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Presidents Report July 2004

It is with mixed feelings I report to the membership the passing of our Secretary **Ronald William Clifford**.

The mixed feelings being one of sadness at Ron's passing but also one of joy knowing his suffering is over.

Ron had many ups and downs over the past two and a half years, but his last several months were down, down, down! However, as always, Ron looked on the bright side, ever though he knew there was no way "back".

He had several weeks in Bacchus Marsh palliative care unit then he wished to go home where Norma nursed him until his passing on 2nd July 2004.



Over 300 people attended Ron's funeral held at Melton (where he lived) on 6th July from all walks of life including 20 odd of our members which made me feel very proud.

Ron was involved in many and varied organizations in which he served well, testimony to the work he did for our Association.

At Norma's request I was privileged to take part in Ron's service which I felt was a fitting farewell to Ron right down to the "Nutbush" tune leaving the Chapel. This being the tune Ron and Norma danced to when they first met.

Sincere condolences to Norma and Ron's extended family.

With the passing of Ron our Association is in need of a Secretary, please keep this in mind at our A.G.M.

Peter Cartledge *President*

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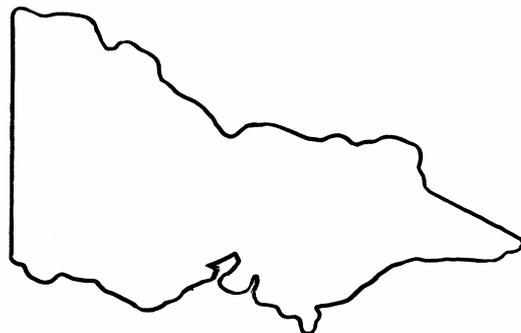
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How do you find out what is happening in and around the RAEME ASSOCIATION, or in fact RAEME? through 'The LIGHTNING FLASH' of course.

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT (Peter Cartledge)

With the sad passing of our Secretary Ron Clifford, the Secretary's Report will be included in the AGM President's Report.

Social Report

Our ANZAC eve reunion was held on Saturday 24th April which was a cold, damp night and this showed in our attendance. However, the 40 or so attendees enjoyed the night some staying over for the dawn service which is a very moving affair, followed by a sumptuous breakfast.

If **YOU** have not been to a reunion or a dawn service at Oakleigh Barracks may I thoroughly recommend both to you.

Coming up we have our Annual General Meeting at 1100hrs 29th August followed by a barbeque lunch and the showing of the video "The Australian Ex-Prisoners of War Memorial" the Official Opening and Dedication Ceremony on the 6th February 2004 in the Ballarat Botanical Gardens.

Melbourne Cup weekend we are looking forward to our trip to Merimbula. We have about 24 names for this weekend so there is plenty of room for yours or a friends name on the roll, so why not join us? Give us your names at the AGM or phone me at 9802 6406 or post your details to me at 8 Neera Court Glen Waverley 3150.

Please don't forget our Corps Dinner and the presentation of The Craftsman of the Year Award at East Malvern RSL Friday 26th November 1900 for 1930hrs.

Next year Melbourne Cup weekend we are guest of REME South Australia at Victor Harbour.

Put these dates in your diary and see if you are able to attend all of them!

Peter Cartledge
Social Co-ordinator.

WELFARE REPORT

Reg Cox

Ross Hope went into Cabrini Hospital for an operation to his shoulder – quite a lengthy procedure. Ross is now at home; his arm has to be elevated for many weeks.

Made a phone call to Ross Hope – Ross is home and his arm is angled up at 45°. The physiotherapist

works on the arm daily, with quite a few weeks to go with the treatment.

John Belfield had a total colectomy; he had a blocked bowel. His son Bill took John into hospital for tests and an operation to clear his condition.

On Tuesday 13th July Leonie Cartledge entered Cliveden Hill for an operation on her left hand. On Thursday 16th she returned home and the hand is now improving.

Reg Cox himself had a visit to Cabrini Hospital Day Procedure Centre and is now home and OK.

John Lee has visited Don McLeod in his nursing home. If you wish to visit Don please contact John Lee first. Don would love to see some of the old and bold.

Aranka Ilia attended hospital in June for an operation to her shoulder.

Max Moore spent time in Bellbird after he dislocated his left leg. He is convalescing at home.

Hazel Bailey is home from a stint in hospital with a broken bone in her foot; she was home for a day and then back with an angina attack.

Reg Cox
Welfare Officer



Membership Report

Gus Allen

Current Membership figures are:

Ordinary Members:	176
Life Members:	9
Associate Members:	20
Widows:	<u>26</u>
Total:	231

New Members

The President and Members would like to welcome our newest Members to the Association and look forward to seeing them at our AGM and other Social Functions.

BRIG David McGahey:
(*RAEME Head of Corps*)

Jack Asker
Gwladys Asker
Steve Borton



John Self

6 May

Ron Clifford

(Secretary of the RAEME Association (Vic))

2 July

Maurice (Ray) Cousins

22 June

Beryl "Berlie" Lorimer

14 July (wife of Lindsay)

COL. Peter Robinson MBE Rtd.

27 July

From the pen of the RAEME Colonel Commandant VIC/TAS Graham Smith

Already it is August again and time to look forward to the end of year RAEME activities.

For those of you who have RAEME men and women Craftsmen in your care, it is time to put their efforts forward for consideration for annual Craftsman of the Year.

Some of you may have heard that Brigadier Ross Grant has had to relinquish his appointment as Representative Colonel Commandant RAEME on his departure to England for a few years. I have agreed to assist by stepping up to the position from August of this year. I am hopeful that a permanent replacement in the form of Brigadier George Yakoub will then take over from me in about 12 months. Many of you know LTCOL Terry Beaton -he has graciously agreed to take over next as the RAEME COL COMDT VIC/TAS at a time yet to be determined.

The year has been very busy to date on many fronts.

- Those of you who were at the dedication of the POW memorial in Ballarat or have visited since will have experienced something very moving that is as deeply embedded in the Australian psyche as Gallipoli. If you haven't been to Ballarat it is well worth the effort for a family day out and the opportunity for a period of quiet reflection at the memorial.
- The pace of operations in far-flung, dangerous and inhospitable regions of the world continue unabated. RAEME soldiers feature prominently in all these deployments and continue the established traditions of professionalism and innovation. In addition, and often unsung, the support that is being provided from Australia aims to make those soldiers lives and the performance of their jobs easier and safer.

At the annual Victorian RAEME Association dinner last year I made an appeal for members to find members. I would like to remind you of that and further challenge every **new** member to get another **new** member. Why do I single out **new** members? I see this as a way to rejuvenate the association to enable it to grow into the future. It does not mean that we don't recognise the excellent job that older members have done; but it is time that younger RAEME members accepted the torch and carried it into the future.

Colonel F. B. Oldfield, the first CO of the Army Apprentices School

(Extracted from "RAEME Craftsman" Summer 2003/4)

Mrs G Chapman, the third daughter of the first commanding officer of the Army Apprentices School (AAS) has recently presented a duplicate set of his medals and military insignia to the Army Museum Bandiana. The medals are beautifully mounted and are displayed next to the honour board of all CO's of the AAS.



COL Oldfield

Frederick Bernam Oldfield was a soldier with an interesting career. He was born in Melbourne on the 19th September 1897 and enlisted in the Australian Imperial Forces on the 13th of October 1916, at 19 years of age. His civilian occupation was listed as "School teacher" and his enlistment form shows he had four years service with the school cadets. He served with a number of Artillery units as a Gunner and Lance Bombardier. He served in France where he was listed as wounded in action - gas poisoning. After six weeks recovering in Southampton hospital he returned to the front in France. His total service with the AIF was two years, 322 days of which two years, 112 days were shown as service abroad. He took his discharge in London on the 30th of August 1919, where he received the sum of sixteen pounds deferred pay. He was awarded the British War Medal and the Victory medal.

After his discharge he remained in England

where he gained degrees in Science and Education. After his graduation his first teaching assignment was at Trenton on Sea at a private grammar school. He returned to Australia in 1925, was married and spent some time as a resident master at St Peters College Adelaide before becoming resident master at Ballarat Grammar. He later taught at Scott's College Melbourne. He enlisted in the reserve forces and then moved to Sydney in the late thirties where he was employed as sub editor for the ABC. During this period he served with the Citizen Military Forces.

He re-enlisted in the AIF on 6th January '41 with the rank of Lt and was on his way by the end of January to serve with 1 Advanced Ordnance Workshop in the Middle East. He was promoted to Capt in March and continued to serve in the Middle East until March '42. From there he served in the South West Pacific Area until February 44. He was a foundation member of AEME and then RAEME. At the end of the war when he decided to return to civilian street he held the rank of T/LtCol. He was awarded the 1939/45 Star, Africa Star, Pacific Star, Defence Medal, War Medal 1939/45 and the Australian Service Medal.

Prior to the Second World War a situation had developed where it was not possible to enlist sufficient qualified tradesmen for the Army requirement. A scheme did evolve for the training of apprentices whereby apprentices were attached to large army workshops and attended civilian technical colleges. After the war in a period of expanding industry and full employment, competition for skilled labour and trainable youth was more acute than ever. Investigations commenced and it became evident that a comprehensive training scheme was required, one which provided both civilian and military qualifications.

The document setting out the case for the establishment of a military technical training school was titled "Military Board Agendum No 173/1947 of the 20th October 47 - Formation of an Army Apprentices School" over the signature S F Rowell, Lt General VCGS. The project was considered at a Military Board meeting of 29th October '47, after extraneous aspects of the establishment of the school had been considered

in more detail, the Honorable Cyril Chambers, Minister for the Army, gave his approval and within three months the school was founded.

In the meantime, Lt Col F B Oldfield, a technical officer and educationalist with eight years experience in two world wars and at the time conducting his own preparatory boarding school for boys at Wahroonga, NSW, was appointed the first Commanding Officer of AAS on 7 December '47. He immediately became deeply involved in the whole planning process with priority on locating a suitable site. The ideal site was seen as one that was isolated from camps and depots for adult soldiers.

In view of the limited range of choice, Balcombe had much to commend it. It was 36 miles from Melbourne, isolated but not too far from the city and with only two Army units, both schools, already established in the area. Accordingly, the Army Apprentices School was established at Balcombe and Lt Col Oldfield took up residence at Balcombe in February 48.



Balcombe gates

Selection of apprentices began in May and on 2 August the first intake of apprentices took possession of the camp which during the Second World War had received the battle tired United States First Division straight from action against the Japanese in the Solomons.

The camp was badly run down, it needed renovation, maintenance and extensions. Trained staff and more equipment were both in extremely short supply. Post WW2 reorganisation of the Australian Military Forces was taking place and competition for men and materials was keen.

The opening of the new school before accommodation and equipment were prepared

and before the establishment of trained instructors had been provided was a bold move.

Perhaps not altogether justified in the circumstances, but Lt Col Oldfield argued that an early opening would give substantial impetus to its completion as a going concern and the securing of the necessary staff. In addition, it was accepted that a good deal of self-help on the part of the first intakes of apprentices in setting up the camp was inevitable. Reporting on progress during the first twelve months, Lt Col Oldfield stated in August '48 that the total enrolment of apprentices for the year was 63.

Although it was decided to take the full planned intake of 150 in January '49, the CO expressed his relief that the actual intake was only 80, as building alterations had not even begun, furniture and floor coverings had not been supplied, staff had not been increased and the new number of students (80) seriously overtaxed available resources. It became common practice for apprentices to be tasked with all manner of jobs such as painting buildings, digging drains and this type of training was referred to as "Practical Engineering". In the CO's report dated 21 June '50 he stated "Our first intake boys (Electrical Trade Apprentices) will begin their last year's training without having set foot in a workshop or laboratory". During this period he was awarded the Australian Efficiency Decoration for his pre WW2 CMF service.

Times were tough, resources were scarce but when Lt Col Oldfield handed over command of AAS he had achieved excellent results and established the foundations for a school that supplied the Army with tradesmen for some 46 years. He was described as a wise and humble man of many and varied talents who was prepared to take what steps were necessary to ensure the initial success of AAS.

Lt Col Oldfield handed over command of AAS in July 52 and in September of that year he resigned from the army for the third time with the rank of Honorary Colonel. To make use of his journalist skills he was employed as editor of the *Mornington Post* for some years before he returned to Mosman where he taught at the TAFE until his death in October '62.

**The Hon. Mal Brough MP Minister for
Employment Services
Minister Assisting the Minister for Defence
Media Release
Saturday, 26 June 2004**

**MEDAL TO RECOGNISE SERVICE
IN DEFENCE OF AUSTRALIA**

The Howard Government has today announced the intention to establish a new medal that recognises volunteer service in the Australian Defence Force.

All relevant approvals are now being sought to allow the award of this medal. The Minister Assisting the Minister for defence, Mal Brough, said those who had served for a total of six years in the Australian Defence Force, regular or reserve, would be eligible and the medal would be backdated to recognise past service. "The Australian Defence Medal also reflects the fact that when serving in a modern Defence Force, it becomes difficult to discriminate between those who serve directly on operations and those who support those operations."

"The Australian Defence Medal reflects the fact that by serving in the Australian Defence Force individuals make a contribution to the national interest, whether they served the country on operations, or whether they remained in Australia in a support role." "The war on terrorism has redefined the notions of a frontline or even an easily definable Area of Operations." "Some tasks undertaken by soldiers, sailors and airmen remain invisible to the community at large but are very important to our nation's defence. These may include preparation and planning, intelligence and, indeed, other classified activities that for national security reasons can't be recognised by a specific award." "The Australian Defence Medal will recognise all of these circumstances of service."

"Mr. Brough said the Australian Defence Medal would be retrospective from the end of World War Two, in order to recognise that many people in the past had served their nation in a variety of forms, sometimes arduous, but had not been recognised by an operational medal. However, those who completed National Service would not be eligible unless they subsequently volunteered and completed the requisite six years volunteer service."

Six years reflects a length of time that we could be reasonably certain that most people would have completed the requisite training and experience in the Regular or Reserve forces, to be considered fully deployable should they have been called upon, "Mr. Brough said "We believe these conditions also give effect to a motion from the Returned and Services League who agree with our desire to further recognise ADF service."

"The implementation of the medal will be a significant undertaking and the issue of medals to past service men will take time. It is estimated that up to 400,000 ex-servicemen and women may apply for this medal,

"Mr. Brough said. "It is anticipated that once a design has been finalised and the medals have been struck, the issuing of medals could begin around middle of 2005."

"Operational and other demanding overseas service will still be recognised under the current arrangements. Processing and issuing of operational awards will take priority as the new Australian Defence Medal is being implemented."

Nonetheless, the Australian Defence Medal provides the Government and the Australian people the ability to recognise those servicemen and women who do volunteer and serve the flag in a variety of roles and are prepared, should the call come, to put their lives on the line", Mr. Brough said.

Australian Defence Medal

40,000 recognised with new medal

(from the Herald-Sun, 26 June 2004)

About 400,000 Australian men and women who served in the nation's defence forces during the past 48 years will be recognised with a new medal.

Assistant Defence Minister Mal Brough said today the Australian Defence Medal would be awarded to all who gave volunteer military service since 1946. People who have served in the Australian Defence Force (ADF) for six years in the regular or reserve forces will be eligible for the medal, which would be backdated.

It will not be given to "Nashos" who were awarded their own Commemorative Medal for National Service three years ago. But anyone who later spent six years in the regular armed forces would be able to apply, as would the next of kin of servicemen and women who died in combat or in training.

"It is recognition for personnel who served this country and the security of our country today and into the future by wearing the uniform," Mr Brough told reporters. "The period of six years has been chosen because it establishes a time when it can be reasonably assumed that regulars or reserves would have been in a position to have completed their training to enable them to acquit themselves on the battlefield - in other words to be deployable."

About 400,000 Australians would be eligible for the medals, which would be available around the middle of next year.

John Moore, coordinator of the lobby movement the New Medal Group, welcomed today's announcement even though the group had been seeking a medal which recognised two or more years' service.

"For the chief of the Defence Force and Minister to agree for ongoing people get a medal after six years is absolutely brilliant," Mr Moore said. "Right at the moment for a long service medal, if they didn't serve overseas, the first time they would get a medal is after 15 years' service." This meant those serving in East Timor had been recognised for their service, but support personnel, with many years of service in Australia, previously had been ineligible, he said.

Mr Brough today also announced 22 Australian veterans of Delta Company, who served at the Battle of Long Tan, had been granted permission by the Governor-General to wear bravery medals, offered by the South Vietnamese government 38 years ago. The awarding of the medals has been legal, but not the wearing of them, until today. "It's a small gesture to some very brave men who fought gallantly for Australia and richly deserve those awards," Mr Brough said.

And another, happier thread in the
tapestry of life:

CONGRATULATIONS



To Margaret and Ivan Royle
on their recent wedding

12th Intake Army Apprentices



Balcombe Jan 1957 - Dec 1959

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Reunion

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Our very own Welfare Officer Reg Cox on Anzac Day, 2004.

Unfortunately Reg couldn't find a bigger poppy

3 Recovery Company

Major Robert Hudson

2004 has been an eventful year for 3 Recovery Company. January saw the takeover of the new Commanding Officer, LTCOL Anthony Hambleton AM (RAACT), and a host of initiatives.

3 personnel departed on board alongside the Ships Army Detachment on board the Minoora for a round trip to New Zealand. On board they experienced Navy life and took over a number of tasks to keep them occupied.

Operation ANODE, the Solomons, offered a number of members of the Company an opportunity to deploy. Unfortunately dictates of civilian employment and circumstances were to see that cut back to one member, CPL Peter Zimmerman (RAAOC), who is due back by the end of July. CPL Helen Roberts (RAAOC) was to meet true frustration as she completed all of the pre-deployment training and requirements to see her position stood down.

The sea trip and the deployment were able to occur as LTCOL Hambleton does not differentiate between ARA and AARES.

January also saw three new ARA members march-in;

WO2 Sean (Bing) Lee as OPSWO, SGT Tony Clarke as Chief Clerk and CPL Sarah Harrison as TPT SPVR. Each in their own way are leaving their mark on the Company in a really positive sense – although many will argue against CPL Harrison's licence checks including road rules. WO2 Gavin Parker (AARES) has also marched in from 4CSSB to take over the CSM's position and CAPT Ron Chapman (ex ARA) as the 2IC.

January was also to see four more members graduate from the residential 2 Recovery Mechanic module and take their place as fully qualified members. These were LCPL Knowles and CFNs Foster, Dowel and Smith. Whilst CFN Dowel will think nothing of it. I do believe that she is the first female to complete the training.

This year has also seen an increase in the support aspects with PTE Rogers currently at Kapooka and the heading on a catering course, CFN Daley completing the Armourer's course at ALTC and spending time at Puckapunyal and DNSDC Sydney gaining experience, and CPL Hunter about to come on board as a vehicle mechanic. PTE Ketchell has also completed a period at Kapooka and will return to finish recruit training shortly.

In passing it is interesting to see that the AARES/ARA recruit training is no longer the same – with the ARA continuing on for further training after the first 45 days. It is also interesting to see that areas of training are being passed back to units.

A number of the Company deployed to Cultana on a BN Training Exercise (EX ARAKIS) that was to see a number of licences gained and some excellent training for the recovery dets.

SGT Danny Hayes returned from EX ARAKIS just in time to head North (with WO2 Lee as his Coee) and managed to spend 3 weeks (paid) sitting on the beaches of far North Queensland as the Company supported 10FSB on their water operations.

A number of the members have spent time with 4/19 Prince of Wales Light Horse gaining M113 licences and we now have LCPL Tim Knowles on Continuous Full Time Duty with the Leopards in Puckapunyal. This will lead to additional work on A Vehicles and also the opportunity for Company members to expand their licences.

This year has also seen WO2 Seccull take discharge and become a Chocko with 4 CSSB, CAPT Tony Moon (2IC) and WO2 Parkes (CSM) go inactive and SGT David Pratt and Andrew Moon medically discharged. 3 Recovery Company would like to thank each of these members for their dedication over the years and hopes that they will continue their association with the unit, and in 3 cases the Corps.

The Company's future lies in live tasking and standing in where the Contractors and DIDs cannot operate. The new CO is giving us every opportunity to do this and the ARA Cadre are working with him. I look forward to the rest of 2004 and 2005.

From a general Army point of view the Southern Region was given a presentation on the effects of Hardening of the Army on the AARES about a month ago. The concept being put forward at this time will see the AARES split effectively into two a Training Component and a deployable component. The deployable component will run on a five year cycle where the first 3 years will encompass recruit training, individual training and collective training and years 4 and 5 will be a ready to deploy/notice to move component. Providing competencies are retained the member will then be able to cycle in and out of the deployable component. There is a lot more work to be done on this but it looks to be the way of the future.

4 CSSB 105 WKSP COY NEWS

Captain Bob Butler, OC

2004 THUS FAR

This year as usual has been very busy, the Coy has taken part in the 4 Bde Ex Hamel, we provided FRT support to the Units at Puckapunyal and the remaining Coy members paraded at Broady for the two weeks. During the exercise we repaired approx 25 vehicles (including a 110 gear box change), provided recovery and VM support to the 2/10 drivers course and numerous weapon inspections and repairs were undertaken at the range.

Many members have taken opportunities this year to attend courses, mostly trade related, including outboard motor and chainsaws.

TRF

CSSB has had it's follow up audit and I am happy to announce that we are now an accredited maintenance organisation under TRF. We need to maintain this accreditation by following all procedures, conducting internal audits and maintaining the competencies of our tradesmen.

The Wksp will also maintain competency logs for the tradesmen out posted to 5/6 and 8/7 RVR, all their EMEFIXs must be sent to us for authority to repair locally of via JLU-V.

We are in the process of developing two library copies of EMEIs and RPSs, all floor copies of specific EMEIs are to be accessed via the intranet and only used for the duration of that specific repair task.

ARES Trainee Scheme

4 Bde are proceeding with this scheme and it is likely that the first intake will commence this financial year. A local agency will be used to provide the trainees, after the usual Army acceptance testing the lucky participants may be at Kapooka before Xmas.

Staff

The new Training WO (Ex Pommy) will start with us in late August, we will have to provide a training program to him to bring him up to speed on our way of doing things. His name is Colin Bell, he and his family will move from the UK on the 18th Aug. Colin will parade at Broady.

All other ARA personnel are parading at Oakleigh. We are getting an Elec tradesman posted in Jan 05, this will give the Wksp a full compliment of ARA.

Capt Beames has been moved from the Wksp to work for the OPSO as the Unit's Tech Adj, he will still parade at Oakleigh.

Starting next year I hope to have two weekends a month (where possible) available, this should allow greater choice for the ARES members and hopefully increase attendance. At least one weekend will be Wksp alone, this should enable increased productivity with fewer interruptions.

The Tradition Rolls On

(Continued from last Flash)

Remember the story of the WWII Vehicle and a dedicated AEME soldier & his family.

The story so far of the WWII vehicle, a 1942 Ford Jailbar completely restored to its original 1942 Army condition. (including the USA Army 1942 paint colour)

The Ford was fitted out with comfortable Lounge seats along the tray and used to transport disabled War Veterans in the ANZAC Day parade in Perth 2004.



As pictured below the Ford with RAEME Flags flying, and Ross proudly driving along with Don Horsley as

Co-Driver joined the ANZAC Day Parade through the main streets of Perth



The concept was such a great crowd pleaser that Ross was requested to make this an Annual event and it was suggested that he find more seats for next time as some of the other old Diggers would like to ride with him next Year.

A proud Ross Maggs with his Grandson behind the wheel, and Don Horsley (Don was President of the Victorian RAEME Association in the Nineteen Seventies) as seen in the picture below after a successful Parade.



Ross was heard to say "I am sure Dad (Jeff) was on the back with the other Diggers."

(Pictures courtesy of Ross Maggs)

RAEME Items Available

from your Association:

RAEME Logo Stickers 4 in. high, UV protected (both internal & external) **\$2.00 each**

Stubbie Holders Royal Blue with a 10cm high RAEME Logo on a white background, **\$6.50 each.**

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Tie Pins **\$ 6.50 each**

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with 11.5cm embroidered RAEME Logo,

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with 5cm Embroidered RAEME Logo

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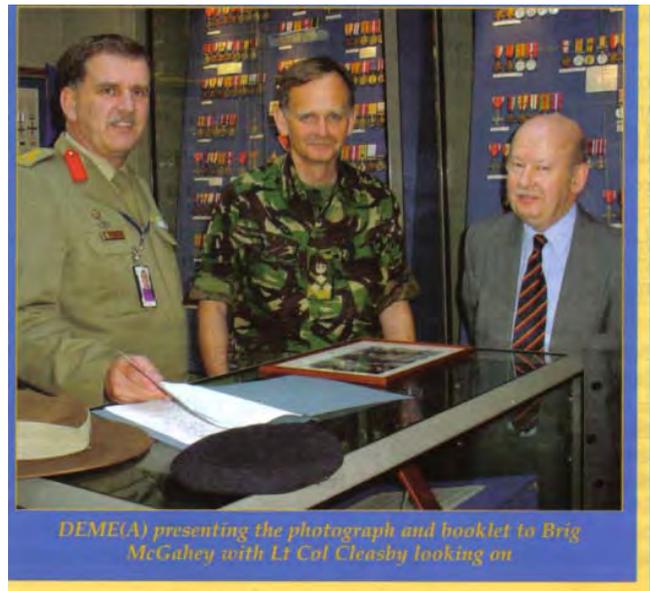
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Ladies Dress Brooch No. 2, \$40.00 each
Same style as Dress Brooch with:
A Silver on Gold plated cap size badge with gemstones embedded in the crest, flash and the safety chain Clasp, plus Corps coloured stones in the crown.

Contact Max Moore: (03) 9802 9128



Brig McGahey presenting the display mounted in the background to DEME(A)



DEME(A) presenting the photograph and booklet to Brig McGahey with Lt Col Cleasby looking on

Medals Galore

Visit of DEME(A) RAEME to the Corps Museum

On 24 March 2004, Brigadier D F McGahey CSC, Director of Electrical and Mechanical Engineers (Army), Corps of Royal Australian Electrical and Mechanical Engineers, accompanied by his wife, Susan visited the REME Museum

The main purpose of the visit was to present to the Corps a display of the Medals of Service awarded to the Australian Forces. The presentation, which was made in Medal Room of the Museum, was in recognition of the historical and professional links between the two Corps.

DEME(A), Brig S J Tetlow MBE ADC received the medals on behalf of the Corps and in turn presented DEME Australia with a framed photograph of Maj. Gen. Rowcroft DME War Office, Brig D R Duguid DME India and DEME Australia, Brig C A Geyton, which was taken on 1 February 1945 in Australia, during a visit by Gen Rowcroft to the Far East. He also presented a booklet containing the notes compiled by Gen Rowcroft, of the visit.

Also in attendance were Brig RIB Rickard, Comd REME Trg Gp; Col P T McCarthy, Regt Col; Director of the Museum, Lt Col I W J Cleasby (Retd) MBE and Maj P Williams, Australian Army Staff.

South Australia Branch (REME)

John E Freeland writes:



Pictured are three table pieces which I made on behalf of the branch. The small plaques are double sided and are placed on the centre of each dining table at functions, the larger badge takes pride of place on the executive table. These pieces came about after a get together with the RAEME Victoria Branch, every year our branches have a reciprocal arrangement hosting each other. Last year it was the turn of the Victoria Branch to host us, the 'Vies' did us proud with a real banquet. Each table was adorned with a silver horse rampant, minus the crown on its head. When asked why the crown was missing the reply came that it was too difficult to cut out. Later that evening our President, Derek Fairbrass approached me and asked if I thought I could do better - pictured is the end result

(Both articles from the REME Craftsman July 2004)

WANTED

COMMITTEE MEMBERS FOR
AUGUST 2004 - AUGUST 2005

POTENTIAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Serving RAEME, retired and recently Retired Corps members or approaching Retirement and planning to reside in Victoria. Nominations close on
MONDAY 16th AUGUST 2004.

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- AEME/RAEME and serving Corps members who are meeting the demands of providing a variety of support to Association members.

BENEFITS

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

CONTACT:

Secretary
THE RAEME ASSOCIATION (Vic) INC.
C/-Oakleigh Barracks 1318 North Road,
OAKLEIGH SOUTH VIC 3170

THE RAEME ASSOCIATION (Vic) INC**14th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

and

ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS

SUNDAY 29th AUGUST 2004
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 14th 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 2003/2004 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 2003 – 2004 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.

Acting Secretary

THE RAEME ASSOCIATION (Victoria) INCORPORATION
Incorporation Reg No. A 0022655Z

**NOTICE OF 14th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
and ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS**

11.00am Sunday 29th August 2004
Oakleigh Barracks, 1318 North Road, Oakleigh South

A G E N D A

1. ATTENDANCE
2. APOLOGIES
3. SILENT TRIBUTE – THE ODE
4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF 13th AGM 31 August 2003
5. BUSINESS ARISING
6. PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT
7. ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT
(In accordance with Association Rule 8. (4.B.))
8. SUB-COMMITTEES REPORTS
(In accordance with Association Rule 8. (4.B.))
9. ELECTION OF COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT FOR YEAR 2002 – 2003
10. GENERAL BUSINESS:
 - a. RAEME CORPS SHOP ITEMS
 - b. RAEME ASSOCIATION (Vic) INC. PROMOTIONAL ITEMS
 - c. ANY OTHER GENERAL BUSINESS AS RECEIVED BY THE SECRETARY
11. DATE OF 15TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
12. CLOSURE OF MEETING

Note: A meeting of the 'INCOMING' Committee of Management for the purpose of Election of Office Bearers for Year August 2004 – August 2005 will be held immediately after the conclusion of the A.G.M.

THE RAEME ASSOCIATION (Victoria) INCORPORATED
Incorporation Reg No. A0022655Z



SOLDIER AND CRAFTSMAN

NOMINATION FOR COMMITTEE MEMBER

I, (Proposer) Membership No.....
(Given Name) (Surname)

Street & Address:

..... Post Code:

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

Hereby nominate: (Nominee)
(Given Name) (Surname)

Date of Birth:/...../..... Membership No:

Street & Address:

..... Post Code:

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

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

Street & Address:

..... Post Code:

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

Second the above nomination.

Support reason for consideration: (Please be brief)

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I, (Nominee) Membership No.....
(Given Name) (Surname) accept the above nomination.

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

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

Received for inclusion in AGM Ballot:

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

