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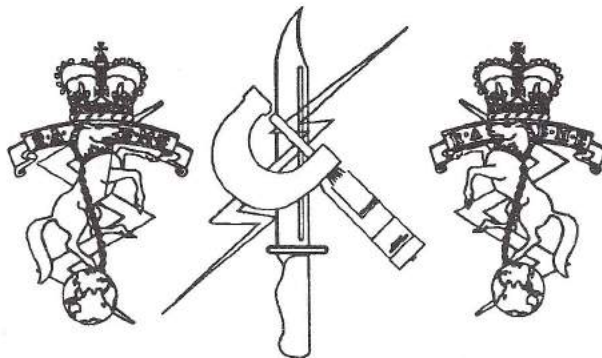
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Bill Slegers

In accordance with our Rules, the elected Committee of Management in turn elected an Executive, and as you can see I have been once again elected President. I have thanked the committee for their confidence in me, however, I have given notice of my decision that this will be my last year as president. The reason I made this decision comes from my belief that Presidents can stay around too long. I think a 3 year posting (like the Army) should be a maximum for the President's job. This 3 year period would allow the new President time for new ideas, improvements and fruition of set objectives.

The committee should always include several potential Presidents from which a choice can be made, and I believe we have achieved this which augurs well for the future of the Association.

On Friday September 17th, I attended the 19th Annual Dinner of the RAEME WOs & Senior NCOs Association (VIC). I was invited along as an official Guest in my capacity as RAEME Association President. This dinner was professionally planned and conducted, and one may ask, what else would one expect from professionals?

It is very apparent that the WOs & SNCOs Association, and the RAEME Association have much to offer each other, and, it is also apparent that both compliment the other. Many of our members already carry membership of both Associations. In order to become a member of the WOs & SNCOs Association one must be a serving or have served as a RAEME WO or Senior NCO. The President and Secretary of the WO's & SNCOs have just joined our Association, setting the example that others will follow. I would encourage all our members who would meet the pre-requisite to also join the WOs & SNCOs Association. Their Annual Dinner (at Pucka next year) is a wonderful opportunity to meet old mates and re-kindle comradeship which is so important to all of us. One of our members, Brig. John Dean, is the Patron of the WOs & SNCOs Association.

The WOs & SNCOs subscription is a voluntary \$5 towards mailing costs. If you are interested please direct your name and address and if you so desire \$5 to:

WO2 Jack Dihm

Secretary, RAEME WOs & SNCOs Association  
Development Wing, RAEME Training Centre,  
MILPO. BANDIANA. VICTORIA. 3694.

Back to our Association, we are embarking on an all out membership drive this year in order to fulfil

## THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT . . .

The A.G.M. is over and we have had a good turn-up from near and far.

Three stalwarts, Don MacLeod, Jim McFarlane and Ken Kermonde who together had served 80 years as committee members decided it was time to pass the baton to others. At the A.G.M., and on behalf of all members, we thanked those gentlemen for their outstanding service to our Association.

New committee members are Bob Fuller, Murray Lewis and John Belfield. All have much to offer the Association as members of the Committee of Management, and each have already picked up Sub-Committee responsibilities.



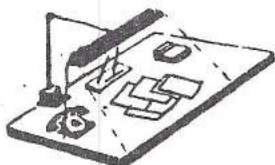
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our Mission, and at the same time improve our financial position. Bob Fuller has picked up the job as Convenor of the Membership Committee, but, he and his sub-committee can only go so far. We need the support of all members. Please set your sights on just one potential member and get him/her to sign on the dotted line. There is an Application Form in this Newsletter.

This should be a good year, and as a member you can make sure it is by giving your support to any activities being offered by your committee.

John Lee, President

### THE SECRETARY'S CORNER



Hi! Well as usual many things have travelled past my desk since my last report, and the main items I will cover briefly, as I am sure the various Sub-Committees will cover their respective items in more depth.

Lets begin with our A.G.M., It was good to see so many members in attendance and also a number of wives and family members as well.

Roll Call of those attending the A.G.M. (in order of the Visitors Book)

Bruce Williams, John Stephens, Bob Hunter, Tom Money, Ken Kermonde, Jack Westernhagen, John Lee, Norm Heath, Rex Foord, Eric Butler, Roy Roberts, Bob Fuller, Wes Missen, Peter Mack, Stan Whitwell, Bill Holmes, Kevin Moon, Les Bailey, John (Darkie) Edwards, Tony Moon, Darren Williams, Harold Chamberlain, Brian Cahill, Peter Cartledge, Geoff Maggs, Jim McFarlane, Barry Ridgeway, Michael Newbond, Wesley Tabe, Steven Sherry, Don MacLeod, Frank Bell, Neil Charter, Jack Wilson, Gus Allen, Murray Lewis, Ed Collins, Max Moore, Ron Clifford, 'Tiny' Hepburn, Aranka Illa, Philip Cooke, Reg Cox and Brig. Conrad Ermet (Patron).

Apologies - Lyall Butling, Norm Curtis, Dennis Clarke, John Mackay, John Boothroyd, Brian Driscoll, Tony See, Ray Vaux, Harry (Dad) Switzer, Dennis (Annie) Oakley, George Hutchinson (Tasmania), Peter Allen, Bill Challons, Alan Freeth, Bob Mawson, Ron Billing and Bill Slegers.

(If your name is not listed, you did not sign the Book.) Plus a lot of wives and family who unfortunately overlooked signing our Visitor's Book. Next time, lets all sign as we love to know who attended any of our functions.

Rule Changes - New proposals were agreed to by those members in attendance at the A.G.M. It now only needs the approval of the Corporate Affairs to see the Rules implemented.

A Presentation was also made to Jenny Moore and Sandra Williams in appreciation of their help over many years. WELL DONE GIRL!

At the completion of the meeting, many members stayed back to view the video tapes of the 50th Birthday Parade, Nov '92 and the ANZAC Day March, '93, presented by Jack Westernhagen.

Then it was SOCIALISING, amongst the members and their family's at a well organised B.B.Q. (ask Max Moore about his frustration with the B.B.Q.), the sun shone and it appeared that those who stayed had a good time as no body seemed to be in a hurry to leave.

The newly elected committee met immediately after the A.G.M., and elected the new Office Bearers, elected were:

PRESIDENT	- John Lee
VICE PRESIDENT	- Bob Hunter
SECRETARY	- Bruce Williams
TREASURER	- Aranka Illia

Committee Members: Geoff Maggs, Max Moore, Jack Westernhagen, Allen Freeth, Murray Lewis, Bob Fuller and John Belfield.

You should now be aware of 'The Entombment of the Unknown Soldier' in Canberra on 11th November, 1993, Remembrance Day at 11.00am. Please reply to our recent correspondence from the Social Committee. A lot of work has gone into the preparation of this day. DON'T LET THE SOCIAL COMMITTEE DOWN. There are still some seats available for this trip Phone Jack Westernhagen to-day (Ph: 509 5806).

LETTERS - It was nice to hear from Dennis Oakley again, our friend from Tasmania, George Hutchinson and Estelle Hollingsworth (the late Peter Hollingsworth's wife). Estelle wonders if any members would have a photo of any description with Peter in uniform. I am sure that a number of ARes (CMF) members could help with Estelle's

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request. Any replies please sent to me (The Secretary).

**NEW MEMBERS** - A New Member's Day will be held at Oakleigh Barracks on 3rd October, 1993, We had a number of new members, family and Committee attended.

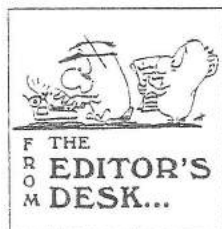
Members welcomed on that day were, John Stephens, John Watt, R. Roberts, N. Heath, family or friends were, G. Tutty, Mrs. Watt, Peter and Jan-Michele Mills. Thank you all for coming along and participating, to complete a successful afternoon we finished the day with a very nice afternoon tea.

**FEES** - For 1993/94 are now overdue. Please forward your payment by return post. If you are in arrears a sticker will appear on Page 2 of this Edition of The Flash.

Well that's all, considering I have the Flu when putting this report together, I hope all my activities have been covered.

Bye for now.

Bruce Williams, Secretary



With our 1993 A.G.M. now behind us and a new Committee of Management elected, let each of us vow to give them our full support and encouragement.

**WHAT CAN THE ASSOCIATION DO FOR ME?**  
This is the main question which is asked. It may be that the Aims of our Association are too narrow for those people who want a 'gimme' world, that is, getting the maximum benefits for your minimum involvement.

Any Association, regardless of its Aims, must have the active participation of its members. The question which should be asked is ... "WHAT CAN I DO FOR THE ASSOCIATION?"

**MEMBERSHIP** - The ever increasing numbers of our membership is the result of publicity, enthusiasm and interest shown by you, our members, in the goal of making our Association grow in strength and purpose by way of social activities, meetings and contact with

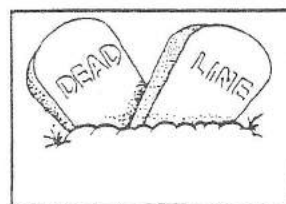
all 'OLD BOYS'

**SOCIAL EVENTS** - Although the past attempts were made with the greatest intentions and enthusiasm, they lacked the continued support which we all know is an essential element for the success of any venture attempted. Let us have more enthusiastic support from members for our future functions planned by your hard working Social Committee. Treat the ladies to a good night or afternoon out where they can have the chance to meet other member's wives and lady friends, thereby fusing their membership for their proposed Ladies Auxiliary yet to be formed.

**ARTICLES** - For inclusion in future editions of "The Lightning Flash" are still required. The response to our previous requests have bought some articles to bear. However, more items of interest would be much appreciated.

If you can write, please drop me a line, even if it is just to say Hello! or what you think of any changes in the contents and layout of "The Flash".

**POSTAGE** - Each time a circular is sent out to you it costs approximately \$107.00 or more for postage. It is in your interest to reply or at least come along to some of the functions and show your support.



Material for the next Issue of "The LIGHTNING FLASH" must reach the Editor not later than 31st Dec, 1993.

Jack Westernhagen, EDITOR.

The trouble with some men is that when they stop work, they start dame dreaming!

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What most husbands would like to see today is a permanent wave with the staying power of temporary tax.

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Prosecutor: "Now, tell the jury the truth, please, why did you shoot your husband with a bow and arrow?"

Defendant: "I didn't want to wake the children."

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## SOCIAL COMMITTEE REPORT



After the AGM the Social Sub-Committee was reformed. Convenor: Max Moore, Secretary: Jack Westernhagen Treasurer: Bob Hunter, Members: Allen Freeth, Ken Kermonde and Murray Lewis.

## FUNCTIONS

**Canberra Bus Trip** - As advertised in the last Social Letter the trip to Canberra for the Entombment of the Unknown Australian Soldier has been confirmed for 10th-12th November, 1993 at a cost of \$125.00 all inclusive. This has proven to be a popular Social Event. Due to the overwhelming success we have upgraded from a 40-seater to a 56-seater coach. We only have 6 remaining seats available, so first in best dressed. Contact Jack Westernhagen (509 5806) or Max Moore (802 9128).

The bus will depart from 2 locations, where secure car parking has been arranged.

**1st Pick-up Point - OAKLEIGH BARRACKS**, North Road, Oakleigh. Assembly 11.30am. for Departure at 12.00NOON SHARP!! Oakleigh Co-Ordinator: Bruce Williams. PH: (03) 561 8354.

**2nd Pick-up Point - BROADMEADOWS Army Camp**, Camp Road, Broadmeadows, Duty Room Main Gate. Assembly Time 12.30pm for Departure at 1.00pm SHARP!! Broadmeadows Co-Ordinator: Max Moore PH: (03) 802 9128 Work, Broadmeadows (03)358 1349.

**Accommodation-City Gate Motel**, Lyneham, Canberra PH: (06) 247 2777.

The Coach remains at our disposal until its return to Melbourne on Friday 12th Nov. Estimated Time of Return to Broadmeadows is 4.00pm and at Oakleigh at 4.45pm.

**CHAPEL STREET LUNCHEON** - Due to clash of dates and the school holidays, it was decided to postpone this function until late February '94, details to follow.

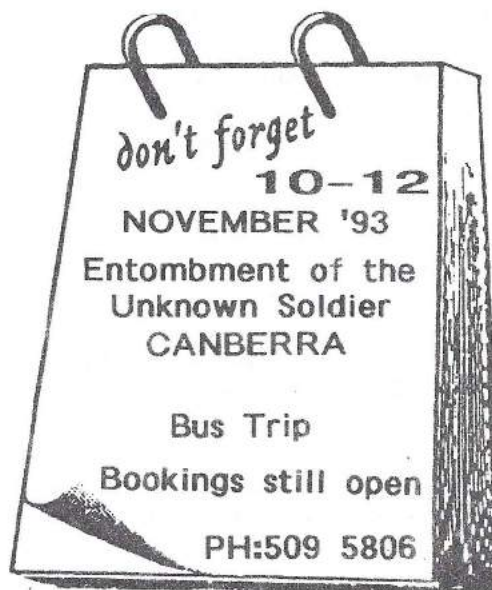
**FARM DAY** - We have previously told you of the great day ahead on Sunday 28th November at the farm of our congenial Hosts Bill and Carol Slegers in Jindivick. Bill arranges a great day. Free fresh farm milk is available, hay rides, tour of farm husbandry at

work and plenty of other activities. For our young guests, SANTA will be making a special trip from the North Pole. Parents are requested to provide a small gift for their children, wrapped and clearly named for SANTA to distribute. B-B-Qs will be provided, B.Y.O food and drink. Gum boots are optional, but recommended for young children. A camera is a must, the views have to be seen to be believed.

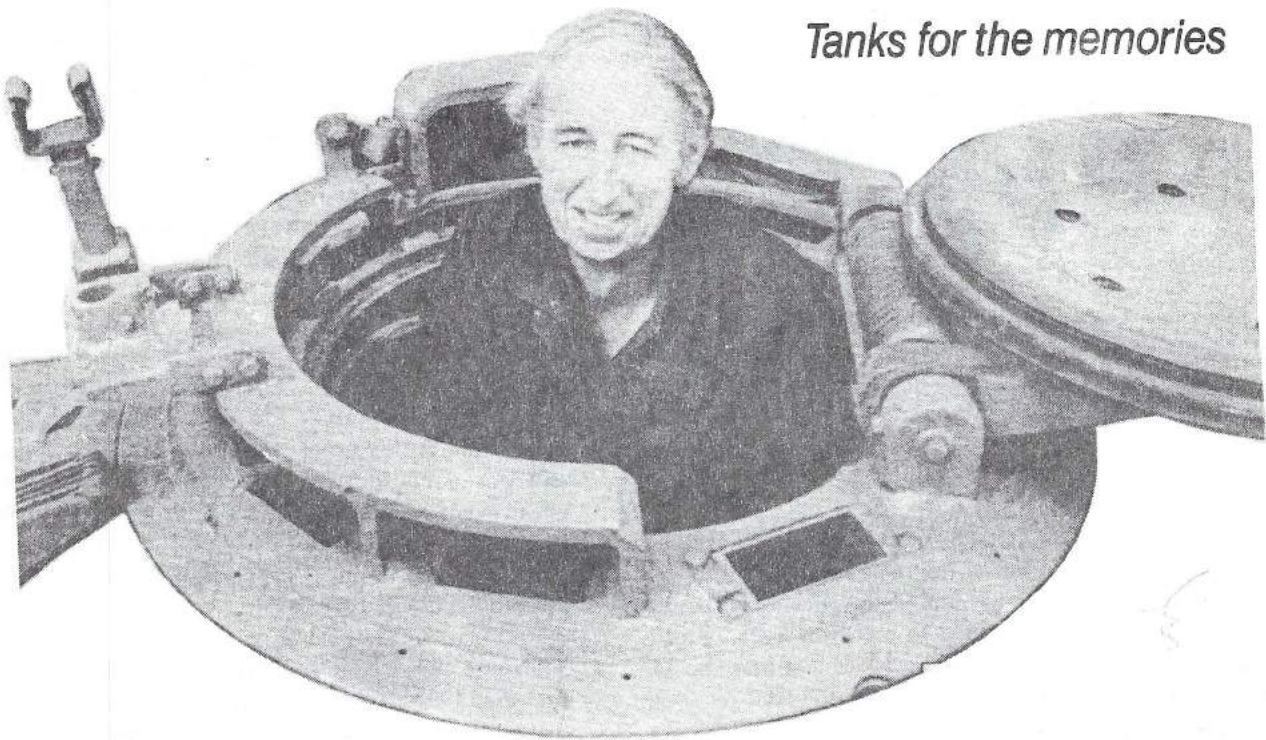
Where is Bill's place?? Palmer Road, JINDIVICK NORTH (056 285 340) Enclosed in this edition of 'The Flash' is a map so even our Assocn Treasurer might find it this time. Just follow the Tac Signs. Bill has gone to a lot of trouble to make this a great event so take your family to a great Outdoor Event. **BE THERE** and be ready to enjoy yourselves Bill and Carol will welcome your attendance from 10.00am.

**ANNUAL RE-UNION** - Planning is well under way for the 1994 Re-union and next year it will be different. The Sub-Committee has taken advantage of ANZAC Eve being on a Sunday, and bearing in mind the advanced age of some of our members, the Re-union will commence at 2.00pm and conclude at 6.00pm. Parking is available in the Depot. Overnight accommodation will be available but **MUST BE BOOKED IN ADVANCE**. Further details will be included in the next edition of 'The Flash' so start making plans now.

At this point in time we have no other functions on the drawing board, but we are always keen to get your ideas, suggestions and proposals for any event that supports our Statement of Purposes and promotes the comradie of our members.







## *Tanks for the memories*

In this edition, our Members' Profile is John Belfield, a newly elected committee member for 1993/94.

Following, is an article of his interview by Alison Cassar of the Dandenong/Berwick Leader local newspaper, MON 20th SEPT, '93, which provides some interesting reading about John's Military Museum that he has been putting together and is strongly recommended to be visited by our members or interested persons once it is officially opened hopefully before Christmas, 1993. (EDITOR)

A toy tank started it, an advertisement in a newspaper enlarged it and love kept it going.

It has taken John Belfield, a Naree Warren resident, 36 years to amass his collection of about 20 tanks, armoured vehicles, army trucks, even an amphibious landing craft.

For 21 of those years, with the help of his wife - "She's marvellous" - he has been painstakingly setting up a museum dedicated to these vehicles.

John, 61, has fought bureaucracy, local government, unions and his bank account to find, restore and house these relics from Australia's wartime history.

His whole place has been done on a shoestring. It would scare him to think how much it has cost.

His mother bought him his first tank at age seven and

he bought his first full size army truck, an American weapons carrier, in 1956 after seeing a newspaper advertisement.

Most vehicles he has collected were used in WW2, but he also has vehicles from the Vietnam War.

He has even managed to find pictures of some of the vehicles in action, like the tiny Japanese tank captured by Australian soldiers at Milne Bay in 1942. That was the first time a Japanese landing force was halted by Australians. It was the closest the Japanese got to Australia and it was the first time we beat them on land.

The faint scratchings of the Queenslanders who were involved in the capture could be seen on the side of the tank. It was also one of two Japanese brought to Australia and used to drum up patriotic fervour during War Bond Drives. When the army finished with it they let it out to tender and a scrap man bought it and he sat on it for 30 years. It took three years to get it out of them, he said.

Although John never fought in any of the wars he holds such a fascination for, he joined the Army Cadets during WW2 and spent 26 years in the Army reserve. He did a stint in the Victorian Scottish Regiment, "where kilts were worn the correct way, no underwear - and there were inspections. He trained as a truck engineer and does sub-contracting "to keep the wolf from the door", but he calls himself a 'Jack of all Trades'.

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John espouses views that many now would regard as old-fashioned, but it has kept him pursuing his dream when times were hard.

"One of my philosophies is there is no such thing as a problem only challenges. You have got to have motivation," he said. What motivated people in the 2nd WW to put up so much effort? It was patriotism and when the Japs started coming down it was survival and they are pretty strong forms of motivation."

He believes the patriotism that united people during WW2 is needed again, but agrees that people can take it to dangerous excesses. Well it is (dangerous) over in Israel and Palestine I guess. It's like most things - I guess you have to have a little bit of moderation. It's hard to achieve with human beings with all their strong emotions.

He wants to present fact, not opinion, and he said he does not seek to glorify war.

But don't exhibits like this promote war?

"What I am presenting here is a bit of history. I can't alter history and we should not hide it. We should not glorify war because it's (and here he became uncharacteristically lost for words) bloody awful. But we had no alternative in WW2. We were being attacked by the Japanese. In 1941 they did not want to negotiate - they wanted to smash everybody. I want to show people the history and let them make up their own minds."

After 21 years of struggles, John Belfield said he hoped to have the museum operating before Christmas.

Courtesy of the Dandenong Berwick Leader Newspaper dated MON Sept 20, 1993.) Watch for further details of John's Museum in a latter edition of "THE FLASH". EDITOR

#### TOOLS AND THEIR USES . . .

In civilian and army organisations, there are tradesmen who can demonstrate quite admirably, the correct use of tools. The list which follows is not a comprehensive one but it gives a guide to the efficiency (or otherwise) of a tradesman.

**HAMMER** - The most useful tool of the whole lot. Can be used in self-defence and for fitting big-end bearings and other precision work.

**CENTRE PUNCH** - Used for marking other people's spoons, forks and knives with the three dots which you claim for your own mark of ownership.

**OILCAN** - Gives an outstanding performance when placed in the ear of an unsuspecting person and pressed gently.

**SCREWDRIVER** - Used as a piston scraper, it leaves a study in black and white on the piston crown. It was once used quite successfully to remove screws.

**SPANNER** - This tool is excellent as a valve lifter, tyre lever, and for cracking small nuts. It must always be used so that the jaws stretch the first time and can then be written off.

**RING SPANNER** - For stealing.

**FEELER GAUGE** - Good for jamming a spanner of the wrong size onto a nut. The 0.25" feeler makes a good temporary screwdriver.

**COLD CHISEL** - May be used for the removal of gaskets and large nuts for which no spanner is available. Usually used in conjunction with a large hammer. If you find you strike your hand with the hammer, the easiest way of preventing this is to grasp the hammer with both hands.

**ADJUSTABLE SPANNER** - A very useful tool, mainly used on small brass nuts which then assume a cylindrical shape.

**MICROMETER** - Its good design and fine workmanship makes it an admirable tool for cracking Brazil nuts and hard toffee. Also used as a leather punch.

**FILE** - Can be used as a punch, tommy bar, axe, jack handle, dagger and also for filing.

**STILLSON** - More expensive than a hammer and just as good.

**ELECTRICAL DRILL (HAND)** - For altering speedometers radically to agree with work tickets.

**OUTSIDE CALLIPERS** - Used for picking small pieces out of inaccessible places.

(Maj. Owen Robinson (Deceased) was a member of RAEME for many years and the Army Apprentices Assocn (VIC). He contributed many articles for The Craftsman and The CRUX, the official magazines of both of the above organisations. This extraction was one of them. EDITOR.)



**ANZAC SERVICE  
VILLERS BRETONNEUX, FRANCE,  
24TH APRIL, 1993**

My daughter and I arrived in Amiens to find transport to Villers Bretonneux, to our surprise, there was a train; as the fax from London said car or taxi was the only means of transport.

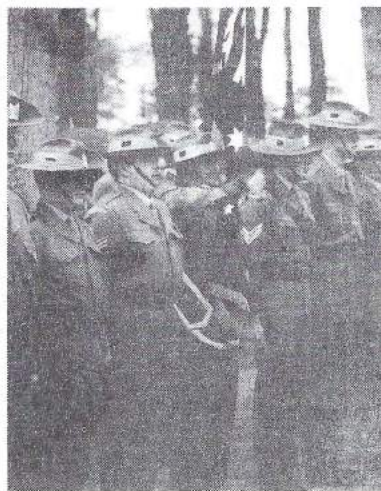
The train was a go for us as we had a EURORAIL PASS, so we arrived at 9.00am for the service at 10.00am. We think the means of transport London was talking about was in V.B. itself. That was all footwork if you weren't a RAEME Digger from way back you would have had to walk, but I confronted the (De Police) Contingent and with sign language we managed a seat in the Police vehicle to the Australian, French and Allied Memorial. It was magnificent. I have never been to any thing like it before, you couldn't help but get emotional there.

The cemetery is so neat, I commend the War Cemetery Trust for that, then after the service; we all went back to the school that you and I as school children in Victoria raised from the ashes of WW2, the photo's in the school are testimony to that.

Next time any one goes, take ANZAC, LEGACY or QANTAS pins, the school children really look for them and I plan to send some in the near future.

After the service, we boarded a French Military bus and they took the Australian Contingent on a tour of the Somme, not being able to stop for long periods, the places we passed were Corbie, Somme River, Posiers, Bapaume, Endecourt, Arras and Bullecourt.

Bullecourt was the next service and on one side of the road we have the Digger's Hat, on the other side the French Memorial and the Museum. 500 yards down the road we unveiled the bronze stature of The Little Digger, only it was a replacer of the sculptors Grandfather and overlooking the German Front Lines with the expression on his face saying "Come and Get Us We re Ready For You!" Then another 400 yards down the road to the next monument and more flowers to be laid. This time the school children performed the ceremony and that was the end of the Wreath Laying for the Day, then it was to the nearest pub for comradeship and we really worked up a thirst after all that.





### EARLY TOWING PROBLEMS

One day in the mid-Nineteenth century, at the Ordnance Depot of the old East India Company's Army at Kirkee Arsenal was delivered a Light Manual Fire Engine. It was of an old type, long since obsolete, by which a team of men on each side heaved up and down on a long wooden bar which in turn operated the pump.

The fire engine was in a sorry state, it looked as if it had been attacked by a squad armed with sledge-hammers. Accompanying the fire engine was a voucher from the Garrison Headquarters of Ahmednagar returning it to Ordnance as "Unserviceable, due to fair wear and tear."

The Ordnance Officer compared this with the general condition of the fire engine which seemed to him not in the least consistent with 'fair wear'. He therefore wrote to the Garrison Quarter-Master of Ahmednagar, whom he knew, and pointed out that even between friends, this was stretching it a bit; would he please explain how the fire engine got into its present condition. In due course he received a reply which read:

"My dear John, as you are already aware, the Garrison here includes the 103rd Siege Battery, the guns of which are drawn by elephants. Recently, one of the elephants of this unit refused to tow its gun and was obviously sick, from what cause was not apparent until one of the Company's Veterinary Officers was called to examine it.

The Vet, after a brief discussion with the elephant's Mahout, soon announced that the elephant was undoubtedly suffering from severe constipation.

He proceeded to administer an enormous ball of medicine thickly coated with sticky brown sugar which the elephant swallowed with relish. Regrettably, however, little change in his condition resulted. Stronger and bigger balls of medicine was tried without success and the state of the unfortunate animal became serious".

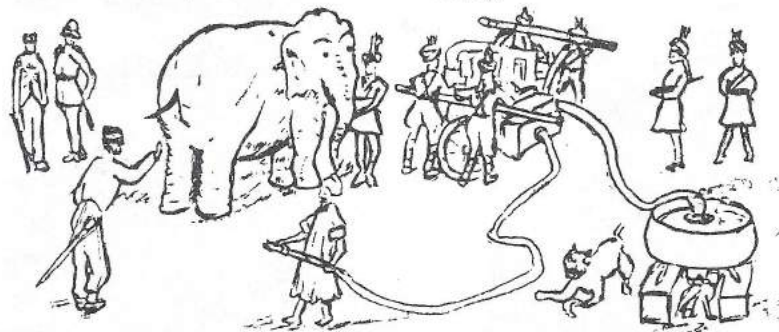
The Vet by this time had decided that more drastic measures were called for and considered that the only remedy was to administer an Enema; but how to do this and with what equipment was the problem. The East India Company's Veterinary Instructions certainly made no provisions for it. This was an unusual problem calling for the unorthodox. The Garrison Manual Fire Engine was, of course, the answer!"

The Vet had this filled up with a hot appropriate solution. After a further medicine ball containing a soporific drug had been administered, the nozzle of the fire engine pipe was carefully inserted into an increasingly apprehensive elephant and the squad on the fire engine were instructed to give a few strokes on the pump.

The effect on the elephant was electrical, instantaneous and terrifying. With one bellow of rage, and still maintaining his grip on the nozzle of the fire hose, he was off at full gallop down the main road; with twenty yards of hose pie and the Manual Fire Engine bouncing along behind. All I could get out of the Vet was: "It must have been too hot for him!"

And here I am with no fire engine.

Yours,



### 105 FIELD WORKSHOP RAEME SOLDIER'S DINNER

Was held on 1st December, 1992, at Oakleigh Barracks. In keeping with tradition, the invited guests were the OC and the ASM (Maj. John Edelsten and WO1 Dave Field, respectively.)

Also in attendance was Mr. Tom Money, the oldest ex-serving member of the Corps and WO2 Bob Smith

who was taking discharge after 20 years dedicated service. The Dinner is an event during which the Officers and SNCOs show their appreciation for the devoted service by the soldiers, by becoming Drink Waiters and Stewards for the evening.

The Soldier's Dinner will once again be held in NOV, 1993. (Refer photograph on Page. 10)  
Maj. Michael Newbond, OC 105 Fd Wksp RAEME

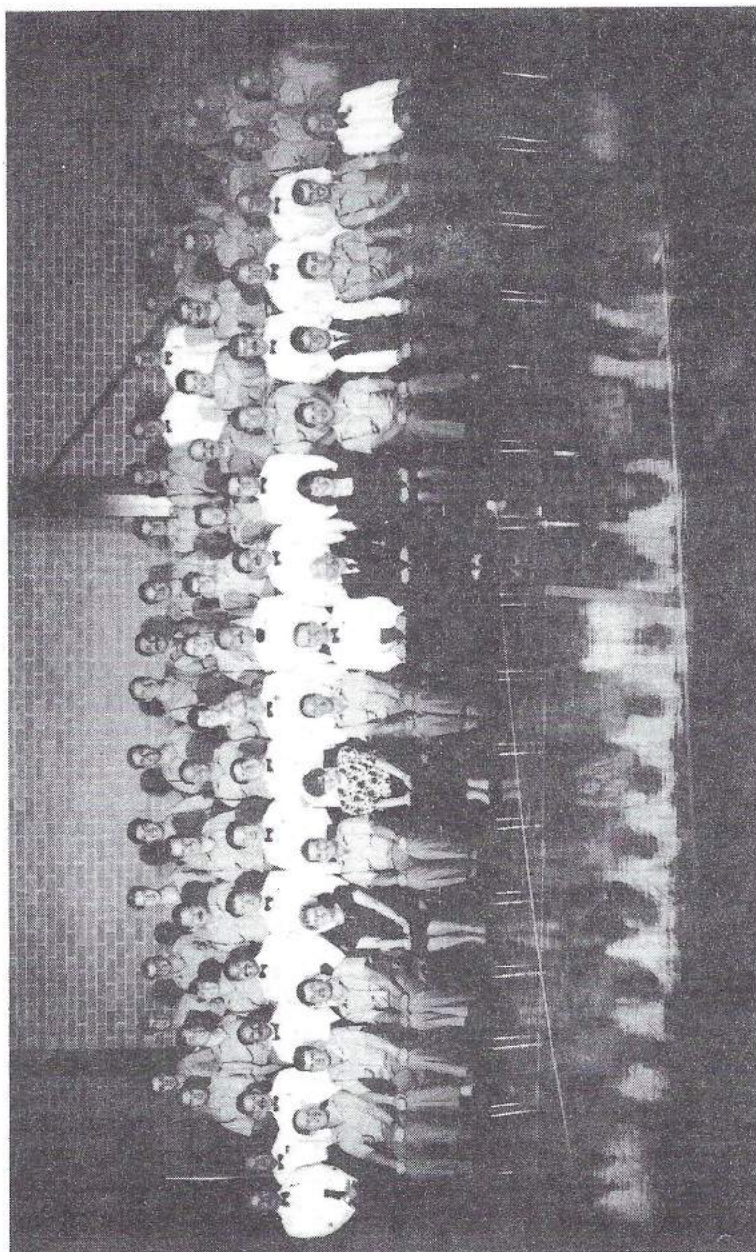




# 105 FIELD WORKSHOP

## Soldiers Dinner

### 1 Dec 1992



FRONT ROW (L-R)

CFN FITZGIBBON, CFN ANDERSON, CFN WHITE, MS MILLIGAN, CPL CARTER, CPL BROWN, CPL SPITERI, MAJ EDELSTEN (OC), MR MONEY, PTE FROST, CPL GOLDBERG, CFN MORPHETT, CFN LUTZ, CFN WILLIAMS, CAPT MILNER.

2ND ROW (L-R)

WO2 JOYCE (CSM), WO2 FERGUSON, WO2 LEWIS, CAPT NEWBOND, SGT SARIMAN, SGT MARSHALL, WO2 CARROLL, SGT DALY, SSGT IRONS, WO1 FIELD (ASM), 2LT PALMER, 2LT SIMONS, CPL GROVE, WO2 SMITH, SGT LAWSON, SSGT FREETH, CFN O'CONNOR, CPL GUERRA.

3RD ROW (L-R)

CPL O'SULLIVAN, CFN SIRUCKA, PTE FERGUSON, CPL PONTELANDOLFO, CFN CURMI, CPL HATHAWAY, PTE McKELVIE, CFN TOBSCHALL, CFN GRAHAM, CPL HOUSTON, PTE ZIMMERMAN, CFN JONES, CFN BROUGHTON, CFN MAHER, PTE ROCHE, LCPL NAUG.

BACK ROW (L-R)

CFN SHAW, CFN CHIN QUAN, PTE BUSHBY, CFN PHILLIPS, LCPL MOON, CPL HATZAKORTZIAN, CFN BARKER, CFN ROCHE, CFN KELAART, LT MOON, WO2 BUTLER, CPL RHODES, CPL HELLWIG, CFN CANNIZZO, PTE BROWN.



## REMEMBRANCE

A memorial to the late Edward George Honey was unveiled in Birdwood Avenue, Melbourne, near the Shrine of Remembrance at 1.30pm Friday, 7th May, 1965 by the Rt. Hon. The Lord Mayor of Melbourne, Cr. E. Lee Curtis.

The inscription reads:

In Memory of  
Edward George Honey  
1885-1922

A Melbourne Journalist who, while living in London first suggested the solemn ceremony of silence now observed in Remembrance of those who died in war.

## "LEST WE FORGET"

Born at St. Kilda, 18th September, 1885. Parents later resided at Lansell Road, Toorak. His father, Edward Honey, was a Melbourne Merchant.

Attended Caulfield Grammar School. Worked as a Journalist on the 'ARGUS' newspaper, before WW1, went to London where he became known as a brilliant Journalist on the London Daily Mail.

Enlisted in the Middlesex Regiment after the outbreak of the war but was soon discharged on account of ill health.

On the occasion of the Armistice on 11th November, 1918, the boisterous behaviour of the public and the noise of tin trumpets, crackers, etc., appalled him because those who made the supreme sacrifice seemed to have been forgotten. On 8th May, 1919, a letter in the 'London Evening News' under the pen-name 'Warren Foster' appealed for silence in memory of the war dead on the next Anniversary of the Armistice. This letter was written by Edward George Honey.

Some months later the suggestion was transmitted to His Majesty King George V by Lord Milner at the instistance of Sir Percy Fitzpatrick, a South African member of Parliament and an author.

It was adopted and has been observed ever since on the Anniversary of the Armistice, or Remembrance Day as it is known now.

Honey died on 25th August, 1922, and he was buried in Northwood Cemetery, England.

Just 46 years after his proposal was published, a memorial plaque was erected in his native city to commemorate his part in originating the most

## DAY SILENCE

impressive public tribute to war dead known to history. From "The Times" London, 7th November, 1919.

KING'S CALL TO HIS PEOPLE  
TWO MINUTES PAUSE FROM WORK

The King invites all his people to join him in a special celebration of the Anniversary of the cessation of war, as set forth in the following message:

Buckingham Palace

To all my people,

Tuesday next, November 11th, is the Anniversary of the Armistice which stayed the world-wide carnage of the four preceding years and marked the victory of Right of Freedom. I believe that my people in every part of the Empire fervently wish to perpetuate the memory of that great Deliverance and of all those who laid down their lives to achieve it.

To afford an opportunity for the universal expression of this feeling, it is my desire and hope that at the hour when the Armistice came into force, the 11th hour, of the 11th day, of the 11th month; there may be for the brief space of two minutes a complete suspension of all normal activities. During that time, except in the rare cases where this may be impracticable, all work, all sound, and all locomotion should cease, so that, imperfect stillness, the thoughts of everyone may be concentrated on reverent remembrance of the Glorious Dead.

No elaborate organisation appears to be necessary. At a given signal which can easily be arranged to suit the circumstances of each locality, I believe that we shall all gladly interrupt our business and pleasure that-ever it may be, and unite in this simple Service of Silence and Remembrance.

(Signed) GEORGE R.I.


"The Times" also records that there was an Empire response to His majesty's invitation.

(Extract from the Australian Army Apprentice's Assocn Newsletter, "THE CRUX" dated September, 1971. EDITOR.)



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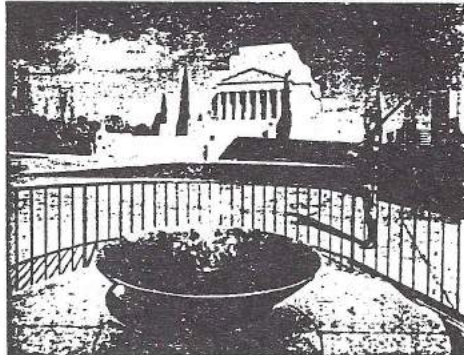
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COMMEMORATION MARCH  
MELBOURNE 1993



SHRINE OF REMEMBRANCE  
MELBOURNE  
The Eternal Flame

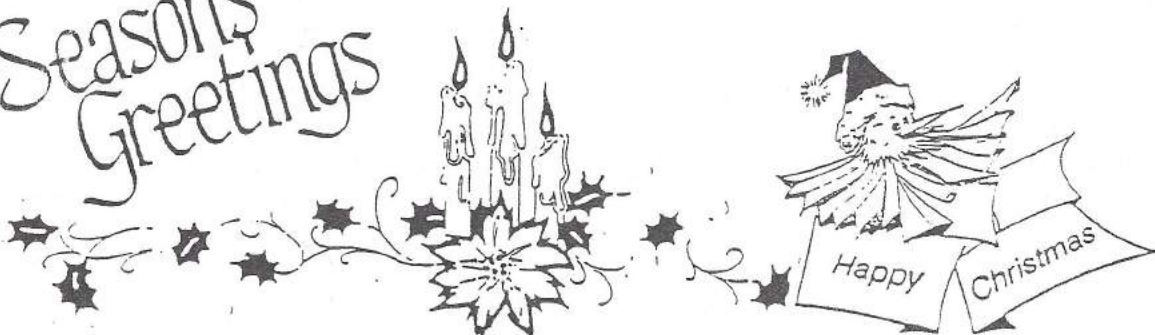
In front of this Cenotaph, surrounded by a protective railing the Eternal Flame burns continually in it's great bronze bowl. The Flame was lit by her majesty, Queen Elizabeth II, on 26th February, 1954, when in the presence of 100,000 people, she made her historic speech of dedication.

## PRESENTATION SET

\$39.00

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within Australia)

(An Assocn Video Order Form is enclosed.)

Seasons  
Greetings

From your Executive and Sub-Committee members, we wish you all a very happy, prosperous Christmas, safe holidays, and a bright forthcoming New Year full of happiness and good wishes.



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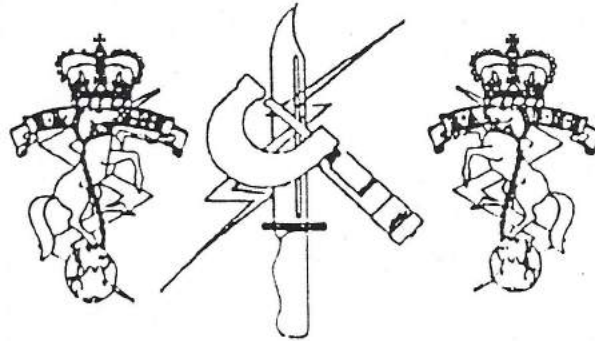
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## SOCIAL NEWS STOP PRESS

The Chapel St Luncheon as advertised for late February 1994 in this edition of the Newsletter is now postponed due to clash of Chapel St Commitments.

The Social Committee will follow this function up at a later date.

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## FARM DAY NOVEMBER 28th 1993

The Farm Day at Bill & Carol Slegers will commence from 10 am onwards, B Y O Food & Drinks don't forget Santa will be visiting, if you have a small child, bring a small present wrap & clearly name for Santa to hand out.

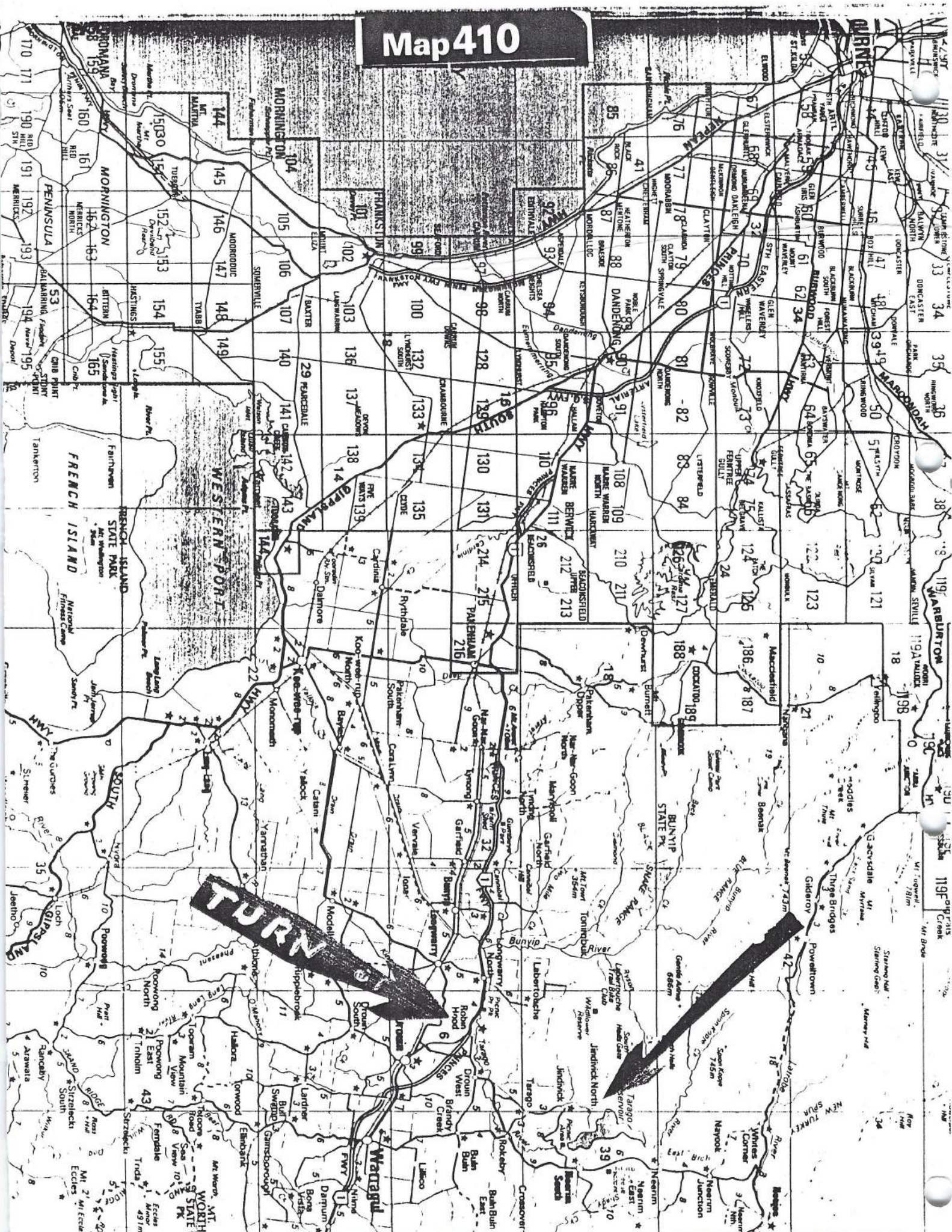
Directions:- Bill's Farm is Palmer Rd, Jindivick Nth, Phone No 056 285340, on the reverse side of this leaflet is a map,

Melways Map 410 B 5 Follow the Princes Highway to Nerrim Sth turn off this side of the Robin Hood Hotel/Motel

follow the RAEME AND VIETNAM TACK SIGNS to Bills Farm, look for Flag flying on the right hand side.



# Map410







## WHO ARE WE?

We are the Royal Australian Electrical & Mechanical Engineers (RAEME) Association (Victoria) Incorporated. (In short the RAEME ASSOCIATION)

## WHAT IS OUR PURPOSE (OUR MISSION)

In brief, to preserve the memory of those who have died on service, and to perpetuate the comradeship created by previous or current service in the Corps of AEME/RAEME during peace or war.

(Our formal statement of purposes is printed on the back of this sheet)

## WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO JOIN?

All male or female members, who are serving, or who have served in the Permanent or Part-Time Forces in the Corps of RAEME.

## HOW DOES THE ASSOCIATION CONDUCT ITS BUSINESS?

As an Incorporated body. All affairs of the Association are conducted strictly in accordance with the Constitution and Rules approved by the Registrar of Incorporated Associations.

The Association is managed by a committee of 10 members elected at an Annual General Meeting.

## HOW ARE ASSOCIATION MEMBERS KEPT INFORMED?

The Association's official publication "THE LIGHTNING FLASH" is distributed to all members on a regular basis,

It is full of relevant news and is the prime means of communication, supplemented by circulars as required.

## WE CURRENTLY HAVE 250 MEMBERS - WHY DO WE NEED MORE MEMBERS?

The answer is in two parts:

- (a) So that those currently outside of the Association are brought in so that they may derive the benefits of RAEME comradeship.
- (b) The more members the Association has the stronger it will be financially and therefore the more effective it can be in fulfilling its Purpose (Mission).

## WHAT DOES IT COST TO BE A MEMBER?

Fees are: Joining \$10.00

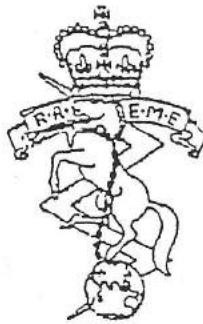
Annual Subscription \$10.00

## HOW DO I JOIN?

All current members have an Application Form so if you know a member he/she can provide you with an Application Form and help you complete it.

Then send the completed Application and \$20.00 to the Association's Secretary.





## Application for Membership of RAEME Association of Vic Incorp.

I, .....  
(Full Name of Applicant)

of ..... Ph: Home ..... Bus .....  
(Address)

..... desire to become a Member  
(Occupation) of the RAEME Association.

Last Serving Unit ..... Service No .....

Medals and Decorations .....

In the event of my admission as a member, I agree to be bound by the  
Rules of the Association for the time being in force.

..... / ..../ ....  
(Signature of Applicant) (Date)

I, ..... a Member of the Association,  
(Name) Nominate the Applicant, who is personally known to me, for membership  
of the Association.

..... / /  
(Signature of Proposer) (Date)

I, ..... a Member of the Association  
(Name) Seconded the nomination of the Applicant, who is personally known to me,  
for membership of the Association.

..... / /  
(Signature of Seconder) (Date)

Joining Fee \$

Annual Fee \$

Total paid \$

Date Paid .....



FRIENDLY REQUEST FROM THE SECRETARY TO \*\*\*\*\* ALL MEMBERS

When I was young and being educated by my family " *MANNERS* " were on a very high list of priority, I am also sure your parents followed the same approach.

Since, being involved with various clubs and more to the point our Association, it would appear to me that this very important part of our growing up and learning stage in life has been forgotten by many of us. This must be a blight on our parents .

Reason for this comment, Well as much and all as this committee does to request responses from the membership we seem to fail.

I was always taught to reply to an *RSVP* response, irrespective of my intention to attend.

Unfortunately the majority of our members seem to have forgotten what their parents taught them and ignore a request for an *RSVP* reply..

*QUESTION . How can we obtain better input from you the member to allow us, your committee to plan functions on your behalf and avoid either losses or cancellations on planned functions. ???????????*

We would appreciate your input by a reply to this note.

However, in the mean time please remember a lot of planning and hard work goes into organising any type of function and it is most frustrating when members fail to reply or support the function leaving your committee in a quandary and not knowing what to do , if we decide to cancel a function it obviously disappoints those who were courteous enough to let us know of their intention to attend.

TO MANY FUNCTIONS ARE CANCELLED BECAUSE OF LACK OF RESPONSE.

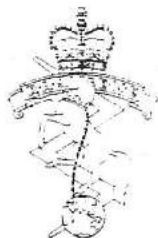
So when asked for a reply ( *RSVP* ) it means an answer either way would be appreciated, let us not forget our manners,

and Remember the old cliché " *COURTESY IS CATCHING* "

*This note is not directed to those members who regularly support and reply to our requests.*

Bruce Williams  
Secretary





## ORDER FORM

To:

The Convenor  
The RAEME Association (Vic)  
Historical Committee  
c/- 13 Erica Avenue  
GLEN IRIS VIC 3146

Please accept my Video Order(s) for

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | * | Qty | <input type="checkbox"/> | GOLDEN JUBILEE PARADE and<br>SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING<br>BANDIANA - 1992                                    | \$25.00<br>(incl postage) |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> | * | Qty | <input type="checkbox"/> | GOLDEN JUBILEE PARADE and<br>SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING,<br>ANZAC DAY COMMEMORATION<br>MARCH PRESENTATION SET | \$39.00<br>(incl postage) |

I enclose my \* ☐ Cheque      \* ☐ Money Order for the sum of \$.....

Payable to: THE RAEME ASSOCIATION (Vic)

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date / /19

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