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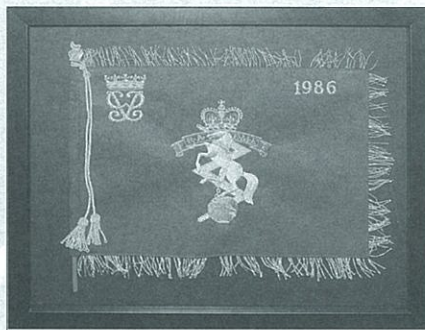
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message *from* head of Corps



*Head of Corps RAEME –
Brigadier David McGahey, CSC*

As Xmas is almost upon us, I would like to reflect at this time, on our achievements as a Corps this year and look to the challenges into the future. I was particularly delighted at the highly successful Corps Seminar we conducted at Bandiana in Oct this year. The turnout of over two hundred delegates from all areas of the Corps, class and unit reunions and the attendance of our Corps Associations demonstrates your interest and our shared passion in the future of this organisation. The theme of Maintenance Management; 2005 and Beyond provided a very good forum to address our many challenges and to debate and agree a future plan of work for Corps issues. The work plans to address these issues will be promulgated on the RAEME Corp Web-site so you can monitor HOC progress on our many fronts of endeavour. The program for the seminar provided a good overview of many Corps issues ranging from a strategic overview of Hardening and Networking the Army (HNA), condition monitoring for equipment fleets and then a move to reflect on more immediate issues such as the Ground Trades Pay Case and the Review of Maintenance in the Army. Overall an excellent few days of discussion, agreement and camaraderie. On this note I would like to thank HOC Cell particularly LTCOL Adams, Maj Anderson and RSM Fekete for their great efforts to make the Seminar successful.

On the operations front, as you are all aware, we are as busy as ever. I was deeply impressed by the Corp's response to this year's major overseas deployments to Tsunami Assist, OP Slipper and the other operations involving preparation and maintenance of large quantities of equipment for the MEAO,

and the repair and overhaul of equipment returning from the Solomon's and East Timor. This entire operational tempo, creates numerous demands on maintainers and their equipment. I am very proud of your achievements, the equipment availability rates achieved across all deployments and the professional and compassionate way in which you have conducted yourselves as members of the RAEME.

To the recipients of the Corps Awards for 2005, well done and congratulations on your great efforts. I note with pleasure the high quality of this year's candidates. The Corps Committee met at the Seminar and welcomed for the first time a member of the Corps Associations it was a very positive move to spread Corps activities to all current and former members of the Corps. In this edition of the Craftsman, I am delighted see articles on two good mates and now new members of the Representative Colonels for RAEME. Brigadier George Yacoub (ret'd) (NSW) and Colonel Terry Beaton (ret'd) (Vic & Tas) are very welcome additions to the HOC team, please make them welcome across the Corps. Terry has also been appointed as Corps historian has begun very good work remodelling the RAEME display in the Army Museum. I also note the return of Corps Subscriptions and a St Eligius Corps membership badge. Please get behind this very good initiative, it represents a tangible way of demonstrating your commitment to the future of our Corps.

For those on operations or other duties, stay safe and you are in our thoughts. I wish you and your families all a safe and enjoyable Christmas and New Year period.

Arte et Marte

introducing colonel commandant

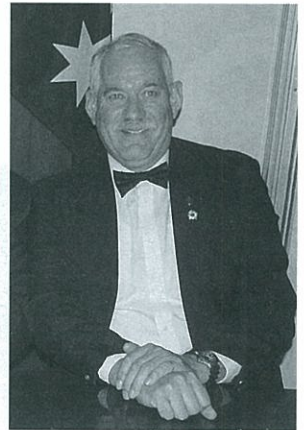
COLONEL T BEATON – Colonel Commandant Vic/Tas Region

Born in Alexander Barracks Hospital, Singapore in 1952 and raised for 7 years in England and Malaya. Son of a British Army Warrant Officer who left the Army in 1962 and emigrated to Australia with his family as a 10 Pound tourists, settling in South Australia. Entered Duntroon in 1971 graduating into the Corps of RAEME with a Bachelor of Civil Engineering in Dec 1974.

Represented Australia at the 1974 Commonwealth Games as a Decathlete. Appointments in TSU, Pucka Wksp, MEA, Mat Div, HQ 3MD, and DGEME also commanded 21 Const Sqn Wksp as a CAPT and 102 Fd Wksp (Lt) as a MAJ. Sent to Royal Military College of Science in UK in 1981 and completed a Master of Science in Mechanical Engineering. Promoted to LTCOL in 1988 and later posted to Thailand for three years as the Military Mechanical Engineering Advisor. During this time became actively involved with the Burma Railway and have subsequently had several articles published. Returned from Thailand to become SO1 Corps in 1992 and became the last SO1 Corps under a DGEME (Kingo) when the position was dis-established in 1994. Posted as SO1 Gen Stores at HQ LogComd

– being now suddenly multi-skilled. Looked after Med & Pharm supplies Tri-service, as well as those sent to support Rwanda. Transferred to the Inactive Reserve in early 1996 when position civilianised, but continued to work for Defence for another four years as a Coordinator for study visits by Senior Thai Officers.

In Dec 1999 I became the first Australian Curator of the Australian Government's Memorial Museum at Hellfire Pass in Thailand. A position held for two years. In late 2001 I returned to Melbourne and now spend most of my time researching, writing or speaking about the railway, whilst also undertaking the responsibilities of a voluntary RSL Pensions Advocate assisting Veterans from all wars to seek compensation for service caused medical disabilities. In Jun 05 appointed Col Comdt (RAEME) for Vic/Tas. Any spare time is spent riding my VFR 800 with my wife, Sheila (she rides her own Honda Hornet 600) over the winding roads throughout Victoria.



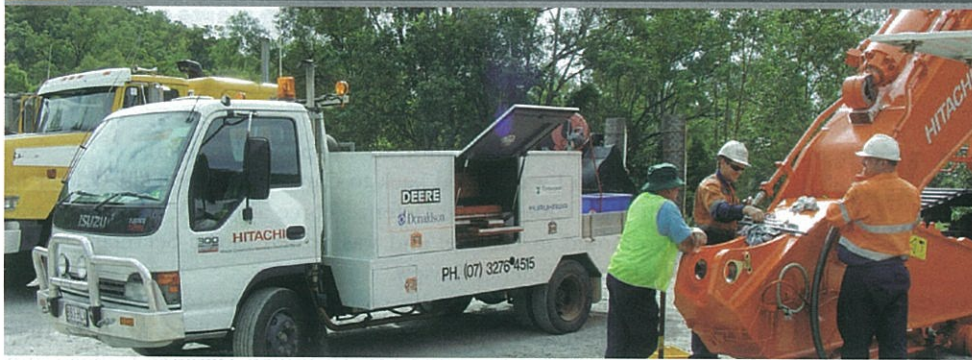
COL T Beaton

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message *from* deputy head of Corps



*Deputy Head of Corps
LTCOL Andrew Adams*

I am pleased to report that since the last Craftsman and Newsletter, we have conducted a highly successful Corps Seminar. Successful in that there was a very strong representation and input from across the Corps, resulting in outcomes that have provided a clear path for the HOC Cell to take the Corps forward. The theme of Maintenance Management; 2005 and Beyond provided a very good platform for the seminar to address the challenges that a Hardened and Networked Army, employing equipment delivered by the Defence Capability Plan, will bring. Most importantly, the seminar addressed the fundamental building blocks for our future support obligations; recruiting and training of our craftsman.

A pleasing aspect of the seminar was the commitment by a number of senior military and industry personnel to take the time to participate in the seminar activities. I believe this is a positive reflection of the importance that materiel maintenance has in the ADF now and into the future. The challenge for us all is to ensure that we exploit this interest by becoming actively engaged in providing maintenance advice at every opportunity. This applies at all levels, craftsman up, and should not be left to that other, 'smarter' bloke.

As a first time attendee of the Corps Committee meeting, it was a very positive experience to be involved in determining how we support and perpetuate Corps activities for all of our members, be it full time, part time or ex-members. The appointment of a Corps historian (COL Terry Beaton) and his work in revitalising the RAEME display in the Museum, and the attendance of a representative of the RAEME Associations, are but two constructive initiatives. The work being done by MAJ Graham Anderson in his capacity as SO2 Corps Heritage is also taking us forward. Corps Subscriptions represent an exciting opportunity for all of us to invest in our unique organisation, with the associated membership badge coming up a treat. To all the recipients of the Corps Awards for 2005, congratulations and well done.

In my own backyard at ASEME, maintenance training continues at full pace. We have commenced training on Bushmaster

and are involved in preparing for the new capabilities such as tanks, APCs and RBS 70. It gives me great satisfaction during my DHOC tours to receive very positive feedback as to the quality of our soldiers of all ranks. This reflects that the content of the courses continues to evolve and that our instructors continue to provide first rate training. While I am generally very happy with the quality of the craftsman we are producing, I am very concerned about the quantity. As ambassadors of our Corps, I ask that you take every opportunity to ensure that your associates are aware of what our Corps offers and the benefits of embarking on a technical career. This will contribute significantly to addressing our declining civilian recruiting pool.

For those that have recently left the Spanner nest, or are intending to do so in the near future, please accept my and the Corps' sincere thanks for your commitment, approach and humour. Our extended family is strong, and I hope that you are all able to remain in the fold.

I wish you all a safe and enjoyable Christmas and New Year period. For those on operations or duty, we will be thinking of you! I look forward to another big year in 2006.

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SO2 Corps report

By Major Graham Anderson



Corps Funds

The RAEME corps funds is managed by the corps committee on behalf of the members of the corps. The purpose and procedures for the management of corps funds are outlined in corps instruction 14. In summary the purpose of the fund is:

- a. Purchase appropriate items which are not available through service supply channels, for use by members of the Corps;
- b. Provide suitable prizes and trophies for Corps awards and Corps Committee awards for Corps members;
- c. Purchase suitable items for presentation or reciprocal presentation to sister corps of other nations and kindred association.
- d. Sponsor events to raise the Corps profile;
- e. Provide financial assistance to the Corps Historical Collection; and
- f. Fund other activities as considered appropriate by the Corps Committee for the benefit of all Corps members.

Over recent years the ability to expend corps funds has been significantly reduced due to a very limited income stream. A number of recent initiatives have gone part way to redressing

the situation with the potential for this to further improve. Recent income activities include the Craftsman Port productions which have been well supported by corps members, the sale of the Corps Banner miniatures, again well supported and the reintroduction of corps subscriptions, not so well supported as yet. Corps funds provide a valuable resource for the corps which members of the corps are encouraged to support. The corps committee has approved the production of a unique corps medallion that will be presented to corps subscribers. The medallion (shown below) is modelled on the St Eligius coin.



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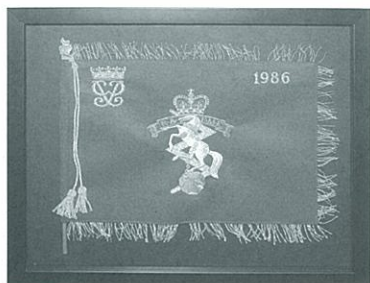
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Banner Miniatures

After the very successful release of the foundation issue of the Prince Philip Banner miniature in 2003 the corps committee has approved the second release of the banner miniature. We are now taking orders for the second release of the banner miniature. An order form is included in this edition of the Craftsman. Order forms are also available on the corps intranet website, from the regional RAEME associations or by contacting the SO2 corps RAEME, Latchford Bks, Bandiana, Vic, 3694.

This release will be significant in that it will mark the 20th anniversary of the presentation of the banner by HRH in 1986 and will more than likely be the last production of the Prince Philip Banner Miniature so don't miss out. The release is to be a limited numbered series. The cost of the miniature is \$190



each. The banner miniature is of exceptional quality made by Spear of Fame, who produced, amongst other banners, the Australian Army Banner.

Corps Painting

Over the past few years there has been a steady demand for prints of the Corps Painting. There have been nil stocks of the print for a number of years. At the recent corps committee meeting, approval was granted to produce a print of the Corps Painting 'AFV in Light Green' by Mr K.G. McFadyen. The print will be of the highest quality on white satin art board 300 gsm to a finished size of 640mm x 465mm. The prints will be available at a price of \$7.50, plus postage and packaging. Orders will be via the Head of Corps cell, Latchford Bks or via the Army Museum, Bandiana.



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Corps RSM report

*Tibor Fekete
Corps Regimental Sergeant Major*



It is with regret that I inform you that this is my last report as your Regimental Sergeant Major of RAEME. It has been a very busy and rewarding year for both the Head of Corps Cell and the Army School of Electrical and Mechanical Engineering. The two-year posting concluded at a much faster pace than I would have liked. It has honoured me to hold the position and I feel privileged to have met so many fine men and women serving in our Corps. A Corps is only as good as its people and we are in a good shape for years to come. On our tour of the RAEME sub units, commanders at all levels have commented and praised us at HOC cell on the dedication and professional commitment of our fine Craftsman no matter what rank they might hold. I encourage you all to keep up the good work and add another fine page to our proud history.

Regimental Postings

We as a Corps, are a number of years down the track now with the work that was started by the previous Corps RSM WO1 K.D. Packer (Captain now), in rejuvenating our Corps Regimental structure. I am happy to report that there is a slow shift by our junior soldiers in considering a regimental posting and adding another tool into their already extensive and capable toolbox. I will also add that they are doing an outstanding job in representing and recruiting for our Corps. By now you should all be aware, that there is no longer a Regimental trade or Stream; as we older soldiers knew it, but rather there is an opportunity to for all tradesman, at any rank, to consider a posting out of trade into a Corps or All Corps position for one posting. Instead of being viewed as a threat, it needs to be viewed as an opportunity to have a break out of trade and experience the reward that an All Corps posting can offer, at the same time you are lucky enough to be representing your Corps. Our CSM positions are starting to be filled, and lately we have recruited more RAEME tradesman as CSMs, I encourage you all to consider a posting as a CSM into a Field Workshop or your Corps School. For it is by example we can only lead.

Recruiting

I need all of you to be aware that in nearly all of our trades we are short of Craftsman and CPLs. A number of courses have been cancelled or have commenced within Army School of Electrical and Mechanical Engineering without full panels. Recruiting for apprenticeships seems to be a national problem with applicants down for all trade apprenticeships nationally. Our Corps is not buffered from the threat of national skills shortage. We are collectively feeling the hurt as a Corps and as an Army. Defence has a number of initiatives in the pipeline to assist with recruiting and retention, so why am I raising this? To be honest the Corps needs your help. We are the best recruiters there are, so if you are reading this whether you are a Regular, Reserve, or Retired soldier, you can assist your Corps by spreading the word and assisting us in recruiting apprentices or encouraging qualified tradesman to enlist into our fine Corps.

Corps Crossword

Congratulations to LT Dove and his crew of merry men at 3 CER TSSU for completing correctly the Corps crossword. To assist with Corps Birthday celebrations a bottle of our finest Directors Special Corps port has been sent to the workshop. Well done. Good luck with the crossword in this edition

Conclusion

To all our fine readers out there, thank you for all the assistance I have been given over the last two years as your Corps RSM. As I retire from the regular Army after 22 years service, it is with many fond memories that I leave. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank my partner and wife of 20 years, Stacey for putting up with the numerous postings, no mean feat putting up with me, if any one deserves a medal she does. To all our fine men and women serving our Corps in country, and on the many overseas operations and deployments safe soldiering and happy spanner turning.

Arte et Marte

Colonel Commandant's Report (Vic & Tas)

By Colonel Terry Beaton

Since receiving the formal notification of my appointment by Chief of Army at the end of July 2005, the emphasis has been to let RAEME personnel in both Victoria and Tasmania know my willingness to attend any organised functions and to visit any units still in the two regions. Close work with the RAEME Association of Victoria (RAV) is helping to break down the "old and inaccurate" perception that this group is mainly orientated around the 'Old Boys' of the ARES. Many current members are ex-ARA, with more joining. At the end of Oct 05, Sheila and I will be accompanying the group on an outing to Victor Harbour as guests of the REME Association of SA. A Colonel Commandant's All Ranks (Mixed) Corps Dinner will be held on Friday 25 Nov 05 to celebrate the Corps Birthday and to present the winner with "The Craftsman of The Year Award (GRES)" for Victoria.

I am very happy to report that the RAEME Association of Tasmania has risen like the phoenix from the ashes due to the hard work of the committee headed by Russell Clark. It has a reported membership of 65. The RAT's Corps Birthday Celebrations will be held at Derwent Barracks on 11 Dec 05. The Committee are asking for a good attendance, as the Colonel Commandant will be in attendance.

To coincide with the Corps Conference and Seminar 2005, there will be a "RAEME Gathering" at The Stump on Friday, 21 Oct 05 to gauge the interest and feasibility of forming a Bandiana Sub-Branch of the RAV. After a suggestion raised during a recent visit to improve the EME display at the Army Museum, Andy Turner and Gary Treeve have been instrumental in coordinating and promoting this activity to all ranks (serving and former) in the Albury Wodonga Military Area (AWMA). Latest feedback from Andy suggests that we may

have more than just a handful turn up at "The Stump". Regrettably, it will coincide with the Annual Corps Dinner at the ALTC SGTs' Mess preventing many serving WOs/SNCOs from attending.

A project which started as an attempt to update the sadly out of date Retired Officers List has developed into a project to capture the names and contact details for all RAEME members currently living in Victoria and Tasmania. Following a mail out to the old Officers' List – after only one week, the list had expanded from 127 to 163 names to be contacted. A personal data sheet disseminated through the RAEME Mafia network and the RAT has also started to capture the WOs/SNOs who reside in Victoria and Tasmania, to replace the sadly defunct WOs/SNCOs Association (Vic). The gathering at "The Stump" is hoped to start the process of collecting the names of all ORs residing in the two states. Any RAEME person living in Victoria or Tasmania who are not yet aware of this project, can contact me on austasianuknei@netspace.net.au or phone (03) 9431 3961.

Dennis Clarke and Murray Lewis are endeavouring to reform the old RAEME Vietnam Veterans Association with one significant difference – it will be the RVA of Victoria and not a National Association this time. A reunion and AGM is to be held at ANZAC House in Melbourne on 2 Dec 05. I wish them all the best for this venture. As Colonel Commandant it is my intention to support any RAEME group in the two states by independently overseeing them to ensure that their activities are open to any RAEME member, as well as prompting the greatest dissemination of notice for all group activities so that everybody will be kept informed. Regardless of entry type or service background we are all one Corps – RAEME.

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Reports from RAEME Association (Vic) Inc

Following our AGM in August the following members comprise the **Committee of Management** Peter Cartledge President; Max Moore Vice President & Merchandising Manager; Gus Allen Secretary & Membership Officer; Roma Cox Treasurer; Aranka Illia Assistant Treasurer; Leonie Cartledge, Norma Clifford, Reg Cox Welfare Officer; Margaret Hope Assistant Secretary and Ross Hope Kindred Associations; MAJ Robert Hudson, and CAPT Guy Langford Web Master.

After the Corps Conference COL Terry Beaton had a meeting of over 70 interested and enthusiastic RAEME members on behalf of our Association at the *The Black Stump*, with a view to starting a sub branch of the Victorian Association in the Albury/Wodonga Area.

The attendance at this meeting was much appreciated and we look forward to getting this idea off the ground as soon as details can be arranged.

The Trophy

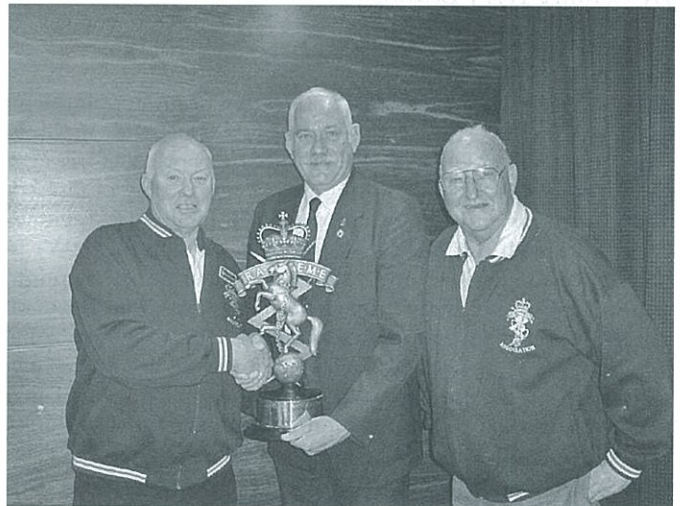
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The RAEME Association Dux of Subject 2 CPL RAEME Victorian Regional Trophy

At the National RAEME Association Meeting 2005, it was offered to the HOC as a National RAEME Association Trophy to be awarded to the Dux of Subject 2 CPL RAEME and to be presented to the winning student by the regional COL Commandant and a member of that regions Association.

COL Commandant Victoria & Tasmania Regions, by Mr. Peter Cartledge President RAEME Association (Vic) Incorporated and Mr. Max Moore Vice President being the per-



The trophy being presented to COL Terry Beaton

son that had the trophy manufactured for the Association in 1985.

COL Beaton will be presenting the trophy to the HOC at the October Corps Committee Meeting 2005.

The RAEME Association (Vic) Inc. would like to wish all Past and Present RAEME Personnel best wishes for the Festive Season and look forward to a prosperous 2006.

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Reports from RAEME Association (WA)

By John Curtis Secretary

Into another season of Grey Nomads heading North for the sunny "Winter". Messages from these poor itinerant people who for six months of the year have no fixed abode, bring a tear to your eye. Then there was the case of the poor old ASM ex-WO1 Neville Smith who doesn't even have the funds for a razor blade.

Neville (or Nifty as he is more popularly known) was the ASM of 113 Field Workshop. He spent a lot of years in the Reserves and now is totally retired. You have to admit his uniform has suffered a bit. But he is so destitute that he has to catch his own fish. One of his friends has even suggested that it is actually a plastic fish that he bought just to get a bit more sympathy.



Seriously, Nifty was one of the better known ASM's in the Reserve System. He was a hard worker and always looked after his troops. Many a young Crafty felt the edge of his tongue and in the next minute was defended vigorously when someone else decided to "have a go". Nifty was the sort of average

bloke who worked hard and played hard. Everyone respected him for the effort he put in at the Workshop.

Over the years of his retirement, messages came in by email, Nifty is having a great time. The only thing I can say is he had better leave some fish for me to catch, even if they are only thrown at me.

It is unfortunate that he has just suffered a heart attack and has had two stents fitted into arteries of his heart. Nifty and Joan, the fright you got will soon disappear and you will be back in the thick of the fishing. Get well, Nifty!!!!

The Association in WA seems to have quite a few grey nomads. And then there is Peter Smith who loves to go on ocean cruises. It must be awful being forced to sit back on a canvas deck chair and contemplate what you can see over the side of the boat. Having nothing to see but water. Makes you want to drown your sorrows at the bar.

I reported in the last issue that Brian "Roughy" Cooper had quite a serious accident. Brian is now over all his major problems and is getting back to doing some of the things that he used to do. He assures us, however, that his dog-walking days are over.

Great to see you back on your feet and active again, Brian.

"Sir Donald" Horsley is still having a few problems after his strokes. However, those problems went by the board when he

was informed that he is the first member of the RAEME Association of WA to be elected a Life Member. The award was announced at the ANZAC Day bash in the Ibis Hotel in Perth. Don was not present, but the Principle Officers of the Association went to Don's home and presented him with a Life Membership Certificate that now has pride of place in his Dining Room right under his miniature Corps Banner. In May, while I was visiting Bandiana, I spoke to Max MOORE from RAEME Victoria about his Life Membership Badge. Max and Peter Cartledge (President - RAEME Vic) purchased a Life Membership badge for Don. Peter came to WA a few weeks later and we formally pinned his Life Membership badge on his chest. Peter even managed to stick the pin in.



The members of RAEME Victoria were chuffed to hear that Don had been awarded Life Membership. We found out that he had been President of RAEME Victoria for a total of 12 years.

Recently, the Families of Sandakan POW's dedicated a memorial to those who died on the Sandakan death marches. Very near to the memorial is two memorial plaques that are very special to the Corps. (Each memorial plaque is in front of a native tree). These plaques are in memory of two members of our Corps who died in those marches. They were Cfn Denzil Herbert Jones and Cfn Charles Robert McKenna of 73 LAD and 86 LAD respectively. These men paid the supreme sacrifice on Jul and Feb 1945 very early in the history of our Corps. I am sure that the families of these men are happy to have a place that they can consider sacred to their memories.

Finally, I would like to announce that MAJ (Retd) John POWER has completed his courses as a Welfare and Pensions Officer with TIP Training and the Department of Veteran's Affairs. John will be a valuable asset to the Association. On behalf of the President and committee, I would like to congratulate John and wish him well in his future Advocacy work with DVA. Oh! And before I forget it, yes, that was WO2 John Power in the historical presentation on SBS about Dat Do in Vietnam. He was working on HMAPC Flint.

Best Wishes to all,
ARTE ET MARTE

association reports

Reports from RAEME Association (Tas) Inc

Hello to all RAEME members, please allow me to introduce myself. My name is Russell Clark and I am proud to be the President of the RAEME Association (Tasmania) inc. (RATS). This association has recently been re-formed, we have a seven committed committee members with a membership of approximately sixty members, they are both current serving ARA/GRES, as well as retired members.

We hold several social functions throughout the year, mainly as a family BBQ, this is normally held at the 2nd Force Support Battalion all ranks facility. The quarterly functions have been fantastic, although some of the stories have known to be stretched.

It is anticipated that RAT will be on the website in the near future, we plan to list our members on the site, this will give you an opportunity for you to look up some old mates, just remember Tasmania is Australia's best kept secret.

Our committee is made up of the following members;
President; Russell Clark (Shirley)

Secretary Treasurer: Steve Wilson (Wal)

Shane Rollins (Rolly)

Social Committee: Peter McDonough (Phantom)

Scott Chandler (Sooty)

Mark Wilson (Wils)

Historian: John Lennox (Lerch)

For any further about our association, call our secretary WO2 Steve Wilson on (03) 6237 7518.

Best wishes to all.

Russell Clark

President

Reports from RAEME Association (Qld)

The RAEME Association in Queensland the Sub Branch in Townsville and Affiliate unit organisation continue to prosper and do play a very worthwhile and important role in the lives of RAEME exserving, serving members and their families in the Sunshine State.

We see that one of our major roles is to provide a conduit to Head of Corps, Colonel Commandant and Representative Colonel Commandant for all exserving RAEME members and their affiliate organisations. It is hoped that in the future, as the National Association gains momentum we will all move closer together across the nation with similar goals, structures, and co-operation. It is our view that the CORPS and all its members will benefit from the formation of the National Association and will assist all in providing a strong and relevant organisation for the future.

It is vital that the State Association remain strong to assist and advise Head of Corps and Col Comdt, where possible and as required. All would be aware that the work load on HOC and his small staff is in the main restricted to the must does, and where possible we should all be willing to do our bit to lighten their load.

We in Queensland are committed to the National program and are eager to establish fully the national Web Site, Data Base and Calendar of events. You can all be assured that any private data held on the Data Base will be carefully protected and access to that important data limited, as you would expect.

The other National ongoing project of great importance to

our CORPS heritage is the enhancement of the RAEME Display at the Museum in Bandiana. Many will know Major Graham Docksey who is managing the Museum and doing a great job on behalf of all the Logistic Corps. COL Terry Beaton assisted by Maj Graham Anderson has been appointed by HOC to further develop the RAEME Display. Terry is looking for items, photos, stories etc from any members to assist him in this important task.

It is also great to see the work being done by many in the Bandiana area to establish a sub branch of the Victorian RAEME Association. We here in Queensland are taking steps to assist RAEME in Darwin to do likewise.

Queensland RAEME has had another very successful year. Membership continues to grow at a steady pace. All of the activities especially the Spanner Club at Enoggera, Dinners in Oakey, WO/SNCO Dinner and Officers Dinner were well organised and attended. Our Sub Branch in Townsville Chaired by Brian Touhy have had great success with their social activities including an all ranks dinner and of course a very successful ANZAC Day. In July 2006 we plan to have an all ranks Logistic Corps Christmas in July Function here in Brisbane. Planning date is 21st July 2006.

Please do not hesitate in contacting the Association here in Queensland if we can be of any assistance (07) 5476 6254, norford.1@bigpond.com www.raeme.org

Queensland RAEME wish all members of the Corps past and present a very enjoyable Christmas and a happy New Year.

Corps reports

Corps Committee (RCC) Meeting Summary

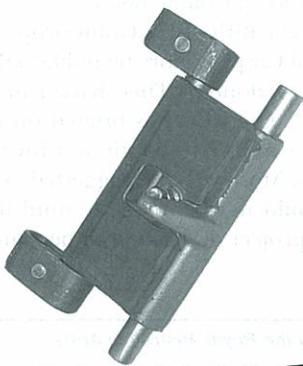
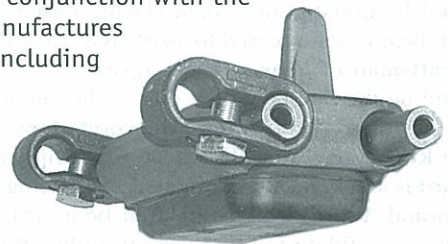
The RCC meeting was held on 19 Oct 05. BRIG David McGahey (HOC) officially congratulated COL Graham Smith (Rep Col Comdt), BRIG George Yacoub (Col Comdt-NSW) and COL Terry Beaton (Col Comdt - Vic & Tas) on their new appointments and welcomed them to the Committee, before handing over to COL Smith to chair the meeting.

New National Award – On behalf of the RAEME Association Victoria COL Beaton presented a RAEME trophy to the corps.

The trophy is a very impressive bronze cast RAEME badge standing 45cm high mounted on a bakelite base. The trophy has been a perpetual trophy awarded each year to the Dux Subject 2 Corporal Course Victoria. From 2004 all subject 2 Corporal courses are conducted centrally at ALTC. The trophy is to be rededicated as the 'Craftsman Regimental Award', which will be awarded to the selected student of merit from all subject 2 corporal courses conducted annually. A corps instruction is to be promulgated to capture the history of the award

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COL Beaton presents Craftsman Regimental Prize to HOC

and to detail the conditions and procedures for awarding the Craftsman Regimental Award.

Corps Subscriptions – SO2 Corps briefed the meeting on the initiative to encourage subscriptions from serving members to the Corps Fund by subscribers receiving a numbered medalion, which will feature our patron saint ST Eligius – Patron Saint of Artificers. To date only 64 serving members have subscribed out of a total Corps manning of 3200. It is hoped that this initiative will prompt more to contribute. When the initiative was presented to the Seminar delegates, its use “to obtain free drinks” in the same vane as the “Old Bastards Card” was floated. This was very well received by the Seminar attendees.

Banner Miniatures – The RCC approved a second release of the Prince Philip Banner Miniature. Details on the banner miniature and order form are included in separate a separate article within this edition

Corps Instructions – It was agreed that all Corps Instruction would be updated next year. Having raised the requirement, COL Beaton volunteered to assist HOC Cell in this task.

Craftsman of Year – It was agreed that Corps Inst No 17 would be the first re-written due to the ambitious nature of its content that creates several interpretations of the outcomes. The RCC agreed that WEF 2006 the recipient of the National Award is automatically eliminated from being also awarded the Regional Award, which will then be awarded to the second named candidate for that region, unless there are no other nominations. It was also agreed that for 2006-07 the National and Regional Awards would not be a monetary prize. Instead the recipients will be presented with a suitably engraved Banner Miniature and the National Award recipients for both ARA and GRES will be flown to Bandiana to have their awards presented at the Corps Seminar.

National Association Meeting 2006 – DHOC (LTCOL Andy Adams) advised that the ability to hold the 2006 National

Association Meeting was dependent on funding availability. More advice next year.

Corps Historian – The RCC was briefed on the work carried out (to date) on the EME Display at the Army Museum. Seven of the 12 cabinets allocated to RAEME have been significantly improved, resulting in 178 items being cataloged under the new EME Historical Collection. An appeal was made to the Seminar for contributions of small historical items to be placed in the five remaining cabinets, which currently hold other Corps items. HOC asked for the minutes to reflect a vote of appreciation to COL Beaton for his efforts and to acknowledge the significant improvement in the display.

C-In-C's Annual Report. COL Beaton raised the issue that in the past the RepColComdt and HOC would send an annual report to the Colonel In Chief on his birthday to pass on best wishes from the Corps and to update him on Corps activities. It was agreed to resume this tradition in light of the BRIG McGahey's attendance at the C-in-C Dinner late last year. HOC reported that Prince Philip stated that this had been his first dinner in about 50 years and to make the most of it, as it will probably be his last. Following discussion, it was agreed that the HOC/RepColComdt would approach Prince Philip to ascertain his availability and willingness to attend a Drumhead Ceremony to re-dedicate his banner during his Commonwealth Games' visit. It will also serve to commemorate the 20th Anniversary of his presentation of the Banner on 20 May 1986.

HOC Cell Capability – BRIG McGahey highlighted the difficulty facing the HOC Cell when both he and the DHOC have full time service commitments and that their Corps positions are Extra Regimental Appointments. However HOC reported that at the Seminar, BRIG Barnett (RAAC) would present his findings into the Corps Capability Review initiated by BRIG Ross Grants farewell letter to Chief of Army. Without doubt the greatest problem facing RAEME at the moment is the significant imbalance in the Equipment Liability to Manpower Asset ratio. BRIG McGahey welcomed the results of the study and their presentation to the Army Capability Management Committee (ACMC) meeting on 28 Oct 05.

Regional RAEME Representatives. The RCC agreed that Corps Inst No 32 should be re-written following the apparent lack of commitment to Esprit de Corps and doctrinal matters by a number of RRRs fulfilling positions appointed by Corps Instructions. It was agreed that from 2006, selected RRR will receive an official letter of appointment from HOC, which will also highlight their responsibility to promote Esprit de Corps in their region in support of the Colonel Commandant.

Pictorial Corps History. Last year BRIG Ross Grant proposed that a Coffee Table style pictorial Corps History be published to follow on from the excellent work done by Theo Barker in his book “Craftsmen of The Army”. The RCC was briefed on the inability of the assigned project officer to continue with this task due to personal difficulties. Moreover the suggested compiler/author, James Mason, would not be available until mid 2006. It was agreed to put this project on hold until personnel are available.

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RAEME Corps Seminar

20 – 21 October 2005

‘Maintenance Management – 2005 and Beyond’

The 2005 corps seminar was conducted over the period 20 – 21 Oct with the all ranks BBQ kicking off proceedings on the evening of the 19th. The theme for this years seminar was ‘Maintenance Management – 2005 and beyond’. From the outset the intent was to specifically identify and where possible address issues impacting on the corps delivery of maintenance capability. Where solutions were not readily forthcoming the issues were clearly identified and an agreed corps position and proposed course of action was identified and recorded.

The seminar incorporated the annual corps officer dinner on the Thursday evening and the annual corps warrant officer and senior non-commissioned officer dinner on the Friday evening.

We were very fortunate to have LTGEN D. Hurley, AO, DSC, Chief Capability Development Group attend the seminar and deliver the keynote address. We are also extremely fortunate to have the continued support and participation from Mincom Australia and for the first time this year TenixToll Defence Logistics as corporate sponsors for this event. The seminar enjoyed presentations from a number of other invited guests including LTCOL Hanson on HNA, BRIG Barnett on the Land Materiel Maintenance Support Review outcomes, LTCOL Larry Rotchell from HQ DEME-A (UK), and Mr Leith Hitchcock of Pall Corporation on condition monitoring. The participation of the senior officers and industry personnel is a positive reflection of the importance that materiel maintenance has in the ADF now and into the future.

The seminar and associated activities were well supported with over 200 members attending the seminar and the dinners also well attended. The HOC organisation would like to acknowledge the great effort members go to in attend the seminar. The success of the seminar is dependent on having a strong representation of officers and artificers from across the corps, regions, formations and functional commands. Please note the planning dates for the 2006 corps seminar is 19 – 20 Oct 2006.

The seminar produced a range of outcomes and agreed courses of action that have provided a clear path for the HOC and staff to take the Corps forward. A detailed summary of discussion points and agreements will be available on the intranet Corps website.

Seminar Highlights:

Opening Address – LTGEN David Hurley (Chief of Capability Development Group) has responsibility to achieve the requirements from the Defence Capability Plan. He briefed the Seminar on the processes required to complete the current 29

equipment acquisition projects worth \$2.1 Billion, as well as presenting the CDF’s two primary objectives for the ADF. These were both directed at looking after the ADF’s greatest asset – its people; especially as the CDF firmly believes that paramount ADF capability is dictated by its people. Equipment is useless if you don’t have people to operate and maintain it. He addressed the current problems on recruiting and retention.

HNA – LTCOL Jeremy Hansen gave a presentation on CA’s concept of a “Hardened and Networked Army (HNA). HNA is a conservative development plan, which in simplicity is based on an Army of “twos” rather than “three”, to remove the hollowness (previously called void or deficiencies) from affecting operational planning, ie make two strong from three weak. It is hoped that by 2009 under HNA, the future manning level will rise to 26,442 with few manpower deficiencies and provide an increased response to Governmental directions. Under HNA there is proposed to be a redeployment of units from Sydney and Darwin to form a second Mechanised Battalion, using 3 RAR, around Adelaide. SME is to be re-located to Puckapunyal.

Land Materiel Maintenance Support Review – BRIG Barnett presented the results of his study, which has identified the need for seven further studies as follows:

- Study One – Training of Tradesmen
- Study Two – Recruiting and Retention (Both operators and maintainers)
- Study Three – RAEME Officer Training – too much logistics and not enough Corps specific.
- Study Four – Operator Training
- Study Five – Use of Data info systems (SDSS/MMM)
- Study Six – Maintenance Mgmt, Procedures and Processes
- Study Seven – Philosophy, Policy and Doctrine (or the lack of new developments)

REME Brief – LTCOL Larry Ratchell (from DEME) present a brief on the current situation facing REME. Currently 1,741 “All Ranks” are deployed overseas, which represents 18 percent of REME’s manpower asset. DEME is staffed by about 60, with DEME(A) under the ACGS with executive, management and professional head of Corps roles. DEME has started its own

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recruiting drive using two brightly coloured vans travelling to schools and recruiting direct to REME. A great initiative to overcome the drawback of the global outlook taken by Army Recruiting. As such they are meeting 94% of their intake requirements. Sadly the Apprentice School is closed and trade training has been moved to Harrogate. There is also a possibility that Arborfield may be lost, which means that the beautiful old West Court Officers Mess will be lost and the REME Museum and other REME Schools will have to relocate. The British Army is undergoing restructuring and downsizing. It appears to be undergoing an equivalent process to our DCP project. This has thrown up many REME personnel who are seeking to continue their Army career in RAEME; especially in light of the unofficial policy of 22 years service and your out. LTCOL Ratchell highlighted the REME initiative of TSF. However, after groans from the audience had subsided, he said that it stood for Tactical Services Flash and he demonstrated his tri-colour strip flash worn on his DPCU to identify his Corps whilst wearing such a uniform. He also stipulated that in REME, competency has become a very important issue.

TenixToll Brief – Former RAEME Officer Bernie Lauinger gave a brief on DIDS (Defence Integrated Distribution Systems??), which incorporates the commercial responsibilities to warehouse, distribute and maintain ADF equipment currently contracted to a combined venture by Tenix and Toll Logistic Systems, which defeated the bid by the combination of ADI and Fox Logistic Systems. DERs not being met - still seems to be one of the main issues.

RAEME Trade Management – MAJ Mike Opie, (SO2 Trades and Training) gave a presentation on the work being carried out with trade management and trade pay. With the loss of DEME it appears that a trade pay submission has not been presented to the Defence Force Remuneration Tribunal (DFRT) since 1994, ie nobody available to do the work. The establishment of a Trade Cell at the Army Logistic Training Centre (ALTC) some time after 2000 is finally addressing this important issue. The first trade to be reviewed was ECN 226 – Recovery Mechanic. MAJ Opie confirmed that the previous “One Army Policy” was dead and now the emphasis is on providing the “gap” training to enable the Reserve to provide an effective capability. It is hoped that in future all trades will be reviewed on a 3 year cyclic programme starting with ECN 146. It

was good to hear that the RAAOC Operator Supply Courses from Jul 05 are teaching Prod Clerk competencies to students. Lets hope they will be posted to RAEME units on completion of training.

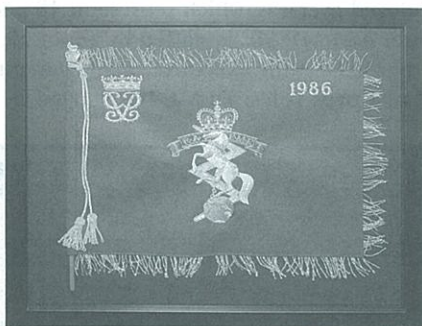
New National Award. The Corps RSM, WO1 Tobor Fekete, at the School of Electrical and Mechanical Engineering (SEME) at ALTC - presented to the Seminar the generous Award donated by the RAEME Association of Victoria (RAV). A rousing applause resulted from his announcement that it would be used from 2006 as the new National Award for Subject Two (CPL) – The Craftsman Regimental Award. Everybody was very impressed with the quality of the trophy donated by RAV.

HOC Cell Tasks – On the afternoon of Day Two a forum of all attendees agreed to a number of tasks significant issues being reviewed by HOC Cell over the next 12 months and for presentation at next year’s seminar. These involved such issues as:

- recruiting (VM courses cancelled due to the lack of interest by Army recruits. As with civil industry nobody these days wants to get their hands dirty. Need to re-think target audience eg 15-16 years olds – having signed the UN Agreement preventing recruitment of boy soldiers under 17 years and 8 months of age – this would require some form of pre-enlistment trade training before final qualification as an Army Tradesmen),
- posting tradesmen to contract repair to improve trade skills and “respite” from operational activities,
- professional development of engineers under the programme (PDP) and whether it should become compulsory,
- the formation of quarantine pools to ensure better fleet availability and management,
- technical satisfaction and competence at all of repair, now called light, medium and heavy and not first to fourth lines.
- provision of contractor support in ADF units in barracks to offset deployed tradesmen

The annual corps seminar is a valuable activity in the annual calendar of corps events and it would be remiss not to acknowledge the efforts of members in the local Bandiana area who did a lot of behind the scenes work to make the event successful and enjoyable. In particular WO2 Chris Beattie and the team from ASLO EME cell in putting on the all ranks BBQ, CAPTs Scott Babington and Phil Craig for organising the officer dinner and WO2 Riki Morrison and helpers for the WOS-NCO dinner.

RAEME Prince Philip Banner Miniature 20th Anniversary (Final Release)



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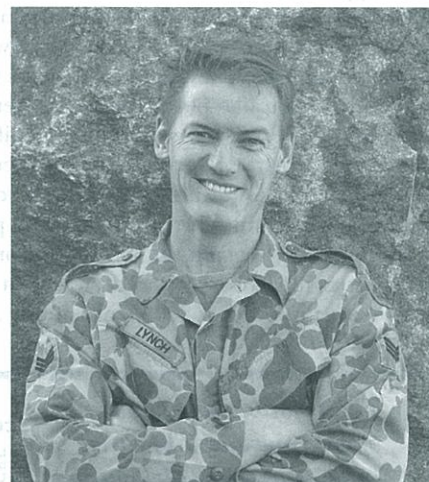
Corps awards

RAEME Corps Awards 2005

The 2005 RAEME Corps awards were announced at the Corps committee meeting held on 19 Oct 05. Although the number of nominations for regional and national Craftsman of the Year Award was lower than preferred with some regional receiving no nominations, the quality of submissions received was of a very high standard. The recipients listed below are very deserving of their award. All nominees are to be commended on being nominated for the award.



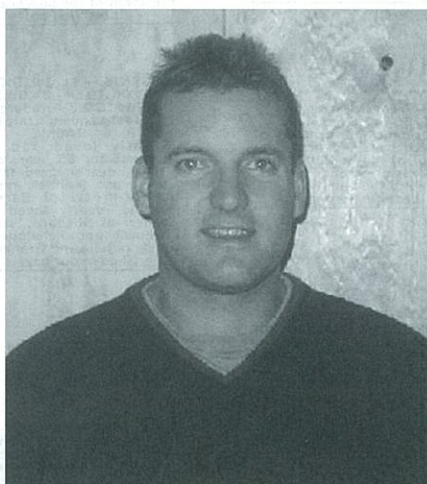
Artificer of the Year – SGT Neil Stewart



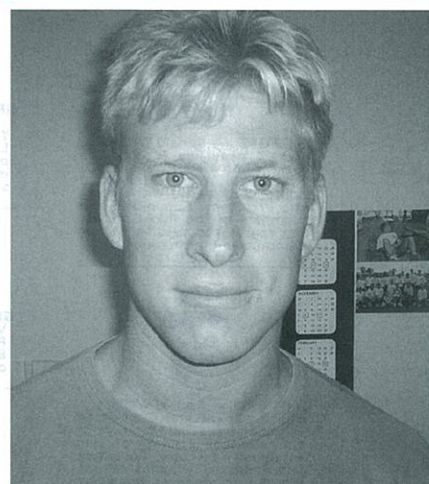
Regimental Award – SGT Wesley Lynch



ARES National Craftsman of the Year –
CFN Kirsty Dowel



Junior Regimental Award – CPL R Geelan



ARA National Craftsman of the Year –
CFN Kent Moore

LT Peter Jennings Award

Brig Martins Encouragement Award

ARA Western Australia A Regional Craftsman of the Year

ARES Western Australia Regional Craftsman of the Year

ARES Victoria/Tasmania Regional Craftsman of the Year

ARA South Queensland Regional Craftsman of the Year

ARA North Queensland Regional Craftsman of the Year

ARA South Australian Regional Craftsman of the Year

– LT Trevor Blake

– SGT Michael Lawrence

– CFN A.C. Calvert

– CFN J.M. Beeson

– CFN K.A. Dowel

– CPL R.A. Brinkworth

– CFN K.A. Moores

– CFN A. Ireson

raeme matters

Welcome once again to RAEME Matters, proudly brought to you by the hardworking (well – most of us) staff of the Maintenance Cell, Army School of Logistic Operations. This edition once again contains a puzzle, as well as an article on the origins of one of the Corps' official paintings. Unfortunately the last puzzle was not very well supported, with very few submissions entered (one is actually very, very few). The RSM was particularly disappointed, as he had cleared his diary in order to view what he anticipated would be an avalanche of entries. What's the matter with you – don't any of you like port? Too busy I here you say? Surely the next time you find your self pulling a shift in the CP; either in some remote part of Australia, or further away in a continent somewhat drier and warmer than ours; you could amuse yourself for a few minutes by completing the puzzle and bunging it in the mail. Once again the RSM has promised to place all correct entries into a barrel and draw one at random. The winner will receive a bottle of 2004 Corps port. All completed entries

should be sent to WO1 Fekete, RAEME Corps RSM, Latchford Barracks, Bonegilla, VIC 3694.

Rest assured that we will continue to produce puzzles because we have discovered that it is more entertaining and interesting than doing work! Wherever you are, the crew from Maintenance Cell wishes you safe soldiering and hope that the operators in your part of the world are not too stupid.

AFV Repair in the light green

There is no doubt that most of us are familiar with the prominent Corps artwork depicting repairs to a Centurion Tank in Vietnam. But how many of you know the origins of the painting? The painting currently resides in the foyer of the Army Logistic Officers Mess. The following text is reproduced from Maintenance Cell precis and provides an insight into the history behind the painting.

On October 29th, 1971, Brigadier Bendall told the Corps Committee that he and Colonel R.D. White had met Mr

These notices of the passing of old comrades appeared in the Victorian Melbourne Sun-Herald



CLIFFORD. — Ronald William Passed away July 3, 2004, ex WO1 ASM 4/19 PWLH (LAD) R.A.E.M.E. After a long and courageous battle with illness the President, Committee and members of the RAACA (Vic. Br) regret the passing of our comrade and former member. Lest we forget



CLIFFORD. — Ronald William. The President and Committee regret to advise all Members of the sudden passing of our esteemed Secretary, Colleague and friend following his serious illness. Our deepest sympathy to Norma and Ron's extended family.

CURTIS. — Leslie Norman. On Aug. 24, 2005 Loved brother of Don and brother-in-law of Nina. Loved Uncle of Donna and Neil, Tricia, Leesa and Cameron, and loved great Uncle of 12.

Memories forever



CURTIS. — Norm. The President and Members of the RAEME Association of Vic. Inc. mourn the passing of their esteemed colleague. Deepest sympathy. Lest We Forget

CURTIS. —

Leslie Norman (Norm) Loved brother of Arthur, brother-in-law of Lydia, dear Uncle to Lyn, Anne, David, Georgia and Sophie. Our thoughts are with Norma and the family.

Sadly Missed



GRAY. — Frederick James, VX150447, 2/5 LAD. The President and members of Leongatha RSL regret the passing of their esteemed member and extend deepest sympathy to the family. Lest We Forget



GREEN. — Lionel William, VX144601 21st Fld W/Shop AIF President and Members of Berwick RSL mourn the passing of a friend and colleague. LEST WE FORGET



HEMPENSTALL. — James, 127 Brigade Workshops RAEME. Ivanhoe RSL mourns the loss of a great member, former committee man and friend. Sincere sympathy to Dorothy and family. LEST WE FORGET

HEMPENSTALL. — Jim, Aug. 19 Fond memories and deepest sympathy — Joy.



KING. — Robert, VX 63014, Unit 127 Aust. Brigade W/Shop The President, Committee and Members of the Oakleigh RSL regret the passing of an esteemed Member. Lest we forget



LECKIE. — John B. VX117078 Capt. AEME. The North Balwyn RSL Sub-branch mourns the passing of a long serving Committeeman and a past President of the Sub-branch. "Lest We Forget"



STEVENS. — R. M. (Mick). Ex 10th Balcombe 1955/57, Art Teis 106 Nui Dat 69/70 Bye Mate. — Milton Pearson, Frankston, Victoria.

MAGENIS. — Lt. Col. G.C. (Ret). 13.06.1914 - 24.08.2005 VX68415 2/8 Armoured Regt 41st Landing Craft Coy RAEME

Greatly loved and loving husband for 65 years of Ellen (Nell), dearly loved father of Judith and Jennifer, respected father-in-law of Barry and Neville, dearly loved grandfather of Richard, Amanda, Deborah and Penelope, loved uncle of Julia and Graham. Cherished in our hearts forever



THOMAS. — Reg. VX145177 4th Army Field WS The President, Committee and Members of the Box Hill RSL regret the passing of our respected Member. Reg on Jan. 30, 2005. Lest we forget



SELF. — John Tolman. The President and Members of the R.A.E.M.E. Association (Vic.) Inc., regret the passing of John. Condolences to his family. At John's request there will not be a service.



VAUX. — Ramon, Feb. 9, 2005. Dearly loved brother of Alan (dec.) loved brother-in-law to Val loved uncle of Gary (dec.), Robert, Wendy and Peter (dec.), friend of Ken. Peace, perfect peace

SELF, John Tolman. — Born 16.10.1916, passed away peacefully 9th May, 2004. Retired RAEME Major ARA Reg. No. 64004. Service in U.K., Middle East, Japan, Korea (of storms and rainbows laid to rest).



STEVENS. — Robert Malcolm (Mick), ex member 106 Fd. W/shops, RAEME, SVN. Mar. 69 - Mar 70. 64317. Condolences to the family. — Outer Eastern Melbourne Sub Branch V.V.A.

McFadyen, who had suggested that a painting depicting repairs to a tank by a forward repair team and with a helicopter delivering a spare engine might be suitable. It was necessary to know whether such a combination of events had ever occurred, but it was confirmed during the Committee's discussion that helicopters had been used in this way. The Committee approved the suggestion and Mr McFadyen then painted his subject on a canvas approximately 3 feet by 2 feet. The inscription on the work reads, *AFV Repair in the light green Vietnam November 1969. K.G. McFadyen*. There is no record of when the painting was received; however, it was either late 1971, or some time in 1972.

The caption to the painting describes a day in the life of a Craftsman. "In November 1969 a troop of gun tanks supported by an ARV became bogged in the light green east of the Long Hai Hills in the Phouc Tuy Province of the Republic of Vietnam. In addition to the bogged vehicle, two gun tanks were immobilised, one with gear box failure and one with a final drive failure. Whilst the crews and the ARV, with sterling efforts on the 'Shovels, GS (AUS)' extricated the two serviceable gun tanks, a Forward Repair Team was deployed from 106th Field Workshop to provide the lift necessary for replacement of two failed MUA's. The M113A1 (Fitters) transported the gear box (inside the vehicle) while the final drive assembly was lifted in by CH47 Chinook. The repair and resupply operations were timed to enable the CH47 to back haul the two repairable assemblies. The operation was conducted



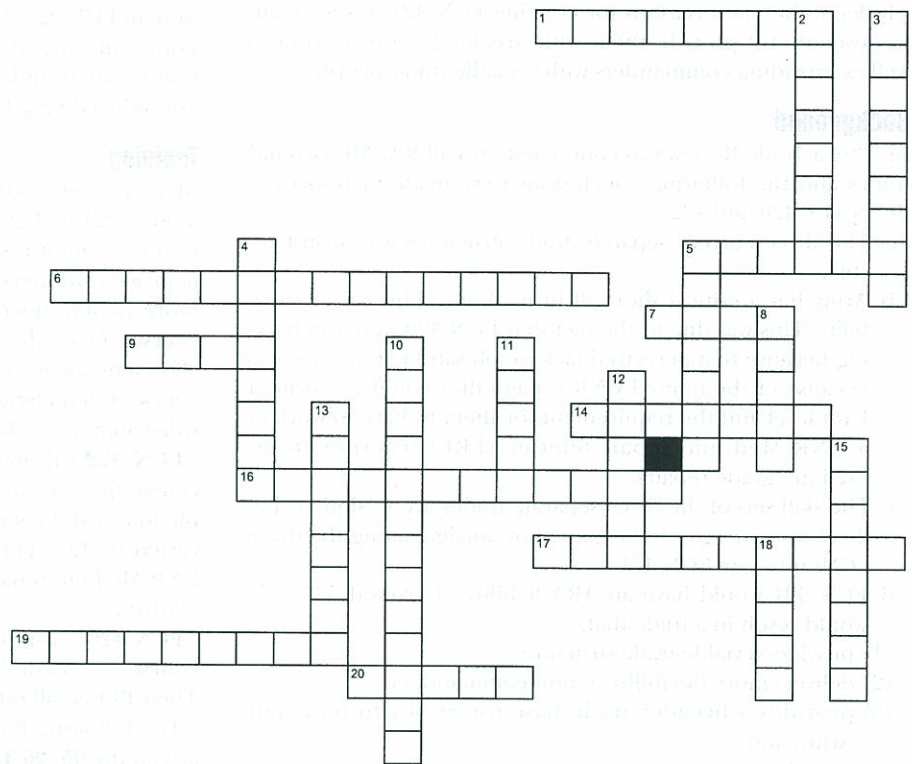
over a seven-hour period. The organic RAEME commitment was an ARV, crewed by two Recovery Mechanics, one Electrician and three Vehicle Mechanics. The non-organic support was provided by, 106th Field Workshop Forward Repair Team comprising, one M113A1 (Fitters) crewed by three Vehicle Mechanics. Troops involved were from a Troop from 1st Armoured Regiment consisting of four main battle tanks under command of SGT Browning (RAAC) on operation control to a company of Australian Infantry."

Across

- 1. The ASM of 3 CSSB WO1 Brian ...
- 5. The MRV & HRV are fitted with winches manufactured by
- 6. What Company advertised on the back cover of the last Craftsman Magazine? (7,8)
- 7. Colloquial term used to describe the repairing or changing of track on an Armoured Veh?
- 9. Fitter armourers have a lower intellect that the remainder of the Corps (true/false)
- 14. The shortest ASM in the history of ACW at ASEME is WO1
- 16. The RAEME Corps march is a compilation of the two tunes, 'The boys in the backroom' and
- 17. RAEME has two official artworks of the Corps, one is titled "AFV repair in the ..." (5,5)
- 19. How many inches is the cord of the Iroquois main rotor? (6,3)
- 20. The Deputy HOC (LTCOL Adams Ph 02 6055 4689) was born on this day in May 1963

Down

- 2. New Armoured Recovery Vehicle Heavy
- 3. Common oil in most military vehicles, OMD115, Oil-Mineral-what
- 4. TRAMM stands for Technical Regulation of Army ... Manual



- 5. What is the sub-unit icon in military symbols that designates a RAEME element?
- 8. The name of the horse on the Corp badge is
- 10. The MRV and Bushmaster are both fitted with a CTIS, a Central System (4,9)
- 11. The chained horse on the RAEME badge symbolises what under control
- 12. You may lovingly refer to your Recovery mechanic as this from time to time (3,3)
- 13. The Army Apprentice school was originally located here
- 15. RATEL authorised nickname for a generic RAEME element
- 18. What title did KING GEORGE VI grant to the Corps on the 10 November 1948?

ECN 421 Conversion

By WO1 David Clarke, Trade Manager RAEME Ground Trades)

In this edition of the RAEME CRAFTSMAN I'd like to provide you with a background behind why Employment Category Number (ECN) 421, Technician Electronic Systems (TES), was conceived and how those with an ECN of 419, 420 and 422 will be converted. This subject was also covered at the recent Corps Seminar and a number of questions were raised, which I will endeavour to answer in this forum.

Believe it or not ECN 421 is a good thing for our tradesmen, The Corps and The Army. All TES trainees coming out of ALTC now graduate as ECN 421. Once they have completed OJT they are qualified to repair Combat Net Radio (CNR) and Night Fighting Equipment (NFE) to Medium grade (a great asset to the Army and a very versatile Craftsman).

Indeed, the main reasons for creating ECN 421 was to retain tradesmen and provide them with greater job satisfaction as well as providing commanders with versatile tradespeople.

Background

In 2003 a Trade Review was conducted into all RAEME Ground trades and the following conclusions were made in respect to ECNs 419, 420 and 422:

- a. The three current separate trade structures are unsustainable.
- b. Army has a critical shortfall in medium radio repair capability. This was due to the fact that ECN 420 were discharging because of a perceived lack of job satisfaction. This was because of the limited CNR repairs they could perform at Unit level and the requirement for them to have to work in a CNR Medium Repair Shelter (FRF) in order to do Medium grade repairs.
- c. The skill sets of the three separate trades are so similar that there are synergies to be gained by amalgamating the three ECNs into one ECN 421.
- d. ECN 421 would have an ARA liability of around 333, and would result in a trade that:
 - (1) provides a viable trade structure;
 - (2) delivers more flexibility to unit commanders;
 - (3) provides a broader trade base for SCMA to best staff Army; and
 - (4) provides greater posting opportunity, and a greater range and level of technician employment to individual soldiers, thus assisting retention in the trade.

How does ECN 421 help?

ECN 421 provides tradesmen with the Skills, Knowledge and Attitudes (SKA) to work on CNR, Electro-Optics and Radar to Medium level. Most ECN 421 will be expected to be CNR/Electro-Optical trained with a current 422 skill set or with a current 419 skill set. That is unless they are to be qualified in all three areas because they choose to or because of operational or unit requirements.

It gives Managers the ability to rotate their people through the FRF (preventing people getting stale and disillusioned) and will assist in ensuring we are producing well rounded tradesmen with technical mastery. Once qualified it also provides ECN 421 with the opportunities to complete specialist equipment courses on equipment such as ASLAV, Abrams, Javelin, GSR, RBS70, etc.

The move to amalgamate all three ECNs was not meant to allow RAEME to reduce the amount of electronic positions. In fact it is the opposite as it is supposed to provide a more flexible and versatile workforce. If you are lucky enough to have an ECN 420 and 422 in your unit now, then you know how busy they both are. Logic tells you that by replacing both tradesmen with an ECN 421 that person will physically be unable to do the same amount of work as two people. It is up to RAEME Commanders and ASMs to ensure that their SED positions are not reduced based on this thought process.

Training

All current ECN 419, 420 or 422 tradespeople must be converted to ECN 421 no later than 1 January 2010. This sounds like a long lead time but it is something that individual members and their managers will need to monitor to ensure that we do not have more people needing converting than we have positions on courses. Once this conversion period expires, PMKeyS will not allow a member to be paid under their old ECN and conversion courses will no longer run. Along with all the other benefits provided above, this should serve as an incentive to be converted.

ECN 422 will have to nominate for a CNR Medium Repair course in order to be converted to 421. At the successful completion of the course their ROAs will reflect that they are converted to 421. This course is approx. 8 weeks long. Dates for CNR Medium repair courses are available on PMKeys (cse code 120138).

ECN 420 must do the Electro Optical Instrument conversion course (cse code 202435), which runs for approx. 10 weeks. Their ROAs will reflect that they are converted to 421.

The following Electro Optical Instrument conversion courses are on the **05/06 Trg Schedule**:

0001 - Unfunded (ALTC Staff) 18 Jul - 10 Oct 05 (Panel 6); and

0002 - 20 Mar - 2 Jun 06 (Panel 10).

The following Electro Optical Instrument conversion courses are on the **06/07 Trg Schedule**:

0003 - 3 Jul - 14 Sep 06 (Panel 10); and

0004 - 22 Jan - 24 Apr 07 (Panel 10).

These courses will go a long way to meeting the liability across the Corps. It is vital that none of the positions on these courses be wasted.

ECN 419 must complete both the CNR medium course and

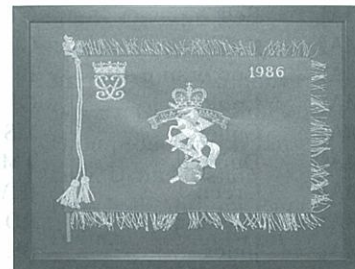
the Electro Optical Instrument conversion course. This is approx. 18 weeks of training, there is no requirement to do both courses at once and it would be unusual if the courses/unit commitments allowed them to. It is recommended that they be nominated for the course that meets the Units greatest need. Their ROAs will reflect that they are converted to 421 at the completion of both courses.

Because SGTs change to ECN 007 (Artificer Electronics) on promotion to WO2, the ECN 421 Implementation Plan places a

lower priority on the SGTs that are likely to be promoted prior to the conversion deadline (unless operations or units specifically require them to be ECN 421).

ASMs and OCs need to be aware that they need to get their people converted. If you currently have ECN 420 members in your Unit that want to get out because of a lack of job satisfaction this may be the incentive they need to hang around, as they can be converted to 421 and work on different equipment.

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vale

Was very sorry to hear he had gone, he was a bonza bloke and good fun in a very reserved way as I'm sure you would recall. On my return from SVN to 4Base I served on his mess committee when he was PMC in the latter part of 69. He was a great PMC and instigated a fantastic social calendar. After his army retirement and later in my career whilst in Bandi' he used to take me for a fly over Yak & Beechworth. Great memories of a great bloke and his lovely wife.

Memory: One sports afternoon PMC Ron and Committeeman WO1 Bill Tom

Vale Ron Metham

took the Bar Member SGT Wells to Morris's to select and purchase the wine for a formal in an RTC Land Rover (on duty of course). One of them was driving. Leaving the vineyard to head back quite late we were almost at the Hume Hwy when the senior couple became doubtful of what they had thought of the Liqueur Muscat so an immediate U-

Turn saw us again inbound Morris's where they entertained us with further after hours tasting and then a very slurry late, wobbly and dark departure for home saw us by THE GRACE OF GOD arrive back at the mess to unload about 8-30 odd with Mick Thrick and the WO1 Corner group very concerned and preparing to dispatch search parties. Very memorable events of my time on the committee of that wonderful old place that is no more. The RAEME SGTS Mess what stories it could tell.

My sincere condolences.

Norm Wells

Tribute to Brigadier R.M. Brydges

Brigadier Michael Brydges died on 28 Jun 2005 aged 96. He served from 1935 to 1958. At a recent ceremony in his adopted home in Australia, his wife Maybery Brydges accepted a Medallion awarded to Brigadier Brydges in recognition of his service to the Nation and her Allies during World War 2. The ceremony was part of the celebrations to mark the 60th Anniversary of the end of the war.

Brigadier Brydges, the third CO of the EME School, joined the RAOC in 1935 and whilst serving in the Western Desert Early in 1943, having previously been transferred into REME in 1942,

he was ordered to report to AHQ in Cairo. He drove from Benghazi to Cairo without knowing why he was wanted and then found that he had been posted to Australia to assist in the establishing of AEME.

Other REME officers had similar assignments during AEME's formative years. He followed LTCOL G. Blackwood. Their brief was to provide higher level instruction for officers and armament artificers.

He leaves his wife, Maybery and son, David who is Professor of Mathematics and Physics at Vancouver University in Canada.

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Al Muthanna Task Group (OP Catalyst Iraq, 2005)

Well here is the first unit jotting from Al Muthanna Task Group (AMTG) and who knows how many more there will be. Since the announcement of the deployment, everyone involved has been extremely busy and at times acting like headless chickens.

The vast majority of the 2 Cav Regt workshops were in some way involved with the ASLAV drivers/commanders course which was scheduled for the beginning of the year, while the remainder were preparing for an exercise in Cultana. Midway through the course the deployment was announced and the decision was made to finish the course. However, the exercise was cancelled, much to the dismay of all involved.

The formation of AMTG workshop has seen the addition of many new faces with the surprise inclusion of a Tp Ldr, Lt Courtney "Tabitha" Bethel, the elite Bushmaster "Bush Turkey" specialist, WO2 Richard Gladdish, Sgt Gary Plumridge and Cfn Adam Mischke, as well as the obligatory CSSB attachments "cling-ons" Sgt "George" Thurgood, Sgt Tony Kuilboer, Sgt Steve Salmon and Pte Neil "the human tripod" Ramsbotham ('YES' we even have a Prod Clerk'). We also gained the gate building expertise of Cfn "Frenchy" Goiris and our resident sports statistician CPL Wade Apps from 5/7 RAR.

Following the pre-deployment regime the advance party departed by Antanov which included Sgt Schonrock and his reo driver WO1 Bob Meehan and Cfn Ashley Boxall with his token CSSB cling-on Cpl Dave Langley. Main Bodies 1, 2.1 and 2.2 followed over the following month, with every one safely arriving in Camp Smitty by the 16 May 2005.

The award for the most memorable trip over goes to WO2 Gladdish, Lcpl Justin Sims and Cfn C.J. Olden who accompanied the majority of the stores and equipment on the boat, as protection against "pirates". ANZAC Day was celebrated on deck south of the Bay of Bengal and although most memories of the occasion are a little sketchy to say the least, the photos suggest a good time was had by all. The boat was running a little ahead of schedule, so the Skipper decided a short halt in the middle of The Arabian Sea was in order. This allowed the boys some recovery time with a dip in the ocean. Whilst stationary, a budding Rex Hunt on-board decided to wet a line, and to everyone's dismay, reeled in a large Mako shark. It was decided that it had probably been following for sometime with the assistance of the burley trail left by one of the Q-staff on board. This, along with the insertion of a piercing in an unmentionable part, by a sharpened toothbrush and alcohol swabs, made

for a very memorable beginning to a long deployment. The boat trip also brought about the quote of the deployment, it involved WO2 Gladdish and the Dental Tech who was also on board. "Hey Webby, you are a Dental Tech aren't you?" to which the reply was "Yeah". "What do you know about ribs?" Laughter was the only response.

Life in Camp Smitty quite quickly degenerated into Ground Hog Day, with only the break in major servicing periods to look forward to. Everyone has had a trip out and about at some stage with most being fairly mundane. Our Engineer attachment did manage to take in a naked spa with the Japanese which left some of the petite women wondering where they could pick up an Aussie man. CPL Jones our chippy and SPR Bush the plumber/plantie also managed to pickup the prestigious awards of AMTGs best arms and chest respectively as judged by the Sig chicks.

The highlight of the trip for the ASM was the guest appearance of Gretel from Big Brother, to which his fantasies carried on weeks after she left. However, Gretel's lasting memory of the trip would surely be Frenchy on stage performing his world renowned strip show, until the RSM decided it was probably too much for her to bear.

Life in Camp Smitty isn't a great deal different to being at

MAJ Barras	SGT Scnrock	CFN Boxall
CAPT Stigter	SGT Thurgood	CFN Clarke
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home with the usual knee jerk reactions, training programs and "necessary" rules, with the obvious differences being a lot more sand/dust, several thousand kilometers from decent women and a discharge application. So from all of the guys and gal at AMTG workshops, all the best in your endeavors and we look forward to spinning a yarn with you on our return. It will probably include what we are spending our money on.

Arte et Marte

AATT-1 (3) Maintenance Training Team



By Capt Matt Brodie and Cpl James Beardsley

After the first two Australian Army Training Team Iraq (AATTI) rotations – which trained the new Iraqi Army in basic infantry skills – it was time for the 'Loggies' to get a go. AATTI-3 was raised to address the task of training the Iraqi Army in logistics operations. The maintenance element of AATTI-3 was drawn from 9 FSB and 10 FSB. The impact of this deployment was considerable for 26 Tpt Sqn, 9 FSB, which supplied the majority of RAEME members. Those remaining behind were set for a busy year with many challenges (just ask SGT Anderson and the other workshop members).

After DFSU training, a two-week basic Arabic language course and a 9 mm pistol course, it was time to depart from our loved ones for six months in the "Sandpit". The main body of the Maintenance Training Team departed mid-February for the Middle East. Before we left there was little known about the actual task that was to be undertaken. Not much changed when we landed in the AO. It was only when the team arrived at our

final location and joined the ASM WO1 Jamie Hickinbotham, who came over in early January as part of the advance party, that we found out the colossal task that was to be.

Our task is to train the new Iraqi Army in first line maintenance. We also realised that we were required to design and produce everything needed for the job e.g. presentations, lesson plans, assessments, handouts, forms and procedures. We basically had to write new doctrine as there was little, or no such thing, available to start with. Not to mention the task of setting up training facilities and acquiring equipment on which to instruct. Don't forget the cultural barriers such as not speaking the same language as the students. We also only had one month to have everything ready to go. This is about when the tension kicked into overdrive.

To make matters worse for the RAEME members, we had the smallest team and were required to run two courses (Armourer and Vehicle Mechanic). This meant we were doing twice the



The AATTI-3 Maintenance Training Team with the first course members

amount of work of the other teams with half the staff. Additionally, maintenance has the most skilled trades and thus the most difficult information to teach. In good RAEME fashion, though, we planned it out and got on with the job.

There is a word that we learnt on our basic Arabic course, "inshalla". It means "God willing" and we all had a bit of a laugh about it before we left. Little did we know how often it was to be used and for what reasons. It's like a get out of gaol free card for anything. The first time we heard this word in the AO was from one of the interpreters. Someone said to him we will see you tomorrow. He replied "inshalla". Do you think we saw him again? No! This goes for pretty much everything. We requested equipment so that we could learn how it works and tools for the trainees. The response was "inshalla". Three months later we are still waiting (but they are on the way)!

Before long it was time to start instructing the new trainees. This was the biggest challenge of all. They arrived dressed in sandals and "man-dresses" and we allotted them to their specific course and started to teach. Let's not forget that our backsides are still hanging out producing lessons for the next day as well.

It's all good until we get to the Iraqi's weekend – which is a Friday. Only about half of the trainees returned when they were supposed to on the Saturday morning. For the rest of the week they came back in as they pleased, usually a couple at a time. When we asked them where they had been, we find out that some people had extra days leave granted (without our knowledge of course). When we try to confirm this with the Iraqi officer who granted it we can't find him anywhere. That's because

he decided to give himself a few days extra leave as well. But we are assured he will return soon, "inshalla".

That is pretty much how things run over here. Fly by the seat of your pants, don't expect anything to be easy and believe that if something does go to plan it's not because God willed it, rather it was a fluke.

We are instructing on equipment that is foreign to us e.g. the trucks comprise fine examples of Russian automotive engineering such as the Kraz, Taz and Uaz. This was

hardly a challenge though for the vehicle maintenance instructors, SGTs Gregson and Kemp. For the armourer course we are teaching the likes of the AK47, RPK, RPG7 and PKM machine gun. The armourer instructors, CPL Dave Eley and the ever adaptable CPL James Beardsley, quickly accepted the challenges of the various weapons. Jim showing the armourers up and proving that an electrician can easily teach their trade (in three weeks). However, Dave insists this is due to the studious coaching of Jim's master rather than a function of the apprentice's aptitude.

As the course progressed the trainees took a liking to SGT Kemp showering him with hugs and kisses. This is perfectly normal in their culture however SGT Gregson took great pleasure in hassling him about this for days. That was all good until one of the students landed a kiss on him as well. Let's just say he didn't hassle him anymore after that. The rest of the team managed to avoid this little bit of Iraqi culture which was just fine by us.

By the end of the first course we felt as though we really made an impact on the students. This was demonstrated in the kind words and appreciation they provided during the closing address. After the closing address the trainees hoisted all of us up onto their shoulders as if we had just won the footy grand final. It was a good feeling to see how much they appreciated



CPL Dave Eley discovering the workings of the PKM machine gun



The AATTI-3 Maintenance Training Team, from left: WO1 Jamie Hickinbotham (ASM), CPL James Beardsley (Elec), SGT John Kemp (VM), CPL Dave Eley (Arm), SGT Dave (All Ass) Gregson (VM) and the Maint Team Leader CAPT Matt Brodie

RAEME, CPL James Beardsley, SGT John Kemp, SGT Dave (All Ass) Gregson, WO1 Jamie Hickinbotham, CAPT Matt Brodie, 2005/6

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SGT Phillip (Tiger) Lyons, RAEME

8 May 1927 – 27 Aug 2005

Tributes to Tiger Lyons

TIGER, apart from being a real artificer, was an all round good guy and liked by everyone who knew him. Tiger had two tours of Vietnam (66-67 & 70-71) with SASR. He was one of the original members of the Regiment joining it in 1957, and serving as an Armourer in their workshop. Tiger got his butt well and truly kicked when he modified a SLR at the request of a member of the Regiment. This involved cutting down the barrel to shorten the weapon and make it more useful in a jungle combat situation. The "Bitch" as it was called is now mounted on the wall in the Officer's Mess at Swanbourne Barracks. It's a rather strange looking SLR with the Flash suppressor immediately in front of the gas block. Rest in peace, Tiger

John Curtis

AT KARRAKATTA today the SAS Association arranged a fitting and beautiful order of service for the funeral of one of their own.

Generations of Senior NCO's SSM's RSM's and senior Officers many highly decorated men were among the over 150 ex SAS mourners who paid their respects at the Karrakatta funeral service of their favourite armourer, the cheeky wild woolly and mostly uncontrollable Sgt Tiger Lyons. Tiger was an original armourer with the unit when the SAS Coy was formed and later saw two tours on SAS hill Nui Dat as their armourer.

Retired senior and decorated officers wrote from across Australia reminiscing the hard time they had received as junior officers on the hill from Tiger but almost legendary respect they had for his ability to keep their tools of trade in unfailing reliable condition. His record

was no weapon failed in battle Other Eulogies were presented by ex service friends and family members.

His famed ability to perform complex weapon illegal modifications to meet unit needs on request was also outlined particularly his modified sawn off SLR "Bitch Model".

The cremation service included the reading of his service record, a reading of the prayer 'A SOLDIER', an interlude of Tiger's favourite tunes (including There is a Tavern in the Town!), the SASR Prayer and the Ode to a Wandering Warrior (this read by a uniformed SASR soldier PSO CAPT past SASR RSM who joined the unit as a CFN VM and became a TPR and was TIMOR decorated Conspicuous Service Medal)

The casket bore his awards bayonet and two SAS berets 1 x Cherry Red and 1 x Sandy reflecting his extended SAS time.

Following the very moving service mourners were invited to join the family at The SAS Assoc "House" (their clubhouse within Campbell Barracks) for light refreshments and more Tiger stories!

Tigers ability to establish a refreshment location was certainly remembered and a story from his SAS hill SSM told of his hanging water bag at work seemed to be over popular even the OC drank from it? Examination discovered not much water but lots of rum and Tiger was supposed to be on the dry.

Mates and family alike reflected Tigers refusal too accept anything could not be fixed – and fix them he would - large or small. A great artisan.

His love for his extended family and remote fishing in his Bronco 4wd was told and his duty as Father Christmas with his real long white beard for the SAS Assoc from 92 until too sick in 94. A young one told his replacement this year 'He was not as good as the real Father

Christmas last year because your beard isn't real!').

Tiger was apprenticed as a Fitter and Turner with the West Aust Govt Railway Workshop and later entered RAEME serving in 101 at Pucka before posting to WA and the SAS coy.

That's how they sent a great BLUE-BELL soldier on his way today. Thought you might like to know.

Afterlife

It was said by the end of the week when he is over his jet lag he'll be muscling into and tightening strings at the harp and bow factory and by next week hell be on the lunch room table into the wine stock bending over with his gown down telling them he's keeping a few eyes on them showing off his eyeball tattoos on his ass!

Norm Wells

THE moment that I received word that Tiger Lyons was dead I got an immediate flash before my mind, as I know many of you would have, that knew Tiger. I was the PMC of Vic. Barracks Sgt's Mess, Melbourne, and yes Tiger was a member. We had a formal dinner coming up and I told Tiger that I was sorry but he couldn't come. He didn't have to be told why, as you all know, Tiger had two eyes tattooed on his backside and his favourite trick when he was drunk, was to jump up on a table, drop his pants and declare to all, that he was keeping an eye everyone. Tiger promised me that he wouldn't, definitely, positively, wouldn't under any circumstances, not me Tommo, and like a fool I believed him. Did He? All those that know Tiger know the answer to that. I wonder whom he is keeping an eye on now? Whoever, they will be having a good time. One of Tiger's many friends

Bob Thompson

Vale Lt Colonel Lawrence Raymond Sargeant (RL) E.D.



Lt. Colonel Lawrence Sargeant who passed away on 2nd December 2004, had a long and distinguished military career, well respected within the Corps of RAEME and well remembered by the 1st to 8th Intakes of Balcombe Army Apprentices.

Born on 17th June 1916 at Prahran, Victoria. He commenced his military career in the Militia on 26th January 1939 with 3rd Division AASC. On 1st April 1939, he was promoted Cpl. On 13th October 1939, was promoted Sgt. Discharged

12th May 1940. He enlisted in the Permanent Military Forces on 13th May 1940. 3rd February 1940, saw him promoted T/Warrant Officer Class

II and transferred to the Australian Instructional Corps. On 3rd February 1942, he was transferred to 46th Infantry Battalion (The Brighton Rifles) and Appointed Regimental Quarter-Master Sergeant. He transferred to the Australian Imperial Forces on 2nd February 1943.

30th January 1943, he was promoted Acting Warrant Officer Class I and saw service in Papua New Guinea from 25 Aug – 12 Nov 1943. On 12th November 1943, he was posted to 114th Lt. AA Regt RAA. On 4th February 1945 he was posted to Land Head Quarters, School of Infantry. On 19th November 1945, he was transferred to 3rd Military District Recruiting Staff. On 24th September 1947, he was posted to 3rd Military District Detention Barracks.

His next posting was to the newly

formed Army Apprentices School at Balcombe, Victoria as the School's first Regimental Sergeant-Major from 19th April 1948 until 8th January 1953. Here was this rather tall impressive military bearing figure greeting apprentices to their first taste of military life.

Whilst at the Army Apprentices School, in an abandoned hut (left over from the days when it had been previously occupied by members of the United States 1st Marine Division recuperating after fighting the Japanese Forces on Guadalcanal Island in the Pacific) he set up a miniature Rifle Range and taught early Intakes of Apprentices how to fire a .22 rifle (you had to pay for your own bullets).

On 28th June 1948, he enlisted in the Australian Regular Army Special Reserve. Was discharged on 29th June 1950, and enlisted in the Australian Regular Army on 30th June 1950. On 8th Jan 1953, Lawrence Sargeant was posted to N Comd Wksp in Qld. 3rd August 1961 he was appointed Regimental-Sergeant Major of 2nd Base Wksp Moorebank N.S.W. On 5th July 1963, was Commissioned as Lieutenant (Q.M.). His next posting was 105 Infantry Wksp (CMF) (later redesignated as 105 Fd Wksp Type 'A') RAEME ACMF Trg Depot at Chapel Street, East St. Kilda from 28th Sept 1965 – 1st Dec 1965 when he was appointed Staff Capt HQ CRAEME 3rd Division Chapel Street, East St. Kilda.

On 5th August 1966, he was posted

to AHQ (Melb) DEME Albert Park Barracks serving under Brig. J. Dean OBE. On September 1968, he was promoted T/Capt and whilst serving at Albert Park Barracks he had the pleasure of being the Escort Officer to a visiting REME DEME at that time and escorted him around Australia whilst he visited several RAEME units.

12th June 1968, he was posted to PNG Wksp. On 4th September 1968, was promoted Capt. On 17th August 1970 was posted to 1st Avn Regt Wksp at Oakley QLD. On 23rd July 1971, was posted to 3 Base Wksp (ARA) Camp Road, Broadmeadows (formerly 3rd MD Wksp, later as S Comd Wksp. Later redesignated as 3 Base Wksp (ARA) until 17th June 1973. On 24th April 1972 he had been promoted Maj. On 17th June 1973, was placed on the Retired List and on 18th June 1973, was granted permission to wear the uniform of Lt. Colonel.

In later years, Lawrence Sargeant joined the RAEME Association (Vic) Branch at Oakleigh Barracks Oakleigh South and attended many ANZAC Eve Re-Unions and the Annual Widows and Life Member's Luncheons where he renewed many of his old RAEME acquaintances both from the ARA and the Army Apprentices School, Balcombe days.

Arte et Marte

Lt. J.L. Westernhagen (Retd.) E.D.
ex 3rd Intake Veh Mech Balcombe Apprentice.



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"Crafty Moments"

By Terry Beaton (Corps Historian)

Welcome to the first of a series of articles which will undertake a "DaVinci" like investigation into RAEME and be led on an informative journey whilst searching for that priceless phenomena which has been lost and was the very soul of the Corps in the past, namely "Esprit de Corps". In today's Corporate Army these three words are apparently just that – "three words". It is hoped that by the time this series concludes, thinking members of the Corps will realise how crucial our past history was in determining our current and future capability to carry out what has always been our primary role – to provide technical maintenance, recovery and repair support to the Army, regardless of its ever changing force structure and mission. Field Marshall Montgomery stated that "the Corps exists to keep the punch in the Army's fist".

Decisions therefore made purely based on cost constraints and ill-informed directives will only result in RAEME constantly re-inventing itself, never effectively carrying out its role and relying frequently on reactive crisis management. Thank goodness the Indonesian backed rebels in Timor lacked the "bottle to fight". The outcomes for RAEME and the Force in total, may have been substantially different if they had proved to be an enemy to be respected, rather than just a "bunch of thugs".

Many may feel that history is a dead subject, along with those who made it. How wrong they are!! History is a dynamic living subject, constantly changing and providing valuable insight and answers to current dilemmas. Historians frequently prove that "history keeps repeating itself", as we "keep re-inventing the wheel" because decision makers fail to take historical lessons into their appreciation process. Frequently negative reactions result from lack of historical knowledge. How many Australians realise that the Japanese were on the Allied side in

WW1 and that our famous ANZAC Convoy sailing to the Middle East was protected by Japanese destroyers or that in WW2 workshop personnel captured with the Fall of Singapore, were amazed to see British Ribbons of Valour on older Japanese troops for their bravery on our side in WW1. Hence, when RAEME personnel are sent to Iraq to support an Australian Force providing protection for Japanese Engineers – history is just repeating itself again, its just that the shoe is on the other foot.

Eyes throughout the Corps are currently cast in the direction of the Middle East. Yet Australian workshop personnel first endured the challenges of repairing equipment, with insufficient manning, few essential parts in the hot, sandy conditions of the Middle East, over sixty five years ago. In 1939 Australian planners assumed that the 2nd AIF would carry out its own first and second line work, whilst British RAOC units would undertake third and fourth line. Sound familiar! The first 2nd AIF Ordnance workshop was 2/1st Army Field Workshop (AFW) raised in Sydney in December 1939. Apart from the main workshop element, it also included three Recovery Sections and six LADs. The unit sailed in two drafts, with "1 Recovery Section" under Captain F.W. Statham leaving first on 11 Jan 1940 and established itself at Quastina in Palestine. The main body was diverted to England arriving on 16 Jun 1940, where it was "disbanded" and the majority "reallocated" to other units. The remainder were formed into the Australian Divisional Workshop UK and employed repairing vehicles for - the British Army. 1 Recovery Section was renamed Detachment 2/1st AFW and reinforced by pulling desperately needed tradesmen from 6th Div units and given the impossible task to provide 2nd line or higher level repairs to all AIF units in Palestine. Evidently, RAEME tradesmen have therefore been called upon throughout history to perform miracles

under extremely difficult circumstances through command blunders.

Whilst on African campaigns, it should be remembered that sixty four RAEME personnel served with distinction in Namibia in 1988, whilst three RAEME Officers and two TES(G) technicians served in the first Gulf War (1990). Away from the desert, four RAEME tradesmen served on the islands off Bouganville in 1977, whilst six RAEME personnel died due to active service in Vietnam and that many others today are suffering from their experiences during this campaign.

When complaining about lack of manpower, changes to trade structures and training, critics must bear in mind that, although formed in 1942 (*in time of war*) with 950 officers and some 14,000 other ranks, growing to 20,813 (all ranks) by late 1945 – AEME's strength by 20 Jun 46 with downsizing through demobilisation however, had reduced to only 3,213. Further cutbacks by 1 Jul 1948 had reduced AEME's strength in Australia to **only 637**, with a few others serving in Japan with the British Commonwealth Occupation Forces (BCOF). It would therefore seem that mandatory force restructuring and downsizing endured since the early 1990s, is not the first time the Corps has suffered for "preferred" retention of combat capability, under economic and political pressure and it won't be the last.

Our search for the illusive "Esprit de Corps" starts by examining the painting of the Banner Parade. It depicts our Colonel-in-Chief, HRH Prince Philip presenting his Banner to the Corps on 20 May 1986 at the RAEME Training Centre, Bandiana. Closer examination of the *Prince Philip Banner*, may question why it is not designated "The Duke of Edinburgh" Banner, as on one side it clearly displayed the Duke's own personal Royal Cipher in the top left hand corner surmounting the Corps Badge embroidered in the centre. In the top right hand corner is embroidered "1986" (the

year it was presented), with the Australian Coat of Arms embroidered on its reserve side. Historical records reveal that originally HRH Prince Philip wanted it called the "The Colonel-In-Chief's" Banner. However in Nov 82 he succumbed to the Australian tradition of naming banners after those who presented them, following an approach by the then DGEME, BRIG John Dean, as Chairman of the Corps Committee. Although not her banner, the Queen still had to approve the design in Dec 1983. The banner itself was skillfully made in Melbourne by R.F.Kemp Pty Ltd, whilst the belt had to be made in England.

The banner displays our revered Corps badge, but few know that it did not exist

in this form until 1955, with the adoption of the Queen's Crown following the coronation of Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II. From 1949 until 1955, RAEME had adopted the REME badge with the King's Crown, until the death of HM King George VI, following the granting of "Royal" status to AEME on 10 Nov 1948, in recognition of its service during WW2. Few would realise that whilst our badge comprises a globe depicting the Southern hemisphere, REME's depicts the Northern Hemisphere of Europe. Moreover, necessity being the mother of innovation few would contemplate that without WW2, RAEME would not exist today. Instead we would all still be RAAOC.

What a thought!

It is hoped that this first insight into Corps History will demonstrate its crucial relevance to the Corps today, as the current problems are not new, just re-invented!! To preserve Corps history and re-generate "Esprit de Corps" it is essential to establish a comprehensive and meaningful display at the Army Museum. Regardless of events, Bandiana will always be the "home" of the Corps. Small items of significance are desperately needed to achieve this aim and can be forwarded to the SO2 Corps -Heritage with suitable descriptions and donor details for display. Remember, *"we are, from where we came, which will determine where we are going"*.

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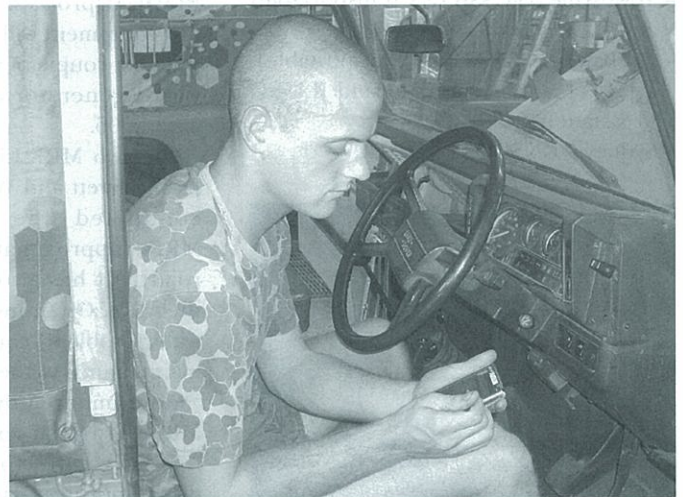
SDSS – The solution is mobile

The RAEME Craftsman toolbox is getting a high tech makeover. DMO has completed a trial to prove the concept that equipment inspections can be conducted using a mobile device, and the results of the inspection can then be uploaded to the Mincom Maintenance Module of SDSS. Currently inspections are completed using pen and paper and the inspector must key the data in to a computer terminal connected to SDSS. This method is time consuming and the standards are inconsistent. The method being trialed involves using a template loaded to a Personal Digital Assistant (PDA) to capture inspection details. Once the inspection is complete and signed the PDA is synchronised with a desktop computer and the data is uploaded to MMM to create a DDQ541 Maintenance Request Technical Inspection.

The underlying technology is in use by United Kingdom railways and electricity companies where tasks and information is transmitted via satellite. Materiel Systems Program Office of the Defence Materiel Organisation rolled out software and hardware for the trial at JLU(SQ) Bulimba, 3 CSSB Townsville and 1 CSSB Darwin. The software was been licensed and modified for Army by Mincom who have also provided significant assistance to users at each site.

Planned benefits from this technology include:

- A reduction in the amount of time required in completing the basic inspection of a vehicle.
- Extend the IT function from the office to reduce delays through lack of desktop computers.
- A dramatic reduction in the amount of time required in creating a Technical Report in MMM after the inspection is completed.



- A consistent approach to vehicle inspections – inspectors in Townsville are inspecting vehicles in the same manner as inspectors in Darwin, and
- The ability to quickly select parts required using a PDA rather than a parts manual.

A business case is currently being developed to seek funding for a full project. If the project gets the thumbs up for implementation, the scope is enormous and would not be limited just to vehicle inspections. There is application in areas other than maintenance inspections such as Work Orders, Non Techs, RODUMS, etc. with the possibility of deploying the mobile solution to wherever there is a SDSS enabled computer.

CNR MRF "Rollout" now complete

WO2 Jason Jarrett &
WO2 Craig Fidge (the MRFLOs)

The "rollout" of the Combat Net Radio Medium Repair Facilities (CNR MRFs) is now complete. The CNR MRF has replaced the old RAVEN Field Repair Facility (RAVEN FRF).

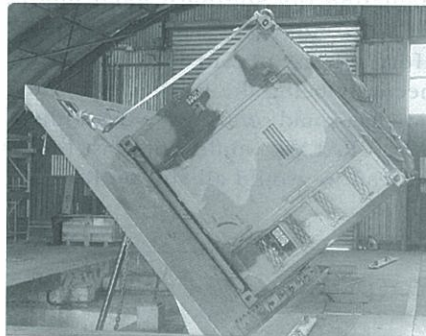
The first MRF delivery was in April of 2003 to DNSDC and the last delivery, again to DNSDC, was completed in July of 2005.

There are now a total of fourteen MRFs in service (eight transportable types housed in medium maintenance shelters and six static types consisting of nineteen inch racking and a work-bench). The locations of the MRFs are as follows:

- Darwin - 1 CSSB (2 x transportable) and JLU-N (1 x static);
- Townsville - 3 CSSB (2 x transportable) and JLU-N (1 x transportable);
- Brisbane - 7 CSSB (1 x transportable), 1 JSU (1 x transportable) and JLU-SQ (1 x static);
- Sydney - DNSDC (2 x static);



Transportable MRF in transit configuration (trunks for cable and additional storage)



Transportable MRF during centre of gravity testing

- Bandiana - ALTC (1 x static and 1 x transportable); and
- Melbourne - DMO (1 x static for software and hardware development).

Funding has been allocated to allow the software used to control the test equipment within the MRFs to be improved, based on the feedback received from the MRF operators via the RODUM process. The older pieces of test equipment will also be replaced over the next couple of years starting with the signal generator and RF amplifier in early 2006.

The two MRF Liaison Officers WO2 Jason Jarrett and WO2 Craig Fidge have conducted the "rollout" of the MRFs (approximately 12 weeks on the road). It has also offered a DMO via the MRFLOs an insight into the current wider problems concerning the on-going maintenance of the CNR fleet.

More importantly it has provided the MRFLOs a great opportunity to socialise, fish, play golf, four wheel drive and drink (not necessarily in that order) all over Australia.

1 CSSB & JLU-N - Some of the more memorable events include the ordeal of trying to play a round of golf the morning after a night drinking WO2 Simon Hurdle's and WO2 Paul Nation's home brew in Darwin. We also experienced an earthquake from the third story of a Darwin hotel shortly after the Boxing Day Tsunami, "Did the earth move for you dear?"

1 JSU - WO1 Mark Williams gave a



WO2 Fidge loading elements of a Static MRF on its way to JLU-SQ

demonstration of how not to drink beer from a jug at the Regatta Hotel in Brisbane, silly bugger wasted more than he drank... or is that drunk? Either way he must have been! CPL Schubert was of course at home at the time drafting text for input to another RODUM whilst the rest of the 1 JSU Tech Sqn was having a night out.

3 CSSB & JLU-NQ - The Army's problems were solved around the pool table many a night at the Max Hotel in Townsville. Indoor cricket also reached new lows with what could only be called a pathetic display of skills by Mr Darryl Gammon again in Townsville.

There are a number of far more interesting events that occurred during the "rollout" but to protect the guilty they will remain unmentioned (a need to know basis).

Finally the MRFLOs would like to thank those personnel who assisted us during the "rollout" as it made life a lot less difficult than it could have been.

Cheers.



Truck loaded with a Static and Transportable MRF



SCMA 2005 Update

Welcome to the Soldier Career Management Agency (SCMA) update for 2005. This article intends to highlight changes in career management over the last 12 months and provide soldiers with a clearer understanding of career management issues and procedures.

Manual of Army Employment (MAE) and Employment Category Standing Orders (ECSO)



W01 Mark McLean

June 2004, saw the long awaited release of updated MAE/ECSO for RAEME. These documents are critical in the management of soldiers as they clearly identify the requirements that individuals are to meet for promotion and advancement in their applicable ECN (both in rank and trade). The MAE is the authoritative document, with the ECSO providing further clarification and expansion of the information contained within the MAE.

All soldiers should ensure that they are aware of the content of their applicable MAE/ECSO. This will empower you by providing knowledge and clarification on what the requirements are for advancement in rank and trade.

The MAE and ECSO for all Corps can be found at the following website: <http://intranet.defence.gov.au/army-web/Sites/dpersa/>

Soldier Performance Appraisal Report (PAR)

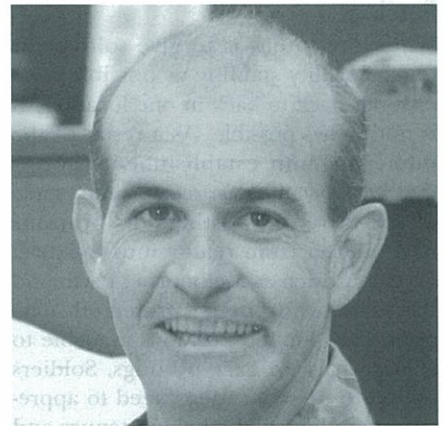
The PAR, form AC 833-22, is used to record and to provide feedback to the soldier on their performance in their current appointment. All soldiers are to have an annual PAR raised once they have successfully completed Subject One for Corporal, regardless of promotion to LCPL/CPL or completion of other promotion courses.

Individuals are to ensure that their PAR reflects/identifies their achievements and performance during the reporting period, in particular the performance of any period of higher duties, outstanding achievement and any Extra Regimental Appointments held.

Assessors and senior assessors are to ensure PARs are realistic, contain any noteworthy aspects of the individuals' performance, are completed accurately and that they are not 'marked up'. An inflated report does not give accurate and honest feedback. The soldier will have an unrealistic expectation of their performance or not understand what attributes they need to develop. While some assessors may see it as an easy way to get through the process, soldiers have the right to accurate and honest reporting, for good or bad. The PAR should reflect an honest and non-bias representation of an individual's performance.

Posting Preferences

The Employment Preferences and Restrictions proforma (form AD148) is used to identify your preferences and restrictions in regard to future postings and employment opportunities. Recently an electronic version of this form (EPAR) has become available under 'My Career' on PMKeys Self Serve (PSS) on the DRN. All individuals with access to PSS can now view, update and submit posting preferences through this



W01 Mick Aleckson

portal. The previous format, form AD148, is still available as not all personnel have access to the DRN or PSS at this stage. Instructions on how to complete the new format is available at the website. Currently there is no automated process to advise SCMA of any changes. Therefore, if using PSS to change your preferences, it is in your best interest to advise your CM that you have changed your preferences via email through your chain of command.

One aspect of posting preferences which is generally overlooked is that a new AD 148 is required to be submitted with each annual PAR. This is an important requirement as CM are already looking at finalising posting options for some individuals for the following posting cycle (12-18 months away) and are commencing PAC preparation. The recent submission of posting preferences provides your CM with confirmatory information of your intended future wishes.

Another new feature now available under PSS is access to Army People Central. This is extremely beneficial when looking at future postings and locations. This site provides the capability to search for authorised establishment positions within Army.



WO1 Andy Vogler

Postings

While the intent is to give soldiers as much locality stability as possible (two postings back to back in one location) it is not always possible. As a result of the numerous unit establishment reviews that have occurred in recent time, many of the favoured postings or locations have moved from reality into folklore. Locations such as Melbourne, Perth and Brisbane, while being preferred locations, have limited positions available to achieve back to back postings. Soldiers posted to these locations need to appreciate that they will be held to tenure and subsequently posted out.

Mobility as a result of service postings is generally considered the down side to working in Army. Despite its perceived disadvantages, it is necessary to achieve development across a range of positions, units and ranks. It is the CM responsibility to prepare soldiers for employment within Army at rank and for subsequent promotions. To achieve the required development, it is quite often necessary to move soldiers out of a location after a posting.

When speaking to your CM during your annual career interview, there is no harm in asking for what you want, in fact you should. As CM, we will consider your proposal and advise you of the relevance, adherence to the trade progression model and the availability of postings or positions to achieve it.

Personnel Advisory Committee (PAC)

The aim of the Personnel Advisory Committee (PAC) is to promote the best soldiers within trade and ECN. To achieve this, CM spend considerable time preparing each soldier prior to presenting to the PAC. A key message is that it is necessary for all administration relating to soldiers be up to date. Aspects such as AIRN compliance, medical, dental and current annual reports are all crucial to the PAC preparation.

Whilst many of these are a unit's responsibility, soldiers must also ensure these requirements are satisfied (especially those expecting promotion). The pre requisites for a soldier to be presented to PAC is that they meet the minimum

required time in rank, have not previously been allocated to Band 5 and most importantly have received a promotion recommendation of suitable or highly suitable on their last annual PAR.

PAC Banding – All soldiers presented to PAC are allocated to a particular 'band' based on their performance and competitiveness against their peers. Detailed below is the current banding system and a very brief summary of each band:

Band 1 – Suitable for promotion, likely to be promoted.

Band 2 – Suitable for promotion, may be promoted (subject to positions).

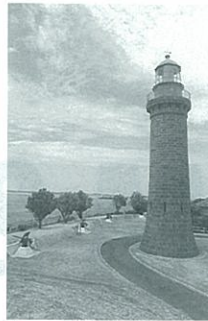
Band 3 – Suitable for promotion, not expected to be promoted (limited positions).

Band 4 – Not suitable for promotion (reason will be identified).

Band 5 – Not suitable for promotion in the long term (reason will be identified).

No Band – A fair determination could not be made due to an outstanding issue (reason will be identified).

PAC Notification – After PAC has been completed, each individual presented to PAC will be notified of their result through their respective CO. In an effort to reduce the time taken to issue PAC



Queenscliff black lighthouse

results, SCMA will now provide CO with the results via email.

PAC is conducted between February to late May each year. Visitors are able to visit SCMA during the Promotion Series to view it first hand. The only stipulation is that you are not invited to view your own Corps. Many who have observed a PAC have come away with a new understanding of the requirements and system that is the PAC.

Contacting the CM

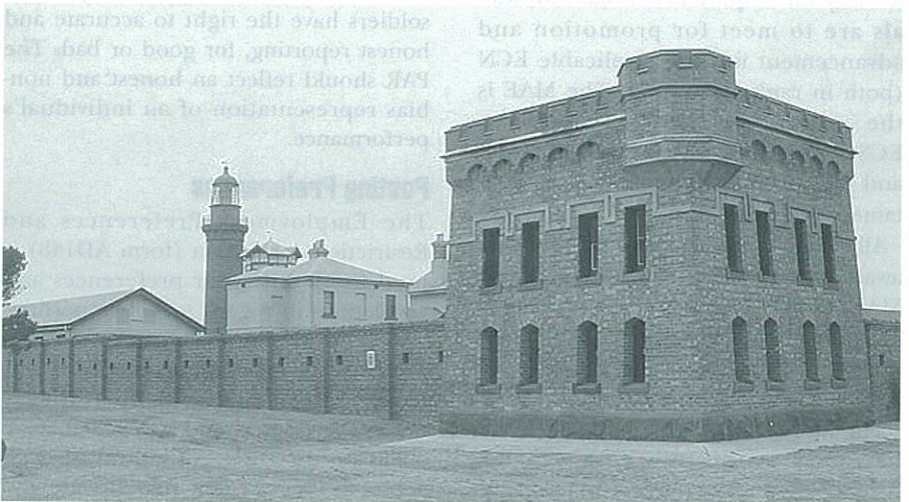
The SCMA Handbook located on the Defence Website: <http://intranet.defence.gov.au/ArmyWeb/sites/SCMA/> is an excellent reference tool for understanding SCMA's functions within the wider Personnel Division at Army Headquarters. Should you wish to contact your CM, do this through your chain of command, as the unit RSM/SSM is the first point of contact for SCMA.

Contact details for the CM for specific trades are listed below.

- MAJ Kathy Green – ECN 021, 013, 226 (SGT – WO1), Regimental and Non Corp positions.
- WO1 Steve Zink – All Ground Trades SGT – WO2.
- WO1 Andy Vogler – ECN 146, 229 and 235 (CFN – CPL).
- WO1 Mark McLean – ECN 421, 418 (CFN – CPL) and 226 (CFN – CPL).
- WO1 Mick Aleckson – All Air Trades CFN – WO2.
- WO2 Vacancy – OJT, Course and PAC Manager.

On a final note we farewell WO1 Andy Vogler and WO2 Scott Brooks and welcome in WO1 Robert Pontifex and WO2 Scott Harris. We wish you good soldiering and look forward to meeting you during the CM Interviews next year.

'Arte et Marte'



Corner Fort Queenscliff the Keep

M113 Engineer Variant (The story of an ECP)

In Nov 2004 CO 1CER presented a technical enquiry to ICER Workshop; he wanted to modify one of the unit M113s to power hydraulic tools, in place of the current in-service Stanley Hydra Pack. This modification would provide an enhanced capability to meet many mechanised engineering tasks; in particular, allowing Sappers to operate their hydraulic tools in close proximity to the protection of M113s, and to reduce reliance on soft-skinned TLCs to carry Hydra Packs forward to run the tools.

The initial planning focussed on the most efficient and practical way to conduct the modification. Four concepts were given to the CO, which included the use of in-system hydraulic parts fitted to the M113 Fitters Track or M113 ARVL, sub contracting the entire modification to civilian tradespeople, and the combination of commercial-off-the-shelf parts and Army labour. Due to insufficient availability of in-system parts, and after much deliberation, the decision was made to go with the last option. Requests for quotes were sought from numerous companies to supply the hydraulic components required to conduct the modification. The whole process then went on the back burner for several months when ICER was deployed on OP Sumatra Assist early in the new year, along with all of the corporate knowledge.

When dust had settled from the deployment it was back to business and the project was on track again in Apr 05. The ASM, WO1 Chris Carroll, provided a small team of tradespeople to follow up the civilian parts providers and to



One of the many hydraulic attachments that can be powered by the M113

commence the preliminary design phase. This team included SGT Pete Donnelly, LCPL Andrew Cooper, CFN Andrew Haines, CFN Joey Abbott and CFN Wayne Lenegan-Dry. During the preliminary design phase there was a lot of discussion with DMO to configure the modification in the best possible way, which ultimately led to the pilot version we have today.

Once the parts had been sourced they were taken to the design table and a bracket to hold the hydraulic pump above the fuel filters was manufactured. An oil spill container and a control valve board were the next items to be intro-

duced into the design. Once the modification was fitted to the vehicle, rigorous trials and testing were carried out to prove capability, safety and reliability. LT Allitt was then given the task to prove the engineering behind the design.

In Oct 05 both the CDF and Chief of the Army visited 1 CER and were given a display of the Engineer variant M113. Both commanders spoke highly of the concept and the ingenuity behind the process. The equipment change proposal is shortly to leave the unit for final approval, so that one day it may see the light of day as an Army approved modification.

Raeme Aviation Initial Trade Training

By MAJ Ian Johnson, CSC

Since 1969, Army personnel have been undertaking aviation initial technical training at the RAAF School of Technical Training located at Forest Hill near Wagga Wagga NSW. Prior to RAAFSTT, our aviation maintainers were trained by RAAF personnel at RAAF Amberly QLD. Mysteriously, much of the training conducted in the early days at Amberly and Wagga appears to have been classified as secret. This mystery is supported by unconfirmed rumours from the Don's of the RAEME aviation marfia (read old ASM's) indicating that we are no longer able to replicate the graduation of beyond perfect Fitters and Technicians like them. Are these secret training packages and unconfirmed rumours true? Read on and all will be revealed.

Army aviation has a proud history with its origins being established through the formation of the Australian Flying Corps in 1911. Whilst the Australian Flying Corps was disbanded in 1918, many of its original aircrew and maintenance personnel formed the bedrock of the RAAF when it was established in 1921. Quiet proudly, LTCOL Richard Williams, DSO a founding member of the Australian Flying Corps is recognised as the 'Father of the RAAF' and became the first Chief of the Air Staff.

Moving on some what, in the late 80's, the Air Force became the ADF Manager of Joint Aviation Technical Training. This required aviation initial technical training to be aggregated and conducted at RAAFSTT for the RAAF, Army and since 1991, the Navy. What this means is that RAAFSTT. So, contrary to popular belief RAAFSTT is not a



Staff and trainees at the entrance to Army Admin. Pictured are: MAJ Johnson, SGT Cook, CPL Jenner, LBDR Hartnett, CFN Munro-Small and CFN Toal

tri-service unit, it is a RAAF unit on a RAAF Base. That said, single service values, customs and traditions are observed and practiced by having Army, Navy and RAAF SNCOs within the instructor framework, dedicated single service barrack blocks and single service Army, Navy and RAAF squadrons for the many graduation parades.

Army trainee numbers at RAAFSTT have increased significantly from the early days. The most significant increases being in the late 80's with the transfer of the Battle Field Helicopter (Black Hawk) from RAAF to Army and again in the late 90's in support of the recovery

of the Army aviation maintenance capability. Without getting too accurate, Army trainee numbers peaked at about 160 in late 99. Trainee numbers at RAAFSTT are currently at about 70 with this number spread across the Aircraft Technician, Avionics Technician, Aircraft Structural Fitter and Aircraft Life Support Fitter trades.

Staff numbers, ranks and trades have also changed over the years. Some readers may recall when there was Army WO2 instructors like Paul Wilkins, Tony Hart, 'Nuts' Freeman, and Neville Clarke just to mention a few. There was also our first Admin SGT,

SGT Danny Woodham. A CAPT Army Liaison Officer position was established in the early 90's which saw a number of Ground RAEME, Military Police and RASIG's officers appointed to that position.

A look through the course photo albums quickly conjures up visions of RAEME aviation characters that would hold their own in any rogues gallery. But to protect the innocent, its probably best that we don't put any names or occasions to the pictures in that gallery. Likewise some of the instructors although the name Clive Parsons does pop up in a number of interesting conversations.

Since those early days, there has also been a raft of changes in the content and delivery mediums used at RAASTT. We have seen the separate trade training of Engine and Airframe fitters amalgamate and progress through Aircraft Fitter into the current Aircraft Technician training. Technician Electronic Systems (Air) and Radio Mechanic/Technician Electronics – Radio have been metamorphosed into the demi-god of technicians, the Avionics Technician. We have also seen the commencement of Aircraft Structural Fitter and Aircraft Life Support Fitter trade training for Army.

In the early 90's we saw the delivery of technical training outsourced to the Riverina TAFE and the introduction of the RAAF Trade Training Review. With a combination of these two activities, the majority of initial trade training for RAAF aircraft and avionic technicians was restructured into three tiers (Mechanic, Fitter and Technician), with the Fitter and Technician training being transferred to Distance Learning Flights located at the larger RAAF base locations. Army and Navy remained at RAAFSTT for 'Straight Through' training. In addition to the transfer of training location, the TAFE was contracted to deliver training via work books and facilitators. I'm sure some readers will recall those wonderful days. The RAAF have now reverted back to 'Straight Through' training and we are one happy family once again.

In 2001, when the Defence Reform Program 'harvested' all of the Army Admin staff positions, the tasks and responsibilities of those positions were supposedly transferred to the main Unit Orderly Room or the CSIG Shop Front as applicable. All of those tasks and responsibilities have, somewhat belatedly, now been completed. With no Admin staff within Army Admin, all day to day administration is dealt with by the

Trainee Support Section (read Orderly Room) or the CSIG Shop Front.

RAAFSTT continues to graduate high quality RAEME aviation IET technicians into the Army aviation maintenance capability. Whilst rumours and perceptions from previous graduates regarding the quality of trainees graduating after them will always be a discussion subject, a cursory glance of the trainee files in archives indicates that we have maintained a pretty constant level of high quality graduates over the past thirty or so years.

Facilities at RAAF Base Wagga have been receiving a substantial influx of funds. We have seen the establishment of a first grade Internet Café and the Barrack Blocks are progressively being air-conditioned. With the planned relocation of the RAAF Recruit Training Unit from Edinburgh to Forrest Hill in 2009, there is also plenty of other facility changes being planned.

The ALO position at RAAFSTT has been upgraded to MAJ to better support the welfare of the Army community at RAAFSTT. The ALO position also incorporates the responsibilities of Administrative Commanding Officer for all Army personnel on the RAAF Base.

To better support the transition from recruit training to RAMS and beyond, the ambience and focus of Army Admin at RAAFSTT has been changed to reflect the inherent requirements of the Army aviation maintenance capability. Whilst we are colloquially known as the 'Army' at RAAFSTT, as a group we more readily identify our loyalty and affiliation to the Corps of RAEME. To that end, time off to celebrate the RAEME Birthday is now permanently included in the Schools program. On that note, following a RAAFSTT Graduation parade in August 2005, the parade Reviewing Officer, LTCOL Hector McWatters, (Commanding Officer of the Aviation Support Group Workshop) on behalf of the Army Aviation Centre at Oakey, presented a Kiowa main rotor blade to the CO and Army members of RAAFSTT. The rotor blade was prepared by Aviation Support Group Workshop personnel and has distinctive tri-colour stripes and two large RAEME badges. The blade is now proudly mounted above the entrance to Army Admin.

With the RAAFSTT graduation parades now well established, we were extremely pleased to have had BRIG McGahey, BRIG Fraser (COMD 16 BDE (Avn)), BRIG Caligari (COFS HQ TC-Army), COL Lawler (COMDT AAvnTC) and

COL Wilkie (COMDT ARTC) as Reviewing Officers for a number of these parades. The Army graduates, their families, fellow trainees and staff really appreciate the time, effort and encouraging words offered by the Reviewing Officers.

An equally special highlight has been the visiting Army helicopters from both 16 BDE (Avn) and AAvnTC with a combination of static displays and familiarisation flights. These activities continue to provide a great moral boost to all trainees and staff at RAAFSTT. On that note, a special thank you to those units and staff that make those visits possible.

A request to establish an Army Aviation Engineering Officer position at RAAFSTT has been approved by Army Headquarters. The Officer will primarily be employed in the training of Aviation Engineering Officers but will also provide critical support to the military inculcation of the Army trainee community at RAAFSTT. All expressions of interest for this highly sought after position should be forwarded to our Career Adviser at DOCM.

Military inculcation will be further enhanced by relocating the Army Aircraft Technician SGT from the Training Development area to instructional duties within the Aircraft Trade Training Squadron.

Military Skills training at RAAFSTT will be significantly enhanced with the introduction of the All Corps (PTE) Revision and Maintenance Program being progressively introduced during 2006. A newly approved WO2 CSM position will co-ordinate and support this program. The CSM will also assist the ALO with military inculcation and the ongoing welfare of the Army trainees.

Corps Induction training has also been less than desirable, so during a visit to RAAFSTT by the Corps RSM in early 2005, staff work has been initiated for the delivery of the newly approved Corps Induction Training package to trainees allocated to RAEME aviation and posted to RAAFSTT. We are working towards introducing this training requirement in 2006.

So, are there any secret training packages? I don't believe so, the training has evolved to meet the changing dynamics ADF aviation and our trainees are still a reflection of society and ADF norms. We should be equally proud now of our current graduates as we were of the first RAEME aviation maintainers to graduate from RAAFSTT.

TECHNICAL SUPPORT PLATOON, 2RAR

THE year to date (2005) has been very busy with the Second Battalion building up to go on line, and TSP has been presented with a selection of exercises, overseas trips and support tasks to the battalion. CFN's Jarrod Owen and Craig Rowlands have just returned from a three-month trip to Malaysia with Alpha Coy, while CFN Brendan Crotty landed another trip overseas to Thailand with Charlie Coy.



TSP on EX CATA 05 L-R Back, SGT Williams, CPL Skinner, CPL Madden, CFN Cunningham, WO2 Tito, LCPL Turner, PTE A. Thomas, CPL Bott. Front: CFN Purchase, CFN Pearce, LCPL Convey

CATA saw TSP deploy to HRTA in May in support of the battalion (The small part which was still in Australia). The CATA provided fun activities such as lessons, FRT's, and a 25km route march for those who managed not to find themselves on a well planned FRT (CPL Madden and CFN Purchase). The five fridges, which TSP has for storage of loctites, came under close examination from the QM. To CFN Pearce's great credit he did manage to produce a bottle of 401 from underneath his 5 kg of bacon, 3 dozen eggs, 2 kg of pork sausages and a carton of coke.



PTE Thomas, CFN Pearce, SGT Williams, CFN Cunningham and CPL Bott prepare to take the RAEME Flag on a 25 km evening stroll

Leigh Convey's Brush with death was a definite highlight of the CATA. CPL Madden had just finished putting the finishing touches on Milko the piquet scarecrow and was in front of LCPL Conveys hide showing him off to the rest of TSP. While the rest of us stood around Leigh and CFN Pearce went to remove their GMV from its camnet. In doing so the vehicles pod kept getting on the cam net. Simple solution,

Leigh climbed on top of the GMV pod and lay flat on his back. CFN Pearce then continued to drive forward while LCPL Convey fed the camnet over himself and the GMV.

All was looking good, suddenly LCPL Convey became entangled with the net. From where we were all we heard through the position was frantic cries of STOP! STOP! We looked up to see LCPL Convey tangled in a ball and being dragged across the back of the GMV while frantically banging on the top of the pod. If only we had a video camera, the \$10 000 minties money would have been ours.

June was time for Exercise Talisman Sabre, which saw TSP minus under command of SGT Williams deploy to SWTA for an exercise which had everything. There were days of sitting

around, night moves, thermal imagery entertainment and above all Admin Coy 2 RAR forming a rifle coy and went walkies up the biggest hill in SWTA in the end to battle it out with a very cold south wester.

August saw the battalion come on line and prepare for CABW. TSP was almost at full strength for the start of the exercise but this changed hourly throughout the exercise as platoons were gutted to make new sections of a security force. The ASM also found himself as acting CSM, which may account for the grey hair and not the fact his dye faded while out bush. Not a lot of maintenance support was conducted during the exercise, but we fine-tuned our skills in digging and standing-to. Meanwhile Turns continued his challenges with an attempt to down a cups canteen full of melted ration pack cheese (14 tins) in under five minutes, better luck next time.

The year is not yet over and with the battalion now on line the pace is not expected to slow. The end of the year will see a large turn over at 2 RAR TSP so to those leaving good luck, and to those coming in welcome.

PL HQ

ASM WO2 Amir Tito
PL SGT SGT Barry Williams

GE Section

CPL Leigh Norman Boettcher
LCPL Leigh Convey
CFN Jarrod Owen
CFN Brendan Crotty
PTE Allan Thomas

EIR Section

CPL Andrew Skinner
CPL Martin Evans

Vehicle Section

CPL John Madden
LCPL Jason Turner
LCPL Steve Dyer
CFN Craig Rowlands
CFN Jovesa Korovulavula
CFN Christopher John
Crawford Pearce
CFN Paul Purchase

RPS

CPL Luke Bott
PTE Jason McNally
PTE Mark Thomas

2RAR ADMIN COY DINING IN NIGHT 2005



2RAR TSP & RSM - Back L-R: CPL Boettcher, SGT Williams, LCPL Turner. Centre L-R: CFN Purchase, WO2 Tito, WO1 McIvor (RSM), CPL Madden, CPL Bott, CPL Skinner, Front PTE Thomas



L-R: CPL Bott, CPL Madden, CPL Skinner, CPL Boettcher



The first time in 2RAR History the Queens Colour has been carried by a Warrant Officer, let alone a RAEME WO2 ASM. L-R SGT Schafer, WO2 Tito, WO2 Tarr, WO2 Ralph and SGT Sutherland

ROTARY WING AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE SCHOOL (RAMS)

THE Rotary Wing Aircraft Maintenance School (RAMS) was proud to have one of its members, SGT Sean Taylor, win the 'Army Aviation Soldier of the Year' award. The award is presented annually by the Australian Army Aviation Association (Fourays). SGT Taylor was presented with the award by the President of Fourays, BRIG (Retd.) Bill Mellor DSC, AM; at the AAAvn dinner held at Oakey on 08 Jul 05. The award is open to AAAvn and aviation support soldiers and NCOs. The fact that this award was presented to a RAEME SNCO is a reflection on the important work that RAEME Aviation personnel carry out in support of the Army Aviation Capability.



SGT Taylor – Army Aviation Soldier of the Year 2005 – L to R: ASM RAMS, WO1 Gary Watson, SGT Sean Taylor, and OC/CI RAMS MAJ Athanasios 'Arthur' Tsamis



SGT Sean Taylor with the 'Army Aviation Soldier of the Year Award' in the RAMS Hangar

SGT Taylor was presented with the award in recognition of his efforts in the development of Explosive Ordnance (EO) awareness training for IETs, which was considered so successful that it was later incorporated into CPL, SGT, Artificer and Engr Offr level courses. His work in developing the course also enhanced the speed and efficiency of the training conducted at RAMS. In fact the courseware

he produced was of such a high standard, it will be incorporated into a new tri-service EO awareness package that will be delivered at the RAAF School of Technical Training to aircraft maintenance trainees from all 3 services.

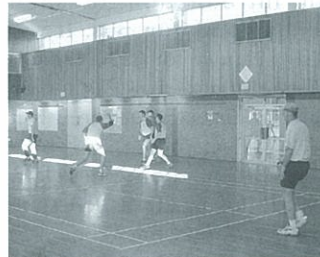
As an individual he made a significant impact on the whole Aviation Capability, by identifying a serious deficiency, and then constructing and delivering training in the awareness of explosive ordnance safety principles and guidelines to aircraft maintenance personnel at all levels. This has greatly enhanced safety within army aircraft maintenance, as a greater understanding of EO exists among maintenance personnel, which is especially important given the imminent arrival of the ARH and its Hellfire missiles. His actions have further highlighted the professionalism and skill of our Corps personnel, especially within the Aviation capability.

RAMS vs ASGW Combined Unit Birthday Sports Day

This year saw the 33rd year of operation of ASGW and the 16th year of operation for RAMS. RAMS originally 'grew from the rib' of ASGW with its early roots as 'Aviation Training Wing' and then as 'Training Coy, 5 Base Wksp Bn'. Consequently both units share a close history and strong fraternal bonds. In recognition of this connection, and to celebrate both unit birthdays, a combined 'friendly' sports day was held at Oakey on Friday, 5th August 2005.

The weather was fine – a balmy Oakey day with clear skies and a cool breeze. The courts were laid out, and the teams ready to compete. RAMS was greatly outnumbered, and also the presence of many younger soldiers and officers at ASGW tended to give RAMS a slight handicap. In the opinion of the author, RAMS successfully fought well to overcome this handicap (the fact that the author is posted to RAMS in no way influenced his objective commentary here). The sports played were indoor soccer, netball, softball and of course RAEME-ball (Volleyball). Teams thoroughly enjoyed the day, and there were many star performances – and post-game complaints of sore muscles and bruises. When all was said and done the rather surprising final result was a tie. Consequently both units shared the victory – but RAMS got to keep the trophy (not sure how we managed that!).

Regarding the future of ASGW and RAMS, under the Rotary Wing Flight Training Review (RWFTR) Project (Mega-contract) both ASGW and RAMS will be changed dramatically, with the inclusion of a large number of contractors. Change is nothing new to either of the units, and the proud history of supporting Army Aviation Capability shared by both ASGW and RAMS will be preserved for the future.



RAMS scores during indoor soccer



ASM RAMS hits a 'homer' at Softball



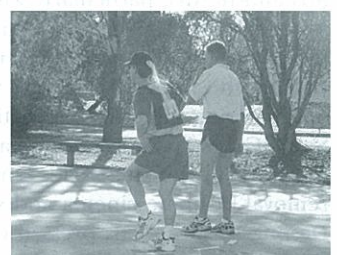
Many ankles were at risk on the Netball court



OC/CI RAMS 'strikes a pose' on the Volleyball court



Champion efforts all round, "But where did the ball go?"



The 'chicken dance' was used to great effect to distract ASGW team members



L to R: MAJ Barry Skinner, 2IC ASGW, and OC/CI RAMS share the trophy as RAMS and ASGW tie



CPL Tom Morton prepares to get another ASGW team member out on the Softball field

B SQN 3/4 CAV REGT TST – DESTITUTE AND HELLACIOUS

LT Siwek, 2IC TST – B Sqn 3rd/4th Cav Regt

IN keeping with tradition, the boys of the TST have had yet another year of considerable bush time and heartache. The start of the year saw CAPT McErlean head the TST with a new 2IC, LT Siwek, posted in from Duntroon. As well as welcoming CFNs ‘Pete’ Eagers, ‘Todd’ Christmann, ‘Sal’ Salau, Lee ‘Jonesy’ Jones ‘Clemo’ Clement and CFN Drew Twigg (Barooga) to the list of boys that makes up the TST. This new breath of air saw the GE and VM SGTs make a quick escape on promotion courses leaving the ASM, Dave Fedorniak, breathing fire and SGT ‘Sheriff’ Davis scratching his head in front of a mountain of admin.



Pack change (again)

The first Ex of the year was led by CAPT McErlean before he packed it in as well, leaving for Grade 3 where he excelled at mixing it up at the Canungra Pub. This Ex implemented some changes to the normal way of business with an introduction to shell scrapes and gun pits. It was also a chance for CFN ‘Clemo’ Clement, the pussy squeezer (baggpiper), to seize the transfer case on his GMV; apparently it requires oil.

Ex Scorpion Walk introduced the 2IC to the A2 echelon. From what he had learnt at Duntroon his head was left spinning when a bucket of KFC was passed around the echelon as he shaved out of his cups canteen and packed up his farder each morning. A developed defensive routine further expanded the echelon’s knowledge in ‘doing it green’ with CPL ‘Mick’ Lourie shining as the defence NCO. This Ex also allowed Twigg the opportunity to identify to CFN ‘Welchy’ Welch his new designer lingerie which he had cammed up considerably. Apparently \$50 was too much for Welch to turn down as he allowed Twigg to wipe his week old jocks down Welch’s face.

A week back and the echelon was reassembled for the commencement of the CATA, but not before PTE ‘Watto’ Watson stood by as an M113 motor fell off his forklift causing the 2IC massive headaches that still haven’t gone away. The Ex had its ups and downs, particularly when a stop was put to CPL ‘Bill’ Mitchell’s and CFN ‘Buttsy’ Butler’s brand new Panasonic projector and 5.1 channel Dolby cinema surround sound from the back of the fitter’s track. This was a welcoming sight to everyone entering the echelon, particularly at night. Apparently the Sqn OC and 2IC weren’t too happy as they were able to watch a movie from the ring road. Unfortunately this resulted in the removal of home cinema and stretchers from the A2 echelon. Despite this, the lads pressed on with the maintenance of the Sqn’s FOV to an unparalleled standard. Twigg unfortunately came down with a rash that justified him wearing shorts, t-shirt and thongs throughout the day whilst CFN ‘Jockey’ Tarlington, standing next to Twigg, got away unscathed due to his outstanding cam job.



The 2IC takes notes as Spargs looks on

Once more, just back to barracks and we were away again for Ex Talisman Sabre, easily the highlight of the year. Here we had the full ensemble of SGTs with SGT ‘Maggs’ Maggenti and SGT ‘Spargs’ Spargo deciding that it was

time to get some bush time in and lighten the load on the Sheriff. For the first week the Ex was pretty low key, until the enemy arrived and the echelon needed to step up on several occasions, always at night and in the rain. The TST prod clerk PTE ‘Cambo’ Campbell came down with a severe case of dehydration; however, due to SGT Chris Stindl’s expert medical advice, Cambo was able to cure himself with a warm cup of his own urine. Unfortunately for Cambo, the \$200 he made was little compensation after paying the 2IC back for all the coke he drank and for the non-stop bagging he received for the rest of the Ex.



The Boss undertakes some battle tracking

Over a 48 hr period there was little sleep for the TST, sending our leader into fits of 77s (sivinty sivins) to our Kiwi cuz, Spargs. With some sleep and a final move saw the end of the Ex drawing nearer. By now CAPT McErlean had regained his sanity and saved the TST, with a bit of fast talking, from joining the grunts and digging in at the final MDP, but only after grabbing the last sleeping bag from the Q-store.

After separating from the grunts, morale was at a peak. With a perfectly sighted position by the 2IC and the discovery of bags of potatoes and bottles of oil from the Caterers, the scene was set for Twigg and PTE ‘Pinky’ Pink to convert their GMV into a hot chips truck. This was also an excellent opportunity for our LO, LT ‘Dobbo’ Dobney, to sight our defensive position and set the example on how to dig a shell scrape. Dobbo’s hole was a little on the small side (a ‘kneel pit’ he called it), and was only saved by five minutes from gaining a honey pot when Spargs politely explained the procedure on how to dig one to correct dimensions. Dobbo’s new scrape also provided him the opportunity to write some poetry in the beautiful surrounds. This soon came to a stop after the Boss instructed him to wear patrol order when standing to.

The defensive plan now sound saw the introduction of the Scorpio to the TST orbat. This was an ingenious plan from CAPT McErlean to create a mock rapier from a 44gal drum, star pickets, 4 sticks, a honey pot and some hessian. This had the team working well and our air defence, when complete, didn’t see a helo over the echelon for the remainder of the Ex. Congrats to Twigg and the team on an outstanding recreation of the Rapier.

CAPT McErlean sent the TST’s first ever-contact report over the airways (no radio profanity we all know its not an SOP) when our OJT, CFN ‘Dougs’ McDougal, heard and saw a four man SF team. On further investigation from the Ace it was decided that it was a four-roo recon team that had spooked Dougs.

Back in Barracks it’s work as usual catching up on all outstanding maintenance on top of maintaining the on line fitter’s



The SCORPIA in its infancy



The vision realised

track and crew (in case something flares up in south east Asia). GEN 'Janet' Garnham also providing some light entertainment, as usual, with his grumpy growl making sure CFN 'Janet' McLeod is always kept in check and dressed as metrosexually as possible.

All in all it's been a fairly hectic year with everyone keen on taking a well-deserved break. This will not happen before the conduct of the Courses Camp, Adventure training, Ex Sea Eagle, Sea Lion and Beersheba. While all of this is going on the 2IC will be sitting in his office still wondering why his pants don't fit as well as they used to.

It is also time to farewell some of our members and congratulate CFN 'Jonesy' Jones on his marriage to Cass. CAPT Pat is leaving to 2IC Fd Wksp 3CSSB, the ACE to Bde EME, Maggs to 10FSB, the Sheriff to 7CSSB, Spargs to ALTC, CPL 'Frenchy' DuCloux joining QLD Police, Butts to BrisVegas and 2/14, Welch to 5 Avn, CFN 'Brailsy' Brailsford who left earlier in the year doing an elec course, CFN 'Gibbo' Giblet to civi street and Jockey to take up his dream job as a bar fly. Thanks fellas. The TST will now welcome some fresh faces and look forward to another year at High Range.

0006 BASIC RECOVERY COURSE

By CFN Mitchell Currey

DO YOU THINK IT'LL WORK?

THE year kicked off in January with ten of us making our way down to Bandiana for the start of the course. The ten were:

The two grunts from up north;

LCPL 'Gus' Guthrie

PTE 'Guns' Clarke

The new guys;

CFN 'Cuz' Currey

CFN 'Rambo' Craig

CFN 'Doc' Holloway

CFN 'Muppet' Arbuthnot

CFN 'Papa Smurf' Dunn,

The sometimes dodgy chococs;

CFN 'Pinhead' Flemming

CFN 'Popeye' Duniam

PTE 'Merlo' Matthews.

The first couple of weeks were about as mentally stimulating as watching plastic bags decompose, but we were soon introduced to the vehicles and the riveting light pro sessions that go with them. During the MRV phase of the course PTE Clarke had to practice some self-recovery out at Yackandandah forest after bottoming out on a sharp rise with his civi car, this gave us something to joke about for a while. The chainsaw phase didn't go bye quietly either with CFN Currey breaking two chainsaws

and severely damaging a third, while others discovered they look quite good in chaps and safety vest.

Day drive time and fun to be had with the course getting separated in the first 30 mins of the journey (it would be a theme for the other two drives to come). The OR's mess gave us enough food for a week when all we really needed was lunch. WO2 'It behoves you' Sumsion kept up the PT with many a boxing circuit and hill climbs. It all came in handy as we had three BFA's during the course and some regular sessions in between. The MRV crane phase came along as well as lift tow and some funny moments were had as CFN Currey took a chunk out of the door and PTE Clarke and CFN Flemming taking the hand signals for crane jobs out on the town as dance moves.

On the second day drive the grunts began to accept the RAEME way of life with radios in vehicles (not the kind to report an EMEFIX), the great bivvi shelter, and the use of swags. PTE Matthews discovered outhouses are not safe in the forest after a spider took him on and claimed the shack for itself. WO1 'Speedy' Spargo flew through the forest like lightning to get set up for the night at Staceys Bridge and made his famous stew from the truckload of food that we had left.

Onto the Mack phase (The last with the Holmes 750 the HRV is Coming, yeah right!). The Mack wasn't the most favourite wrecker after using the hydraulics on the MRV for the past 2 months. We pushed on and soon Mack lift tow was upon us and the prop shafts and axles only get bigger. We all questioned why we had to learn something that has been outlawed for 10 years (Mack Restrictions) but it taught us all something new.

The dustbowl served as a great intro to winching but the assessment phase is where all the drama really started, Crew 1 had their MRV grounded just one day before the start of the assessments. Crew 2 had their casualty roll away from them, the taipan that let go in the same fashion that some members of the 0005 basic course might remember (never trust a bollard when you can see how the opposite one has broken off).

The safety precaution of not standing in a 'vee' was reinforced when an APC rolled away from crew 1 with LCPL Guthrie getting hit by a flying snatch block, although it should be pointed out he was not actually in a vee, just really close to it. We all got through and came out qualified much to the amazement of our instructors SGT 'is that right is it?' Jones and SGT 'that's all I'm gonna say' Colefax, we really appreciate them putting up with us for five months.

The HRV conversion course commenced at the completion of the basic course. Two new HRV's arrived at recovery the day prior and showed everyone what a heavy recovery vehicle should do with some very impressive capabilities (except when they broke down, which happened most days), they where right they are coming.

It was about this time that the staff found out that CFN Flemming was actually a PTE in RACT.



After PMKeys was double-checked for accuracy, he was informed that he must now wear a RACT hat badge (much to his disgust).

So now we must say goodbye to the staff and course members as we head of on our postings, which are:

LCPL Guthrie – 7CSSB,
PTE Clarke – 17 Construction,
CFN Currey – School of Armour,
CFN Craig – 5/7 RAR,
CFN Holloway – 3CSSB,
CFN Arbuthnot – 1CER,
CFN Dunn – 1CSSB, and

Our dodgy choccos CFN Duniam, PTE Matthews and the newly crowned PTE Flemming (all 3 Recov Coy) are doing some full time service over the next 12 months. 'You maul we haul'.

ARTE et MARTE

TECHNICAL SQUADRON, 1ST JOINT SUPPORT UNIT

GREETINGS to the Brotherhood. Its been a fairly busy year for the workshop supporting DJFHQ, 4 MP Coy, 1 Int Coy, 131 STA Bty, 1 Topo Sy Sqn, 21 Const Sqn and our Signals Buddies. The bush trips were kept to a minimum this year so the Sqn was able to focus on production, production, production! Nevertheless the pineapples (it's our favourite fruit) kept coming thick and fast to all members of the mighty Tech Squadron. The only saving grace is that Christmas is fast approaching, hoping that the new year will mean a better time for those that are STILL HERE for another year!

SHQ

OC - MAJ Grant Coombe
2IC - LT Justin Nally
ASM - WO1 Mark Williams
OPSWO - WO2 Shane White
ORD RM - LCPL Jason Colqhoun
ORM RM - PTE Kristen Pickering

This is the motley crew heading up the joint here at Tech Sqn and boy don't they do a fine job (even if we have to say so ourselves – and we do!). Leading the charge is our little battle clerk Kristen (yes boss, Kristen!), who has the amazing efficiency likened to Radar from M.A.S.H., and his height! She keeps the boss (who keeps claiming he's a fitter by trade – we conducted a poll as to why and concluded it's so he can run with the big boys...) on the straight and narrow. Sadly she is being inter-unit transferred to another squadron, though on the bright side at least our coffee supplies will last much longer (hey the VM's). Her replacement, 'Col', has graciously accepted to join us for the last chunk of the year to get a feel for the job, so he can hit the ground running next year (that is if we can get him off his beloved Mountain Bike – the dude rides everywhere).

The boss has been here too long and is being pried out of his seat to be shifted into a training job at Canungra – tell them you're a fitter boss, it'll be awe inspiring. The new 2IC/OPSO came to us mid-March straight from ADFA/RMC via an LOBC. He is now spending his time being re-trained by the lads in all things RAEME and Workshops. He is not doing too bad so the reports say. The ACE (big Will) has kept the boys focussed on production with the world renowned, classic comments "into 'er", "ya making a brew there are ya (insert name)" and "that's the go!". He will make some big retirement money if he patents these sayings as we're all saying them now!! He has also been very successful in running his 'Talley' (as in long neck beer bottles). Xmas drinks are looking pretty good there ACE!! The OPSWO has greeted us with a fleeting 12 month visit and is

now moving on to 7 CSSB, he is being replaced by a marine fitter of all things (something about to many boffins, and taking over the place). During his brief stay he has cracked ribs and dislocated shoulders (all his own), and spends way too much time playing Hockey (hey Ace). Apparently the 2-year penance at DMO, his previous posting, softened him up a Tad!

GE/ELEC Tp

SGT Danny Foster
CPL Troy McLaren
CPL Rob Schiller
CFN Dan Mahoney
CFN Darren Shaw
CFN Steve Foster

Well it has been year of farewells and discharges in ELEC. (Ex)CFN Jimmy Riemann, (Ex) CPL Jeremy Best and (Ex) LCPL Kevin (Itchy) Aitchson can all now be seen driving their contract vans in the Brisbane area. Nathan "ELVIS" McMahon took a medical discharge and now is working on the Gold Coast. But we did welcome CFN 'OD' O'Donnell, who after two months was left to run ELEC Section. On their return, OD was joined by CFN Burchell and SGT Foster to make up ELEC Section. CFN Burchell has stepped up to run ELEC section and I am told he loves the MIMS work, he and the ASM have many chats about it.

GE was also very busy but had time to farewell CPL (now SGT) Mal James who is discharging. CFN Matt 'Gus' Ferguson was posted to sunny Townsville, last heard to be enjoying it. CPL Schiller and CFN Shaw kept GE going until CFN Dan (I'm in charge) Mahoney arrived at GE this year thinking that would lighten the load. No, the load just gets bigger. Shawy and Dan have worked well to keep things going. It took Dan about two months till he was looking for a new place to work, THE RAAF. Now we have our new member Tony (the civvy) who is an asset, even though he has come from the NAVY. GE has moved! While Veh Sect was away, GE relocated to the Veh Sgts office, and has managed to hold on to it so far.

Well another year has come and gone (almost) in Weld Section with not to many distractions (Army work) to interfere with the real work (bodgies). The year promised so much with exercises booked for most of the year, (Ye Ha!). Then came along the tsunami to quash those ideas. To date we have deployed on an IMT exercise to High Range, which didn't really resemble IMT's. If you call driving round in vehicles with the catch phrase, Cam Nets up, Cam Nets down for six glorious days IMT's then IMT's have certainly come along way in the past few years. No changes in personnel for the past two years with CPL Troy (Spot) McLaren and CFN Stephen (Foz) Forster still holding the ship together within GE/Elec Tp. For the first time ever the Metalsmiths are equal in numbers to the Fitters and Electricians thanks to the high retention rate within IJSU.

Veh Tp

CPL Dave 'Newmanator' Newman
CFN Anthony 'Big Tone' Murray
CFN Jase 'I'll own a Harley one day. No, Really!' Anstee
CFN Dave 'Man with Horse like appendage' Pendlebury
CFN John 'Bangers' Bowditch
CFN Trav 'Moorphine' Moor
CFN Mick 'Blinky' Bill

Recovery

CPL Ted 'What? Sorry I was sleeping' Widders
CFN Phil 'Duck Dodgers' Rodgers

This year got off to an interesting start when we went from 1 Sgt and 3 CPL's, down to 1 CPL, who went away for a look at sunny Noo Zulland for a couple of months leaving the crafties

to run the show. Needless to say everything went smoothly and we got plenty of work done till he came back and messed our lovely system up. Do you see a pattern forming here?

But after a slow start the year kicked off with some offroad work up at Wide bay and High Range which provided plenty of work to do throughout, trying to keep our wrecker on the road let alone the Units' vehicles, which the siglets treat with the utmost respect.

Recovery has been as busy as usual with many trips to Rocky and Townsville, but there was still a good balance between recovery and fishing (except for the FCE hey Phil!). Both recovery mechanics are moving on at the end of the year CPL Ted Widders is off to the School of Armour in Pucka, whilst CFN Phil Rodgers is off to 10 FSB in sunny Townsville

EIR Tp

SGT Melissa Corkery
CPL Mathew Hooper
CPL Andrew Schubert
LCPL Glenn Graham

SGT Mel 'we haven't been able to come up with a name for her yet' Corkery marched in only to leave about 2 weeks later (she had a gutfull, literally) taking 6 months off to have a baby leaving CPL Andrew 'Schuey' Schubert in charge. The life of a TP SGT wasn't his scene so he took up a posting mid year with the IRAQ Training Team (better luck next time Crossy). Manning is down this year, leaving us with more vehicles than people, with only a SGT, 2 CPL's and no crafties (thank god for the OJT's or else no work would get done). The new Raven MRF (shelter) finally arrived this year but unfortunately we haven't been able to milk "shift work" as much as we'd like because of the personnel shortage, so crafties tell SCMA you want to go to 1 JSU, it's a great unit, SIGs are cool!. LCPL Glenn 'Fossil' Graham is still delusional and considers himself to be Perry Mason when it comes to Mil Law. CPL Mat 'Hoops' Hooper is happy when he is playing volleyball or doing bodgies or anything non boffin like. Finally a boffin got an overseas trip, Fossil went on OP Sumatra Assist for six weeks and he even did boffin work not just picquets. He is off to 6RAR at the end of the year and hes already thinking about those 40 clickers.

Q-Store and RPS

WO2 Iain Thomas
SGT Matthew Brush
CPL Danny Bliss
CPL Gavin Powell
LCPL Craig McKay
PTE Andrew Diggins

2005 and another jammed packed year at 1 JSU TECH SQN. Having said good bye to CPL 'Heafhy' Warner to hot Townsville, we have two new march ins. SGT Matt Brush (SQ) from 16 AD Regt and CPL Danny 'get me out of the Q-Store' Bliss (RPS) from around the corner at 2 HSB. Still holding down the workshop RPS and Q are WO2 Iain 'Lets paint TECH in RAAOC colours' Thomas, CPL Gavin 'I want to stay in Brissy' Powell, PTE Andrew 'Mini ACE' Diggins and our trusty Krusty Mr Neil 'What do you want' Moulds.

The RPS brothers have been keeping very busy doing stocktakes (The highlight was inviting the CO to count 1000 wpn springs), re-arranging the layout of the trucks and trying to make the account smaller by the day. The Q-store have also been busy, going out and buying lots of stuff for 'The Boys' and helping out the RPS with their stocktake (Good on ya Qeee's). Well that's it from Sunny Brissy, signing off with a RAAOC salute ... D.I.N.S.T.A.R.R ... And if you have a burning desire to know what it means, please call the Roach Rep SGT Mat Brush on (07) 3332 4431.

Civvy Staff

Mr Geoff Hurst	Mr Sarathchandra Vithana
Mr Kevin Sutherland	Mr Neil Moulds
Mr Ray McGrath	Miss Jo Armstrong
Mr Harry Taylor	Mr Clive Wyatt
Mr Jeff Roots	Mr Ron Luke
Mr Gurdev Singh	Mr Tony Garvin

This long yet distinguished list of civvy staff are the backbone to the workshop, they are the guys and gal that keep the work flow up whilst we are out Army training. This effort keeps the dependant units happy and the ASM, who loves his production (though he's over the admin...). They are a mixture of permanent APS and some hired Drakies, jobs including RPS, VM's, Fitters and Data Entry. The drakies have been hired to back fill the military position shortage, and this has helped with backlog immensely.

A special mention must be made for Mr Geoff Hurst who has just retired from the work force to experiment in the wonders of the good life! He has spent 32 years working in the same compound here at Tech Sqn. That is an awesome effort Geoff, Congratulations and good luck from us all Mate.

TECH SPT PL 10 FSB

HQ

Well what a year! Another one past and where has the time gone. TSP has been kept busy this year with Op Sumatra Assist and Ex Talisman Sabre. The ASM (WO1 Abbott) was deployed with Sumatra Assist and has been kept busy dealing with JUL-NQ and Tenix. LT Z has been off living it up in England, on Longlook, whilst LT Lennon arrived in July to fill his position. Around the same time as LT Lennon arriving, EMEOPs received WO2 Sankey who has transferred from the Pommy army. He was fitting in well until England won the ashes and now he is an outcast. The OC TSP, (CAPT Gordon) has disappeared on course at little to no notice, LT Lennon was left filling the gap. Good luck to all those posted and look forward to seeing the new march-ins in January.

MARINE FRG

Marine FRG HQ

Well we approach the end of another busy year, with pers going on courses, deployment and exercise. Marine FRG presents some interesting challenges in dealing with the maintenance of the equipment of 30 Tml Sqn and 35 WTS. LT Bob Brett and WO2 Campey are both posted to JPEU (Pt Wakefield and Graytown). With all the moving around it will still be a good year next year for those members that are staying, with a new LT and ASM (even though it will be a VM) and new personnel coming in. We wish all the best to those who are off to the wider Army in the New Year.

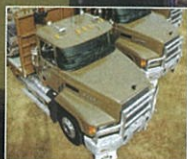
Marine Section

This year has seen a great reduction in the manning of Marine section (due to back filling to 35 WTS) and this has resulted in the stoppage of slipping tasks. The MFRG is responsible for the conduct of annual slipping of Watercraft, which can take 2-3 months to complete with a full crew. This task has now been handed over to JLU-NQ until our manning increases. All positions are manned by ECN 146-3 Fitter Marine (pay group 5).

The current personnel working in the Marine section are: SGT Mick (Smithy) Smith, CPL Jason (Billy) Blackwell, LCPL Daniel (Dan) Power, CFN's Donald (Don) Cameron and Scott (Macca) McPherson. They have the task of providing support to 35 WTS when required as well as conducting GE tasks for 30 Tml Sqn. This has kept them very busy over the year.

The year started with the completion of the last slipping task

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of AB1056. Fraught with problems, AB1056 didn't get surveyed until mid year (slip started in Nov 04). This year Macca finished his Sub 1 CPL, Blacky actually attended a promotion course (Sub 4 SGT) and Smithy (back from Sumatra, off on Sub 2 WO, back for a week, off on Supers course, back etc ...) did put in an appearance. Unfortunately Don had an incident which resulted in him being downgraded.

The posting season has arrived again and we are losing the entire crew. Smithy is off to Perth to 13 CSSB, Blacky has finally got his wish and is off to 35 into the SGT position, Dan has applied (and yes received) for re-posting to Melbourne and Macca is transferring to Reserves in the Brisbane area. And finally Don looks like being medically discharged.

To all those Fitters out there who would like a chance to get back to actually conducting your trade, machining, milling, diagnosing, etc ... get onto your ASMs and pester them for a Watercraft Maint course then annoy SCMA for a posting to 10 FSB (ask for Marine). The work is hard; the hours can be long but the satisfaction of seeing a craft back into the water is worth it.

Veh Marine FRG

The Vehicle section at Ross Island was very quiet for the first part of the year when a lot of 10 FSB personal were deployed on Op Sumatra. Then CPL David Rose returned from Op Sumatra to become a proud Dad with a smile from ear to ear, but brought the work back with him.

The work has continued constantly through out the year. Ex Talisman Sabre required two separate FRT's to be deployed. LCPL David Owen was deployed with 30 Term Beach Landing Team, which was aboard the HMAS Manoora and located at Sabrina Point. CFN Dumarest Street was attached with 9 FSB, living it up at Rockhampton as part of white force. Meanwhile CFN Em Mordike completed his Sub 1. Streety will be off to 3 CER in the New Year.

Marine Elec

The year of 2005 started off with ferocity, as Marine Elec began their work. With one member already missing in action after disaster struck at Sumatra. Without Gary (Legend) Leggett the Section was in disarray, leaving just CPL Mark (Agro) Holdway to look after 10 FSB Marine, and all electrical tasks at Ross Island.

The work soon came quick and fast, with work on LCM8's, LARC's and the Shark Cat, as well as all the electrical inspections on the Island. Just when there was a light at the end of the tunnel with Gary Leggett's return, it all turned sour as he was off on Sub 4 for another 4 months. The work has been steady all year and now that Gary is back, and it is all starting to come together just in time for Christmas.

GE Marine FRG

Due to undermanning, metalsmith CFN Micheal O'Brien is the only member of the GE Section. We wish him all the best in his posting to ... (TBA).

35 WATER TRANSPORT SQUADRON

For those of you out there who don't know how bloody good fitters are this article is for you and hopefully we will see some healthy competition out of it.

Basically there are only three units in Townsville that employ 146-3 Marine Fitters, those being 10FSB, ALTC Maritime Wing and JLU-NQ Marine Fleet. The 146-2 Fitters get a chance to dabble with Minor Marine Equipment in the Brigade Units, but the bigger equipments are predominantly utilised by 10FSB.

Not that long ago the panels for Outboard Motors (OBM) Courses at ALTC Maritime Wing were opened up to allow

Vehicle Mechanics to try their luck. So those VM's out their keen to pick up another course, keep your eyes open. At this stage however, this is the only course you can do, as ECN 146-2 is the pre-requisite for the other courses.

For those Fitters in the Brigade keen to stay in Townsville, word up your ASM's to let you on an OBM or Marine Equipment Maint Courses and if possible the Watercraft Maintenance Techniques Course. Once you have this last course you will pick up pay group five when posted to a 146-3 position. Of course there are other units out there with Marine Fitter positions such as 4 RAR, SASR and NorForce to name a few. So if SF is your desired career path, start getting the courses under your belt to improve your chances.

As far as work goes, there is never a dull moment at 10 FSB, all the Watercraft are kept busy between, exercises, courses, various tasks and deployments. Currently we have two LCM8s deployed with the HMAS Kanimbla providing support in Indonesia. The LCM8's have also seen deployments to IRAQ, Solomon's, Timor and Bougainville in the past few years.

All watercraft are maintenance intensive so the posting will include a fair bit of work between all the fishing. Working on watercraft takes a lot longer than Steyr Inspection's and provides much more job satisfaction and technical challenges. Craft operate in pairs with a craft engineer, a Coxswain and 2 or 3 deckies on each craft. Whilst at sea as a craft engineer, you are your own boss for all maintenance, and support is limited. The job suits those tradesman who are keen, motivated and can work well with minimal supervision.

For those interested to find out more about a possible future career path try to get out to Ross Island Barracks and have a look around. Speak to some of the guys working out here already to see what they like the most, and if you are keen let your ASM and SCMA know. Hopefully we will see you soon.

Article By: Grant Stinson

Arte Et Marte



Back Row: CPL Crompton, CPL Bergquist, CPL Marrinan (sitting). Middle Row: SGT Stinson, PTE Marama, WO2 Murch, CPL Dryden, CPL Dintignana. Front Row: CFN Dooley, CFN Leggett, PTE McKenzie, PTE James, CFN O'Brien, CFN Heery



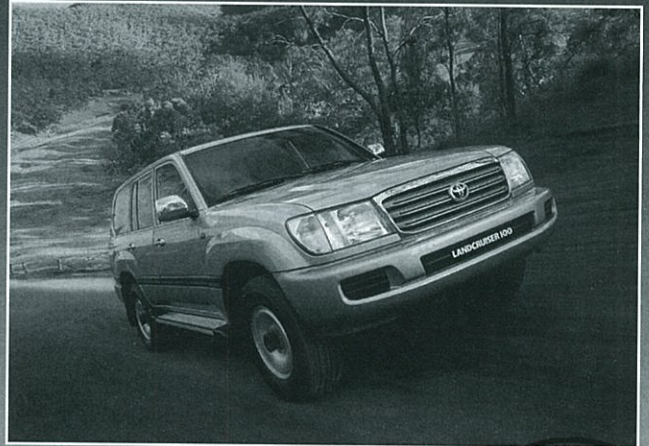
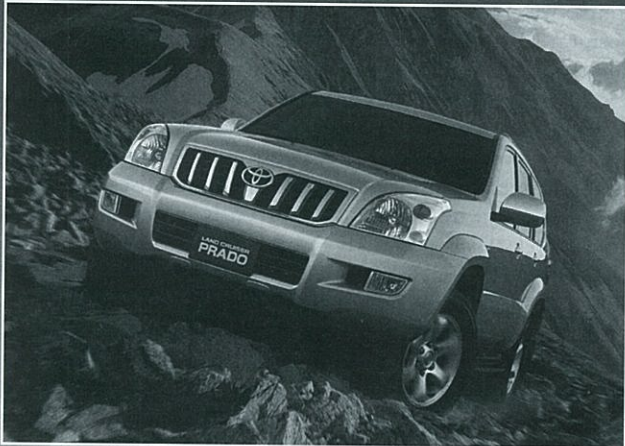
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LAND FRG**GE Land FRG**

The year started the same as it does every year with everyone questioning; what is going on and why are we here. With SGT Earwaker down at RMC instructing young Reserve Officers on how to march and live in the field; he was also kept busy getting a RAEME function up and going. This saw him running around the countryside getting prizes for the day and of course the beer girls. A great day had by all.

CPL O'Leary started with two months at ALTC then some leave before starting work on the sleeping giant- (the unit's containers) an ongoing job that will never end.

We also had CFN Bartels (The BARTMAN) return from his long holiday on con leave and now getting put back under the pump with his favourite task, inspection of canvas.

CFN Selby has had a busy year with going over seas (for one week) he will probably even get a gong for it, then competing in the LSC obstacle course team, orienteering team and many other teams for the unit's champion COY.

CFN Brain came to us mid year and has fitted in well with the team. As for the rest of GE, CFN Johnson and CFN Ferguson (now CPL) have been hard at work cleaning up the Pet PL's backload, a legacy left by a certain CPL whose name we won't mention.

Overall it has been a busy year and the team has work long and hard especially during the MAS visit but well done guys.

EIR Land FRG

2005 has been a busy year for the section with half the section deploying on OP Sumatra Assist with just five days notice. Members deployed from the section were SGT Tarrant, CFN Kong and CFN Leggett just leaving the CPL Elecy's to hold the fort as well as one radio CPL and one instrument crafty. The deployment involved supplying power to the APOD at Banda Aceh and anything else they could repair. A change in the tasking for the group came about in supplying power to the FET at Sabang, 24/7 for a month of heavy cleaning. The elecy's on hand operating Sabang consisted at one time of two SGT's, one CPL and three CFN's all kept busy in stripping, cleaning and keeping the power going. Oh I cannot forget to say the OC FET was an old elecy as well. After returning, the guys had a bit of a rest and Kongy could not wait to get out of work again by breaking his ankle on the second last day of his leave. He is on the mend and should be right to run in the ADF Touch football competition in November. On return to work the section had some face changes with CPL Glenn Shaw taking over the Electrical side of the fence from CPL Mark Holdway (Agro) who moved to Ross Island under protest (not). CFN Jon Lewis discharged leaving a gap in the Instrument side of the fence. The year has moved at a rapid pace with technical inspections being the largest work load for the section the 42's have been running the printer dry of paper. During the year CPL Dave Cuthbert completed his last promotion and is now on his biggest move to 3 CSSB only 8 inches of brickwork separating his old and his new locations on promotion at the end of the year. CFN Kong is off to IRAR with EESW on the cards for me, and yes the winter woollies are coming out.

Veh Land FRG

2005 started off with CFN Rob Nannes and a large chunk of equipment from Land FRG overseas with the Tsunami relief effort, and even more on stand down after returning from Indonesia. New march-ins were welcome thinking SCMA had posted them to a ghost town. The new march-ins include WO2 Clint Robertson who moves into the ART Dry, Mini Ace roll. SGT Glenn Murdoch jumped the fence, which is acceptable

these days!!! From 102 FD WKSP and took up trade repair. The Veh floor took on CPL Andrew Mildern who finally found the red line of his moral metre and went looking for greener pastures in the second half of the year. CPL Steve Maher (me) wandered in and wandered out on Sub 2, came back, did 2 internal courses and went on Sub 1. Just when the Ace thought I would be around to do some work, a bowel baby (hernia) was born and Con leave soaked up another 7 weeks. Now with only 2 months left until my posting to Adelaide, I can barely even say I was ever posted to 10 FSB. Finishing off the march-ins is a now gloating, Pommy ex-pat WO2 Lee Sankey who joins us from our brothers in REME and takes up the roll of WO2 EME.

The year has been spent mostly starting fresh, trying to find equipment, finding owners and cutting our losses with deployed gear. The floor and servo have worked very well to get on track, amongst all the distractions that comes with the 10 FSB territory. LCPL Strozkey's efforts to get the servo completed after its refurbishment are to be commended, although the 4-post hoist took 10 years off the life expectancy of the 2 Aces. The EMEOP's cell is also going grey dealing with their new best friends, TENIX TOLL.

131 STA BATTERY

G'day from the soon to be 20 STA Regiment, aka 131 STA Battery.

Well what a year so far. The unit, including one RAEME person, has deployed with radar in tow for the first time in ??? years. Two AN/TPQ-36's have been deployed to support AMTG1. SGT John Dallwitz, JD, was the lucky one that escorted the radars to the land of sand. With JD due back in a couple of months, CFN's Bill Palmer and Aaron Brow are getting ready to take his place. No, it's not that JD is that good that he needs two people to replace him. The unit is sending in an elecky to play as well, hopefully he won't loose his new teeth over there. With other members of the workshop attending courses, and the ASM, WO2 Dave MacDonald, looking after JD's bed while he is on ROCL, a roll call of four to five is a good turn out.

The second half of the year should be just as busy if not worse with the unit about to explode into a Regiment. 20 Surveillance and Target Acquisition Regiment will be officially up and running as of Jan 2007. With some members marching in Jan 2006, the unit is on the move. We are trading places with 25/49 RQR sometime soonish? So if you have some time free, are in the Brisbane area, and feel like packing, unpacking, lifting, shifting and messing around, come on over. We need all the help we can get.

As a small breather from the excitement of the units hustle, we drove in the dark of night up to Caloundra for a deep sea fish-

ing expedition. Once dawn broke and the sun came out, it was a great day. All workshop personnel that braved the early morning start were rewarded with a catch of the day. Fish of the day is still an unresolved dispute. So perhaps you could be the judge.

Radar Section

Hello, Hello, is anyone there? With the radar being deployed, and the radar mech's playing in the sandpit, CFN Sue Patterson has returned from Maternity leave to be handed the section. TSG, Radio and Radar. I know, I know, a window licker doing work is an unusual sight, but someone needs to stay back, defend the country and look after admin.

Maintenance Engineering Section

It has been a hectic twelve months, with a lot of section members away on courses or on exercise. Marty MacPherson picked up his second stripe and now leads the way in GE section. Added to the team this year is Rory Glover, who's flown south for the winter. We wish him and his family a pleasant stay in Brisbane. In with the new and out with the old! We say goodbye to SGT T. (Spiro) Spiranac, who picked up what will be an unpleasant (not) posting to Adventure Training Wing at ARTC. It has been a pleasure to work with Spiro who ran a very productive workshop, and all members wish him the best. CPL Pam (Wamella) Reffold is also on her way south, to 85 Transport. Pam will be a huge loss, as the paperwork will certainly fall behind with her gone. From 131 STA Bty (20 STA Regt) we wish everyone one out there a great Christmas holiday and a productive New Year.

"Arte et Marte"

162 RECCE

THEY CALLED IT "MONS GLACIALIS"

IT was called 'Mons Glacialas', which is a Latin way of saying a very cold place. 'Mons Glacialas' was a cold weather exercise for the Aircrew and Tech Support sections of 162 Recce Sqn. The inhabitants of 162 are more at home in the warmth of the tropics, and I'm sure that whoever dreamed of this exercise was sipping cocktails in the Bahamas, not giving any consideration to just how cold it is in the snow.

The TST element of the deployment was a composition of highly trained, disciplined, war ready craftsmen, a work worn, weary sergeant (Frew), one well fed, bubbly Hangar Art WO2 Worthington, a somewhat over critical ASM, WO2 Walker and one over qualified, highly motivated trainee CFN Byng.

On the 7th of August 2005, this overconfident, highly motivated force left Lavarack Barracks for Tom Groggin and the snow. It would come as no surprise (with such overconfidence) that the whole trip turned sour less than 100km into the 5200 km round trip, when CPL Myers' Mog and eight tonne trailer got bogged on the side of the road before even reaching Charters Towers.

Enter CFN Gilbert, who I suspect was praying to the gods of RAEME that just such a situation would present itself, allowing the man of the High Country to effect his very first Mog Recovery. Gibba leapt into action, and faster than you can say "look at me get a mog out of the mud, can I have a medal?", we were back on the road again. Three grand on the tacho, 82km per hour on the speedo, life was looking good. Tom Groggin here we come.

The rest of the road trip had it's ups and downs with overheating Mogs, broken brackets and a disintegrating toolbox which had CFN Bowring earning her pay packet and then some.

The arrival to location was just as interesting when adversity slapped us in the face again with bogged Scania's and Mog's. But once again RAEME rescued the hapless LOG TRP vehicles and TST vehicles alike, in the form of an MRV wrecker with CFN

Ingleton and CFN Cottingham. A few hours later the Hangar tent was up and it's new tenants from TST moved in with swags, brew gear, movie gear, heaters and lots of brotherly love.

Once in location the fun began, and there was lots of it. From the erection of the RAEME flag, which bore uncanny resemblance to the 'raising the US flag on Iwo Jima', to the lumberjack efforts from most of the boys in TST. The lumberjack's efforts were sadly undermined by the theft of half the firewood by the more unscrupulous members of the Sqn. I sincerely hope it was out of desperation and drive to survive the cold, and not a deliberate attempt to draw lines in the Sqn.



Then there was CFN McCarroll, CFN Gilbert, CFN Wenck, CFN, Rowsell, CFN Prince, CFN Van Vegchel, CPL Van Dermatt and WO2 Worthington, who were labelled 'The men of Sven'. They were a brave lot that had no fear in getting naked to see how many wrinkles they could put in their unmentionables. 'The men of Sven' braved the ice cold water, proving to everyone ... not much at all, really. Perhaps they were fishing for trout, using somewhat unconventional bait.

Another point worth mentioning is the fact that in all our time at Tom Groggin, Tom was not seen once at the local pub.

A few people deserve special mention for making this trip such a success (if you could call it one). Firstly the cooks, who managed to keep morale high, even when the temperature was so bloody low.

L/CPL Mitchell and CPL Myers, along with most of the black handers, worked tirelessly through the cold rain and sleet to get through some of the servicing that came due in the location. It was fun. Even WO2 Worthington had to be shoed away from elbowing in on the action.

CFN Rowsell also deserves special mention, simply for being daft enough to actually put his hand up to go on the frozen toe adventure. But HIS stupidity was the Squadron's gain, because Alex was a big part of the lumberjack team and wasn't shy in putting his hand up for the crap jobs. He's funny too.

The SQN flew 281.5 hours. Not a bad effort, especially considering we took down A17-004. This aircraft also known as the "PIG" managed to fly all the way down to TOM GROGGIN just to break. After six consecutive days of maintenance from the "GUN FRT" we managed to get the aircraft flying again so we could fly home.

The rear party selflessly stayed behind while the aircrew completed an Extreme Cold Weather survival course and managed to put on several kg's whilst enjoys the chalets at MT Hotham. That is another story.

Overall the TST proved its weight in gold once again. Most



members of the troop got to spend a day at Thredbo and everyone was able to experience stupid cold weather. Everyone return to the unit safely and were able to realise that a posting to Darwin at the end of the year wasn't that bad after all.

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TECHNICAL SUPPORT PLATOON – 3 RAR

THE 3rd Battalion has once again been a hive of activity in 2005. The usual assortment of exciting tasks were seen, battalion exercises, brigade exercises, training periods, lock down weeks and of course the obligatory reduced tempo periods, which in laymen's terms means extra guard duties.



The entire workshop deployed to sunny Singleton in May to participate in EX Kapyong Warrior and a month later a select few went off to SWBTA in support of EX Talisman Sabre. Ex Talisman Sabre gave Timmy Smith the opportunity to have a whole chinook to himself and a DZ bike. TSP also provided various elements in support of the seemingly never-ending company exercises. And just to make sure there really wasn't anyone around, the boys were thrown some cash and told to live it up on various trade and promotional courses.

The workshop will mainly jump into exercises with a small team going in the first wave with limited tools (a shifter and combination tool) to clear the heavy drop and resupply the company and start to set up the Echelon. The non para members will follow up about three days later with the vehicles and equipment.

The CO also requires us to do apart from the mandatory BFA CFA etc a series of fitness tests. These include a swim test (200 m in Cams and tread water for two mins), a fitness test (up the rope twice, 10 heaves, 16 leg raises and a 3.2km run in patrol



ASM asleep or working



Continuation training

The 3 RAR TSP manning list for 2005:

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| WO2 Fletcher | CFN Mabbot |
| SGT Hoy | CFN Reilly |
| CPL Hender | CFN Smith L.L |
| CPL Manning | CFN Smith T.G |
| CPL Paine | CFN Vickery |
| CPL Tasker | PTE Daellenbach |
| CPL Zimpel | PTE Campbell |
| CFN Cooper | |
| CFN Davidson | OJT's |
| CFN Edwards | CPL Sepulveda |
| CFN Hardy | PTE Coles |
| CFN Long | PTE Henderson |



The boys

order in 16 mins and to top it off a 40km route march in marching order. Failure to complete these means you can't take leave.

Being of the elite Para Trooper blood requires a dash of dedication, discipline, desire and daringness. A mixture that only a few men will know. It is with great pride that the Para Gods of the workshop walk tall and look down upon their fellow work mates. Frowning as the mere mortals hook into donuts or swallow dimsims whole, whilst they feast upon their healthy Brussel Sprouts, so as to maintain their beautiful bodies.



Rags

The platoon has a mixture of great personalities and it has been the ability to stick together and make light of any situation, which has kept the morale high and enabled the work to be completed without too much mutiny. The ASM 'Fletch', has provided valuable and timely top cover whilst the old Sarge 'Davey Boy', has kept our feet



Good to go



Going bush



Vickers

grounded. But of late, the good old Sargent has been seen with some extra spring in his step, mainly due to the re emergence of the Wests Tigers.

2005 also saw a very minor upgrade of the workshop and some well needed tooling supplied. However like most units it's a struggle to keep with the maintenance of an extremely high tempo unit.

The platoon still has vacant positions and with the coming of next years posting cycle along with the odd discharge or two, will be requiring some more aspiring para gods.

So if you're a volunteer and want to serve in the most professional battalion in the Army let SCMA know and be ready to do a para course.

All members are looking forward to a relaxed last few months of the year, with a few brew club functions and rowdy social gatherings. But all in all, praying not to do too many guards.

Try-RAEME – 4 FD REGT

By CPL Darren Thomas

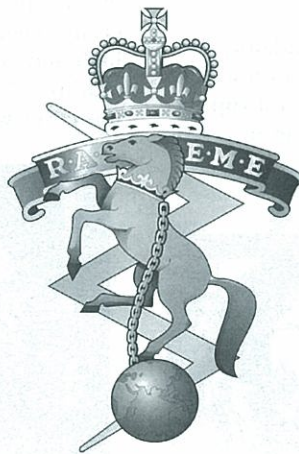
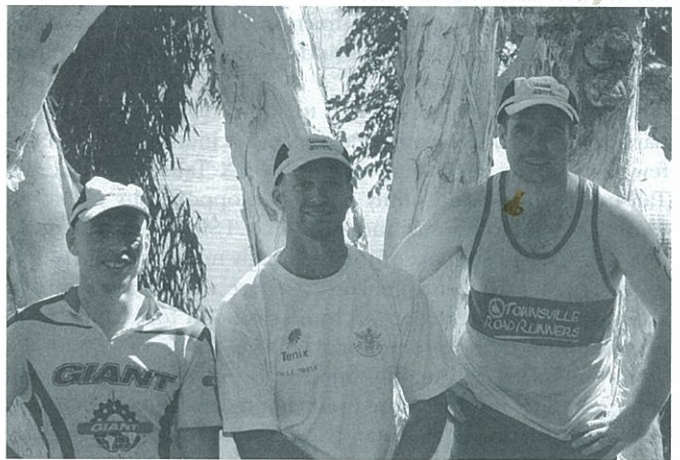
THE spanners of 4 Fd Regt are a diverse bunch of blokes, with a mixture of personalities and fitness, not unlike most the workshops around. There has been an epidemic developing that started of slowly and was laughed at by the hoards, especially those rugby heads. But the mysterious lure of pushing the body to the ends of its physical limits in a highly competitive formate was too much to laugh at for ever. Maybe the inspiration of a swim in the coolness of a pool in the heat of the far

north could have been it. Don't think so, as you're out of the water and it's on your bike to sweat it out, then once your done there it is on with the runners and off to pound the pavement towards the finish line. Yes, Triathlon was the sport and birth of the RAEME tri team was here.

Triathlon, an Olympic sport and true test to the human endurance, in its longer distances, also a whole lot of fun with a great bunch of people. Combining three sporting disciplines of swimming, cycling and running into the one sport and mix up the distances up so that the triathlete is forced to dig deep into their soul to make it to the finish line is one of the enduring sports in the ADF. The Third Brigade Triathlon competition was highly competitive and well supported, so the axing of the summer comp was a shock, a relatively low impact sport with high development of endurance and fitness. This decision has just forced the team into the civilian triathlons in the hunt of the competition and training tips only found in the heat of battle. Triathlons that include Arilie Beach, TP Human Corporate Teams and the Mackay triathlon all leading up to the infamous Noosa Triathlon on 06 Nov 05, a gruelling 1500m swim followed by a 40km ride and finished off with a 10km run (Olympic distance).

The seven member team going down to Noosa consists of CPL Darren Thomas, LCPL Cameron Kuziemko, CFN Adrian Doggen and PTE Glen Baumann all competing in the individual event with the teams entry made up of CFN Trevor Peduzie (swim), LT Chris Wardrop (cycle) and CPL Matthew Grieshaber (run). To use the Noosa motto of swim, ride, run and party, well we also do it with skill and fighting.

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