-operation between the military personnel and the civilian community, further fostering the spirit of unity within the region



The Memorial Cairn and wreaths

RAEME LOGO FOR FUNERAL NOTICES IN THE HERALD-SUN NEWSPAPER



The RAEME Association (Vic) Inc. has a RAEME Logo set aside for placement with the Funeral Notices in the Melbourne Herald-Sun. Should you wish to use this Logo for any past or present Corps members passing, please contact the Secretary Ron Clifford on.

☎ 9743 2418, Mobile 0409 044 475, or

E-mail roncw@telstra.easymail.com.au, to get permission to use it. The cost of using the Logo (other than by the Association in their Bereavement Notices) is the sole responsibility of the user and not the Association.

The RAEME Association (Vic) Inc. can also offer their services to the bereaved N.O.K. of a Deceased RAEME member in the form of the services of an Ordained Minister, or use of the Australian National Flag, Slouch Hat (complete with Rising Sun and RAEME Corps Badges and Pugaree), .303 Lee Enfield Bayonet, or an Officer's Sword and Scabbard from the Association's Funeral Kit.

These items could be placed on the casket of the Deceased RAEME member (if it was his last request, or upon the request of the Deceased's N.O.K. by contacting the RAEME Association's Welfare Officer, Mr. Reg Cox LM § 9561 5258.

Due to time and distance restraints, it may be difficult to provide the Funeral Kit to some Rural Areas. However, every effort will be made, given enough time. EDITOR.

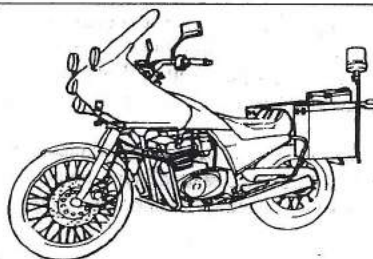
MEDAL AVAILABLE FOR NATIONAL SERVICEMEN

The Federal Government has struck a medal to be awarded to those who were called up (Conscripted) for National Service from 1951 - 1959 and 1966 - 1972.

Eligibility for the medal will be dependent upon individuals having completed their National Service obligation under either Scheme.

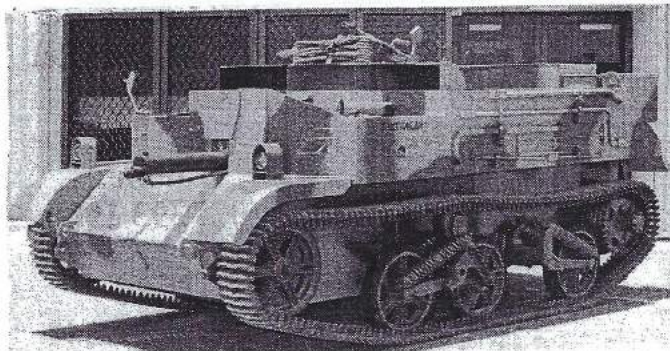
Design of the Anniversary of National Service 1951 - 1972 medal and ribbon will be completed before July 2001, applications to be co-ordinated by the Department of Defence, will be called for once the medal has been established.

It is proposed that initial stock of the medal and ribbon will be available for issue before ANZAC Day 2002.



1941 BREN GUN CARRIER

by Cfn A. McNamara



North Queensland Workshop Company recovered a 1941 Bren Gun Carrier from the Herberton Shire in 1987. Two other Carrier bodies were also recovered from the same area, and the task of restoration began. All members of the unit, at some stage or another, worked at the tiring task of transforming a rust bucket (with many missing parts), into a fully working and operational Bren Gun Carrier. After tracing the serial Numbers, it was learnt that this carrier may be the same one that the Area Commander during the Second World War, General Lavarack (Lavarack Barracks), used for the inspection of troops under his command in the Townsville area.

Many long weekends were lost to the carrier, but it was finally driven out of the Workshop in October 1987. Once it was sighted by other unit Commanders, requests were received at NQ Wksp Coy for the addition of the Bren Gunner Carrier in their future parades.

One request was not denied. The Bren Gun Carrier was soon to star in the largest, non-tactical gathering of Australian and Commonwealth countries Defence Force members - the 1988 Australian Bi-Centennial Military Tattoo. The Tattoo consisted of various acts, ranging from several bands to indoor obstacles and heritage scenes. It was in one of those scenes that the Bren Gun Carrier appeared.

About six months later, the Bren Gun Carrier returned to the unit, where it was "put in mothballs" until 1989 ANZAC Day Parade. April 25th saw the carrier back to the Herberton Shire from where it was recovered. Fifteen members from NQ Wksp Coy also attended the parade, as well as a war veteran who was proudly accommodated in the passenger seat of the carrier, for the parade.

The Catafalque Party at the Cenotaph was also supplied by the unit.

(Courtesy of RAEME CRAFTSMAN magazine November 1989)

**ARMY's LATEST SUPER TOW-TRUCK
ROLLS INTO SERVICE**

The capabilities of the Army's 13.7-tonne 'tow-truck' was on display when the last of the new vehicles were handed over to 7th CSSB in Brisbane.

Daimler-Chrysler Australia/Pacific Pty Ltd and local Brisbane company Evans Deakin Engineering Pty Ltd worked together with the Department of Defence to design and manufacture the Medium Recovery Vehicle (MRV).

The MRV is a military tow-truck with specialist vehicle recovery capabilities. Its high mobility, extended range and advanced recovery systems means that it can travel difficult terrain to bring back accident or battle damaged military vehicles.

The MRV can recover fully laden Land Rover and Mercedes Unimog classes of wheeled field vehicles from road side crash sites or breakdowns across country.

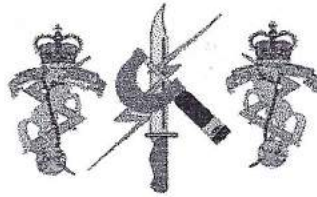
The first MRV was delivered by Daimler-Chrysler to the Army Logistic Trg Centre at Bandiana, Victoria, in October 1999; with a further 57 delivered since then under a contract worth \$25.85 million.

The Enoggera based 7th Brigade will be the Army's biggest user of the MRV, although they will be operated by Army units throughout Australia. Three of the vehicles were recently operating in East Timor.

Maj. Phillip Forrest, Officer Commanding Workshop Coy, 7th CSSB, of the Army's 7th Brigade based at Enoggera will accept the last MRV to roll off the production Line from the Senior Manager Special Projects, Mr. Jack Wilson, in a handover ceremony at the Daimler-Chrysler showrooms.

(Courtesy of "THE HORSE'S MOUTH" Newsletter of the RAEME Association of WA (Inc.) Winter 2001)

THE RAEME ASSOCIATION (Victoria) INCORPORATED



SOLDIER and CRAFTSMAN

MELBOURNE CUP WEEKEND 3RD --- 6TH NOVEMBER 2001

Reference our last Flash April Issue No. 32, Attached the Trip Itinerary

Please let's make a special effort to fill the last 10 seats in the coach for what promises to be a memorable weekend.

Members are requested to be ready at the pick up points prior to the departure time.

Saturday 3rd November

Departure Times

Please tick your pick up point

below



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|----|--------------------------------|------------------|--------------------------|
| | Maygar Barracks Broadmeadows | 07.00 Hrs. (AM) | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. | <u>Oakleigh Barracks</u> | 07.30 Hrs. (AM) | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. | Geelong | 08.45 Hrs. (AM) | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4. | <u>Pick up points on Route</u> | (by arrangement) | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Note : Any Comfort Stops on Route, to be short and quick.

Estimate Arrival Mt Gambier

13.30.- 1400

Mt Gambier Activities.

1. Join REME Association at waterfall gardens for afternoon tea.
2. Evening meal at motel

Sunday 4th November

1. Breakfast
2. Garden of angel & birds 09.30 to when ready
- Penola lunch 13.00
4. Tour of wineries 14.00
5. Return to motel for REME & RAEME get together, plus Entertainment, Raffles, and Melbourne Cup Horse race & sweep

Monday 5th November

1. Breakfast, then see off REME for their return trip home.
2. River Cruise & Luncheon
3. Afternoon Activity TBA
- 4.. Evening Meal, at Motel

Tuesday 6th November. Breakfast then depart for Melbourne

BOOKING SLIP ON REVERSE SIDE

P.T.O.

PLEASE cut off and return this BOOKING SLIP (with your Cheque or money order)
All Payments are to be made out to **RAEME Association Vic.** and sent to **P Cartledge**
8 Neera Crt. Glen Waverley 3150

Name -----

Name of Guests -----

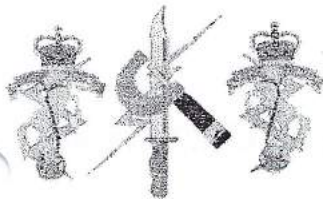
Amount of payment (\$300.00 – per person) or deposit \$150.00 per person enclosed

I understand if I agree, to this Trip, I will be responsible for any costs incurred,

Signed-----

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Secure Vehicle Parking at: Maygar Barracks Broadmeadows and Oakleigh Barracks.



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THE RAEME ASSOCIATION (Victoria) INCORPORATED

Patron: Brigadier C. Ermert ARMIT Msc FIEAust CPEng

ABN No. 96873522

as at March 27, 2001

This Association now has its own Corps items for sale.

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

2. Polo Shirts

They come in Navy or White Both have Navy Collar with Corps stripes, Sizes same as Jackets.



1. Bomber Style Jacket

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 (reversed for females) or zip, SIZES from S to XL.

Note These Jackets or Shirts can be tailored to length if required e.g. Sleeves or Body Length.

Cost:- \$45.00 each, postage extra..



Cost:- \$31.50 each, Postage Extra



3. Baseball Style Cap One Size fits all.

Cost:- \$15.00 Postage Extra

Note. The RAEME only Badge is slightly large than the others on the Cap only.

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RAEME Association (Victoria) Corps items continued.

4. Association Lapel Badge:-

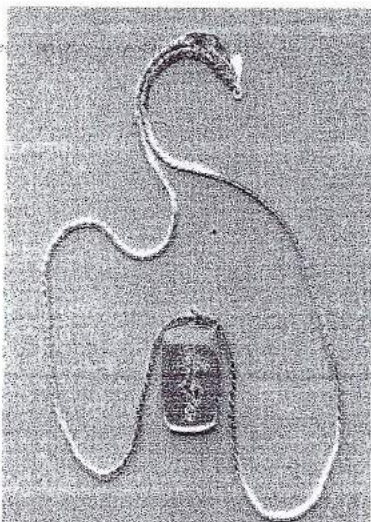


A RAEME badge with ASSOCIATION in a scroll at its base. It is 2cm.high with a pin and clutch on the back. (the badge, same as the old Corps shop stick pin.)

Cost:- \$11.00 each. Postage extra.

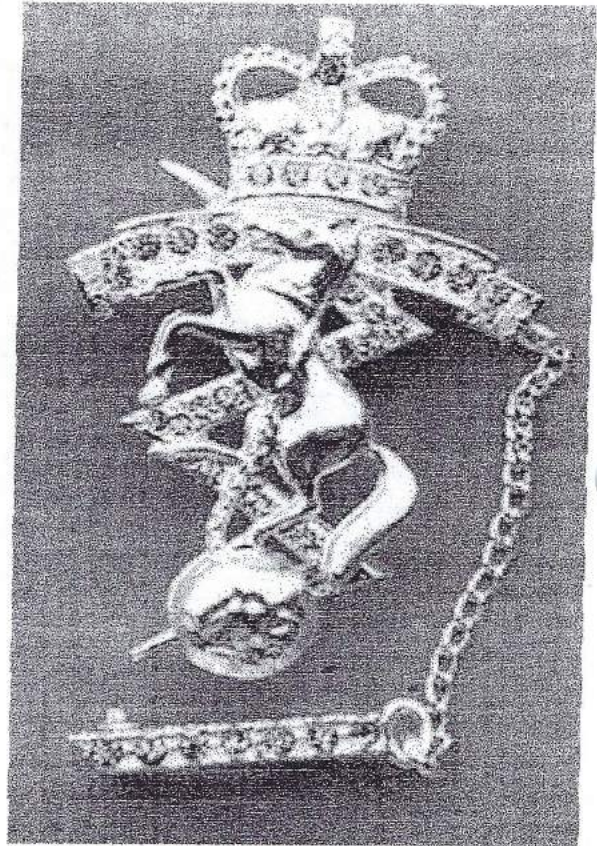
5. Ladies RAEME Pendant:-

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:- \$19 .00 each, Postage extra

6. Ladies Dress Brooch:-



This was designed to replace the old Marquissette 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

Note: All prices include GST

Note. All Logo's can be made any of 4 styles:-

1. RAEME Badge only.
- 2 RAEME Association
- 3 AEME/RAEME Association.
4. REME Association