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Message from Head of Corps



Brigadier C. Sharp AM.CSC.

The new millennium brings many challenges to the Army and the members of the Royal Australian Electrical and Mechanical Engineers. New equipment, already in service and within the acquisition pipeline, brings technologies of greater variety and complexity than before. This will test the maintenance and engineering infrastructure in a time when monetary resources continue to be scarce. Other challenges emerge as all of us attempt to keep abreast of the many changes that have occurred over recent time. Changes to the familiar structures and processes within the Australian Defence Force challenge our self-

confidence and test our resilience. The changes will continue in the next few years with further improvements in command and control arrangements, acquisition and support structures and processes, training methods and force development and delivery strategies. All of these alterations are designed to improve the effectiveness and efficiency of our combat forces which will continue to play an active role in the security of Australia and the Region.

Against this exciting backdrop, I am very positive about the abilities, commitment and contributions of RAEME soldiers and officers bring to the Defence Force. In my travels over the past year, I have met many Corps members and each has impressed me with his or her knowledge of important issues and enthusiasm to provide service for Australia. There is no doubt that the Corps' greatest asset is its people and I am certain that the Corps has a bright future. I believe that it is appropriate to recognise the efforts of some of those people.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank and congratulate all members of the Corps who contributed and continue to contribute directly to stabilisation operations in East Timor. They have upheld the RAEME traditions of those who preceded them and we should be proud
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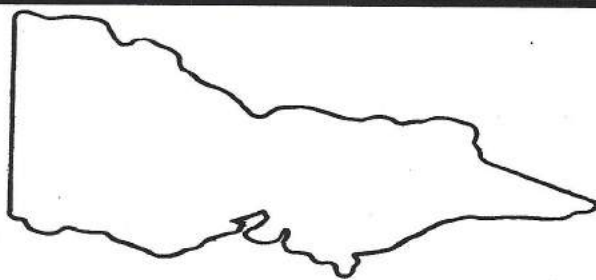
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Message from Head of Corps – Cont.
of their professionalism. I also extend my best wishes to their families who support them so well. I also pay tribute to those who were not able to deploy to East Timor but provided no less valuable indirect support from Australia. Although East Timor was in the spotlight, those who are overseas on other operations deserve due recognition and our support. I thank all those members for their contributions.

Turning to Corps matters, I wish to pay tribute to Brigadier Bob Millar who recently relinquished the appointments of Representative Colonel Commandant of the Corps and Colonel Commandant Queensland Region. A former head of Corps, Brigadier Millar provided outstanding leadership, guidance and friendship as the Corps transitioned through some of its more difficult times. On behalf of all members of the Corps, I thank Brigadier Millar for his dedication and service and wish him well in his business endeavours.

I am delighted to be able to welcome Colonel Larry Foley as the new Representative Colonel Commandant. Colonel Foley, who will retain his current appointment as Colonel Commandant NSW and ACT Regions is well known as a former Director of the Corps and I look forward to working with him in the future. Replacing Brigadier Millar as Colonel

Commandant Queensland Region is another former Head of Corps, Brigadier Ross Grant. Both bring a wealth of experience in serving the Corps and we are fortunate to have them in representative positions.

I would also like to pay tribute to a member who continues to serve the Corps in exemplary fashion and without whom the Corps would not be able to operate as it does.

Major Doug Gammon is providing excellent service with few resources. Many of you know of his long service to the Corps whilst in the full-time and part-time Army and many now see him when escorting the Banner around Australia. What many do not see are the numerous activities performed by Doug to assist me and keep the Corps machinery working. On behalf of the members of the Corps, I thank him for his tireless efforts.

In conclusion, it is my belief that the Corps remains a major building block of the Army and the Defence Force. It faces considerable changes in the new millennium and I am confident that it has the right skills, enthusiasm and determination to succeed.

Arte et Marte

(Courtesy of RAEME Craftsman magazine Autumn 2000)

HONORARY APPOINTMENTS

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ARMY APPRENTICE WEB PAGE



A Web page has been dedicated to the collection of email addresses of Army Apprentices. A good way to catch up with old Mates.

<http://www.bit.net.au/~crashman/index.html>

To have your name and address included email to
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Message from Representative Colonel Commandant



Colonel L.J. Foley

Once again it is my great pleasure and privilege to be writing to you through our Craftsman magazine, this time as the Representative Colonel Commandant for the Corps. My first duty must be to thank my predecessor, Brigadier Bob Millar, for perhaps his last major contribution to the Corps as its Representative Colonel Commandant. He was the DGEME in the late 1980s, Commander of 5MD in the early 1990s and Colonel Commandant 1 MD and Representative Colonel Commandant for the Corps until the end of last year. Few soldiers have contributed as much to their Corps as Brigadier Millar. On your behalf and on behalf of his Corps, I thank him.

My association with the Corps stretches back more than forty years now. To say that I have seen some changes over that period of time would be a gross understatement. However, some things have not changed – and one of these, perhaps the most important, is why the Corps was formed and why it exists in its present form.

From the time of its inception in the midst of great threat and uncertainty during World War II to today, and through changing technologies and equipment, the role of the Corps has remained constant. This was perhaps best expressed soon after World War II ended by one of the great commanders of that conflict, Field Marshal the Viscount Montgomery, when

he said "... (the Corps) exists in fact to keep the punch in the Army's fist. The hitting power of an Army lies in it being maintained at full strength in men, weapons and equipment. The only way its needs of weapons and equipment can be met is by recovering, repairing and returning to units within a matter of hours every possible gun, tank and vehicle." His statement of the role of the Corps is as valid today as it was fifty-plus years ago.

It behoves us all to ensure that we remain committed to that role and that equipment is returning to user units in the most reliable condition that time and circumstances allow.

I wish you happy soldiering and hope you are enjoying your service as much as I enjoyed mine.

Arte et Marte

(Courtesy of RAEME Craftsman magazine Autumn 2000)

Message from Honorary Colonel Commandant Southern/Tasmanian/Central Regions



Colonel J.C. Wilson

As the Honorary Colonel Commandant Southern/Tasmanian/Central Regions, I see my responsibilities as outlined in Corps Instruction No. 7. In particular, the duties of fostering of an Esprit-de-Corps and the general welfare of members of the Corps of RAEME are of high importance to me.

**Message from Honorary Colonel
Commandant Southern/Tasmanian/
Central Regions – Cont.**

The term "Members of the Corps", applies to all serving and retired soldiers because we aim to maintain the connections which have often been built up over a lifetime of service in RAEME. The partners of the Members of the Corps are also important to us as they have given valuable support both in good and bad times and also enjoy renewing acquaintances whenever the opportunities arise.

We have an excellent support service through the various RAEME Associations that are very active in all the Australian states. If you know of members who are not on your mailing lists then please bring it to my attention or inform the appropriate secretary. Each year we hold functions in our Associations and various messes where serving, retired members and partners are encouraged to attend. We wish to continue these functions and your support is required to make them successful.

In line with popular trends, resulting in economies from integration, we find that RAEME is now only a shadow of its previous size. It fits well into the integrated logistical concept because of the calibre of our members. Perhaps more than ever we need a Corps focus for the technical speciality of our responsibility to the Army. We need to draw on the technical experiences of our colleagues, past and present, to ensure that we do not repeat mistakes of the past and to dissipate experiences from the present to improve our efficiency. The correct training of personnel to ensure they can function correctly in the field and maintain the Army's ever more technically complex equipment is a matter that requires a strong Corps input as we are the most appropriate agency to offer this advice.

It is also very important to promote and encourage our Corps members. Each year we have several awards for Craftsmen, Senior NCOs and Warrant Officers and Officers. It is the responsibility of those

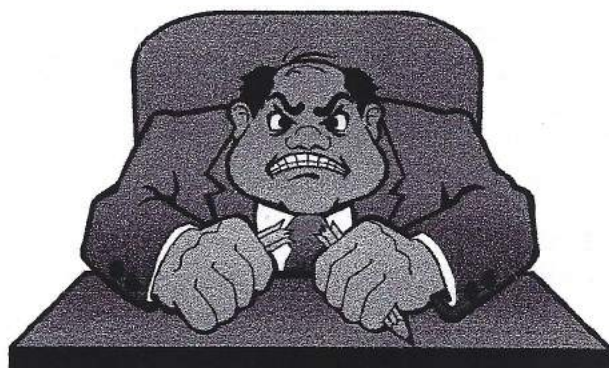
nominations when talent is displayed. It may take a little time to complete the paperwork but you will be justly rewarded if your nomination receives an award. Please keep submitting the nominations because they are very important to those who are successful in winning an award.

Please contact me by phone, fax or e-Mail if you would require assistance or wish to discuss Corps matters, my details are:

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PRESIDENT's COLUMN



Since our last issue of 'The Flash', we have had a most successful ANZAC Eve Reunion, Dawn Service, ANZAC March and luncheon after the March. There were several new faces in the crowd which was most pleasing.

The Dawn Service was well attended even though the temperature was well down, however, the laced coffee served to keep out the cool air!

It was great to see Geoff and Nancy Maggs who were able to attend the 'after March' Lunch even though Geoff was not well. He is a little better now, he still has a long way to go before he is right again and giving his usual helpful suggestions and a little cheek!

(President's Column – Cont)

You will have noticed that our weapon collection is now back in place at Oakleigh Barracks with a couple more new additions to be added.

From the advertisement below in this 'Flash' you will see we are about to revive the Corps Shop and the RAEME Decal with the view of helping our members and other serving and retired members with Corps items and to help with our Association Funds.

Our May Committee Meeting was held at the ALTC Sergeant's Mess Gaza Barracks South Bandiana. This was well attended by your committee, together with several Provincial Representatives and local members – faces we have not seen for some time. Thanks must go to Lt Col Harry Hawson CO 4 BASB for providing our transport from Melbourne, WO 1 Geoff Abbott PMC ALTC Sergeant's Mess for the use of his Mess and accommodation; also to Elaine and Brian Tingwell for their efforts to make the weekend a great success.

From the Agenda for the forthcoming AGM, you will see we are proposing to raise all

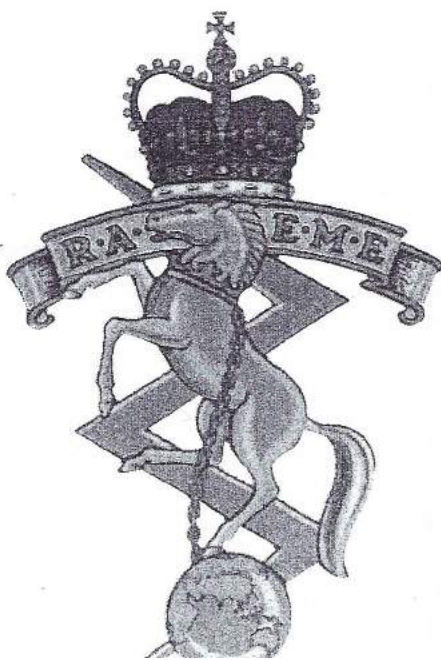
Membership Subscriptions due to the rising administrative costs. I can assure you that we have looked at all ways to "trim the cloth" but we have been doing this for the last three years and there is no more "cloth" to trim. Please bear in mind it has been 5 years since the last increase. I hope you will look on the increase as being necessary and vote accordingly.

I trust I will see many smiling faces looking my way at the AGM on Sunday 27th August 2000 at 1100 hrs. sharp! followed by a B.B.Q. Lunch. We are able to seat over 80 in the Model Room so be early or you may need to stand!

I am sorry to report that our old mate Jack Westernhagen had a heart attack recently and I expect to receive his resignation as our Secretary. As you would realise we must take some of the load from Jack, so I must ask again for a Secretary, the matter is now most urgent. I am sure Jack will school somebody into the job so what about it members, please give this matter some serious thought.

PETER CARTLEDGE, PRESIDENT

RAEME ASSOCIATION VIC CORPS SHOP ITEMS



Remember the old Decal. We are looking to reintroduce them at \$4.00 RRP. Plus we intent to stock selected items from the old Corps Shop.

- **BOMBER STYLE NAVY BLUE JACKETS** with a 10cm high embroidered RAEME crest, sizes S to XL. Cost \$45.00 plus postage.
- **POLO SHIRTS** in navy blue or white and have a navy collar with Corps stripes. Sizes S to XL. Cost \$27.00 plus postage. Both Jackets and Shirts can be embroidered in three styles.
- **BASEBALL STYLE CAP.** These are royal blue with a 5cm high embroidered RAEME crest. Cost \$15.00 plus postage.
- **ASSOCIATION LAPEL BADGE.** A 2cm high RAEME badge with Association scrolled below. Cost 10.00 plus postage.
- **LADIES RAEME PENDANT.** A full motif RAEME badge suspended a gold 45cm snake chain. Cost \$17.00 plus postage.
- **LADIES DRESS BROOCH.** A cap size badge silver plated with gemstones embedded plus safety chain and clasp. Cost \$40.00 plus postage.

All these items can be seen on our web site.

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SECRETARY'S CORNER



BATTLE FOR AUSTRALIA, WEDNESDAY

16th SEPTEMBER 2000 – In September each year, an Annual Tri-Commemoration Service is observed at the Shrine of Remembrance, Melbourne on the first Wednesday of that month to honour the courage, sacrifice and service of Australians who defended Australia from invasion by the Japanese Empire in 1942.

This year it will be held on 16th September, all members who saw service in the South-West Pacific Theatre of WW II are reminded to keep the above date free on your calendar. The Forming Up Point (FUP) is at the steps to the forecourt of the Shrine just off St. Kilda Road opposite Victoria Barracks at 10.30am. Members are requested to wear their medals and decorations, look for the Association Banner.

NOMINATION FOR COMMITTEE 2000-2001

Once again the time is approaching when you, the members, are asked to elect an Incoming Committee of Management for the next term. This Association can only survive if its members are prepared to offer their services for the next 12 months or more, if that is your desire.

Please don't leave the load to rest upon the shoulders of the few faithful and dedicated members, who, until now, have been doing a sterling job on your behalf.

Nomination Forms for 'Incoming' Committee are included in this issue of 'The Flash'.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP PRESENTATION – Once again it will be the privilege of your present Committee of Management in accordance with Association Rule 25 to place before you, the members, at this AGM the nomination of one of our members for Life Membership.

All members, especially fellow Life Members, are asked to make a special effort by attending the AGM 2000.

FUNERAL KIT – The attention of all members and their N.O.K. are advised that the RAEME Association (Vic) Inc. has now introduced a Funeral Kit, consisting of a Slouch Hat (complete with Rising Sun, RAEME Hat Badges and Pugaree) an Australian National Flag and a .303 Lee Enfield Bayonet (courtesy of the late Reg Jenkins Dec).

These items could be placed upon the casket of the Deceased member (if it was his last request), or upon the request of the Deceased Member's N.O.K. This Kit can be made available at the Funeral Service of the Deceased Member by contacting the Association's Welfare Officer.

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

WANTED URGENTLY – TREASURER

Aranka Illia has served as our Treasurer for the past 10 years and will not be standing for re-election as she needs a break. However, she will be available as consultant to her successor. Any volunteers???

WANTED SECRETARY

- After much deliberation since the recent change in my state of health, and at the request of my family, having served the Association faithfully for the past 7 years as your Secretary, I will not be presenting myself for re-election for a further term as your Secretary. I wish to thank all members for your much appreciated support and encouragement during my long term of Office in our Association. The Office of Secretary was not so much a burden but

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one that I gave wholeheartedly of myself in ensuring members, and potential members, should join this Association and keep the Esprit-de-Corps alive.

I look forward to seeing your happy faces at future functions.

JACK WESTERNHAGEN, SECRETARY

MEMBERSHIP SUB-COMMITTEE



A cordial welcome is extended to our three new Ordinary Members – Raymond White (M'Ship No. 332 of Narre Warren), Wilfred Turner (M'Ship No. 333 of Wodonga), and Jason Cassar M'Ship No. 007 of Thomastown), with a possibility of a further 4 new Members' Applications to be processed on receipt.

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

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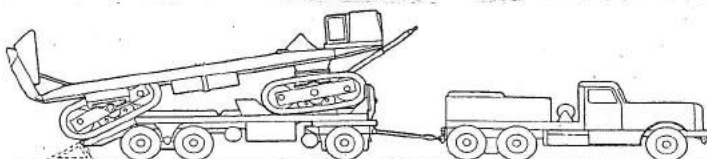
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WELFARE & BETTERMENT REPORT



Anne SNOWBALL – The widow of the late Derek Snowball of our Chapel Street days, has been admitted to the Peter James Centre since our last "Flash", and is now home again progressing very well.

John SELF – Recently underwent a hip replacement operation at the Epworth Hospital, Richmond. He is home again and doing well.

Geoff MAGGS – One of our Life Members' and Past President of this Association for 10 years, has had a nasty attack of Shingles, but is recuperating very well under the loving care of his wife Nancy.

Jack WESTERNHAGEN – On 23rd April I received a call from our President Peter Cartledge who informed me that our Secretary had been admitted to the Dandenong Valley Hospital with a suspected heart attack and diagnosed as having had a Coronary Angina attack. On 29. 4.2000 Jack was diagnosed as having three blocked arteries in the lower heart region. Fortunately this can be treated by medication and a By-Pass Operation is not visualised at this stage. Jack, all members of our Association look forward to your quick recovery and to seeing you at our A.G.M. in August.

Barry RIDGWAY - Has been hospitalised again with Gall Bladder trouble. He has arrived back home again and was sorting out all the side effects from a great number of different medications he had been taking. We wish Barry well for a quick

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Doug & Thelma BRAZIER – Both members had an enjoyable holiday break of 20 days at Bendigo. I advised Doug that on his return from Bendigo, he would have to carry Thelma across the threshold, a lovely tradition.

Aranka ILLIA – on 13. 5.2000, I visited Aranka's home and assessed that certain Home Help Jobs were required i.e. 2 external doors to be shortened, reset 2 hinges, fitted a pad lock to door jams and the floor, adjust and fit new washers to all water taps jobs yet to be done.

John (Darky) EDWARDS – On 16. 6.2000, I rang John who had been admitted to Dandenong South Hospital after a bad fall at home breaking his hip and causing him a lot of pain.

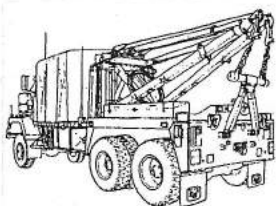
Leonie CARTLEDGE – the wife of our President on 26th May, had an operation to her right thumb which requires having to be strapped for several months to come.

Mal DRECHSLER – Mal has an enlarged Aorta Valve in the heart and is now booked into the Warrigal Hospital for Open Heart Surgery on Wednesday 26. 7.2000 which could take 6 – 8 weeks for him to recover after the operation.

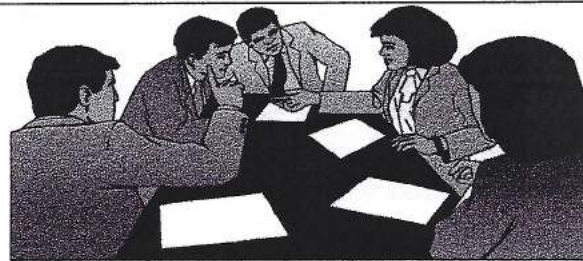
Max MOORE – On Saturday 8. 7.2000, was admitted to the Box Hill Hospital overnight having damaged the top of his right ear in performing a good Samaritan act for a friend.

To all our many friends on the Sick List (and we appear to have a few at this stage) we wish you all a quick recovery and look forward to seeing your happy faces at our A.G.M. in August.

REG COX, WELFARE OFFICER



SOCIAL REPORT



What a great time we had over the ANZAC period. We had 65 members and guests at our Annual ANZAC Eve Reunion, and apart from 'Stand To' there was not a lull in the conversation.

ANZAC Day saw over 30 sit down for Lunch after the March, then homeward bound, buggered – a great time!!!

Our May 20th Committee/Provincial Representatives Meeting was held at Bandiana, with transport courtesy of 4 BASB. A most enjoyable Lunch provided by Elaine Tingwell and Dinner Saturday night in the ALTC Sergeant's Mess, followed by a good game of snooker, a tour of the Officer's & Sergeant's Messes was an eye opener. The Officer's Mess has the 4 Corps Banners stored on display in a glass cabinet, which makes a very nice backdrop to the Mess. Overnight accommodation was provided in Gaza Barracks South Bandiana. A cooked Breakfast on Sunday morning, was by courtesy of Elaine & Brian Tingwell also.

As you will see our AGM is in August, followed by the usual B.B.Q. Lunch for members, partners and families. Please come and join in – the company's terrific.

RAEME 2000 MILLENNIUM REUNION –

A Reunion of past and present members of 105 Fd Wksp, 3 EME Svcs, 301 Fd Wksp and 4 BASB Wksp will be held on Friday 20th October 2000, commencing at 7.30 pm in the Oakleigh Barracks Drill Hall and the OR's Mud Club. See flier enclosed.

RAEME BUFFET DINNER - The next function in the pipeline is to be a Buffet Dinner for ALL serving and retired

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members of the Corps and their guests to celebrate the Corps 58th Birthday on Friday 1st December, 2000 at the East Malvern RSL. Please keep this date free – more details in the November edition of the 'Flash'. The cost will be around \$36.00 per head.

PETER CARTLEDGE, CONVENOR

THE RAEME ASSOCIATION (Vic) INC.

W A N T E D

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS FOR
2000 – 2001**

POTENTIAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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COMMITMENT

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THE RAEME ASSOCIATION (Vic) INC. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING and ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS

SUNDAY 27th AUGUST 2000
Model Room, Oakleigh Barracks
1318 North Road, OAKLEIGH SOUTH
(Note: Please be seated by 11.00am.)

TO ALL MEMBERS . . .

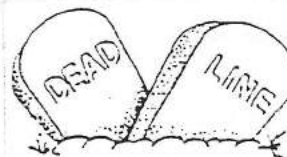
In accordance with Association Rule 8 (1) the above notice has been served to remind you of the 2000 Annual General Meeting date.

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 1999/2000 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 2000 – 2001 are now due and can be paid at the conclusion of this A.G.M. It should be pointed out that all Membership Categories (except those of Life Membership of the Incorporated Association) are liable for the above dues.

JACK WESTERNHAGEN, SECRETARY



Material for the next issue of 'The Flash' must reach the Editor not later than:
23rd OCTOBER 2000

Member's
Profile



Jack Leonard WESTERNHAGEN

Jack was born in Newcastle, N.S.W. on 26th May 1933. He was educated at various Sydney Public Primary & Secondary Schools. On 26th July 1949, he enlisted in the ARA, as a 3rd Intake Apprentice Vehicle Mechanic at the Army Apprentices School Balcombe, Victoria. Upon graduation in July 1952, he was posted to S Comd Wksp RAEME, Broadmeadows (later redesignated 3 Base Wksp), then saw service at Bandiana Area Wksp (redesignated Bandiana No. 4 Shop) and Puckapunyal Area Wksp. In 1955, being successful at the Potential Instructors Course Central Instructor's School, Kapooka N.S.W. he was posted as a Regt Duty NCO/RAEME Corps Instructor with 'Delta' Composite Coy (RAAOC/RAEME), 20th NS Trg Bn Puckapunyal. In November 1956, he was transferred to Ingleburn Area Wksp until the expiration of his 9 year ARA engagement on 26th July 1958.

On discharge, having married his wife Mary (a Victorian girl), they returned to Melbourne to set up house and raise a family of 5 girls and 1 boy. Jack originally enlisted in 106 Inf Wksp (under then Maj (later Lt Colonel Don MacLeod) at Chapel Street, East St. Kilda on 15th August 1958 (here he renewed friendship with many of the National Servicemen he had trained at Puckapunyal). He saw further CMF service with 8/13th VMR (APC) Regt Wksp, 105 Inf Wksp and 3 Base Wksp (CMF Component)

1964 as an Admin Officer. Reposted once again to 105 Inf Wksp until May 1965, when he was seconded to ARA/CMF (Full Time Duty) serving until May 1966 as Admin Officer RAEME Depot Staff Chapel Street before being posted as QM 1 Medium Wksp Broadmeadows. His next posting was as Training/Admin Officer 3 Base Wksp Broadmeadows until Sept 1968. He was then posted as Admin Officer AHQ (Melb) Albert Park Barracks until cessation of CMF (FTD) in May 1974 and was once again reposted as Adj/QM 105 Inf Wksp Chapel Street. He transferred to the Reserve of Officers in Sept 1974 after a service of 24 years in the Corps of RAEME.

On 24th April 1991, Jack joined the RAEME Association (Vic) Inc. and volunteered as a Committee Member. He was elected Secretary, Historian and Editor of the Association's Newsletter, positions in which he has served continually since 1991 – 2000. Jack is a well known personality within the RAEME Corps and for his liaison with AEME, RAEME Vietnam, RAAOC, RAASC/RAC, RAE Associations in Victoria and AEME/RAEME, RAEME and REME Associations interstate.

For the past 5 years, Jack has been researching into the History of RAEME CMF in Victoria 1948 – 1970.

People in the News

Hazel & Les BAILEY – On April 27th, the happy couple celebrated their 65th Wedding Anniversary with Lunch at the Chelsea RSL, surrounded by family and friends. Sincere best wishes goes to the happy couple from your many RAEME Association friends.



Ross and Margaret Hope (nee Long) - Our Jovial Committee Members tied the wedding knot on 1st April 2000. Best wishes to you both for your future happiness together.

THE CORPS MARCHES

There is no record of official approval for an AEME march during the years of World War II, but it seems that the RAEME march was used. At first this was "WHISTLE WHILE YOU WORK" from the Walt Disney film Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs. Of this, Brigadier J.C. Dean OBE. Retd. has written that for those who served in the Western Desert it brought memories of the seven big Scammel Recovery Vehicles (named after the seven dwarfs) that trundled along the road from Bardia to Cairo rescuing wrecked tanks. Later REME changed their march to an arrangement of Lilliburleo and a French tune, Aupres de ma Blond. AAO 91, August 31st, 1953, gave approval for RAEME to do likewise.

At a DEME conference in 1959 the march was discussed and a conclusion reached that the traditional link with REME should be maintained, RAEME ought to have a march of its own. This started a search for an alternative to Aupres de ma Blonde. Many suggestions were made but there was no success until Lt Colonel A.R. Newman (Director of Music, AHQ) overheard a remark at the Army Apprentices School Officer's Mess Balcombe that RAEME were the Army's backroom boys. This reminded him that there was a modern song called 'See What the Boys in the Back Room Will Have' so he made an arrangement of it. It was tried with Southern Command Band, presented to the 1961 DEME Conference, and recommended to Army HQ for approval. Copyright clearance for the use of these tunes was obtained and it was then approved on August 31st, 1967 (AAO No. 61).

The RAEME Slow March, which was approved by Army Office in 1992, is the subject of Corps Instruction No. 29, Issue 1, March 1992. The march is a special arrangement of 'The Harmonious Blacksmith', a melody written in 1720 by the renowned German composer George Frederick Handel (1685-1759). Musically the composition is particularly appropriate for a Corps of soldier craftsmen because it embodies the tempo and atmosphere of the busy workplace.

Corps Instruction No. 29 states that:

The RAEME Slow March is to be played on RAEME Parades, particularly during the March Past in Slow Time and with the approval of the Parade Commander, on other occasions where a formed body of RAEME troops are parading as part of a composite parade.

Lilliburleo

Arr. Lieutenant Colonel R.A. Newman MBE



The Boys in the Backroom



The Harmonious Blacksmith

Arr. Lieutenant R.T. King



NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING and ELECTIONS
SUNDAY 27th AUGUST 2000

A G E N D A

1. ATTENDANCE
2. APOLOGIES
3. SILENT TRIBUTE – THE ODE
4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTUES OF AGM 29. 8. 1999
5. BUSINESS ARISING
6. PRESIDENT'S REPORT
7. ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT
(In accordance with Association Rule 8.(4.b).)
8. SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS
(In accordance with Association Rule 8. (4.b.)
9. INCREASE IN ALL MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS
10. REISSUE OF ASSOCIATION RULES
11. RAEME REUNION OF ALL PAST MEMBERS
12. RAEME CORPS 58th ANNIVERSARY DINNER 1st DECEMBER 2000
13. AWARD OF LIFE MEMBERSHIP
13. ELECTION OF COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT FOR 2000 – 2001
(In accordance with Association Rule 8. (4.b.)
14. GENERAL BUSINESS
 - a. RAEME CORPS SHOP SALEABLE ITEMS
 - b. REINTRODUCTION OF RAEME CORPS DECAL
 - c. RAEME ASSOCIATION PROMOTIONAL ITEMS
 - d. ANY OTHER GENERAL BUSINESS
15. DATE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2001
16. CLOSURE OF MEETING

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2000 MILLENNIUM REUNION

PAST AND PRESENT MEMBERS OF:

3 EME SVC'S, 105 & 301 FD WKSP, 4 BASB WKSP

ADDRESS: DUNLOP BARRACKS (FORMALLY OAKLEIGH BARRACKS) 1318 NORTH ROAD SOUTH OAKLEIGH

LOCATION: DRILL HALL & MUD CLUB

DATE: FRIDAY 20TH OCTOBER, 2000

TIME: 7.30 P.M TILL LATE

COST: \$10 PER PERSON

I ----- WILL / WILL NOT BE ATTENDING

I WILL / WILL NOT REQUIRE ACCOMMODATION FOR THE NIGHT

IF SLEEPING IN JUST BRING SLEEPING BAG AND PILLOW

PLEASE RETURN THIS PORTION BACK TO:

CPL EDDIE (ALF) HATZAKORTZIAN

TUESDAY NIGHT PARADES 4 BASB WKSP DUNLOP BARRACKS

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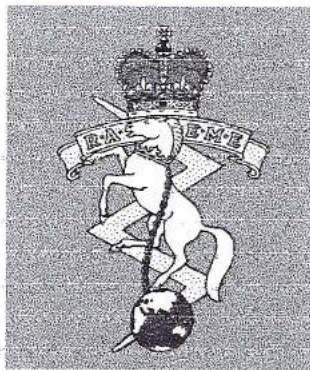
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NO LATER THAN 1 OCTOBER 2000

58th RAEME Birthday Dinner 2000

All Ranks Dinner



The Corps Commandants RAEME Corps Dinner 1st Dec. 2000

**RAEME Corps
Commandant Colonel
Jack Wilson invites all
serving and retired
members of the Corps
and their partners to the
Birthday Dinner at East
Malvern RSL Sub Branch
on 1st Dec. 2000**

2000Participants:

All serving, non-serving, ex and past members of the Corps of RAEME are eligible to attend.

Timings:

7pm for 7:30 start, bar open till late.

Location:

East Malvern R.S.L. Sub Branch
Stanley Grose Drive East Malvern.
Victoria 3145

Dress:

Gentlemen Coat and Tie
Ladies After Five Wear

Accommodation:

Available on a first booked/ first in basis, with only a limited number of rooms available at Maygar Barracks, with transport to and from Dinner. Bookings for accommodation can be made through Rod Gillett. Accommodation at Members own cost

Costs:

Cost per head has been set at \$33.00 per diner; drinks will be available at bar prices.

Monies:

Are payable no later than 1 Nov 2000, cheques should be crossed non-negotiable and made out to the '2000 Victorian RAEME Dinner'. Cheques need to be sent to Guy Langford, receipts will be returned to sender.

RSVP:

Replies are to be sent to Guy Langford NLT 18 Sept 2000 as numbers are limited to 150 attendees for the dinner.

Sending an intent to attend to the organising committee will give us a clearer idea of the interest and catering requirements and would be appreciated ASAP

Mailing Address:

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Arte et Marte

The RAEME Association Vic Incorporated is the sponsor for this dinner.
in conjunction with Regular Army units, Reserve units combined units and Kindred Associations.

