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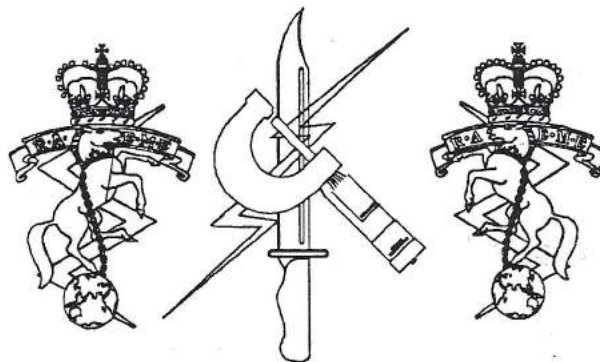
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## SPECIAL NOTICE

The RAEME Association  
(VIC) Inc.

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

OAKLEIGH BARRACKS  
North Road,  
OAKLEIGH SOUTH

Sun. 29th August, 1993

(Note: Be seated by 1100 hrs).

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## THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT . . . .

The ANZAC Day activities are the major event on our calendar, but this year it was something special. A parade led by our Colonel Commandant and Patron, Brig Ermert, followed by the Corps Banner, with a guard of 100 armed soldiers, who were then followed by six RAEME unit Associations, (2/1, 2/2, 2/4 Aust Fd Wksp, 11 Adv Wksp, Vietnam and RAEME.) The feedback from observers and video tapes record for history a real success story. It was a very impressive RAEME column, and a credit to all who co-operated and worked to parade together on this occasion.

A special thanks must go to the Officers and Soldiers of the Guard. Our 'fleet-footed' cameramen, Jack Westernhagen and Doug Brazier are still putting their tapes together, but from the tape I saw the Guard viewed from any angle, and at any stage of the March was 'tops'. Officers and Soldiers of the Guard, you did your Corps proud and we thank you.

Our Re-unions at Oakleigh Barracks, and transport arrangements to and from the March, were also dependant upon much hard work and a high level of co-operation. We are particularly grateful to the Commander at Oakleigh Barracks, Col Ellis and his Staff; and to the OC of 105 Fd Wksp, Maj Edelsten and his Staff; in their role as our hosts and helpers.

And now to other matters. The AGM coming up on August 29th, is among other things a time to elect your Committee of Management. (refer your Handbook.) The twelve so elected will, within 14 days, elect the President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer.

As a member you have a responsibility. You must ensure you have the best team to run the Association. There is much work to be done and so far we have only scratched the surface. What the Association needs is 12 thinking and energetic workers, who will volunteer their time to the benefit of all members.

Any Association that goes along with the same old mob running the show year after year is running the risk of 'running out of steam'. Sure we need stability, but stability should receive a regular infusion of new blood and brains.

My personal view is that those still in the 'prime of life' should be looking after the 'elders'. Our Association is fortunate that we should always have a reservoir of those in the 'prime of life'.

the bill.

I look forward to seeing you at the AGM and Barbecue. How about signing up a new member and bringing them along to that occasion.

JOHN LEE

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## DON'T SAY GOODBYE - SAY HELLO!

If you're about to leave the Services the prospect of Civvy Street could be as daunting as it is exciting. After all, you've got to resettle, make new friends and generally take on a new life.

How will you cope with leaving behind old haunts, old routines not to mention old mates? Fortunately there's a way to keep in touch with the past and look to the future - **The RAEME Association.**

With Association Branches in States, you will always find somewhere to reminisce, and enjoy an evening's entertainment with people from similar backgrounds to your own.

You don't have to wait until you leave to join. For details of membership or more information about the work of the RAEME Association in Victoria, please contact The Secretary whose address and phone number appears in this Issue of 'THE LIGHTNING FLASH'.

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RAEME  
PRINCE PHILIP  
BANNER PARADE  
ANZAC DAY 1993



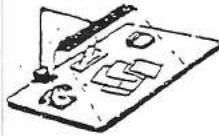
## RAEME PRINCE PHILLIP BANNER PARADE ANZAC DAY 1993 - SOUVENIR RIBBONS

Members and others who have not yet purchased one of these souvenir ribbons at \$1.e., are reminded that the Secretary still has a limited supplies left.

FIRST COME - FIRST SERVED

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## SECRETARY'S CORNER



During April our Association saw a very memorable ANZAC Eve and ANZAC Day. They were well supported by many members. In this Edition, you will read several other reports in relation to both functions; that is our Re-union and ANZAC Day.

However, I pass my thanks to the following people for their help in making our celebrations memorable. Let me start with our sister Association in NSW:

To Norm McNevin and Laurie O'Brien who offered and assisted us in obtaining the signs used in conjunction with our various Banners (Unit Associations) at such short notice. These two people did everything in their power to make sure those signs got to us on time.

Then - 105 Fd Wksp - Capt Milner, CSM Sgt Edwards and unit Staff.

RSM WO1 A. Smith - Depot RSM and Depot Staff who helped make our Re-union, Dawn Service and ANZAC Day March the best we have ever had in Melbourne.

Co-operation at its best - **OUR THANKS TO ALL.**

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - 1993

This is the last Issue of our Newsletter prior to the A.G.M. **August 29th, 1993.** Let me assure you, **YOUR** attendance at this meeting would be most appreciated. New members on the Committee would be most welcome - please show your support and nominate. It will be a Family Day - beginning with our meeting at 11.00am and followed by lunch (B.B.Q.) at 12.30pm. Please support us and come along.

Nomination Forms will be available in this Issue or phone me and I will arrange for your Form to be forwarded on. (Auth: Rule 23 Para's 1 - 6 Election of Officers and Vacancy.)

## DONATIONS

Nice things happen around us occasionally and I should tell you that a very appreciative country member donated \$50.00 to the Association on

with the way the Association keeps him informed by way of our Newsletter and the efforts of the hard working Committee, he felt he wanted to make a gesture. That's nice . . . **THANK YOU, Lindsay Morton.**

FEES (UNFINANCIAL MEMBERS)

On reviewing our Financial Members, it is noted that a number of members are still unfinancial (total 20). To bring this finally to those members' notice we have sent a number of reminders, but he/she has failed to respond.

So, to make you aware that your Fees are due, this Newsletter has a reminder sticker, to alert you that this is our **FINAL REQUEST**. If those back fees are not received by 20th JULY, 1993, we will take it to mean that you no longer wish to remain a member. We will then, prior to the A.G.M., delete said member from our Mailing List. So Please Take Notice of This Sticker. If you don't have a sticker on your Newsletter, you are paid up to 1 July, 1993. Some have already paid the 93/94 Subscription and onwards, to those members, **THANK YOU** - you have helped our Postage Fees by paying promptly.

## BIRTHDAY

To **Jack Westernhagen - Happy 60th.** Jack celebrated with family and friends on Sunday 30th May, 1993.

In closing let me say, it was great to have members back to the March, and riding in the military vehicles:

\* Tiny Hepburn, \*Les Bailey, \*Bert Moore,  
\*Jack 'Darkie' Edwards, \*Geoff Maggs.

Bert Moore's wife rang to say that Bert had the time of his life and enjoyed the day.

See you soon

**Bruce Williams**  
6 Chestnut Court,  
MULGRAVE VIC 3170

## LEGACY

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

The RAEME Association (VIC) Inc.

**W A N T E D**

## COMMITTEE MEMBERS

for 1993-94

### POTENTIAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Serving Corps members, retired, recently retired or approaching retirement and planning to reside in Victoria. Nominations close 15 Aug, 1993.

### COMMITMENT

Highly motivated, dedicated, team spirit, interest and welfare of the Association and its members.

### THE CHALLENGE

To join a dynamic and highly motivated team of ex-RAEME and serving Corps personnel who are meeting the demands of providing a variety of support to Association members.

### BENEFITS

The satisfaction of knowing you have helped to keep the Camaraderie of the Corps alive and surviving.

### CONTACT

The Secretary  
Bruce Williams  
6 Chestnut Court,  
MULGRAVE VIC 3170

**SEND IT TO US**  
THE LIGHTNING FLASH  
NEEDS ARTICLES AND  
PICTURES



Our previous Editor, Bob Hunter has decided to take a well deserved rest for awhile, **THANK YOU** Bob for your efforts in the past and be assured the standards set by you in 'THE LIGHTNING FLASH' will continue. As the Assistant Editor of 'THE LIGHTNING FLASH' I have stepped into the breach to carry on the good work previously carried out by Bob.

### FEEDBACK

It was great to hear from a number of members at our Re-union on 24th Apr, '93, how pleased they were with the development of our Newsletter. They appreciated how it has shown a steady improvement (more yet to come) from a humble beginning. It was one of the few times we have received positive feedback from members of the Association - apart from the committee members.



MORE VALUABLE  
THAN JEWELS

Now that we know your thoughts, we will endeavour to keep improving the quality and range of articles. To do this we urgently need your contributions on any Topic that may be of interest to the other members.

### ADVERTISEMENTS

How do you find out what's happening in and around, **THE RAEME ASSOCIATION**, or in fact **RAEME**? Through 'THE LIGHTNING FLASH' of course.

During the past 18 months, this publication has been the source and voice of the Association, and has proved to be our most important document in communication to you, our members.

The cost of publishing this item and posting to our membership is high. Your Committee has recently been researching all avenues to reduce costs and yet have a newsworthy and interesting publication. We have now reached our lowest means in producing our Newsletter that is possible under our control.

## SOCIAL COMMITTEE REPORT

(Cont'd from P.4 Col 2.)

Therefore, to again reduce costs towards publishing, we are offering and asking for Sponsors,

Advertisers or Donations towards the cost of communicating to our membership. Our circulation is currently about 260 copies - 220 to members, 40 to other important areas, 85% of readership is in Victoria, the balance is all around Australia and Tasmania.

The cost of producing this publication per member per year is (4 copies) \$8.00, (almost all the Annual Fees) and indeed with this in mind we now offer the following Advertising Program:

To advertise in 'THE LIGHTNING FLASH', we offer:

(a) 2 Columns x 5cm per Issue @ \$50.00

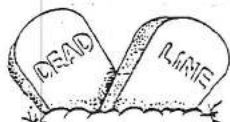
(b) 2 Columns x 5cm 4 Issues @ \$150.00  
(1 Issue free)

Up to 7 advertising spaces will be available in each Issue. It is hoped that our members will take advantage of this to assist in our endeavour to make this Newsletter self-supporting.

Yes, we are appealing to all our members to get behind our Newsletter and help fund what YOU have told us, is the best thing our Association has done to keep YOU informed of our happenings.

Whether funds are raised from donations, advertisements or other means does not really matter, the important factor being this Newsletter 'THE LIGHTNING FLASH' must continue.

If you would care to participate - please contact The Editor by phoning (03) 509 5806 - any assistance would be gratefully received, perhaps we have a Printer who could even help with printing and collation, this being our major expense.



Material for the next Issue of 'THE LIGHTNING FLASH' must reach the Editor not later than 31 Aug. 93.

Jack Westernhagen  
13 Erica Avenue



Let us reflect back on the last 12 months. Our first activity was the Family B-B-Q after the AGM in July 1993. Poor weather was compensated by the good company in attendance. This day was sponsored by your General Committee to bring members and their families together socially. It is hoped that more families are able to attend after the AGM on the 19th August, 1993.

The 50th Anniversary Birthday activities at Bandiana was one of the best social week-ends we have had for some time. Not only did it bring members of our sister Association in NSW together for the first time, but the most rewarding thing that made all the hard work worthwhile; was to see the joy on the faces of the WW 2 Diggers and their partners either viewing the Parade on the sidelines or themselves participating under our RAEME Association Banner.

A special thanks must go to CHRIS'S Coaches and our driver who went out of his way to make our week-end one that we all will long remember. THANK YOU!

Our last Social was the ANZAC Eve Re-union - an excellent evening well attended and held for the first time in the Sgt's and Officer's Messes. It was rewarding to see several new faces amongst the regular and senior members of the Association. "THE ODE" to our fallen and departed members was quoted by Harold Chamberlain. Our President, John Lee, welcomed members and our Guests for the evening; amongst whom was the new RSM of RAEME Training Centre, WO1 G. Penhall representing the 100 strong Prince Phillip Banner Honour Guard.

Our special ANZAC Day March under the 'Prince Phillip Banner' drew together one of the largest contingents of RAEME and their Associations seen in Melbourne for a long time.

Please take note from 'THE CRAFTSMAN'S DIARY' our forthcoming Social Events as advertised by our Editor in this Issue of The Lightning Flash'.

Your Social Committee thanks all members for their support during 1993.

Max Moore, Convenor



## GOLDEN JUBILEE PARADE





### THE CRAFTSMAN's DIARY

CANDLE LIGHT DINNER  
SAT 24th JUL, 1993

Due to circumstances beyond the control of your Committee, this proposed function has had to be cancelled.

FULL COMMITTEE MEETING  
Oakleigh Barracks  
7.30pm Wed 11th Aug, 1993.

1993-94 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
and ELECTION of OFFICE BEARERS  
SUN 29th AUG, 1993  
Oakleigh Barracks  
SOUTH OAKLEIGH  
(Note: please be seated by 11.00hrs.)  
Followed by a Family B-B-Q Luncheon.  
Approx 12.30pm.

AEME/RAEME ASSOCIATIONS  
RETURN TO CHAPEL STREET  
TRAINING DEPOT, EAST ST KILDA  
L U N C H E O N  
SAT 2nd OCT, 1993  
12.00pm for 12.30pm. Cost: \$12.00 ph.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING  
Oakleigh Barracks  
7.30pm TUES 19th OCT, 1993

GENERAL MEETING/SOCIAL  
Oakleigh Barracks  
Meeting - 11.00am.  
Social - 12.30pm  
SUN 7th NOV, 1993

FAMILY FARM DAY  
Jindivik North  
10.00am SUN 28th NOV, 1993  
B. Y. O.  
Host: Bill Slegers  
(Father Christmas will be in attendance)

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING  
Oakleigh Barracks  
7.30pm TUES 7th DEC, 1993.

### \* LOST IN ACTION!!! \*

At the conclusion of the 1993 ANZAC Day March at the Melbourne Shrine, one of our 'LOANED' Banners disappeared, if any person knowing of its whereabouts could notify our

Title appearing on the Banner was:-

POST WORLD WAR 2  
KOREA, MALAYA, MALAYSIA, VIETNAM,  
UNITED NATIONS FORCES

### Member's Profile



As promised in our last Issue here is the Profile of Tom Money, a name which is familiar to us all in the Association. (EDITOR)

Tom Money was born in Port Melbourne, and after marrying, he and his wife moved to Northcote in 1925 and still resides in that area. Tom worked for Machin and Co. in Elizabeth Street in the city for 43 years, brought up 2 boys and now has 6 Grandchildren and 5 Great-Grandchildren.

Tom joined AEME the day it started on 1st Dec, 1942. After joining AEME, Tom spent five years away from home and family in the South Pacific area as an Automotive Electrician, Welder and Motor Transport Fitter. He recalls that most of the men who formed AEME were first-class Tradesmen well into their thirties.

We went as groups everywhere - from Field to Base Workshops. The war was a proud time for Tom, but carried a lot of sad memories.

There were a few good pals - six of us - who used to be old cobbers, but five of them never came back from overseas. My worst memory was being away from home and family for five years.

Enduring shell attacks and illness, Tom modestly said of AEME "We were required to get out a bit, but I don't think it was really that dangerous." Tom lost more than 12kg during the war, suffered skin complaints and severe eye and ear infections and when he returned home - weighed less than 57kg.

Recently, RAEME celebrated its 50th Anniversary at Bandiana and Tom Money was the Guest of

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Honour. The oldest living 'original'. At the Parade celebrations, Tom cut the Golden Jubilee Cake with RAEME's youngest member - an 18 year old Apprentice. Tom said "It was an honour to me to represent the "originals" at the Jubilee festivities in the presence of high-ranking officials from Australai and around the world.

Tom Money, you are a credit to our Association, and we are all proud to know you and have you as a member.

#### OPENING OF THE DEFENCE CHAPEL, VICTORIA BARRACKS, MELBOURNE



The earliest reference to the present Victoria Barracks site was an advertisement in the Victorian Government Gazette, dated 15 July 1856, calling for tenders "for the erection of a temporary office and stores, and for a two rail fence at the site of the new Military Barracks." The first substantial building erected was the Soldier's Barracks (G Block). Then followed F Block 1856-57; J Block in 1858. The basalt buildings A,B and C Blocks were constructed or commenced between 1860 and 1862.

The Defence Chapel, Victoria Barracks, is one of the eight remaining buildings dating back to the 1850's-1869's period. Erected as quarters for Married Soldiers in 1862, this residence is one of the few surviving links with the original residential functions of the Barracks. The Illustrated Australian News, 19 Apr,1869, page 98, refers to it as follows: "passing through the South Gate are first the Guard Room, next a range of rooms set aside for Married Quarters." The construction of rendered brickwork and with hipped slate roof was in contrast to the stone work of the other 1856-64 era buildings and provide a useful foil to their solid and austere qualities. Surviving garden remnants enhance this Married Men's Quarters.

Plans for the Married Men's Quarters were

Pickering was approved as the Contractor on 31 Oct,1862 at a price of 207.19.0 (\$414:00). The work was obviously carried out satisfactorily as a contract for additions in fitting a water closet was signed with James Duncan for 807.0.0 (\$1,614.:00) The cottage has remained substantially intact over successive years until circa 1981-82 when the timber skillion sections to the North and East were demolished.

During the greater part of its 130 years history, the Cottage served first as Married Men's Quarters and then as residence of the Barracks Caretaker, the last Caretaker being Maj. Kenworthy. Since 1970's it has housed in turn the Federal Police, gardeners and Barracks Tradesmen.

In Sep.1991, the Head of the Defence Centre - Melbourne, Brig. D.J. Noble, accepted a submission by Chaplain A.K. Thoms to convert the Cottage into a Defence Chapel for the benefit of all members of the Defence community in the inner Melbourne area. The Defence Chapel would also be a centre for the collation of Chaplains from the three Services.

Refurbishment of the Cottage began in May,1992 under the supervision of the Regional Heritage Architect, ensuring that the preservation and restoration were in harmony with the historic nature of the building. Construction work was carried out by the Department of Administrative Services Asset Services.

The Defence Chapel was Blessed and Dedicated by members of the Religious Advisory Committee to the Services, assisted by representatives of the Principal Chaplains Committees, and opened by the Chief of the Defence Force, General P.C. Gration, AC,OBE. on 10 Nov, 1992.

## CRAFTSMEN OF THE ARMY

— The Story of  
RAEME

(Published in 1992)



HAVE YOU PURCHASED YOUR COPY  
OF THE CORPS HISTORY YET?

Copies may be ordered from The Corps Shop, RAEME Training Centre, Bandiana @ \$40.00 per copy. Payment by Cheque or Bankcard

## NEWS IN BRIEF . . . .

### CHANGES - SENIOR APPOINTMENTS - RAEME

Former DGEME Brig. John Kingston, AM, has now become Director-General of Engineering-Army and is stationed in Canberra.

Colonel Larry Foley, has now become Director of Electrical and Mechanical Engineers-Army and is destined to be located at Bandiana in the very near future with the RAEME Directorate.

The Appointment of DGEME no longer exists.

### THE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE . . . .

It was with great deal of pride and pleasure that I assumed the restructured Head of Corps Position as the DEME on 12 December, 1992.



Colonel L.J. Foley

In this latest restructuring, the combined Head of Corps and Head of Service functions have been separated. The Head of Corps function of prime personnel adviser to the MS and to SCMA for all ranks remains vested in DEME, together with the responsibilities for providing advice to HQ ADF, Army Office Divisions and Functional Commands on EME Operations, Establishment Planning, Organisation, Doctrine and Training. These responsibilities are discharged through the Director-General of Land Warfare Policy to the Deputy Chief of the General Staff.

The Head of Service function of Materiel Maintenance, enhancement of Engineering Standards and associated policy now resides with the Director-General of Engineering. The Maintenance Engineering Agency, our premier engineering institution, now comes under his direct control as part of Materiel Division. EME systems and procedures has also been transferred from Head of Corps to HQ Log Comd.

As the second largest Corps in the Army and the

very active partner in the ongoing reviews and studies on how the Army will do its work in the future.

I look forward to seeing as many members of the Corps as possible in the course of the next year. I will be seeking your views on topics of concern - please don't hesitate to give them to me.

'Arte et Marte'

(Extract May, 1993 RAEME CRAFTSMAN)



UNITED NATIONS

UN REWARDS

MINURSO'S AUSTRALIANS

AUSTRALIA Day 1993 became a fitting opportunity to reward Australian MINURSO troops with the UN Medal in the Western Sahara.

It was possible to have 26 of the 45 Australian members in the capital, Laayoune, to receive their medals from the Canadian Force Commander, Brig. Andre Van Baelen. After the presentation, a flag-raising ceremony was held and the Australian flag was flown from the main flag pole in Force HQ. for the day.

In the afternoon, a Sports Day was held, followed by a traditional Australian Barbecue in the KANGAROO CLUB to celebrate the occasion.



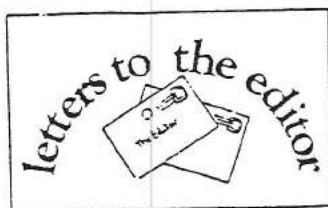
LCpl Dan Jones and Cfn Ken Salt.

Cfn Ken Salt was a recipient of the UN Medal.

(Extract ARMT Newspaper 8 APR,1993.)

### ROTTEN RIDDLE

What happened to the skinhead who took up yoga?



We would like to express out thanks to the members of the Association for their sympathy and many offers of help after our loss of house and possessions. With their help along with other friends we are at last able to settle back in comfort in our rebuilt home with most of the things required to make it a home once more.

This sad experience underlines the Aims of our Association which goes beyond the mere recreational side of our Charter.

Alice and I are forever grateful for this.

**Ken and Alice Kermonde**  
**31 Bernhardt Ave,**  
**HOPPERS CROSSING VIC 3029**

I think I've read Kevin Boase letter (in the Flash) about 6 times. He was one of the Apprentices at Broadmeadows when I first went there. It really made my day. Of the ones I remember are Sammy Gibbs, Ian Archer, "Mocka" Dunstan, Len Towers and Kevin Boase. I'm not sure about another one by the name of Jack Balsillie.

By the way, I found a photo of the whole Workshops at Broady taken a week or so before the Queen came out in '56 or '57. I've tried to pick out who I knew but it looks like a 100-1 magnification to pick them out.

**Dennis Oakley**  
**RMB 2760**  
**WHOROUGHLY EAST VIC 3735**

### WHERE ARE YOU NOW???

I am a member of the RAEME Association in Tasmania and I am seeking the whereabouts of any ex-RAEME personnel from 3 Base Wksp, Broadmeadows during 1952-1954.

I left Broadmeadows in 1954 for discharge in Hobart and I have not been back to Broadmeadows since. Any ex-member can write to me C/- my address as below.

**George Hutchinson**  
**84 Corranga Drive,**  
**CHIGWELL TASMANIA**

Dear Bruce,

Thank you for sending to me copies of 'THE LIGHTNING FLASH' which has, and still is, being perused by some of our members, it certainly contains some very interesting items to us oldies.

We only have about 33 members now, but I guess that we are very lucky that, on average, about 15-16 members regularly turn up at our Monthly Meetings.

Our Association was founded just prior to the cessation of hostilities in 1945 and we have been meeting on a regular basis ever since. Our youngest member is about 70 years old, and two of our oldest are in their late 80's.

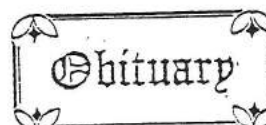
We are a very close knit little bunch of WW 2 veterans who delight in seeing each other on a regular monthly basis.

**Reg Anderson**  
**C/- 65 York Street,**  
**SANDY BAY TASMANIA 7005**  
**(Hon. Sec/Treas.**  
**RAEME Association of Tasmania)**

### SICK PARADE . . . . .

Col. Ron Byron is not well and is currently confined to the Maroondah Hospital.

Those wishing to visit Ron should first of all contact John Lee for visiting details Tel. 580 4760



**Bert Moore - On 18 June, 1993**  
 We regret to advise all members of the sudden passing of our esteemed colleague and friend following serious illness.

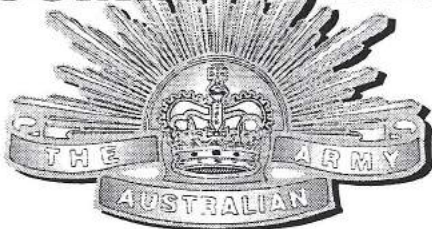
We extend our deepest sympathy to his wife Florence and family.

LET WE FORGET



**ADM ALAN BEAUMONT**  
Chief of the Defence Force

# A GUIDE TO THE COMMANDERS



**LT-GEN JOHN GREY**  
Chief of the General Staff



**LT-GEN JOHN BAKER**  
Vice Chief of the Defence Force



**MAJ-GEN GEOFF CARTER**  
Deputy Chief of the General Staff



**LT-GEN JOHN SANDERSON**  
Commander, UNTAC



**MAJ-GEN PETER ARNISON**  
Commander, 1st Division



**MAJ-GEN MURRAY BLAKE**  
Land Commander



**MAJ-GEN JIM CONNOLLY**  
Assistant Chief of the General  
Staff - Personnel



**MAJ-GEN ARTHUR FITTOCK**  
Head of Australian Defence Staff  
Washington



**MAJ-GEN WARREN GLENNY**  
Commander, 2nd Division



**MAJ-GEN STEVE GOWER**  
Assistant Chief of the Defence  
Force - Personnel



**MAJ-GEN JOHN HARTLEY**  
Director, Defence Intelligence  
Organisation



**MAJ-GEN FRANK HICKLING**  
General Officer Commanding  
Training Command



**MAJ-GEN MIKE JEFFERY**  
Assistant Chief of the General  
Staff - Materiel



**MAJ-GEN DENIS LUTTRELL**  
Assistant Chief of the General  
Staff - Operations



**MAJ-GEN DAVID MCLACHLAN**  
General Officer Commanding  
Special Operations



**MAJ-GEN BARRY NUNN**



**MAJ-GEN DAVID ROSSI**

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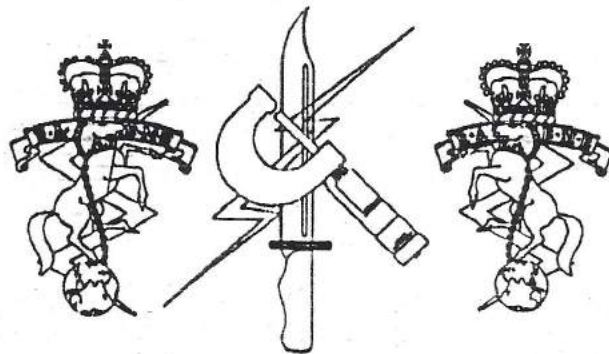
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## THE ENTOMBMENT OF AN UNKNOWN AUSTRALIAN SOLDIER AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL, CANBERRA - REMEMBRANCE DAY, 11th NOVEMBER, 1993

Our Association is one of the numerous ex-Service Associations that has been advised by the Australian War Memorial, Canberra of their proposal to have an Entombment of an Unknown Australian Soldier on Remembrance Day, 11th November, 1993.

This event will coincide with the 75th Anniversary of the end of World War 1 and will be the last significant anniversary at which surviving Australian Veterans of that conflict can be present. Apart from being a final opportunity to experience a direct link with the nation's past, the return of the Unknown Australian Soldier will focus national attention on what the Australian War Memorial represents - the universal spirit of sacrifice.

The Unknown Soldier, one of the thousands of unidentified Australian soldiers of the First World War buried in a battlefield cemetery in France and Belgium will be returned to Australia. While it was in this region of the world that Australia experienced its greatest loss of life in war, the War Memorial regards the Unknown Soldier as a symbol of the sacrifice of all Australians who served and died in all conflicts.

It is proposed that the Unknown Soldier will lie in state in two locations before departure for Australia - at the Australian National War Memorial at Villers Bretonnenx and at the Menin Gate at Ypres, Belgium. The remains will then be conveyed by an aircraft of the national carrier QANTAS from Paris to Sydney early on Sunday 7th November, 1993, then a RAAF aircraft will convey it to Fairbairn's Airport, Canberra. A gun carriage will be used to transport the coffin to King's Hall at the old Parliament House where it will lie in state for three days.

To make this a truly national event, it is the War Memorial's desire to have a high level of community participation in particular from ex-Service Associations.

On the morning of Thursday, 11th November 1993, it is envisaged that representatives from as many Associations as possible will form a Guard of Honour for the Unknown Soldier during the last stage of his journey up ANZAC Parade. Here it will be carried to the Memorial in a funeral procession befitting the burial of a Field Marshal.

Following a simple ceremony at the stone of Remembrance the Unknown Soldier will be carried into the Memorial, past the Pool of Reflection and the Roll of Honour and laid to rest in the Tomb at 11.00am.

The Australian War Memorial also welcomes as many members of all Associations and their families as possible to be present at the Memorial on that day.

Full details of the Memorial Service, itinerny(similar to the 50th Birthday Weekend), cost for transport and accommodation will be advised at a later date when more information comes to hand.

The RAEME Association (VIC) requests as many of its members, and their families, to keep this important event free in their social calendar of events if they are desirous of attending.

(EXTRACT Australian War Memorial letter dated 18 June 1993.)

*Bruce Williams*  
(Bruce Williams)  
Secretary

July, 1993

# AEME/RAEME ASSOCIATIONS

RETURN TO CHAPEL ST TRAINING DEPOT LUNCHEON  
AT 22ND OCTOBER, 1993

## Background:

In 1957, 105 and 106 Inf Wksp previously located at Swan Street, Trg Depot, Burnley were relocated at Chapel Street Trg Depot, East St Kilda.

In 1962, 106 Inf Wksp was taken off the Order of Battle, 8/13 VMR(APC) Wksp was raised and located at the above Depot.

In 1967, HQ CRAEME 3 Div was relocated from HQ 3 Div "Grosvenor", Albert Park to the above Depot, 8 Fd Regt LAD and 3 Base Wksp (CMF Component) was raised and also located there also.

Chapel Street Trg Depot became the home to RAEME Reserve Units within Victoria from which all technical and Promotion Courses were conducted.

In late 1991, RAEME A Res was relocated from it's home of 34 years, in the Chapel St Training Depot, East St Kilda and took up new Residency in Oakleigh Barracks. Over the last 2 years many have raised the Question on the fate of the old Depot.

Since RAEME departed Chapel St, the Depot has been established on the National Trust and is in the process of being restored to the original splendour it had at the turn of the Century, at present approx \$2.5 Mil Dollars has been spent on restoration.

The occupancy of Chapel St has reverted back to Artillery and is now the home of 2/10 Medium Regiment (The new Amalgamated Units of 2/15 Arty & 10 Med Regt)

The OC, RSM & Staff of 2/10 Med Regt has given RAEME the opportunity to revisit their old Depot. To this end RAEME Assn Social Committee have organised an afternoon for Past & Present Members and their partners to enjoy a luncheon and Mess hospitality in the Depot where we established many memories over the past 34 years.

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For Timing Details and  
Acceptance Notice Please turnover.

**COST:** \$12.00 per head, a 3 Course Luncheon will be provided with Complimentary Red & White Wines with your meal. **Pay-as-you-go** Mess Facilities ( Non-Alcoholic Drinks also available if required)

**TIME:** 12.00pm for 12.30pm (Concluding approx 4pm)

**BOOKINGS:**

Members attending will be required to pay the full amount, or 50% Deposit with their acceptance Notice - the balance payable by 30th Sept 1993. Payment to be by Cheque or Money Order Preferred.

**NO CHILDREN WILL BE PERMITTED.**

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**AEME/RAEME ASSOCIATIONS**  
**RETURN TO CHAPEL ST DEPOT LUNCHEON SAT 22ND OCT, 1993**

**ACCEPTANCE NOTICE**

I,.....will be attending the above Associations'  
(Print Initials & Surname)

Function and will be accompanied by \* a Partner \* Group

Enclosed please find the sum \$.... to cover the above Entrance Fee  
for.....Adults.

Signed.....Date .../.../1993

THE RAEME Association (Victoria) Inc.

## MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL


Members are reminded that Outstanding Membership Fees to The RAEME Association (VIC) for the Financial Year 1992 /1993 are now due and payable.

Members are reminded that the Membership Fees to The RAEME Association (VIC) for the Financial Year 1993/1994 are now due and payable.

Kindly detach the form below and return with your Cheque/Money Order as payment of your membership Fee to the Association's Treasurer.

Thanking you in anticipation of a prompt reply.

Yours Faithfully,

  
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(Aranka Illia)  
Treasurer

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THE RAEME Association (VIC) Inc.

## MEMBERSHIP FEES

To: The Secretary,  
The RAEME Association (VIC) Inc.  
6 Chestnut Court,  
MULGRAVE VIC 3170  
Attention: Bruce Williams

Please find enclosed my Membership Fee/s for 19.. / 19.. via  
\*Cheque No:...../\*Money Order No:.....  
for the said amount of \$... : ...

Thank You,

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Date: ... / ... /19..



## NOMINATION FOR THE RAEME ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE

I ..... accept nomination to become a member of the RAEME ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE. I understand that an election is to be conducted at the Annual General Meeting and request that my name be included on the ballot paper.

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Signature of member nominated

I ..... nominate the above member for election as a member of the Committee.

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Signature of Proposer.

I ..... second the nomination of the above member for election to the Committee.

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Signature of Secunder.

## ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND VACANCY

### 23(1) Nominations of candidates for election:-

- (a) shall be made in writing signed by two members of the Association and accompanied by the written consent of the candidate (which may be endorsed on the form of nomination); and
- (b) shall be delivered to the secretary of the association not less than 7 days before the date fixed for the holding of the annual general meeting.
- (2) If insufficient nominations are received to fill all vacancies on the Committee, the candidates nominated shall be deemed to be elected and further nominations shall be received at the annual general meeting.
- (3) If the number of nominations received is equal to the number of vacancies to be filled, the persons nominated shall be deemed to be elected.
- (4) If the number of nominations exceeds the number of vacancies to be filled, a ballot shall be held.
- (5) The ballot for the election of members of the Committee shall be conducted at the annual general meeting in such usual and proper manner as the Committee may direct.
- (6) The Committee shall meet within 14 days after being elected and shall from its members elect the Officers of the Association.

