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message *from* deputy head of corps



*Deputy Head of Corps
Lieutenant Colonel David A. Creagh*

It is probably quite appropriate that my last formal engagement as the RAEME DHOC was to attend the recent NSW RAEME Association annual dinner in Moorebank. In many ways it represents the excellent progress the HOC team has made in the past two years in terms of engaging with both serving and retired members of the Corps.

Since the last report the major activity for the Corps has been the conduct of the RAEME Corps Conference and the annual dinners. I think it is fair to say that it was yet again a very successful activity. For the second year running, over two hundred SNCOS, WO and Officers attended the Corps Conference. Over 100 attended the officers dinner and in excess of 160 members attended the WOs and SNCOs dinner.

As my time as your DHOC draws to a

close I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your hospitality over the past two years. I have thoroughly enjoyed the various visits that I have conducted throughout Australia. I have appreciated your candour, I have been reassured by your commitment, your interest, and your genuine desire to engage with the HOC team on issues which effect the Corps and RAEME soldiers. Clearly there are a range of challenges confronting us but I believe there is much to be optimistic about.

I would like to publicly acknowledge the efforts of the current HOC team. We should all be very proud of their achievements, as is the case with all RAEME soldiers, the HOC team is 'boxing' well above its weight division!

There are some changes in 2005 although BRIG McGahey remains the HOC and WO1 Tibor Fekete will contin-

ue to serve as your Corps RSM. Lieutenant Colonel Andrew Adams will assume the RAEME DHOC appointment and Major John Haley will assume the SO2 Corps position appointment in January 2005. Major Graham Anderson transfers to the active reserve in December of this year however, will continue to serve in the HOC cell as the SO2 Corps Heritage. What will not change though is the focus and commitment of the RAEME HOC cell. The various initiatives that have been put in place to ensure that we remain abreast of current issues and to give all of you the opportunity to engage with the HOC team on a frequent basis will continue.

*Until our paths cross again,
Arte et Marte.*

David Creagh
Deputy Head of Corps

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corp RSM report



Tibor Fekete
Corps Regimental Sergeant Major

It is an honour for me to submit my first article as your Corps Regimental Sergeant Major. I have been in the chair for over eleven months now and I am travelling along a very steep learning curve. 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.

I am proud to announce that the feature article in this edition of the *RAEME Craftsman* magazine is the Army School of Electrical and Mechanical Engineering, which was formed on the 18 June 2004. The RAEME Corps Flag flies proudly outside the Commanding Officer's window and signifies the importance of the School to the Corps of RAEME.

No matter where you are posted or what unit you belong to 2004 is moving at a ballistic pace. Our 2004 DHOC visit program is now over. I have appreciated the honesty and sincerity of the issues raised by our craftsmen and I am well aware of the level of frustration many of you are feeling in relation to progress on issues such as Clerk Production, technical mastery, TRF and the impact of so many Craftsman vacancies across your unit. I can assure you that your concerns are being addressed by your HOC cell to

the maximum extent possible. In addition to the DHOC visit program, I do ask that you continue to raise the very relevant issues also through your chain of command.

In addition to the HOC cell the Corps relies heavily on Colonel's Commandant and the Regional RAEME Representatives along with the RAEME associations. I encourage all of you to be more involved with the RAEME associations they provide an invaluable source of camaraderie and social support and assist tremendously in fostering RAEME Esprit de Corps in your regions. The local associations would appreciate more young soldiers being involved and remember we need to keep the RAEME flag flying.

For all of you that took the time out of your busy schedule to attend this year's Corps seminar and WOSNCO Dining-in night I thank you. This year's WOSNCO Dinner was the most attended in recent years with 160 WOSNCOs attending (Full House). I would like to publicly thank SGT Anthony Latham, WO2 Tony Roylance and Lyn Gallagher who put this year's dinner together, a job well done.

To this Year's Corps Award recipients well done, It was not easy for the Corps

to select the winners. It is just another example of the outstanding quality of our soldiers and officers of the Corps. I would also like to thank the RAEME cell at the Army School of Logistic Operations for their support this year in fostering Esprit de Corps.

In this edition of the magazine the RAEME cell have contributed a Corps crossword, and back by popular request with the assistance of Major Stone and his crew the promotions and discharges are printed for 2004, I do hope you enjoy the additions.

For all of you that have returned from operations recently a job well done. No matter who I talk to there is nothing but praise and admiration of our Craftsman from fellow soldiers. You have done your Corps proud and have upheld the fine reputation of the Corps. For those of you on operations or about to go on operations I wish you safe soldiering and keep up the reputation of previous generations of RAEME soldiers.

To all our readers out there I wish you a merry end of year break and a safe and prosperous 2005.

Arte et Marte

Tibor Fekete
Corps Regimental Sergeant Major



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S02

corps report



By Major Graham Anderson

Raeme Corps Seminar 2004



The 2004 RAEME Corps seminar was held at Bandiana on 13 – 15 October. The seminar incorporates both the annual Officer and WO/SNCO dinners. The theme for the '04 seminar was 'RAEME – doing things better'. The seminar was very well supported with over 240 members of the Corps attending and contributing to discussions on Corps issues. This year

the Corps was very fortunate to have the support and involvement from three leading defence industry providers in Mincom, Cummins and Australian Aerospace.

The scene for the seminar was illumi-

nated by Mr Colin Sharp, Head of Land Systems, in his delivery of the Seminar Opening Address. Mr Sharp very clearly outlined and summarised the strategic environment and factors likely to impact on the delivery of Corps capability.



Colin Sharp, Head of Land Systems delivers opening address



In excess of 240 attended the seminar



Chris Edwards, Director Defence – Mincom keynote speaker



Gino Butera, Managing Director South Pacific – Cummins keynote speaker



Marc Jouan, Vice President ARH Business Unit Australian Aerospace keynote speaker

Keynote presentations from defence industry speakers were very well received and provided an excellent backdrop for ensuing discussion over the following days. In addition to the central forum presentations both Mincom and Cummins conducted presentations off line demonstrating emerging technology and access to online information available via the Internet.

Earlier in the year during a visit to the UK BRIG McGahey extended an invitation to the BRIG Tetlow Director REME-A to attend the Corps seminar. COL Andy Brown, Chief of Staff HQ REME-A, represented the Director. COL Brown's presentation was of significant interest and relevance to all participants. He provided information on lessons learnt from operations in the Middle East, and gave a very thought provoking insight to the future REME structure and the



COL Andy Brown – Chief of Staff HQ REME-A

REME 'Rebalancing' program. Of particular interest was the commonality of issues faced by our sister corps and us and the approaches REME are taking in addressing the issues.

The seminar covered a broad range of topics and activities that are shaping the future Corps direction and structure. The topic of TRF was approached from a cross section of perspective with presentations from WO1 Dave Clarke (ASM 2 Cav Regt), LTCOL Peter Daniels (CO 3 CSSB), and COL Brett Billett (DTR-A). The presentations were followed discussions in open forum. DGLD provided a capability and project update with a case study on Land 121. Land 121 will provide a complete capability upgrade by replacement of the current fleets of Field Vehicles and Trailers (FV&T) including Shelters/ Modules in order to meet existing and future Land mobility requirements. Other presentations included personnel managers DOCM & SCMA, trade and training managers ALTC, and a detailed look at RAEME

Aviation and the introduction, employment and maintenance of the ARH. A very interesting and somewhat alarming presentation was provided by WO1 Russell Cliffe (LHQ) with input from WO1 Mick Bray (Materiel Systems Branch) on the MMM system and maintenance performance management.

As we know it can't be all work and no play. The Corps seminar commences with an all ranks barbecue on the eve of the seminar. The barbecue, attended by over 220 RAEME colleagues, provides an excellent opportunity to renew old friendships before launching into two days of Corps discussions. The seminar also incorporates the Officer and the Warrant Officer/SNCO regimental dinners. Both dinners were well attended with over 110 members at the officer dinner and 160 members at the WOSNCO dinner. The regimental dinners provide an ideal opportunity to welcome new members to the Corps and to acknowledge the contribution and farewell members departing the Corps. This year amongst the members departing the Corps the HOC made particular note of our retiring Representative Colonel Commandant BRIGADIER R.L.G. Grant, AM. BRIG Grants contribution to the Corps spans over 42 years.



Pictorial History

At the 2003 Corps Committee meetings BRIG R.L.G. Grant, the retiring Representative Colonel Commandant, put forward a proposal to produce a new Corps history in a "coffee table" style format featuring images and short stories of individuals undertaking their daily activities in the Corps. The committee supported the proposal and felt that the timing was right for a new Corps publication, particularly in light of recent operations and activities. The emphasis of this history would be preserving the Corps heritage in photographs and art works supported by short stories. At the recent 2004 Corps Committee meeting, BRIG Grant presented an outline proposal for the publication of a Corps pictorial history. This article describes the key elements of that proposal.

Working Title

In Peace and War – A Pictorial Memoir of RAEME, the Corps of the Royal Australian Electrical and Mechanical Engineers

Technical Details

As a guide, it is suggested that the Corps Committee produce a 150 page book 22.5 cm x 30 cm in size in a quality gloss finish. This would result in a visual product of a type usually described as a "coffee book" style.

Aim and Approach

This project is not a history of the Corps of the Royal Australian Electrical and Mechanical Engineers. The rationale rather is to produce a book that is attractive and visual and that captures through images and linked text, the spirit and achievements of the Corps since its inception in 1942.

The selection of images is the key to the project and every attempt will be made to select images on the following criteria:

- They depict the many activities individ-

uals or groups (teams or FRTs) of Corps members undertake on a daily basis in the Corps in support of our customers.

- They have generally not appeared in other RAEME publications
- They would be of interest to RAEME personnel and the general reader
- They lend themselves to detailed captions and or to a linking narrative

Structure

The images and copy of the book would follow a chronological sequence:

1. Introduction and a brief history of RAEME
2. Foundations and the Second World War 1942 – 1945
 - On the Home Front
 - The Middle East
 - The South West Pacific
3. The Occupation of Japan and the Korean War
4. Forward Defence: RAEME and South East Asia in the 1960s
 - Malayan Campaign
 - Borneo
 - Thailand
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Note: The portrayal of individuals includes regulars, reservists, civilian and all ranks.

Methodology

The plan is to establish a project team responsible for management and coordination. Sub committees will be formed to address keys aspects such as editing, marketing, sponsorship, collection and process of material and facilitating access to Australian War Memorial archives, defence installations, unit records and other visual records of RAEME activities. The nominated project officer is Major Arthur Tsamis, who is currently the Chief Instructor of the Rotary Wing Aircraft Maintenance School, Oakey. Major Graham Anderson, SO2 Corps Heritage (WEF Jan 05) will perform coordination, liaison and secretariat function for the project team. The proposed committee structure is shown below. Members who are interested in working as part of the project team are invited to forward their details to the SO2 Corps.

Author

The Corps committee is establishing a short list of potential authors. The proposal described in this article is a result from discussions between BRIG Grant and Mr James Mason B.A. (Honours History), Dip. Ed., Grad Dip Ed Admin. Mr Mason is a well published historian and has expressed an interest in producing the book.

Summary

It is now over 12 years since the last Corps commissioned publication of *Craftsmen of the Australian Army: The story of RAEME*. Copies are no longer available for purchase. There has been a range of significant events in the past 10 – 15 years with many RAEME stories to be told and it is believed a Corps "coffee book" style publication is a great way for those stories to be told. Stay tuned for more information and start collecting your photos and stories.

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Many of you would be aware the RAEME museum and historical collection is housed at Bandiana and on display as part of the Army Museum Bandiana. Anyone who has been to the museum in recent years would agree that it is a marvellous display and the curator and staff do a fine job. However the responsibility for the design, content and presentation of the RAEME section within the museum is still largely up to the Corps. At the recent Corps Committee meeting the chairman BRIG Grant outlined the importance of the Corps heritage and the effort required in maintaining the RAEME display at the Bandiana Army Museum. He highlighted the demand on resources, particularly Army reserve salaries that this support requires. BRIG Grant advised that he and the HOC received on behalf of the Corps three excellent presentations to the RAEME display on 13 Oct 04. The first was from MAJ (Rtd) Mick Rodger, which consisted of a collection of framed items depicting his time as a member of the Australian Army Training Team – Vietnam.

The second presentation was from the Chief of Staff DEME-A Headquarters COL Andy Brown. The presentation was a collection of framed prints of WWII sketches done by a REME POW. The original sketches are proudly displayed in the REME museum.

The third presentation was a very generous presentation of \$3000 presented by Mr Brian Kelly, President, on behalf of the RAEME Vietnam Veterans – Bluebell Association. This donation is to go towards the RAEME display at the Bandiana Army Museum.



Neil Dalley Collections Manager, BRIG McGahey, HOC, MAJ (Rtd) Mick Rodger, MAJ Graham Docksey Museum Manager



Presentation from COL Andy Brown CofS HQ DEME(A) to BRIG McGahey HOC RAEME



Brian Kelly President RAEME Vietnam Veterans – Bluebell presents cheque of \$3000 to BRIG Grant, Rep Col Comdt in front of the Vietnam era display at the Bandiana Museum

awards

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Regimental Award
SGT J.W. Ballard (RTC-Tvl)

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CPL Leah Kite (LOGOPS BR)

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Queen's Birthday Honours & Awards – 2004



MAJ Piers Cambridge (left) and WO1 Geoff Abbott

WO1 Geoff Abbott

WO1 Abbott was made a Member of the Order of Australia (OAM) in this year's Queens Birthday Honours and Awards. WO1 Abbott received his award for his service at the Soldier Career Management Agency when he posted there as a career manager. WO1 Abbott is currently serving at the 10th Force Support Battalion as the ASM. The citation for WO1 Abbott's award reads:

For Meritorious performance as the Career Manager, Royal Australian Electrical and Mechanical Engineers, at the Soldier Career Management Agency.

Warrant Officer Class One Abbott, through his indefatigable and devoted efforts, has made an exceptional contribution to the management of soldiers of the Royal Australian Electrical and Mechanical Engineers. His diligent and resourceful approach has resulted in the increased retention of tradesmen and women within the Royal Australian Electrical and Mechanical Engineers, making a direct contribution to the Army's combat capability. Warrant Officer Abbott has brought honour upon himself, his unit and the Australian Army.

MAJ Piers Cambridge

MAJ Cambridge was awarded a Conspicuous Service Medal (CSM) in this year's Queens Birthday Honours and Awards. MAJ Cambridge received his award for his work in Combat Service Support Doctrine whilst posted to the Land Warfare Development Centre (out-posted to the Army Logistic Training Centre). MAJ Cambridge is currently serving at the 10th Force Support Battalion as the Officer Commanding Logistic Support Company. MAJ Cambridge's citation reads:

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LTCOL Russ Mullins

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 LT Murray, Sarah Jane
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CFN	SH	Cotter	146
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CFN	JL	Jones	146
CFN	SJ	Kelly	146
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CFN	LM	Kirby	146
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CFN	JR	Maher	146
CFN	DJ	Mahoney	146
CFN	JT	Marshall	146
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CFN Timothy Dale Herbert

It is with sad regret that I write to inform the corps of the death of 8257669 Craftsman Timothy Dale Herbert. Better known to all as Timmy, he died in a road traffic accident on Sunday 21 March, 2004. Timmy joined the Australian Regular Army on the 11th of June 2002. Following initial recruit training at Kapooka, Timmy was allocated to the Royal Australian Electrical and Mechanical Engineers (RAEME) and posted to the Army Logistic Training Centre (ALTC). Timmy wanted to be a Fitter Armourer and he commenced trade training on 30th July 2002 as part of the 01/02-03 Army Technical and Trade Fitter Armament Course.

Very early on in his trade training it was obvious to all that Timmy demonstrated all the attributes that would enable him to develop into an excellent Fitter

Armourer and soldier. Timmy loved life, he loved his job, and he loved the Army. He always gave 110 per cent in all military and sporting activities. This commitment led to him to win the ALTC Sportsman of the year for 2003. His positive approach left no doubt in anyone's mind that he had a promising future as both a soldier and tradesman in the Army. Timmy was to graduate from the ALTC on the 14th of April 2004 and had been posted to the Regional Training Centre (Northern Territory) to undertake twelve months of on the job training.

Craftsman Timothy Dale Herbert was a gregarious, confident and mature soldier always managing to put a smile on everyone's face. He loved a challenge and led by example to always take whatever he was attempting right to the edge.

Timmy approached life with the attitude that if he wasn't living life on the

In loving memory of
Timothy Dale Herbert



6th January, 1985 - 21st March, 2004

edge, then he was taking up too much space. In the words of his family "Timmy died as he lived - in a headlong rush." And how true they were. The short time he was with us has been blessed with lots of laughter and mateship. Timmy, we will miss you but never forget you.

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Crafty Wins Gold!

With help from the RAEME Corps funds, CFN Tim Johnstone from 26 TPT SQN WKSP, Sydney Detachment (85 TPT TP WKSP) competed in the Australian WorldSkills Competition, in Brisbane earlier in May this year.

Established in 1981, WorldSkills Australia is an independent, not-for-profit organisation developed to promote the standards and status of vocational training and job skills. Its vision is to inspire all young Australians to be National skill champions. The aim is to achieve this by conducting school, regional and national skill competitions.

Tim won the NSW Regional titles in '03 and came second in the Nationals later in that year. This year, he has gone one better winning the National Competition held in conjunction with the *Courier Mail/Careers One* employment and careers expo which made it the largest vocational education and training event of its kind in Australia to date. The NSW Region team won the



CFN Johnstone and the Evatt Shield

Evatt Shield for being the "Best Regional Team in Australia" after many of Tim's NSW team mates were also awarded the Gold medal for their trade.

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Tim has now been invited to join eleven other winners in a tour of the UK and Europe to participate in a unique Corporate Management Leadership Development program accessible only to an elite group of people.

CFN Johnstone would like to thank the support from RAEME Head of Corps specifically MAJ Graham Anderson for his assistance in getting him to Brisbane so he could take part in the WorldSkills Nationals.



CFN Johnstone and some of the other NSW Regional team members who also won the Gold Medal in their trades

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Farewell Brigadier R.L.G. Grant

– Representative Colonel Commandant



Grant's retirement from the Representative Colonel Commandant appointment represents an end of an era. BRIG Grants involvement with the Corps has spanned over 42 years.

He has held a range of key appointments and has presided over a number of significant sea-changes within the Corps. BRIG Grant retired from the ARA in 1999. Since his retirement BRIG Grant has been actively involved in the Corps. He has held the appointment of Colonel Commandant Queensland Region and more recently the national portfolio Representative Colonel Commandant. BRIG Grant's passion for the Corps and his contribution in concert with a demanding full time workload is commendable. BRIG Grant and his wife Leonie have recently moved to the United Kingdom to pursue business opportunities. BRIG Grant's contribution and personal participation, particularly in the Queensland region, will be sorely missed however his legacy will remain. Ross and Leonie the Corps wish you all the very best in your new venture.

At the 2004 RAEME Corps Dinner the Head of Corps BRIG David McGahey farewelled the Corps Representative Colonel Commandant BRIG Ross Grant. BRIG



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ASEME military skills competition 2004



During the training year at ASEME the three wings compete in a series of competitions to decide which wing is awarded the champion wing honours. The Military Skills competition was one of those events.

Held at Latchford Barracks on 14 May 2004, the Military Skills Competition was designed to be physically and mentally challenging but obviously it had to be kept in mind that most of the trainees within ASEME were straight from ARTC and had therefore very little military experience. To this end it was decided to have a variety of 'basic' military skills stands and throw in a couple of advanced skill sets that the trainees would be forced out of their comfort zones with, it was also decided that a highly secret 'mystery' stand would be attempted. The stands were set up in a 'bullring' and each platoon had 30 minutes to complete each activity with a 10-minute rotation time to the next stand.

The stands were as follows:

- 2.0 km endurance run in patrol order
- Initiative exercise
- First Aid
- Water crossing with a casualty
- Bayonet assault course
- Snap VCP/Rules of Engagement
- Clark mast erection/RATEL procedure
- Weapons Identification
- ½ ton trailer endurance run
- Observation and patrolling lane
- General Military Knowledge test
- Commanding Officer's mystery stand

The competition was conducted in platoon sized groupings made up of staff and trainees, with some stands only requiring a section to compete and other stands where the whole platoon was involved. Armament and Construction wing (ACW) entered two platoons, Vehicle Technology Wing (VTW) entered four platoons and Electrical and Electronics Systems Wing (EESW) initially entered four platoons, but had to drop one due to injuries.

2.0 km Endurance Run

This stand was a platoon event. The time started when the first section stepped off and finished when the last trainee crossed the finish line. Scoring was a mix of time and penalty scoring. Each platoon started with 500 points, with the first platoon home keeping their points (less penalties) and each subsequent platoon losing points in multiples of 25 according to their placing. The winner of this stand was ACW 1 in a time of 10:06 and with out any loss of points due to penalties, closely followed by VTW 2 and VTW 1. The highlight of the stand was SGT Jake Donnelly leaning on the handset of the radio in the safety vehicle and the whole net listening to his eloquent conversation for around 10 minutes.

Initiative Exercise

Conducted in the beach volleyball court (20m x 10m) the trainees were given a quantity of tyres and copper's logs and told to move their section from one end of the pit to the other. The catch was

that there was to be only one person moving at any given time, the sand was poisonous (very original!!) and, as the trainees found out, there were few effective ways that the equipment could be laid out to complete the activity in the given time. Scoring was purely penalty based with each section starting with 100 points. Each section that attempted the stand had a cunning plan on the best way to complete it successfully, from bribing the DS, Vulcan mind melds and levitation to ordering skyhooks and poison antidote. However the champions of the day were; in equal first place RAAF Flight and ACW 2. Second was EESW 3 and third was VTW 3.

First Aid

First aid is a basic military skill, so the challenge with this stand was realism and stress. This was achieved by having the section advance towards an area and having shots ring out and the screams start. The liberal use of sheep intestines and blood added that smell and sight factor (it also ensured that the trainees donned gloves in a hurry too !!). There were two casualties, one with a stomach injury and the other with compound fractures. Overall the trainees did very well considering the limited experience they had with first aid. Some came away looking fairly pale, others a little green and a couple lost their lunch. The scoring was penalty based with 100 points up for grabs. The day's winners of this stand were VTW 2, followed by ACW 1 and third were EESW 4.





Water Crossing

This activity was the premier event of the day as it was probably the hardest to achieve without drowning anybody (or everybody) or losing significant amounts of equipment. The scenario was that the platoon had an injured member on a litter who had to be moved from one side of Latchford Barracks' Lake Chitty to the other. Most of those ex-apprentices who completed their training at Latchford barracks would be familiar with Lake Chitty and the temperature of the water, having been tossed in there at least a couple of times during their training here. In early May the water was a testicle to tonsil jolting 12 degrees and those platoons that drew the short straw for the morning shift suffered rather badly. Technique was varied, with some platoons constructing an HMAS *Melbourne* type flotation device and others going it alone with a single, individual float for each corner of the litter. Most platoons made it across intact with the usual curses and oaths about the temperature. There were a couple of teams that lost small amounts of equipment and one group that ended up drowning their casualty when their version of the *Titanic* struck the safety boat and self destructed – they claim it was an iceberg but as there were no penguins spotted their claims were discounted. Overall it was a close stand with three platoons (ACW 2, EESW 4 and VTW 2) drawing for first. They were followed by EESW 2 and VTW 1.

Bayonet Assault Course

The Bayonet Assault Course (BAC) was potentially the most physically challenging stand of the day. The intent was that

each platoon would receive 10 points per member that successfully completed the BAC, this would then be averaged so that the smaller platoons would not be disadvantaged. Each was to attempt the BAC as many times as they could during the 30 minutes allowed. Penalties were harsh for incorrect technique or lack of suitable aggression with the trainee being sent back to the start to try again. Although many of the trainees were fresh from Kapooka (or near enough to it) they all did a fantastic job of completing this stand with some individuals running the whole length of the BAC up to six times in the 30 minutes! At the end of the day ACW 1 with its plethora of experienced retreads won the stand with an average of 3.761, followed closely by VTW 3 with 3.736 and ACW 2 on 3.448. Thanks must go to the members of Military Training Platoon for running this stand for us. Also a special mention must go to CFN Mason 'Psycho' Watts and CFN Giovanni 'I kill you' Errante who just would not give up – a sterling effort.

SNAP VCP and Rules of Engagement

This stand certainly put the trainees out of their comfort zone. The intent was for the section to erect a snap VCP and conduct a vehicle search. Thrown in amongst this peaceful scenario was CPL James 'Mad Dog' Field with his baggy jeans, beanie and 9 mm pistol. For a group of Soldiers and Airmen who had only done an introduction to ROE and VCPs most sections did very well, with only the occasional Audie Murphy filling Fieldy with pretend lead – even though he deserved it. The highlight was one section commander mixing up the sequence of his 'STOP OR I'LL

SHOOT' and the actual shooting bit, leaving Fieldy a little confused as to why he got capped. Unfortunately RAAF Flight's escalation of force got a little out of hand when they called in an airstrike on Fieldy as he ran across the oval. There can be only ONE and on the day the Boffins excelled with diplomacy (maybe they bored Fieldy to death) with EESW 2 winning, followed by VTW 2 and ACW 1.

CLARK Mast and RATEL

Ratel is not the most popular of subjects at the best of times so to make the activity a little more interesting a Clark Mast was throw in. The idea was to safely erect the Clark Mast, program some frequencies into the RTF 500 and send a simple message. Overall the sections did well however VTW 2 was a little shocked and upset when their highly skilled Signals Corps trainee could not program the radio! – he became the casualty on the first aid stand. The stand hit another snag when it was realised that some wings had trained for the dipole antenna and others for the antenna light-weight – therefore rendering the cunning DS marking guide ineffective. To the credit of the DS, they improvised, cuffed and winged their way through the activity and in the end the scoring was very equitable. There was a three-way tie for first with ACW 1, ACW 2 and EESW 3. EESW 4 and RAAF Flight followed these jets of geekishness in second and third place respectively. Unfortunately the 'Breaker, Breaker Rubber Duckie' sent by VTW 1, followed by the release of a pigeon was not well received and they came last. The pigeon was not harmed.





Weapons Identification

Everybody loves guns, the bigger the better, so this stand catered for all the bell tower shooters in the School. The platoon had to identify quite a few different pieces of hardware from all over the world. Each platoon was given an answer sheet and had to fill in the blanks with tabulated data such as; Country of origin (who would have thought an AK47 was made in Bankstown, or was that Bulgaria??), calibre and feed method. Most wings did well in this stand, but seeing as the weapons came from the ACW armoury, it was no surprise that both ACW teams did well tying for first place with VTW 1.

Trailer Push

No military skills competition would be complete without some sort of mind numbing, body destroying physical torture such as a trailer push. The only nice thing about it was that the trailers were intact which made the push a little easier. This stand required a lot of guts and the trainees needed to dig deep, especially if this was their last stand (which means they had already completed the 2.0 km run and BAC). Penalties were harsh if the platoon lost a person, left gear behind or had safety breaches. Winners on the day were EESW 2 followed by ACW 1 and VTW 2.

Observation Stand

Finding targets and observing the area whilst patrolling is another basic military skill, and this was the aim of stand ten – the observation lane. Scattered about a large area bisected by a road, were 20 items of military interest. Trainees were instructed to patrol down the road. They were awarded 10 points per object found and recorded. Objects ranged from a hootchie, blood trails and webbing to an improvised booby trap. A highlight was the Corps RSM tripping the booby trap accidentally whilst walking the wrong way down the road looking for the observation stand – eyes of an eagle he has. Speaking of eagles, the RAAF Flight from VTW found 17 of the 20 items to win the stand, followed by

VTW 1, VTW 2, EESW 2, EESW 3 and ACW 1 who all found 16 items. All the members of VTW 3 have applied to be NRL and AFL umpires as they only found 12 items and therefore must be nearly blind.

General Military Knowledge

Whilst not a war winner (unless you are kidnapped in Iraq and have to play who wants to be a military millionaire for your life), a sense of history and some general military knowledge does not go astray – hence the intent behind stand eleven. The platoons were given a sheet of 100 questions and an answer sheet. The words 'go' were uttered and go they did. The questions were roughly time line based starting from pre-federation to modern military. Unfortunately any questions relating to RAEME were scrapped because the Engineers of ACW and the Sigs of EESW had a little cry with words to the effect of 'we doan no nuffin about yous clever chaps who are legends'. They were right – they didn't know nothing – about anything. At the end of the day the extra clever greasers had brainstormed their way to the top with VTW 2, RAAF Flight and VTW 3 filling the first three positions. Ok I forgot to mention that VTW 1 and EESW 2 came equal third.

CO's Mystery Stand

Not many situations cause a cold trickle of sweat to run down a CO's back – this stand was however one of them. The CO's mystery stand was run by SGT Lee 'Pol Pot' Follett fresh from the Pommie Army and keen to make his mark on our poor young trainees. The idea was to stress load each trainee by using perceived danger and then at the end of his or her ordeal make them perform a task. Trainees were fitted with S10 respirators (with the eyes blacked out) and led one at a time into the gymnasium. Loud music was playing and they were being led through simulated obstacles, for example a balance beam was placed against a vaulting horse, the trainee was led up it and the trainee then perceived that they were much higher off the

ground than they actually were. Other activities included a dip in the pool and a leopard crawl – all blindfolded. At the end of the mini obstacle course, trainees were unmasked and asked to throw darts to a dartboard. If at any stage during the activity the trainees felt they were not coping they had a password that when spoken by them to their guide, their masks would be removed and they would be led out of the activity. Obviously if they used the password they did not gain any points for their platoon. It was unfortunate that the event was held in the shadow of the Iraq POW abuse scandal as to the outside observer the activity could have been perceived differently. To SGT Follett's credit though he ran a very successful and professional stand and the vast majority of trainees who were asked about this stand stated that they really enjoyed it and that it did challenge them. Winners were VTW 2, followed by RAAF Flight, and ACW 1.

Conclusion

It is rare in today's dollar driven Defence Force to have time to conduct an event such as a military skills competition. It was therefore a fantastic opportunity for the trainees and staff of ASEME to have an entire day to bond as a team and to compete in a challenging physical activity. All of the stands were attempted with enthusiasm and there were some outstanding results from Soldiers and Airmen who are relatively new to the ADF. As mentioned previously, the points from each stand were to be tallied and the results would decide the overall wing placing for the competition. The end results for each platoon were: in first place ACW 1, second VTW 2, third EESW 2, fourth RAAF Flight, fifth ACW 2, sixth EESW 3, seventh VTW 3, eighth VTW 1 and ninth EESW.

This meant that after careful tallying, counting and a shims and mirrors method of recording the six points toward champion wing went to ACW (by a narrow margin I might add), VTW gained four points and EESW received two points.

Electrical and Electronic Systems Wing

Another year is coming to an end at a million miles an hour and we are left wondering where the time has gone. As always, it has been a very busy year at Electrical and Electronic Systems Wing (EESW).

For the staff, the year kicked off with the annual induction training, followed by Cert 4 training for the new march-ins. The trainees arrived the following week with the commencement of trade.

March saw an OR's Dining-in Night conducted at Nth Bandiana for all Material Support Division (MSD) trainees and staff. This provided the trainees with an insight into Army traditions as well as allowing all staff and trainees to get to socialise with each other at a different level.

ANZAC day was the first major event for EESW and it went off without a hitch. EESW supplied two Catafalque Parties, one under the control of SGT Jones at Yarrawonga/Mulwala and the other at Mt Beauty under the control of SGT Jacobs. EESW also supplied a marching contingent in Albury, headed up by LT King and SGT McQuade. The



remainder of EESW participated in a Dawn service at the monument in Wodonga, followed by functions at the Hume Club and respective Messes.

During the year MSD, now known as Army School of Electrical and Mechanical Engineering (ASEME) conducted inter-Wing sporting competitions and Military training days. The competition between the Wings has been fierce with EESW sitting equal first with Vehicle Technology Wing, at the present time. This however, could change, as there are more competitions still to go before the year is through.

The mid year break at the beginning of July gave the trainees a well deserved holiday from training, most going home to their NOK. The break also provided the staff the opportunity to take some leave or reconcile training for the remainder of the year.

ASEME conducted its yearly field exercise for a week's duration. Broad Horizons 2004 was conducted mid September at Colston Hill, Puckapunyal. As part of the scenario EESW operated

as a Coy in a FOB and concentrated on basic IMT and platoon based operations in our allocated TAOR. EESW trainees and staff enjoyed the experience overall and performed very well, with all attendees making the most of the opportunities given to learn new skills and of course practise the old ones.

All in all EESW has had a very productive year with numerous courses having marched out to greater enhance the ADF capability. As the year progresses to an end the trainees and staff look forward to a well earned break and the prospects of the new training year just around the corner, where we can do it all again.



Careers Training Group – VTW

By SGT Justin Griggs

This year has been very busy in the Careers Training cell of VTW. The end of 2003 saw WO2 Gus Angus being posted to Townsville to terrorise the Trade Trainees posted there to complete their on the job training. SGT Laurie Wallace was posted to 21 Const Sqn as the workshop SGT (only for him to return early 2004 to compete his Subj two for WO).

In replacement, SGT Chris Pederick was promoted to WO2 and moved to the Group Commander's chair (he got the job but not the attitude). SGT Dan Waterson and SGT Justin Griggs moved in as the other instructors.

2004 got off to a flying start with Chris and Griggsy managing the first CPL course for the year, starting in early February, and Dan having a rest (Art Mech course actually, but it is the same thing apparently). The constant battle between instructional duties and attendance on other courses continued all year, but this only added to the excitement of it all.

The tempo for the year continued unabated with a total of three subject four CPL and two subject four SGT courses being run with little time between them. Careers instructed a total of 120 student across the two rank groups for the year. This has accounted

for the grey and receding hairlines of the instructors within the cell.

The final course for the year is a Subject four CPL course that concludes on 01 December, with the entire staff of careers following it out the door. Chris is posted to 2/14 QMI, Dan to 7 CSSB and Griggsy to 1/15 RNSWL in Holsworthy. The replacements, with a big set of shoes to fill, are headed up by WO2 Dave Williams posted in from the Electrical and Electronic Systems Wing (ASEME) Wing SGT MAJ position in as Group Commander CTG. SGT Brett Williams is moving up from Initial Trade training and SGT Darrin Wright who is moving in from the School of Armour Wksp in sunny Puckapunyal.

Recovery Platoon – VTW

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WO2 Paul Sumsion
Career/Spec TRG Sect:
WO2 Warren Elliot
GRES TRG Sect: WO2 Shane Gallagher
GRES TRG Sect: WO2 Doug Pammenter
Instructor: SGT John McCrone
Instructor: SGT Ken Roberts
Instructor: SGT Tony Venables
Storeman: Mr Greg (Grey-pants) Cross

2004 has seen Recovery PL welcome in Summo and Johnno from 1st Armd Regt, farewelling WO1 Peter Yates to HQ LSF and SGT Ian Stewart to 1st Armd Regt. 2005 will see Warren posted

to TRG DEV GP and Robbo posted to ASLO.

This year we have trained:
13 Basic Recovery Mech's (2 ARES),
5 ARVL operators, (2 ARES)
3 ASLAV operators,
4 ARVM operators (2 ARES), and
8 Crafties qualified Subj 4 for CPL.
Recovery.

There were several highlights this year at Recovery PL. Spargs completed his home renovations and sourced a Mack Wrecker as a fitting monument outside Recovery PL. Greg took up Archery and had a change of uniform, which makes him look like a lime green highlighter. Summo had a swan trip to

the States to have a look at the new M88A2 Hercules factory.

Shane received more tax free dollars for helping out on various ARA courses, whilst Doug got his tax free dollars for travelling from Adelaide to help out on the Subj 4 CPL course. Johnno was involved with the new HRV project and spent many months perfecting his cheesecake recipe.

Finally, Robbo was recognised for his "hard work and efforts" and gained a sought after posting to ASLO, whilst Veg somehow swindled his way into participating in every service golf comp within an 800km radius. The trick now is to find him an equally cunning caddie.

Special Equipment Training Group – VTW

By Lloyd Millican

Specialist Equipment Training Group (SETG) exists to provide vehicle maintenance techniques training, for Defence personnel, on a wide range of in-service 'A' and 'C' vehicles. We are a mixed bunch that includes full time uniformed personnel, public servants and some reserve members under the stewardship of WO2 Paul Florian. Other luminaries include Sgt Chris Field, Sgt Davidson Tilley, Mr Ian Emslie, Mr Lloyd Millican, Mr Franco Romano, Mr Chris Roughley and, at different times, WO2 Wayne Dettering and Mr Rick Ejlak.

It has been a busy and rewarding year, but frustrating as well. The group has conducted courses in Darwin and Sydney, as well as here at ALTC. Some equipment courses were cancelled for one reason or another but the fun part was with the new capabilities about to come into service.

With the introduction into service of the Bushranger fleet, most of the SETG instructional staff were treated to a couple of weeks at Pucka, for the licensing phase. The Instructor Conversion Training for Maintenance Trainers was conducted later at

Latchford Barracks and introduced us to the intricacies of what appear to be a very robust vehicle. The introduction into service of the Bushranger vehicle in mid 2005 will bring with it a burst of activity as the instructional staff put together a maintenance course suitable for the units with responsibility for the Bushranger.

The Phase 3 ASLAV introduction into 2 Cav Regt and 2/14 QMI has driven an increase in the number of ASLAV courses conducted, and by the end of this training year SETG will have conducted four ASLAV Vehicle Maintenance Courses. Additionally, the course duration for the maintenance courses conducted at ALTC has increased to 35 days and put a bit more pressure on our already crowded schedule.

It has been interesting to note that our RAAF brethren have learnt how to access PMKeyS and are nominating their tradespeople on Army vehicle maintenance techniques courses. We've had the pleasure of their company on 'C' vehicles, Komatsu 'C' vehicle and on the Bushranger Instructor Conversion Courses.

The New Year brings a host of new

faces to the group as the likes of Sgt Jake Donnelly, Sgt Garry Plumridge, Sgt Neil Taylor and others are added to the SETG roll of honour. All have escaped from the Initial Trade Training Group when the door was left slightly open and nobody was watching. The group has had an increase in numbers as the workload, with the new Infantry Mobility Vehicle capability, increases. Bushranger maintenance course development and training delivery is scheduled for the middle of 2005.

Personnel from SETG has been involved with the M113 upgrade, as well as the acquisition of the large metal thing with the big gun and the advanced steam cleaner propulsion unit. Currently SETG personnel, with advice from the training developers at Training Development Group, are acting as Subject Matter Experts for these projects. They are providing advice on training systems and requirements for the delivery of maintenance training for these new capabilities.

If you think we can be of some assistance give us a ring, or send shiny things, as we love a present.

Arte et Marte.

Vehicle Technology Wing

– ASEME's Premier Wing – 2004

By LT C. Poyser

There has been plenty of activity at VTW this year. There was the usual staff changeover at the beginning of the year, as well as the ever-constant throughput of trainees. VTW has again performed well on the sporting field, maintaining their dominance as Premier Wing. Added to this were the annual field exercise in September and a special project from the Chief of Army.

There was a sizeable changing of the guard at VTW this year. Staff departures included LT A. Mahoney, LT J. McErlean, WO1 T. Fekete, WO1 D. Taeye, WO2 P. Angus, FSGT L. Shadwick (RAAF), SGT P. Bell (RAAF), SGT G. Jones (Rtd), CPL P. Cooper, CPL J. Field and CPL P. Haley (Rtd).

The above members were replaced by LT D. Richards, LT M. Sheather, WO1 J. Farthing, WO2 N. Bellette, FSGT S. Holt (RAAF), SGT L. Follett, SGT B. Hubbard (RAAF), SGT N. Taylor and CPL G. Kirkpatrick. Members that were promoted this year include WO2 C. Pederick, SGT J. Donnelly and SGT G. Plumridge.

In this training year to date, VTW has received 76 new Army and 35 new RAAF VM trainees and graduated 91 trainees to On the Job Training (68 Army and 23 RAAF). There has also been one ASM's Encouragement Award recipient – PTE T. Burnham.

ASEME underwent a civilian training provider change with effect from 01 Jan 04. Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology (RMIT) handed over the reins to Scientific Management Associates (SMA). For the majority of civilian staff, this was largely just a change of uniform. However, some significant improvements to the contract affecting VTW include the increase of training time from 28.5 to 31.5 hours a week over 42 weeks (increased by two weeks) and the Commonwealth directing the learning competencies instead of the civilian training organisation.

This year, VTW was responsible for the planning and conduct of the Mil Skills competition for ASEME. This event was held at Latchford Barracks and involved 12 stands, which included tasks such as a water crossing, the bayonet assault course

and a sensory deprivation stand. It was a highly successful event, from which all of the soldiers in ASEME benefited.

To date, VTW has maintained dominance in the ASEME sporting competitions, although it will be a race to the wire between the mighty VTW and the have-a-go EESW. Sporting wins for VTW this year include the swimming carnival, the rugby sevens and the tug-of-war. Carn the Greaser's!

As part of ASEME, VTW deployed on Exercise BROAD HORIZONS in early September. The exercise focused on platoon-level infantry minor tactics within a company setting. Due to the overwhelming majority of trainee's within the wing having been posted from Kapooka, it was the first time they encountered platoon-level tactics.

Despite the lack of experience, the trainees preformed well and achieved a very good result by the end of the exercise. 1 Platoon learnt, for the first time, a platoon fighting withdrawal at night. This withdrawal, conducted on the last night of the exercise, lured the enemy into a company ambush and resulted in his destruction. We even managed to teach the RAAF pla-

toon a thing or two about warfighting!

Earlier in the year, ASEME, and in particular VTW, received a task from the Chief of Army to develop and build a 'burn-out' and 'show and shine' vehicle for display as a recruiting tool, beginning with the 2005 Summernats. LT M. Sheather and SGT P. Solomon conducted most of the groundwork and briefings for the project, now known as Project CASSOWARY. The vehicle will be a 6x6 Land Rover 110 with a Chevy 5.7 L engine, producing approximately 1500 HP, and capable of having all rear wheels spinning.

All in all, a lot has been accomplished to a high standard this year. The changes in the contracted training provider and the new military staff at the beginning of the year were conducted with minimal difficulty, resulting in high standards of training and morale that is expected at VTW. The Wing has again performed well on the sporting field, furthering the trainees' commitment to teamwork and excellence, and Exercise BROAD HORIZONS and Mil Skills developed the basic soldier skills of the trainees to a level where they are capable of deploying into the field on operations.

From the Wing Store

THE Spotless Group, under the CSP program, has operated the Vehicle Technology Wing (VTW) Store over the past six years. The store consists of three areas: repair parts, equipment management and, of course, over the counter service.

Mr Ray Scammell, who has been involved with VTW for the past 17 years, manages the position accounts on behalf of the Senior Instructor. His knowledge and experience is a valuable asset to the wing.

Mr Craig (Banjo) Patterson is the repair parts storeman, and he is responsible for the stock control and stock replenishment. This covers both the in-service vehicles and training aids within the wing.

Mr Andrew (Andy) Barber is the

storeman responsible for the issue and receipt of all the specialist tools required by the trainees throughout their course. Andy has gained a wealth of experience and knowledge over the past two years, and he passes this on to all of the trainees.

These gentlemen are under the command of Mr Peter Gniatkiewicz, who is also responsible for all the Wing Store staff at ALTC. Apart from the standard role for the issue and return of stores, the Wing Store has been very reliable in providing work for members that can't conduct training, due to injury, etc., and ensuring the equipment we have is safe and ready for use. The store has provided efficient, flexible and timely support to the greasers at VTW.

Basic Recovery Course 0005

By PTE Russell Savage

The end of an era; the start of something new

Well, it was the start of the 0005 Basic Recovery Course and we were a motley crew of retreads and new recruits. The likes of PTE "Alco" Griffin, LCPL "Choco" McDonald, CFN "You P**f" Trautwein, PTE "Wombat" Finlay, PTE "Passion Fingers" Jarman, CFN "HMPH" Massman, PTE "The Asian" Savage and the first ARA female to attend the course CPL "The Wench" Edwards.

This course was shaped up to be memorable, with a new training program, new trainees and an instructor going on course – what could go wrong? Well, in first couple of weeks nothing, until we started the chainsaw phase. PTE Jarman decided he'd like to make history when he became the first person to nearly chop his leg off with a chainsaw. Luckily we were wearing protective clothing and nothing serious happened. The course then put a combined effort into breaking a valve during tyre changing. W02 Sumsion then decided that he was going to turn us into kick boxing experts drilling us with PT sessions and strength circuits.

SGT Roberts went on the Bushmaster train the trainer course, which left SGT "Smacked-ass" McCrone to deal with us in his absence. This included teaching how to use the Crane on the MRV. After that, we finally got out of classroom to do some hands on training.

It was all going well until PTE Savage decided he would do some decorating and modify the front door of the building, and then CFN Massman dislocated his knee during a game of touch football a week before the halfway mark of the course. PTE Griffin thought he would heat things up during the oxy cutting phase by burning holes in his pants whilst cutting a piece of metal. He realised that putting that protective vest on makes a difference, "hint, hint to all those young players."

We finally got out of barracks and went for a drive around the state and you bet-



ter believe we had our fair share of laughs. We had enough food to last a lifetime, whilst W01 Spargo proved that he had the need for speed. BFA training was provided by W02 Sumsion (like we had a choice) and PTE Jarman lost his ID card, which was later found in his pocket. The guys from Darwin also saw snow for the first time.

When the 20-ton phase began, there was a bit of confusion on how to reverse the 20-ton trailer, as CPL Edwards found out over and over and over again. So SGT Roberts proved that it can be done by doing it twice in a row and saying "Its not f**king rocket science," a saying that would become the basis of the winching phase.

The winching phase began at the dust bowl and it was an experience that taught all of the course a big lesson, brought up by W02 Gallagher: when it all goes wrong – look, assess the situation and try something different.

Posting orders arrived which provided a relief to us all, especially to the instructors who had been hassled for weeks. Over half the course is posted to Darwin, with the others going to either

Puckapunyal or Adelaide.

The final assessments hadn't even begun and there were dramas. PTE Savage rocked up to work on Sunday morning with a black eye and a couple of stitches and LCPL McDonald lost PTE Griffin in Yackandandah, which then caused most of the course become lost in the forest. The final assessments went well and after an interesting final couple of weeks. With the course over, we can now look forward to our new units and say goodbye to the Mack wrecker, which is currently going out of service.

Overall, the Basic Recovery Course was great and morale was high the whole time. There was the usual teasing and joking that kept both the instructors and course members sane. We thank everybody who helped us during the course, especially the instructors who put up with us for 16 gruelling weeks. A special thanks goes to Greg "Grey-pants" who replaced the stuff we broke and SGT Venables, who was usually MIA but managed to keep the vehicles working and his pants growing.

Special Operations Command (SOCOMD)

Following the terrorist attack in Bali on 12 Oct 2003, the Government directed the establishment of Special Operations Command (SOCOMD) as an environmental command alongside Maritime, Land and Air. SOCOMD was formally established on 05 May 2003 with HQSO being renamed Special Operations Headquarters (SOHQ). When raised SOHQ commanded 1 Commando Regiment, 4 RAR (Commando), the Special Service Regiment (SASR), the Incident Response Regiment (IRR) and the Special Operations Combat Services Support Company (SO CSSC). On 1 July 04, the Special Forces Training Centre (SFTC) also come under direct command of SOHQ.

SOCOMD's diverse units and geograph-



ic spread provides many opportunities for RAEME personnel to experience 1st, 2nd and designated 3rd line support in an operationally focused, high tempo and professional organisation. While CORPS jobs are limited in SOHQ (only a SO3 and ART WO TRF) the units have most trades covered and there is a range of

Logistic positions on offer ... In case you are wondering there is no requirement to be badged prior to, or while you hold a logistics position in SOCOMD. That aside if you're keen remember RAEME personnel are the 2nd CORPS behind Infantry for successful selection into SASR. Staff positions currently filled by RAEME pers include; OC SO CSSC, OC Log Ops Coy (4 RAR) and a SO2 Development & SO3 Preparedness at SOHQ.

Finally, if you are after a change, and would like to serve in an operationally focused unit south of the Tropic of Capricorn contact you SCMA/DOCM-A Career Advisor or ring the ASM/OC of the unit that interests you. Now grab a brew (or beer) and read on to find out what the boys are up to.

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Special Operations Combat Service Support Company – Technical Support Platoon

By WO2 Lee Rollings, ASM

Do you want to be a part of something interesting, then enter the murky depths of the Special Operations (SO) community and the Special Operations Combat Service Support Company (SOCSSC). Never heard of us? ... Then read on!!!

When Special Operations Command (SOCOMD) was formed in Jan 03 so was a new logistic organisation called the SOCSSC. This new organisation is tasked to provide 2nd and designated 3rd line logistic support to deployed Special Operations Force Elements. The SOCSSC will have a platoon sized maintenance organisation that will have a good cross section of RAEME trades and ranks as is shown in figure 1. It should be no

surprise that the principle of repairing as far forward as possible will be pursued at every opportunity.

In January 2004, the workshop was raised with the ASM being the first and only member posted in. Yes as you Crafties can imagine – not too much work going, not that it mattered – the unit hasn't any equipment yet. The ASM has been busy however establishing maintenance policy and putting plans in place to commence production next year. In addition, planning for the end of year function and farewell from the current interim barracks to the new interim facilities at Banksmeadow has kept me busy. I will sadly miss the water views of Garden Island and hot mochas.

In Jan 2005, a plethora of personnel and equipment will appear, as if by magic, in the vicinity of Banksmeadow. At least I hope they do – because if they turn up where their posting orders say (Holsworthy) you are in the wrong place. If you are reading this and you are posted to the workshop, please don't turn up at Holsworthy, give WO2 Lee Rollings a call on 0429 661 208.

The workshop will be in the interim facility at Banksmeadow until a new workshop is built in the SF Precinct at Holsworthy between 06 and 08. Finally, if you've had enough of Townsville and Darwin and would like to get your career rounding 2nd/3rd line logistic experience in civilisation give me a call!

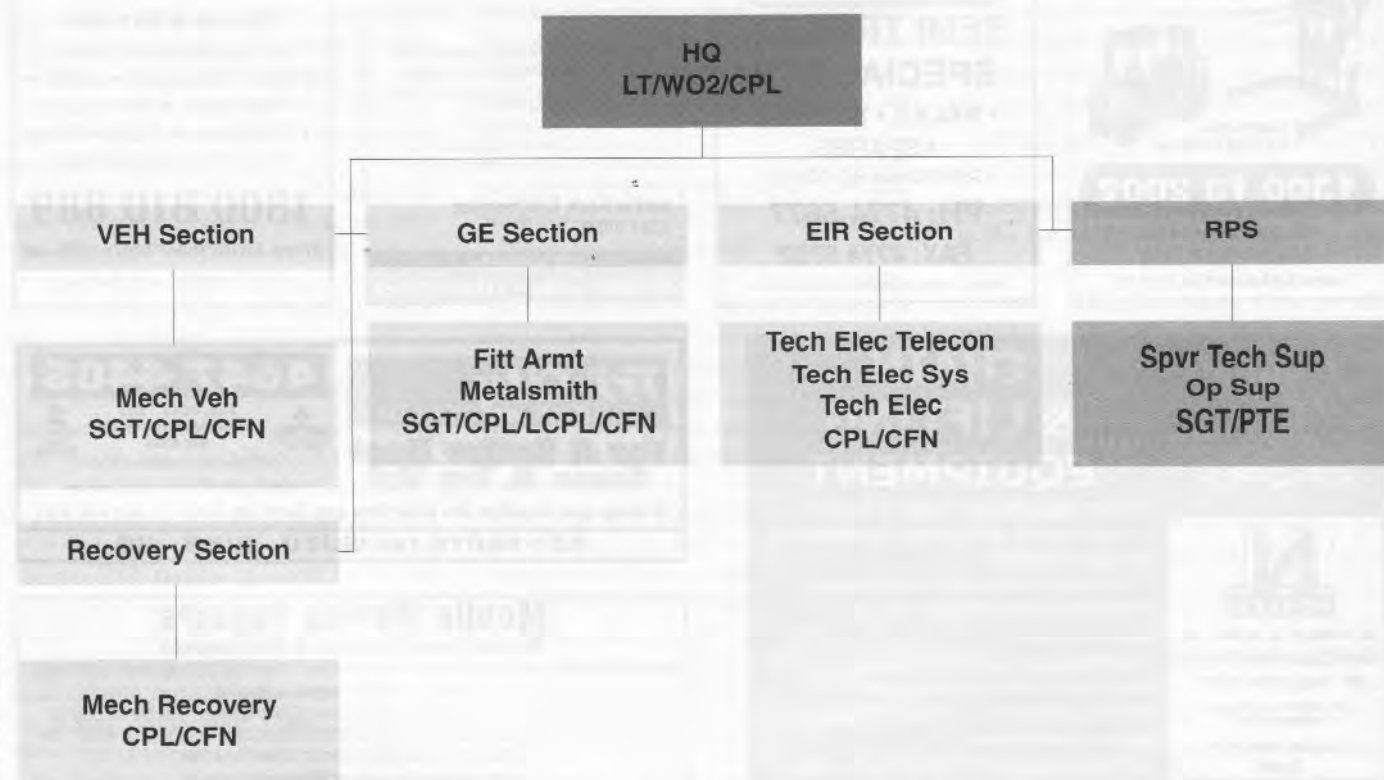


Figure 1: Tech Support Platoon Organisational Chart

SASR – the workshop everyone asks about!

By CFN Ben H, Tech Spt Tp, SASR

After a large turnover of all trades the year started out with 15 new personnel and the continuing rebuild of OP Falconer vehicles and equipment. The Long Range Patrol Vehicles (LRPV), Surveillance Reconnaissance Vehicles (SRV), Patrol Motor Cycles (PMC) – Honda XR 250 and 400, 4x4 All Terrain Vehicles (ATV) – Honda and Polaris and 6x6 ATV Polaris all received the once over in house and continue to be refurbished or replaced by a Remediation Project that should be completed soon. The LRPV, SRV and Mothership are being baseline and rebuilt due to several fleet modifications that have been conducted over the last few years of operations. Thanks to the TRF for twisting the systems arm to complete this significant activity. The PMC and ATV fleets will in time be replaced by the project. It is hoped the LRPV and SRV will be replaced by Project REDFIN in the future – it is exciting times at the Wksp with SASR being actively involved in project work and rapid acquisition of various specialist equipment.

The year has also been busy with courses, they include: the para course (for those that are missing the fear gene), outboard motor maintenance for a number of greasers, Marine Equipment Maintenance, Watercraft Maintenance Techniques, Spt Wpns and even a Special Forces Weapons Maintenance course (H&K, Remington Shotgun and M4) for a few fitters, add a Forklift, Dangerous Goods and Overhead Cranes course and the year has been busy. In addition there have been the dreaded promotion courses for some and looking forward the ASM is planning a few Special Forces support staff courses for Motorcycle/ATV maintenance and Marine specialist courses.

The workshop has only had one crafty



OP FALCONER – The Crew

overseas on operation this year; though there have been a number of overseas exercises – PNG and Thailand are a couple we can name. A far greater number of the workshop members had a chance to get around Australia on exercise, with trips to the Pilbara, Sydney, and Kalgoorlie a couple of times.

Support to the Regt so far this year has been various and flat out, tradies are involved in all training activities, they include:

- Ex Desert Springs;
- Combat Survival Cse
- Ex Pitch Black;
- SASR Annual Art Show;
- LRPV/GS/SP and fast vehicle Drivers Cse;
- Various SF weapon cses (Sniper, Heavy Wpns CQB, CCP and the like)
- The dreaded enemy party or mock up plane/ship/building stooges

- Sqn and Troop Vehicle Mounted Trg
- Specialist Skill cases.

A few lucky people (Dave, Harry and Squid) got trips to Darwin on a couple of occasions to support exercises and unit training, including an exciting trip down the Canning Stock Route on return from Ex Pitch Black. The journey in cars with no doors! was to say the least, eye opening, seeing what the cars are capable off and of course relearning how to fix them when you are a long way from anything! The arduous conditions contributed to regular damages, such as:

- a clutch disintegrating to just a centre hub halfway up a three storey sand dune
- brake lines breaking at the flares
- cars with no reverse or others unable to obtain any gears
- steering and suspension components shaking loose on the deep corrugations

- transmission mounts shearing in two
- batteries breaking their mounts and carthing the whole car, and
- All this and a little migration seal problem in the gearbox, which led to catastrophic failure.

The VM's LRPV began to have trouble picking gears, we bled the clutch and hit the road again. About thirty kms down the road we reached the night lock and dropped "the oil", there was about 500mls of burnt black sludge, but the transfer case had heaps of oil, about 2.5L extra. After new oil and a test run the car seemed to drive well, the decision to push on was made despite concerns about the oil pump. After nearly a hundred kms we found out that you really did need an operational pump. Thus near complete gearbox failure and no choice but to self recover to hard standing in Newman (450kms away) back over a number of rather large sand dunes. With two other cars and an "A" frame, it took two days and nearly every recovery method we could think off – including a "dead man's windlass" to get it out.

The workshop has seen several guys pass the SF Barrier test this year only to fall short of the final post on most occasions and be medically withdrawn whilst conducting the SASR Selection Course. That said congratulations go to the boy named "Chook" for recently passing the REO cycle and getting his sandy beret. He did the workshop proud, unfortunately they have had to confiscate his brain, personality and trade skills with his new ECN, however the ASM has them locked in the safe for when in a couple of years time all that extra SAFA money loses it's buying power and he is welcomed back to the Corps. A new bunch of TST members are trying the Barrier in Nov 04 and Feb 05 and I'm



1st Line Recovery

Arte et Marte

sure they won't be offended by the obligatory bet on what day they will be withdrawn from the Selection Cse (\$170 is the biggest pool so far). A challenge to you all – give the course a shot, we'll put your name in the book for the boys to have a bet.

A certain ex Appy VM, Ex Tpr Ex PTI, Ex Gladiator now Tpr again organized a day of Adventure training – white water rafting – for interested Base Squadron personnel in July. It was at a river a couple of hours south of Perth and proved to be quite an adventure dealing with partially submerged rocks and freezing water. It was a bit of fun but certainly took guys out of their comfort zone. TST hopes to get amongst some climbing and abseiling in 2005.

As everyone knows the Ace is a big softie which has been great on the family front – the workshop has fared well; we have had a divorce-free year and there have been a couple of additions to the TST family – congrats guys (and cheers to the missus). There have been a couple of weddings and a little pressure on one crafty that should be married after a six year engagement!

On the social side 04 has seen a couple of functions already including a mid year function of paintball where the biggest attraction was seeing who had obtained the most bruises at the end of the four scenarios. The prize went to Muddy who was likened to the Terminator with the free for all shoot out at the end; however after he ran out of paintballs he copped a caning from

"Sniper Benno" even though he was on the same team. Paintball was followed with beers from the brew club bodgy stock and a BBQ at one of the lad's house (with the wife away) with a barmaid to serve drinks and entertain. The barmaid's talents were educational and her fondness for money over clothing was exploited, even though it was only four degrees at the time – a great time was had by all!!!

Friday lunchtime BBQ's and the mandatory pay day raffle with 52 card draw kept the brew club financial with a TV and DVD being purchased with "excess" funds already this year. The end of year function will be an afternoon at the races with grog, food and extras paid for; including the missus and a bit of punting money on the side. A Ten Pin Bowling activity has been attempted as PT – much to the PTIs disgust (as they weren't invited) it was followed like many social occasions or farewells to those guys who are seeking the greener side of the mining industry by drinks while watching the sun go down at one of the local beach bars.

In closing SASR gets great benefit from some ex members who have taken up GRES positions within TST (VM and Fit/Arm), so if you plan on getting out in WA and want some Choc time or FIS, give the ASM a ring (08 9285 6170) and we'll see what we can do. Finally, we would like to welcome the newly raised Special Operations Combat Services Supply Company (SOCSSC) into SOCOMD (they even have a Loggie OC – currently RAEME). The SOCSSC will be functional in Jan 05, so good luck and we hope to seeing some FRT's coming West in the near future!

You know what they say happens to time when you are having fun.....what will next year hold?

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The Secret Squirrel Club... the brass pole is purely for structural purposes ...

Greetings Brethren, from the smiling members of the Secret Squirrel Club TSP 4 RAR (Commando). Much has change in the workshop of late – the last twelve months has seen ranks swell (and some people), from around 30 odd members to nearly a half a century. This led to the renovation of the Squirrel Club. The boys went scrounging for freebee materials which saw hammers and picks in motion. The result is a revamped and more luxurious brew room complete with structural brass pole.

The new faces in the workshop are numerous and notorious, starting with our new ASM, WO2 Bob Howe who arrived with TRAMM in hand from

DMO, SGTs Jason McLinden & Peter 'Roo' Rutherford, along with CPLs Adam Birch, Mark 'Redneck' Ledinek, Simon 'Mr Miyagi' Shaw & Brian Vaughan all adding to the NCO ranks, CFNs Mick Avery, Daniel 'Al' Foyel, Jason Gullison, Adam Hamilton, Leigh 'Guy Incognito' Holmes, Rob McLaren, Big Dan McLean, Tim Paynter, Tim Reeves, Rob Paine, Josh Roberts, Craig Beadle, Steve Middleton and LCPL Peter 'Harley rider' Bridge swelling the TSP ranks.

Reprobates carrying on another year include the boss, LT Duncan Powrie, SGTs 'Alby' Anderson, Adrian Thurmer and Aaron 'Cyclops' Writer, CPLs Chris 'Foxy' Campbell, Steve Clausen, John Ellacott and Cameron Wilson, CFNs: Ralph 'Bling Bling' Buenaventura, Adam Foulstone, James Grieve, Joe 'Barramundi' Hefron, Michael Kitcher, Mick 'Baby Spot' McLaren, Jason Peterson, Troy 'I drank battery acid' Pitt, Tim 'Big Nose' Raper, Geoff Reeves, Kristjian Rodier, Harley Wellstead, Craig Zarboch, Rob Indermuhle and Brenton Eldridge, and PTÉs 'Milo', Troy Roberts and Ash Pugh.

The Working Environment

As part of the newly established SOCOMD, and associated Special Operations (SO) profile, it should be no surprise that things rarely happen at a slow pace. The RAEME lads are more often than not required to provide short notice support to the Battalion, and in true RAEME tradition they usually produce the goods through quick, innovative thinking. The Battalion is an equipment rich environment, both in terms of the amount of additional DP 1 issued to everyone (If I have to return all the stuff ... just shit shit shit) and the huge amounts of equipment the gun fighters



Pitty, the man who always looks like he's up to mischief, kitted out for a range shoot

have (I mean need). This in turn, means a high amount of equipment that fails.

Most members live at the Grove; although, some choose to do it tough on cappuccinos and alfresco dinning and use their RA entitlement to reside at the beachside suburb of Cronulla. Those in the know will not be surprised at culprits: Rodes, James Grieve, Rob Indermuhle, Rob Paine and Harley.

Social

The first social event was a Sunday family BBQ at Cronulla terrorising the locals with a few refreshments and footy. Thanks go out to Shawie for his efforts organising the event. That was followed by a great shindig Gully organised at Newtown. Surprisingly on being seated



Rob McLaren, is he a distant relative of Squirrel Pete?



'The boss enjoying himself'

at the Thai restaurant party-goers were asked to remove their shoes and park their behinds on the floor. Great atmosphere, plenty of wine and good tucker; although, tested the flexibility of some.

Head Shed

The boss (Duncan Powrie) has spent the year focusing on the upcoming MAS Inspection – he's so keen, he even re-wrote the MMP. Adulation owing he is off to the luxury of Garden Island. The boss will be replaced by Jacko (CAPT Jackson), who arrived as the Logistics Officer, has since completed Commando Training Course (CTC) and is the new owner of a green beret!!! Congratulations Jacko.

Miraculously the ASM is still on speaking terms with everyone in the unit after providing firm advice on maintenance issues and flying top cover for the boys. Wish the same could be said for Rugby ... sorry Ace, but it should be known the Ace is still hurting from blows of younger men ... time to hang the boots up or move to the front row (flashbacks from RAEME Rugby NZ Tour).

Aaron Writer kicked off the year in EME OPS but is moving on to MAS Sydney. He is currently organising the end of the year adventure training which the boys are looking forward too. Macha took over the EME OPS job mid-year, which he is not too bad at ... unlike his efforts to sell dummies during team sports. It also seems he has an undiscovered talent as a Sydney bus driver, which was evident while driving revellers around on the workshop's mid-year function.

This year also saw the inaugural bi-annual Special Operations RAEME Conference. As with all interactions with HQs there appeared to be good intent (and it was a good day away from the tools).

Generally Everything & Weld Section

GE is responsible for all things SO weapons (all 20 of them), general engineering, fabrication and welding. Public displays of unmanly flexibility have allowed our gun welder Shawie to get amongst the aluminium hulls of the Commando Operational Watercraft (CW) with great results.

The Armourers in GE support the range of Commando courses and never ending range shoots. That said there is often the opportunity for a good trip away to support the high tempo. An armourer is also attached to the Tactical Assault Group (East) (TAG-E) to support counter terrorism on the East coast (and their hush-hush arsenal of fantastic toys!)

EIR Section

EIR is littered with new faces this year which is great experience for the lads as they have a wide range of gear to maintain including; Litton Night Fighting Equipment, MBITR (inter-team radios), AN/PEQ-2 lasers, Javelin anti-armour weapon system and of course the usual bunch of microwaves, TVs, air conditioners and AM/FM radios. A noteworthy member of the section, PTE Alberto 'Milo' Malinao, hails from Infantry and awaits corps transfer to RAEME. He has spent the past 2½ doing on-the-job training with the workshop!!!

Troy Roberts, another Infanteer who was in the same position as Milo, headed off to Bandy, in July, to face the rigours of parenthood and start his electrician course. Alas, Milo is still waiting in limbo, but we wish him well in his endeavours to join the mafia.

Vehicle Section

Aside from the usual Mogs, Rovers & trailers the greasers also have a bunch of Special Operations Modified Surveillance & Reconnaissance Vehicle (SRV), Polaris 4x4 and 6x6 All Terrain Vehicles (ATV), and trailers for the CW to maintain. In addition to their usual work the greasers are also specialists when it comes to doing the other sections, work. Pitty has becoming a temporary 146-6, Kitch has found himself fetching doughnuts for SGT Writer in EMEOPS and has now transitioned to be an OJT PTI to inflict pain for everyone else who doesn't want to be a Nurse (pay provide back for SGT Winter).



Vehicle Section

Another recent escapee, Timmy Raper transfer to become a full-time door-kicker (Commando). Unfortunately, fellow aspiring door-kicker greaser Harley Wellstead fractured his hand playing touch football on the last PT session before his Commando Training Course otherwise he may have jumped ship as well. In true hard-as-nails Commando style, Harley still managed to complete the first 5 days of gruelling Commando training before finally realising the

importance of a fully functioning hand (gaps between the bones, is that a good thing Doc?)...

Greaserland's fearless leader, Alby Anderson deserves a special mention for his outstanding effort at the Regimental Dining In ... if you haven't heard yet you're not in the know.



Big Nose

Marine Section (light) & Marine Section (Heavy)

...and Marine (Mid-Strength) perhaps? The Battalion has a large focus on amphibious operations. Therefore RAEME provides a Marine Light & Heavy Section to maintain the vast range of marine equipment. The Lightweights are responsible for inspecting and maintaining the units F470 Zodiacs, Mercury 25HP outboards, personal flotation devices, klepper kayaks, SCBA, SCUBA and re-breathers. In addition they support the Commando Amphibious Operator courses as well as numerous other amphibious exercises that break said equipment.

Marine Heavy's responsibilities include the new CW, RHIBs, Sharkcat safety vessel, and Red Viper, one of the Army's two Special Operations offshore support vessels, decked out perfectly for cruises around Sydney Harbour. Current Engineer Tim Reeves is having a whale of a time out on the high seas, fishing and trying to remember where the hell is that place they call the TSP workshop? Marine Fitters get to see plenty of time out on the water. As the white overall brigade will attest, repairing an outboard motor on a crippled Zodiac 10 nautical miles offshore, in heavy swell during the black of night, while a boatload of anxious Commandos impatiently await your success certainly tests the abilities of any Marine Fitter! (As if that is hard!!!!)

Of course being on the water comes with its fun moments too, I'm sure either



'I'm a Commando' Roo Rutherford

Peto or Homer will complain about driving the waterjet CWs at 30 knots on Sydney Harbour on a sunny day...

RPS

The guys who keep the parts coming! (er, excuses coming??). Of most worthy mention is PTE 'Pug' Pugh, the youngest member of the workshop, and without a doubt, one of the most entertaining. Pug is blessed with a view of the world that is unknown (and often completely incomprehensible!) to most Crafties. The list of things young Pug has said and done to increase morale is endless. Still not 100 per cent sure if this has anything to do with his past record at winning the coveted Secret Squirrel Hat award (awarded every Friday to that member voted by his peers as having said or done the most ridiculous thing that week).

PT ... Good for you, good for me!!

The PT program has been modified this year to incorporate more team sports – to break up the barrage of smash sessions. Even still it was something of a shock for a few of the newcomers this year. This year has also seen the introduction of Wednesday sporties and during the summer we managed a few games of bodyline that bordered on cricket. The boys saved their pace men for the new Ace; although, to their disappointment they never took his wicket. Though, Jo Hefron did manage a full toss at lightning pace to the back of the ASM's hand (ouch!).



Barramundi Cricket

Other physical activities have included Kitch managing to score a paid trip to Brisbane to represent the unit triathlon team ... Great work if you can get it! And Mick Avery and Josh Roberts headed down to the slopes this winter as part of the ADF snow-boarding championships.

Non-Corps Courses

Numerous members have been enjoying themselves attending courses this year, most outside the realm of their trade. Gully and Alby are now qualified to ride the ATVs and Leigh Holmes has his ticket to drive the CW boats. On his CW course, Homer also achieved the dubious honour of being the first ever coxswain who managed to throw HIMSELF out of a CW whilst driving. Yes, others have fallen or been thrown out as passengers, but apparently Homer just wasn't quite ready for himself when he executed that sharp turn...

Rob Paine and Craig Beadle also had fun 'hanging around' on the SF Roping Course, perfectly timed shortly after the release of Spiderman 2.

January provided the opportunity for some of the parachute qualified members to maintain their currency, with Roo, Leddy, Harley and Peto jumping at Richmond. On the topic of parachuting, the following have been panelled on their basic para course; Adam Foulstone, Kitch, and Ralphie.

Unfortunately, Ralphie discovered the full effects of gravity when his ankle exploded on his second landing on the DZ. In his own words ... 'my leg is being held together by six screws, and a plate with a 40mm screw holding that together'. Hey, it's all good, chicks dig scars! The doc left Ralphie a small reminder of his brief parachuting career, with half a metal screw embedded in bone still left in place to get metal detectors 'bleepin' every time Ralphie catches a plane for the rest of his life. Adam did manage to get his wings, but not without literally busting his a*#s on the DZ first ...

Steve Clausen is currently on his CTC and Foycly soon to be after passing the SF Test. In conclusion, yes we work hard – but the TSP is made up of a great bunch of blokes and we get to play at some great places (ie. not Mount Bundy or High Range) ... Give SCMA a (posting preference form) or ring Ace a if you want a posting.

Arte et Marte.

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1 Commando Regiment

By CPL More & SGT Nolan (1 & 2 Cdo Coy respectively)

The 1st Commando Regiment is the GRES element of SOCOMD. Its role is to provide round out to 4 RAR (Commando) and supplement the Special Operations Component Deployable Headquarters. The 1st Commando Regiment contains 2 RAEME tech support elements that are split because of their individual company locations, 1 Company in Sydney

and 2 Company in Melbourne.

In recent times both 1 and 2 Company RAEME personnel have supported Special Operations around the globe. That said, the primary task of 1 Commando's RAEME elements is supporting their respective sub-units on weekend exercises and training activities that assist the Commando's hone their skills. In order to achieve this Spanners

are often involved in specialist training, including; Amphibious raids on land and water targets, urban raids involving live fire blank and simulation training, parachuting, airborne rappelling and fast roping, demolitions and High Readiness Reserve Force exercises involving co-operation with other units and civilian agencies.

Currently all RAEME positions are

ARA but there are openings for ARES RAEME personnel at both locales. So if you are getting out and are interested in keeping your skills up (while having fun) give one of the companies a call.

1 Commando Coy

Like all REAME elements the 1 Coy workload has not dropped since early February, due to a myriad of courses and exercises undertaken throughout the year. The workshop is currently manned by Sgt Jason "the Latin poet" Beale and Cpl Gilbert "tour de France" Moore.

Surprisingly, the Reserves schedule is intense, as they are required to maintain their Commando skills. This can create quite a strain on the "Huge" resources that the unit has, including: 2 Noosa cat safety craft, 150 lifejackets, over 300 weapons, 18 Zodiacs, 52 outboard motors plus CES. The tempo and quantity of equipment have kept both of us (SGT Beale and CPL Moore) busy. The unit is also carrying a 146-3 vacancy.

Moore attended the Water Craft



The 1 CDO COY ASM pinpointing unit members who have a disregard for NTI's

Maintenance Techniques (WCMT) course from February to March, which meant he skipped out of Exercise Strike Anchor; a parachute/insertion week on Sydney Harbour, where the only 'threats' were a bunch of naked rock spiders catching some sun. The real "fun" started in the mid-year with direct recruiting of civilians into SOCOMD. In less than six months civilians were recruited before attending Reserve Basic Training, Infantry Initial Employment Training (IET) and the Commando Training Course. All this training was based in Sydney, resulting in the cadre staff being stretched to capacity. During this period SGT Beale attended the Marine Equipment Maintenance (MEM) course.

Our new Zodiacs arrived October '03, with the 25 new OBM's arriving Aug 04. The remaining new OBMS are due to arrive November '04. This new equipment provided welcome relief for the tired fleet they replaced. For the rest of the year the unit will be leading joint courses in conjunction with 2 Coy and 4 RAR (Cdo). A Commando Amphibious Operator course, Commando Watercraft course and an EX with the Royal Brunei Special Forces, ensure the rest of the year will be taken up with marine repairs. Although this year's tempo has allowed little time to enjoy "the good life", the Pay-Friday Manly beach volleyball competition is alive and well as is the opportunity to parachute, fast roping, conduct boating drills, rappel and in general being paid to have great fun.

With the year's end fast approaching the RAEME crew feel they have earned a much needed break and look forward to choc free Tuesday nights and weekends.

2 Commando Company

Sgt Mick "movie show" Nolan and Lcpl Matt "Shinkendo" Bunt look after 2 Company form the backbone of the 2 Coy tech support.

As per any hard hitting Special Operations unit the repairs carried out here cover a wide array of personal weapons including sniper rifles and ranges right up to crew served and anti armour weapons. A variety of night vision and surveillance equipment also requires regular attention and servicing. That said 2 Company's work is predominately marine focused, includes; servicing and maintenance of F470 Zodiacs fitted with the new 25Hp OBM and ring prop and the never ending supply of RFD jackets. In addition, 2 Coy was utilised in the testing and trialing of different seating configurations, signature trials and weapon trials for the modification of the Commando Operational Watercraft (COW). The 4 COW boats at 2 Coy are currently being modified for carriage of a Mag 58 weapon system located at the bow whilst the ever faithful Sharkcat are due to be replaced in 2005.

If you are in Melbourne drop in, as we believe the Barracks at Fort Gellibrand, Williamstown is one of the best kept secrets in RAEME postings.



Did someone call for an FRT



Sgt Mick Nolan and Cfn Matt Bunt giving the hippies what for during the COW MG mount trial at West Head Gunnery Range, Vic



Cfn Matt Bunt gives some overhead fire support to some skegs during the COW MG mount trial at West Head Gunnery Range, Vic



COW fitted with .50 Cal prior to test firing at Westhead Gunnery Range, Vic

Drill Sergeant Romani Company Royal Military College Duntroon

By SGT Dean Lankshear, RAEME

No I'm not joking. Drill Sergeant (DSGT) ... RAEME. I've had all the standard jokes like RAEME!! ... do you know where the parade ground is? Or RAEME drill ... doesn't that involve deck chairs and coffee?

But it's mostly me making them up anyway so the grunts don't get in before me. Working at RMC is most definitely not what I expected. The tempo can be over the top and at other times everything comes to a screeching halt.

What am I doing here?

When I first started at the college I had no idea as to how the place worked and what I was to do. The only thing I did understand was that I had taken a posting to instruct future officers.

Second (II) Class is where I started and learnt very quickly on how things worked and how cold Canberra can be not to mention Puckapunyal (I swore I'd never go back there after the first time in 1991). II Class was a real eye opener. Things like the Individual Military Appreciation Process (IMAP) and the amount of doctrine on the Masurian Armed Forces, you start to get the bigger picture and an idea where all the young officers are coming from with certain tactics that are employed in the field. But mostly the pack is on and you're following a cadet and assessing them as a small team leader.

From there I moved to Romani Company as a Co-Ord Sergeant for the Specialist Service Officers Course. For those who don't know SSO's are doctors, nurses, lawyers, engineers, education etc. who are already commissioned and doing initial training (basic and advanced courses). That was definitely a change to II Class. SNCO's and WO's training and assessing officers in field and basic skills. Very much like Kapooka but in a much shorter time with a lot more crammed in.



Different, very different and you get to meet some real characters.

In December last year I was moved to the position of the DSGT for Romani Coy taking the place of SGT Wayne Scanlan (RAE). The DSGT position at Romani Coy is not just Drill. The main job for the Drillie is being the OC of Neville Howse VC Pl (NHVC Pl). This is the platoon that is designed for rehab of Staff Cadets (SCDT) with long term injuries.



Day to Day life

So what happens in an average week?

Well if there is a course running in Romani Coy then the hours get long and pretty busy.

I get to work at about 0530h, shiver into service dress (What sort of idiot rides a bike to work in the middle of winter in Canberra. Did I mention it was cold?) grab the pace stick and get the course out of bed to start the day.

Later after a bit of marching around and breaky I head back to the office to check e-mails and reply to the SI or ADJT or RAP or DWSM then prep for the OC's Conference with the CO and the other Coy OC's before lunch. I'll then take the course for some drill on the parade ground with the other Drillies then back up to NHVC Pl after lunch and either give some lessons, interviews or do some more paperwork. At about 1745 h I do the evening parade with the course just before dinner and then time to head home after a 'how to iron your uniform' lesson.

The rest of the week is pretty much well the same but with things like med management conferences, rehab review conferences, morning briefs, course co-ord conferences etc. I'll get to mornos one day this week.

Doesn't seem like lots of work but it's all the small things like organising course dinners, workplace disability reports for injured cadets, course march out parades (that's a fun one), interviewing cadets that look like being discharged or their injury has taken a turn for the worse. I've learnt a lot about the military health system I can tell you that.

Drill, Drill, Drill

The Romani Drillie is known by the RSM as the fifth beetle, the dung beetle. Always in the @#\$. The five drillies and the Drill Wing Sergeant Major

(DWSM) WO1 Ducre (NZ Army) train the full-time FAC all ready for their march out of the college as well as the other parades and ceremonial drills. If you get the chance, come and watch Beat Retreat or a march out parade if you're ever around this way. The dates are on the RMC web page.

I never envisaged that I would, as a tradie, wind up teaching drill but you can have a bit of fun doing it. RMC has some movements that are a bit out of the ordinary too. "CHECK SLIDE", those that have been here will under-

stand what I mean. I've even had two cadets that have injured themselves doing it. Seeing what training the cadets go through I have a new found respect for GSO's especially after Ex Shaggy Ridge (the old Ex Timor). Watching cadets that are that tired stand in front of the 'Electric Fence' sign, read the 'Electric Fence' sign, then proceed to grab hold of the electric fence and not even notice that they were getting an electric shock.

Working at RMC-D has been an experience and a half. I'm looking forward to

my move to Melbourne though, back into the trade but I have definitely learnt a lot from the other staff and the cadets here in the college.

There is more to the Army than just a trade and a workshop. If you get the opportunity to do something different, give it a go. You'll be surprised about what you do know and what you can do and the job opportunities that may come of it.

Like a RAEME Fitter ... teaching drill.
See you at the CORPS Dinner.

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RAEME in the Materiel Systems Branch of the Defence Materiel Organisation SDSS Maintenance/MMM

By CAPT John Halstead

A lot of water has flowed under the bridge since 27th July 2003. That was the date that SDSS Version 4 went live and the maintainers of the Army inherited Graphic User Interface GUI over the existing text based SDSS screens. This long awaited upgrade left some of you wondering what all the fuss was about. Some embraced the technology while others chose to ignore it. Whatever your poison, SDSS continues to gather momentum and the days of ignorance are numbered. No one has officially labeled this feature of SDSS yet although the name is the subject of heated discussion in some quarters. You might note that I have referred to both SDSS Maintenance as well as MMM. Whatever the name, it is a stand-alone module of the product produced by Mincom and is known commercially as Operations and Main-

tenance Module. Because Defence purchased the warehouse module and called it SDSS we have tendency to discuss the maintenance module as a subordinate. This is not the case from the core product, and in fact the position is reversed. Army has labeled the tool MMM which stands for Mincom Maintenance Module. Technically, it is probably correct to refer to it as SDSS Maintenance.

In the near future the RAAF Ground Support Equipment maintainers are transferring from the existing RAAF systems to SDSS Maintenance. The Navy is also reviewing their current suite of software tools with a view to evaluation against SDSS Maintenance. That means inside the DMO, Land Systems Division are already users, and elements of Aerospace Systems Division and Maritime Systems Division are making

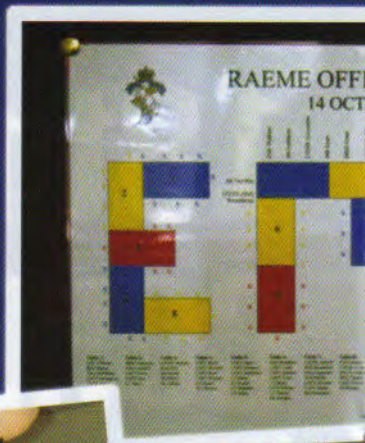
varying degrees of noise in respect to accepting the product. Electronic and Weapons Systems Division E&WSD has shown interest and want to include Parakeet and other like equipment in the SDSS Maintenance model. Army has had the lead in developing the tool for some time now and hopefully new players will not cause any detriment to the present business solution. For the immediate future, aircraft repairs will continue to be reported using CAMM2.

SDSS Maintenance or MMM, is managed from RAAF Williams, Laverton Victoria. There are two organizations at Laverton that have a vested interest in the program. Materiel Systems, part of the new DMO structure and under the Chief Operating Officer, controls the configuration and operation of the data-

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base while the Directorate of Logistic Processes and Procedures DLPP, manage and write the DSCM. Until recently, SDSS Maintenance was not considered technical enough to warrant subject matter expertise and therefore suffered with very poor RAEME representation. There are now three RAEME soldiers holding positions within DLPP and MISD that have influence in the direction that SDSS Maintenance is taking. They are WO1 Mick Bray from MISD and WO2 Grant Kuchel and Sgt David George from DLPP. In addition we generally enjoy the resources of a dedicated Mincom representative. Mr Paul Sharmans the service support centre and Flt Sgt Vicki Black and Ms Kathy Blazeviski ably assist him.

There is work in progress to build a new MMM Website for FAQ and to provide users a chat facility. When this work is completed expect to hear about it via an SDSS Gram.

The new version has not entered service without its degree of controversy. Just when you were becoming comfortable with the Technical Regulation Framework and the Technical Regulation Army Materiel Manual TRAMM along came the Defence Supply Chain Manual or DSCM. Those of you who have bothered to review the DSCM would have discovered that the meaty parts exist mainly in Volume 7 Chapter 5. The DSCM is not designed to provide detailed policy direction and therefore needs to be read in conjunction with other documents like the current Land Commanders SOP Part 8.

One of the more common complaints stems from the requirement to complete a technical inspection for each and every weapon. This provides a detailed maintenance history of each weapon and therefore will provide sufficient evidence to permit the armourers log to be discarded.

Ultimately, in addition to the demise of the armourers log, we (SDSS Maintenance) would like to see the end of printed and signed Technical Inspections and equipment Log Books, GM120. It is possible for this to happen but only when it can be proven that the data stored in SDSS is of greater validity than that presently stored in the log books. SDSS Maintenance is presently looking for a sponsor project to trial introduction into service of equipment without a logbook. Bushranger and Overlander have shown some interest. In order to advance this argument it remains very important that the end

user realizes the important part he or she plays in data entry and the validity of that data.

Recently there were a suite of reports provided that are intended to provide the basis for key performance indicator reporting. It is hoped that when data is reliable enough across all maintenance venues it will be possible to pull statistics from any one headquarter and therefore reduce the need for the end user to provide report indicators. The tractor fed reports that SDSS produces are available for the user at the maintenance facility to manage daily operations. These reports provide live data but are restricted in the ability to provide trend analysis. There are another seven Corvu reports designed to complement middle and senior management. These Corvu reports may be graphed or exported to Excel for further manipulation. Users who are not familiar with reporting should approach the System Support Centre through their local site administrator for direction on how to find and run the reports.

There have been numerous visits to units as initiatives of the SDSS Get Well program. Maintainers were asked to identify where the software could be improved at each site. From these discussions there has been some development requests made to adjust programs. Examples include:

- a. The ability to enter Operating Statistics on the EMEFIX screen.
- b. The ability to change the status on the equipment record directly when an inspection is completed and,
- c. The ability to change the ownership of equipment automatically in the equipment record each time it is issued to another owner.

We are also negotiating with Armament SPO to develop an electronic bore measuring system for artillery and mortars. The end aim is to provide the ADFLM with visibility of the condition of the barrels across the Defence inventory.

In the broader picture, SDSS Maintenance is under review for improvement in the next few years. There is a project called ADF Deployable Logistic Systems which is intended to provide SDSS when only partial DRN connectivity is achieved. This would typically be onboard a ship where data might be passed between the ship and the mainframe during the night or during low periods of activity. This deployable option is expected to be delivered in 2007 and will see organizations like the CSSB units using the technology. ADFDLs will provide complete SDSS

function and will be based on the next Mincom version called Ellipse or Version 5. Units that conduct unit training for limited amounts of time or deploy isolated, will use another tool that is presently known as the Forward Logistic Management System, FLMS. FLMS will probably be renamed but essentially it will be delivered to Land Command Army units where there is not expected to be any mainframe connectivity for extended periods of time. FLMS has reduced SDSS function and is dependant on manual data transfer using floppy disks from a computer to the mainframe. FLMS is also TRAMM compliant.

Maintenance users can expect minimal disruption to business processes caused by subsequent upgrades. The reason for this is because you have all undergone the conversion to the Object based programs, MSQs during the last upgrade.

FLMS trial is scheduled for 3 Brigade during Swift Eagle. The rollout to units was expected to begin for all Land Command Units in the Townsville region during September 2004. The 1st and 7th Brigade were to follow with remaining units by priority order as supplied by Land Command. There have been some delays concerning the supply of sufficient hardware to support FLMS. Be prepared for some innovative instructional techniques when WO2 Ian Malcolm and the team come to deliver training.

SDSS Maintenance or MMM is well and truly alive. It is an ever-evolving monster with boundaries that extend from new equipment yet to be introduced into service, to the DIDS contract and Land Command Tech Support Sub Units. This program is seen as the primary reporting tool used for maintenance performance as well as compliance with regulations such as the TRAMM for ground equipment.

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Greetings from the Albury Wodonga Summer Playground

A very busy second half of the year for both staff and volunteers and I am pleased to report that all have come through intact. As the months quickly roll past and Santa readies the sleigh,



Neil Dailey working on the new POW display

the number and quality of displays in the museum continues to improve. As this edition hits the streets in a barracks near you, the cabinet and display for the British Commonwealth Occupation Force (BCOF) Japan will be nearing completion along with the display on the Korean War. The BCOF display is very important, as little is understood about the significant contribution



Bob Bauerle building the BCOF display cabinet

made by the members of the force after the Second World War ended in 1945. The Prisoner of War display is nearing completion and looking brilliant thanks to some excellent work by Neil Dailey and Doug Fothergill.

Military Historical Society of Australia – Biennial Conference

The Military Historical Society of Australia held their Biennial Conference in the museum over the period 2-4 October 2004. The conference was hosted by the Albury Wodonga Branch of the Society and was well attended with participants coming from all over Australia. The Patron of the Society, Air Marshall I.B. Gration, AO, AFC (Retd) also attended the conference. The theme of the conference was to recognise the 150th anniversary of the inception of the Victoria Cross, the 90th anniversary of the outbreak of World War One and the 60th anniversary of the D-Day Landings. On Saturday the Geelong Military Re-enactment Group put on a battle re-enactment.

Get to know the staff:

W02 Ian Pullen

Warrant Officer Class Two Ian Pullen joined the Army as an apprentice Fitter Armourer in



W02 Ian Pullen

1979. Ian spent 23 years in the ARA before transferring to the Active Army Reserve in 2002. Ian ended his ARA service as the Divisional Sergeant Major of Materiel Support Division, Army Logistic Training Centre. Currently Ian is the Workshop Manager of the Museum overseeing restorations, maintenance and servicing of a wide range of historic military vehicles and equipment. Ian is also a Director of the Army Museum Bandiana Foundation.

Get to know the volunteers:

Mr Don Campbell

Don Campbell has been involved with the museum since its formation in 1976. Don was the founding President of the Albury Wodonga Branch of the Military Historical Society of Australia. Apart from two short breaks, Don was the President for 21 years. Don is still an active member of the branch. Don has served the museum well since its foundation and today is a Director of the Army Museum Bandiana Foundation. Don is also the Museum's Liaison Officer and is involved with a number of refurbishment programs for the museum. The museum is fortunate to have a person of Don's ability involved with the museum.



Mr Don Campbell

The 1915 Gallipoli 'Drip Rifle'

A working example of the famous Gallipoli drip rifle, with voice over is now a feature of the weapons gallery. All credit for this display goes to Mr David McCabe, a member of the museum staff. Further details will appear in the next edition when the display is fully completed.



David McCabe is seen here finalising the installation of the 'drip rifle'

Albury Wodonga 2AY/104.9 Star FM Radio Open Day 2004

The museum supported the Radio 2AY/104.9 FM Open Day in Albury on Saturday the 28th of August 2004. The museum provided a 1952 Ferret Scout Car that attracted a lot of attention.

Staff participating were: MAJ Graham Docksey, WO2 Kym Lambert, CPL James Field and CFN Mick Rees. More sound publicity for the museum.



The 1952 Ferret Scout Car

Military History Program

The museum continues to provide Military History Training for Holding Platoon soldiers awaiting courses at the Army Logistic Training Centre. All officers attending the Regimental Officer Basic Course, and soldiers on Initial Employment Training at Bandiana and



MAJ Docksey with a group of Holding Platoon Soldiers visiting the museum

Bonegilla visit the museum as part of their understanding of the History, Customs and Traditions of their Corps. These visits are considered essential if we expect our members to appreciate their heritage.

The museum shop

The shop stocks a range of Corps items including plaques, ties, thermal mugs, Corps statues, coffee cups, mouse mats, Corps history books, stubby holders, tie tacks, tie clips, Corps prints, collectors teaspoons and much more. Ring Bryan on (02) 6055 2525 or check out the website.

The Changi Chapel

A replica of the famous Changi Chapel has been built inside the museum. The chapel will become the 'shell' of the

Chaplain's Department display. A new television with DVD player has been purchased and will play 'Say a Prayer for me' for visitors to view. This 54 minute DVD tells the story of the Chaplains of the Vietnam War. An article on the chapel when completed will appear in the next edition.



WO2 Ian Pullen passing on some RAEME Corps history to CFN Mick Rees, CPL James Field and Mr Paul O'Brien



Ted Mayer painting the chapel

article

Raeme at the home of the soldier

Each week Army's newest soldiers march out of Kapooka to commence their Initial Employment Training (IET) in their selected Corps and trade. Their journey, however, starts 45 days prior to march out when they arrived at the Army Recruit Training Centre (ARTC) full of apprehension to commence the first

stage of their Army career. The task of socialising civilians into Army's culture and teaching them the foundation skills to be an effective soldier is the role of ARTC, undertaken principally, by corporal and sergeant Recruit Instructors (RI).

Recruit training has been conducted at Kapooka since November 1951 with the formation of the 1st Recruit Training

Battalion (1RTB). Two other training battalions were raised to meet Army's needs during the Korean and Vietnam Conflicts, however, since the abolition of National Service 1 RTB became the sole provider of recruit training and in 1985 commenced training female recruits. From 1993, 1 RTB became involved with training reserve recruits, firstly with



the Ready Reserve Scheme (later abolished in 1996), then secondly with the introduction in 1997 of the 45-day Common Induction Training (CIT) for all full and part time soldiers. In 1998, 1 RTB changed to an Individual Training Centre and subsequently renamed ARTC.

Today ARTC continues to conduct a 45-day Common Recruit Training (CRT) Course delivering the all corps soldier competencies required to prepare soldiers for IET. To effectively achieve this mission, ARTC employs RIs from all Corps within Army. As the third largest Corps, RAEME makes a significant contribution to ARTC's instructor pool. The Corps is very well represented at other levels, including principal staff at HQ ARTC, within Recruit Training Wing (RTW) and in other sub-units.

The CRT course has undergone extensive review during the last decade and while the change to CRT had significant benefits for the General Reserve, the need to provide additional training to Regular Army personnel has become increasingly insistent. As a result the Chief of Army's Senior Advisory Committee endorsed the implementation of the Advanced Soldier Course (ASC) on 01 Apr 04 to commence in March 2005. The CRT Course will also be revised in order to reduce tempo and enhance the learning experience. At the completion of the 45-day CRT Course, part time soldiers will depart ARTC and return to their units to attend IET, while all full time soldiers will remain and attend the 35-day ASC.

In order to deliver both courses, RTW will task three of the recruit companies to conduct the CRT Course with the remaining company dedicated to deliver

the ASC. The ASC will continue on where CRT left off, in order to further develop the full time soldier in areas such as physical fitness, shooting, drill and ceremonial and importantly fieldcraft. Competencies such as navigation, operating the in-service radio and night fighting equipment will also be included. Of note, however, is that there will only be one March Out Parade at the completion of the CRT Course. ARTC is progressing well with the development of the ASC and is scheduled to commence the inaugural course on 21 Mar 05.

The RAEME personnel posted to ARTC will continue to have a heavy involvement with both CRT and the ASC. There are significant benefits for junior officers and NCOs to serve at ARTC, particularly with regards to command, leadership and management. Firstly, for junior officers ARTC provides an opportunity to command platoons that have up to 48 trainees and five staff of varying Corps. The ARTC Platoon

Commander has to develop a skill of quickly understanding their soldiers to effectively manage them over a very short command span and they need to do this four or five times within a 12 month posting tenure. For the NCOs, this is a unique opportunity to not only command and teach soldiers, but socialise them into Army's culture and values. This important linkage between corporal and recruit lays the foundation for a soldier's future Army career. To put this into perspective, the staff of ARTC have provided their own views of their time at ARTC. This includes a platoon commander, platoon sergeant, section commander and a member from a specialist training section.

Life as a Platoon Commander

by LT Sarah-Jane Murray

A Platoon Commander posting to ARTC provides a unique opportunity to command 40 soldiers approximately every three months and to be as involved in the training of recruits as much or as little as time permits. Be it participating in all PT lessons, providing lessons, playing 'demo' for the obstacle and bayonet assault course or simply watching drill or weapons lessons. It is a challenging posting and it provides me with the opportunity to see first hand how our junior soldiers are trained.

The reward for working long hours is observing the transformation of 40 people from civilians into soldiers who are then ready for their IET courses. The March Out Parade is a proud day for the recruits who have successfully completed the 45-day course, as well as the staff who have trained them. The recruits stand taller on march out day in their ironed and polished uniforms and the staff



can't help but feel proud. But, as we wave goodbye we are already thinking about the next date, in the not too far off future, when another lot of 40 civilians will arrive ready to attack the recruit course.

It is also very rewarding to have the opportunity to work with peers from various Corps. My five-person team Platoon consists of Infantry, Artillery, Engineers and Transport NCOs. I have learnt a lot from their different backgrounds and experiences, not just how they operate as a recruit instructor but where each of them fits into their Corps. Working for long hours with your staff one can't help but feel they are your second family. Some days you do see more of them than your own family. The bond between staff is my favourite aspect of my posting to ARTC. We need to be close to ensuring we provide the recruits with the best possible levels of instruction and guidance as a united team.

A posting to ARTC is what you make it. For me, I have made close friends and shared experiences with people I might never had the opportunity to meet otherwise.

Life as a Platoon Sergeant

by SGT Kevin Waugh

I have been posted to ARTC as a PL SGT since Jan 04. When I was first informed that I was going to Kapooka at the end of 03 I would have to say that I was not entirely thrilled with the idea. First came the Recruit Instructor Development Course (RIDC), I fully expected the course from hell run by nutters, but it was no harder than anything else I have done in the Army. The hardest thing for a new PL SGT is just trying to figure out where things are on the computer, in

regards to programs, training objectives, allocations, meal requests, transport requests, ammo requests, etc. Once you find your feet there the whole show gets a lot easier. After the residential phase you then complete a number of other short courses including a Small Arms Coaching Course. At the end of all this you are allocated to a Company.

The first and last week of a platoon is the busiest time for the PL SGT. The first week is mostly administrative issues like making sure the recruits have received all their issued gear, haircuts, inoculations, military law lectures, and any pay or citizenship issues.

After week one if you have good time management skills then the middle five weeks are pretty good for a PL SGT. You do have a few lessons to give such as drill, weapons and field but they are all spaced apart evenly enough not to impose on gym time or the occasional 18 holes of golf. You also have to deal with ongoing admin issues ranging from routine to the outright bizarre and you also monitor lessons to ensure consistency of learning. The final week is quite busy due to the recruits' final field exercise and the Challenge. Then you also have varying retests, dress and barracks inspections, march out admin, and the March Out Parade itself. Once that's all over you get to wave goodbye to the recruits and after some stand down you get to do it all over again.

After being here for almost a year I would now have to say that a posting to ARTC is no different to any other posting I have had before. Yes the hours can be very long sometimes, but there are also plenty of early knock offs to match the long days. You also get to work with members from different Corps, this allows you to get a bit of insight as to

how the rest of the Army operates and to forge friendships and contacts for the future. The greatest thing that I will take away from Kapooka will definitely be administration skills especially man management. I feel that I have learnt things here that will be of great benefit to myself and others when I get posted back to a Workshop. It has also been a good opportunity to take a break from a Workshop environment. So if you are still semi keen and want to try something different then consider a posting to ARTC in sunny Wagga Wagga. Beautiful one day, perfect the next.

Life as a Section Commander

by CPL Bill Allmich

Let me just start by saying that I have been posted to ARTC for three years. My time spent at Kapooka has had many ups and downs but mostly it has been an enjoyable and learning experience. The first few weeks were spent doing the variety of small courses that are required to fulfil the role as a section commander. These consisted of the Recruit Instructor Development Course (RIDC), followed with a Small Arms Coaching Course (SACC) and finally a High Wire Safety Officer Course. With these new qualifications under my belt I was now ready to tackle training recruits.

As a JNCO in RAEME your interaction between your subordinates and superiors was very different to what was required as a section commander at Kapooka. Having never conducted a formal lesson apart from Subject One (CPL), my biggest obstacle was learning the eight drill lessons and the 10 weapons lessons to a standard that allowed me to concentrate on the trainees and not on my personal actions and explanations.



The few weeks of training had us all working from 0600 to 2200 h. These days in themselves were long, but add to that the fact that after work there needed to be time to prepare for the next days lessons and that included rehearsing and practicing movements and explanations. Therefore a typical day could last as long as 18 hours. A week could see you giving drill, weapons and first aid lessons just about every day and occasionally you could be conducting a number of drill and weapons lessons as well as dealing with the recruits and their individual issues.

Some may say that the instructional side of Kapooka is only about 40% of your overall job description and I would tend to believe them. The remainder of your non-instructional time would be spent conducting administration with or for the recruits. Recruits manage to present admin issues the like I have never seen or heard of, let alone dealt with. Some of these issues range from the simple request for a discharge to having family members pass away, to arranging allotments to keep debt collection agencies at bay.

In all I would say that being posted to Kapooka has been rewarding and valuable learning environment. It has taught me many skills that I may never have had the chance or opportunity to learn as a JNCO in RAEME. It has improved my instructional and administration skills and I can see that taking this knowledge back to a trade environment has positive applications for providing helpful information for most issues both up and down the chain of command.

Life in Training Support Company

by SGT Grant Sewell

Training Support Company is made of a variety of sections including Training & Assessment (T&A), Marksmanship Training Section (MTS), Physical Training (PTI), High Wire Confidence Course (HWCC), Medical Training (Med Trg), Digger James Platoon (DJs) and Weary Dunlop Platoon. To get a full idea of what each section in TSC actually do I'll deal with each one in turn.

T&A. T&A deliver the RIDC both regional and here at Kapooka. This course is designed to give the new RIs the basics in giving a lesson to Kapooka standards as well as an insight into counselling recruits during their time at Kapooka. They are also responsible for assessing instructors to ensure that the level of competence of the instructor is maintained.



HWCC. HWCC staff are responsible for the conduct of HWCC Safety Supervisor and Conducting Officer courses as well as the constant inspection of the equipment (tape harnesses, carabineers, figure eights and all ropes) as well as supervising and assisting the conduct of each platoon using the course.

Med Trg. Med Trg are responsible for training the recruits in first aid. They also assess the standard of new section commanders and bring them up to speed with current practices. All MRT (Modulised Recruit Training) personnel returning to Kapooka for phase two training are assessed to gauge the standard they have retained.

DJs. DJs are responsible for the management of the MRT recruits and organising their assessments to gauge which week of training they should be placed back into. They also look after the rehabilitation of ARA recruits injured in training, and any ARA recruit that fails any terminal testing to undertake remedial training.

Weary Dunlop Platoon. This section is responsible for the administration of those recruits that are discharging from the Army. Regardless of reason for discharge, Weary Dunlop Platoon do all the paper work to make the transition as easy as possible.

MTS. MTS whilst not the largest is definitely the busiest. MTS teaches the recruits Steyr lessons four, five, six and nine; they also teach the new RIs and platoon commanders the art of small arms coaching, both F88 and F89. MTS also constantly assess the Platoon Commanders on their range briefs when they are OIC of a range both CATA and WTSS. The ongoing assessment of all

small arms coaches is also conducted by MTS staff, any staff members requiring retraining as a small arms coach is also conducted by MTS.

Conclusion

While a posting to ARTC may not be on the top of the RAEME officer or soldier's list, the benefits of fulfilling an instructional appointment here are many. As clearly evidenced by the testimonies of current incumbents, RAEME personnel bring a good deal of experience and intelligence that complements the corps balance at Kapooka as well as significantly enhancing their own professional development. An instructional appointment within the regimental environment of ARTC is an excellent way to round off the all corps skills that Army requires for NCOs to advance within their Corps and trade. For anyone seeking a challenging and rewarding instructional posting that has a direct effect on developing Army's newest soldiers, give MAJ Mark Stone and his team at SCMA a call and let them know you are interested.

RAEME personnel posted to ARTC in 2004

MAJ Ben Ryder (ACOFs), MAJ Mark Wonnacott (OC A Coy), LT Duncan Given (2IC D Coy), **PL COMDs** – LT Cameron Aitken, LT Greg Neighbour, LT Sarah-Jane Murray, SGT Wes Lynch (UATL Instr), **RIs** – SGT Kevin Waugh, SGT Cameron Roach, SGT Paul Dickinson, SGT Lorry Parish, SGT Grant Sewell, CPL Russell Crawford, CPL Bill Allmich, CPL Dave Stewart, CPL Frank De Waard, CPL Daniel Nolte, CPL Stephen Freiberg, CPL Chris Curley, CPL George Griffin, CPL Linden Bleijie, CPL Warren Haddy and CPL Scott Collard.

ASGW & RAMS Birthday Celebration – Friday, 30 July 2004

By LT Ari-Ben Doran and LT Lindsay O'Connor



On Friday, 30 July 2004 the Army Aviation Training Centre (AAVnTC) at Oakey in sunny Queensland celebrated an important milestone for two of its units. The occasion was the shared birthdays of the Rotary Wing Aircraft Maintenance School (RAMS) and the Aviation Support Group Workshop (ASGW). Although the origins and history of RAMS goes as far back as 1965, the unit as we know it today celebrated its fifteenth year since being raised in July 1989. Likewise, ASGW celebrated its 32nd birthday since it was formed from part of 16 Army Light Aircraft Squadron at RAAF Base Amberly. Many 'Old Hands', including many previous COs, RSMs, and ASMs returned to the fold to take part in the celebrations that lasted from morning until late that night. Military and civilian personnel of RAMS and ASGW participated in a commemorative sports day that also included an awards ceremony and BBQ lunch. RAMS also took this opportunity to unveil a plaque to commemorate the dedication of the new 'Home of RAEME Aviation' at the Training Centre before a formal dining-in night at the Officers' Mess for the senior leaders of both units and their guests.

Sports Day

The day kicked off early, with some teams starting to play beach volleyball before the sun had touched the sand leading to some very cold feet. As the competition progressed the action heat-

ed up though. The RAMS/ASGW teams were competitive yet friendly and, although no ground was given, all teams had a great time flexing their muscle (and sometimes tearing a few) having many laughs in the process.

The competition consisted of a bullring of sports including indoor soccer, netball and softball. Each unit contributed four teams; two consisting of management and two of workers. The events were hard fought, with absolutely no cheating on any side. There was a slight bending of the rules, but no flat

out cheating according to the ASGW coaching staff (CO ASGW). There was plenty of entertainment though, and the astute physical and mental skill of both sides shone through.

One Craftsman had difficulty grasping the concept of a volleyball serve. Instead of lobbing the ball during the serve the player gave away precious points delivering a brilliant handball pass; not once but twice. His team came back with encouragement and a bit of 'coaching' enabling the member to score successive points. And OC RAMS demonstrated rather painfully how to catch a speeding leather bound projectile without the aid of hands or 'box' during a softball match. A stray ball had slipped past the person batting while OC RAMS, acting as backstop, caught the low ball right in the 'money bag'. It was good to see the OC using his military medical training both on and off the field. I believe RICE is the treatment for bruising and muscle tenderness, and plenty of it. Teams put all the effort they had into the spirit of the games (and winning).

Questions had to be raised about the use of trainees though; RAMS took the Manoeuvrist approach opting to employ its younger, fitter trainees for some of the more physical games like indoor soccer, leading to comprehensive wins. There can be no sour grapes however; especially after the efforts of some RAMS instructors, acting as goalies, felt like cannon fodder defending against the punishing right foot of CSM ASGW.



ASGW Managers about to score...possibly



The cream of RAMS takes on ... the cream of RAMS



'Catch it!'



CSM ASGW - WO2 Doherty - shows off his punishing right foot

Additional youth was shown by one of the ASGW worker's team, who put on a netball display rarely seen outside the Australian Institute of Sport. With their height and age advantage the odds were with them from the start; some RAMS members bent the rules skillfully enough to all but even the score but it was too little too late and it was all over. It was a great performance by both sides.



CPL Currin looking for an opening against ASGW managers

Each game was hard fought, with the exception being the final ASGW workers versus management volleyball game where, with the exception of one set where the workers ran roughshod over



CFN Inger serving the match winning point against RAMS...or at least a point

management - at one stage combining all management scores was not enough to reach the required 15 points. With management on the ropes, it was a decisive psychological victory for the workers.

Eventually ASGW carried the day; with an 8 - 5 win; thanks mainly to the two workers teams after the management teams only managed to win two games. It was enough to see the cup into ASGW hands however. Add to that a large bottle of champagne, 'twas the icing on the cake.



CO ASGW - LTCOL McWatters CSM - accepting the winners trophy on behalf of ASGW

It was an excellent morning and all deserve thanks for their willingness and spirit in the competition. Long, tall and short stories later flowed over 'sangas' and a few refreshments. Thanks must be extended to both the organiser and those who volunteered to umpire/referee, they put up a determined fight at times.



CO ASGW explaining to LT Young where the volleyball needs to go (above) and trainees gang up on poor defenceless ASGW personnel (below)



The end of the sports day saw a brief awards ceremony that not only impressed those attending but also the airfield fire fighters who thought they would conduct a fire drill just as the ceremony begun. Unfortunately, there were

no awards for putting out fires being given that day...and if they had all agree it would have gone to CSM ASGW for his sterling work with putting out the 'firies'. Colonel-Commandant of the Corps as well as CO ASGW and OC/CI RAMS spoke about the occasion, with a plaque being unveiled to mark the current RAMS/ASGW site as the home of RAEME-Aviation.

The plaque is now a permanent reminder of the role that RAEME has played in making Army Aviation what it is today. With the civilianisation of RAMS/ASGW upcoming in the short term and the introduction of new airframes, such a memorial will grow to be a welcome addition and reminder of our roots.



BRIG Grant AM and OC/CI RAMS MAJ Tsamis and unveiling the plaque



Presentations were also made to members of the unit; both as farewells and as acknowledgment of their actions.

Finally the cakes were cut and the birthday rally was drawn. Skeeta Ryan, representing



The plaque - located at the entrance to the RAMS building



CAPT Joyce presenting Ron 'Ocker' Carroll with his farewell gift (L) and Ocker getting a handshake from LTCOL McWatters CSM



COL Titcume and CFN Price cutting the RAMS cake (L) while BRIG Grant AM and 'Skeeta' Ryan cut the ASGW cake

the experience and wisdom of both units, together with CFN Price, representing the new blood and youngest member, assisted the Colonel-Commandant cut both cakes with such precision as to bring a tear to a black-hander's eye.

RAMS/ASGW formal Dining-In Night

In the evening the officers, warrant officers, senior NCOs, official guests and friends attended a formal ASGW and RAMS Birthday Dining-In at the Officers' Mess at Oakey. The Dining President (DP), WO1 Gary Watson, had broke with the more traditional dining room set-up and re-modelled the tables to ensure that everyone who attended would feel part of the evening celebration regardless of their time in uniform, Corps identity or familiarity with formal dining-in nights.



The head table (above); the piper (centre) and a joyous table (below)



A piper, Mr Darryl Shoesmith from the Range Highland Pipes and Drums, was on hand to 'pipe in' the official guests; pipe the five minute warning as well as piping diners into the dining room. Once in the dining room, diners found their places at round tables that seated ten to twelve people. Apart from the main table of honor, each table had been named after an aircraft that had seen service within Army Aviation. This was a great conversational starting point, espe-

cially among the 'Olds and Bolds' all of whom had a war-story to tell about past aircraft such as the Nomad, Porter, Auster and Cessna. Seated at the head table were the official guests, Brig Anthony Fraser AM CSC and Brig Ross Grant AM together with CO ASGW LTCOL McWatters CSM and OC/CI RAMS MAJ Tsamis. Once the Mess was assembled, the DP opened the evening and invited Chaplain Wyllie to say Grace.



Experience. (L-R: Ron Carol, MAJ Barry Skinner, Skeeta Ryan, WO2 Manhire and Paul Thomas)



Diners were then treated to a sumptuous three-course meal while craftsmen from the ASGW and RAMS served meals and waited on tables throughout the evening in an enthusiastic and friendly manner. Guests and diners were invited by the DP to feel free to move amongst tables throughout the evening except during the formal presentations and speeches. There was a strong sense of camaraderie and esprit de corps present throughout the evening. It was great to see many 'old hands' catching up with their mates. The more senior serving members imparted their wisdom and experience of both RAEME, Aviation and in some cases 'the world' to a new generation. RAEME has never faltered at the telling of how things were, are or how they should be. Stories and the 'correct re-telling' of stories emerged covering theatres of operations from Korea to Iraq and training establishments from Pt Cook, VIC to Oakey, QLD.

The evening was still young when the DP called for 'the emblems'. It was time to unveil RAEME legend and myth. For a moment the atmosphere became sombre and silent as the mysterious 'First Aircraft' and the coveted 'First



Better service you wouldn't get at the Hilton; CPL Hillary (above) and CFN Price (below) fill glasses



Spanner' were received by the DP. As these emblems were laid at the head table in front of the president, a murmuring tremble was heard in the shadows beyond. It was the lone voice of one CAPT Gordon Cae (retired). Gordon faultlessly began reciting the Tradition of the First Spanner in its fullness. The official guests, officers, senior NCOs, and friends sat enthralled by the sage-like, ecclesiastical words that played out the legend of the first spanner, as we know it to be. Gordon waxed lyrical and passed on the flame of the craftsman and his spanner in much the same manner as Shakespeare's Hamlet and Homer's Troy. Even as waiters provided more wine and refreshments and served the main meals, applause, weathered grins and approving nods accompanied Gordons' closing words that seemed to enshrine the true spirit of the humility and worth of RAEME;

"... so noble of reason, so infinite in faculty.

In form; in moving - so admirable

In action - so like the Archangel Gabriel.

In appearance so like the whole pantheon of gods, But more than this, Paragons of Truth."

The evening progressed enjoyably through the main course and several speeches and presentations. The wine,



The Paragon of Truth (CAPT Gordon Cae) with the First Aircraft



beer, port and other refreshments flowed as freely as the memories. The mood relaxed further and a strong sense of pride and unity was felt by all.

Presentations were made to several members for their long service and participation with the units. MAJ Barry Skinner's presentation was outstanding. BRIG Fraser AM CSC presented MAJ Skinner with the ADF Federation Star in recognition for 40 years of service. This feat is held in the highest regard by all that have seen service in the armed forces. WO2 Brett Jasper was also farewelled from ASGW by COL Titcume. LTCOL McWatters CSM presented Brett with the Defence Force Service Medal First Clasp for 20 years service in the ADF. Brett enlisted in 1984 and completed his career in the ADF serving in ASGW until July 2004. Members of the Corps and AAvnTC extend their best wishes to him as he follows a new path working as a civilian contractor for the Singaporean Airforce.



MAJ Skinner receiving the Federation Star (above) and WO2 Jasper being farewelled (below)



The OC/CI RAMS and CO ASGW then presented historical overviews of both units and brought to light the importance of the quality in training that ASGW and RAMS provides. The quality in instruction and instructors has been a benchmark throughout Army Aviation, RAEME and the ADF. The DP called upon BRIG Grant AM who spoke about the morale and esprit de corps that he had experienced within these units and RAEME. Likewise, when BRIG Fraser AM, CSC addressed the dinner he reflected on the expertise, professionalism and cameraderie of RAEME, in par-



The stewards of the evening - Officer Cadets from AAvnTC together with JNCOs and Craftsman from RAMS and ASGW

ticular ASGW and RAMS. It was interesting to see the bond that existed between all ranks. Official guests and key personnel were well known by all, most on a first name basis. At this stage of the evening, speakers concluded their messages and diners were served dessert. The craftsmen who waited on tables continued to provide prompt service throughout the evening and went a long way in ensuring that the event was an enjoyable success. Their efforts were genuinely appreciated by all that attended.

Having the speeches and presentations during the meal was an excellent idea. Although different from the usual formal activity and custom it did not detract from the meal and did not keep diners at the table for a lengthy post meal period. By late evening, officers, warrant officers, senior NCOs, guests and friends followed the official guests as they retired to the Anteroom.



'Olds and Bolds' looking for fellow 'blackhanders' (from left to right) Mr Otto Aberle, Mr Terry Miller, 'Rocky' Hoare, MAJ Barry Skinner CSC

Numerous large photographic albums had been placed centrally in the room. These provided a pictorial historical record of the personnel, units and Army aviation. There was much flicking through pages to spot an old mate who had gone through, while others laughed as they remembered the stories and images of days gone by.



CAPT Cae and CAPT Clarke reviewing the photographic albums

Many new members to the Corps and units were present that night. They listened with beers in hand and made friends with the 'Olds and Bolds' as they passed on the flame. The ASGW and RAMS birthday dining in night was not merely another commitment to be attended by all, nor was it meant to be. It was an event that called upon the memories and qualities of all whom have served to give the Australian Army, in particular ASGW and RAMS, a sense of excellence in commitment, loyalty and mateship.





SUPPORT COMPANY, UNITED NATIONS SECURITY FORCE (UNSF), EAST TIMOR, JUNE – DECEMBER 2004

The deployment came as a bit of a surprise for some of us, as it came at fairly short notice, and at a time when we thought Australia's commitment to East Timor was drawing to a close. The ASM, WO1 Steve Coppock, had about a week of hectic activity before heading off in the recon party on the 07 Jun 04. Tp Comd CAPT Gary Pope left on the advance party on 18 Jun 04 and the main bulk of us departed on 25 Jun 04. After landing in Dili, we were choppered straight to our home at FOB Molcana, where we went through the usual briefs and settled into the lines.

The workshop has been downsized drastically from the previous rotation and currently consists of the following:

- Tp Comd (Log Tp) – CAPT Gary Pope (1CER);
- ASM – WO1 Steve Coppock (1CER);
- Veh Sect – SGT Malcolm Goldner, CPL John Hatcher and CFN Matty Stevens (all 1CER);
- GE Sect – CPL Russ Geelan-Ashcroft (Fitter – 1CER) and CPL Grant O'leary (Metalsmith – 3CSSB);
- EIR – CFN Jon Burchell (Elec Fitter – 1JSU);
- Recovery – CPL Ted Widders (1JSU) and CFN Bill Fraser (1CER); and
- RPS – CPL Gary Fertch (1ARMD).

A mention must also go to Agus and Jacinto (Veh Sect), and Rui (GE), our locally employed civilians, who are extra keen and do a lot of good work for us. The ASM has submitted a proposal to our Head of Corps to sponsor them with toolboxes and training manuals in recognition of the work they have done for the Australian contingents in the last few years. Haven't heard anything yet, but hopefully it will come to fruition. We also have the boys from BAE who are currently working on all the white fleet, leaving our VM's free to sort out all the plant and green vehicles.

After the handovers were complete and people settled in the VM's were straight into trying to get the equipment availability as high as possible before the Engineers were cleared to start their road repair tasks. This was made frustrating at times as the previous contingent had been told up until about six days before they left that Australia was pulling out of East Timor, and had already packed up and sent a lot of gear back home.

Russ was flat-out making plaques and trophies, while trying to fight the ASM for the finisher and buffer, as we had a couple of 21st birthdays and sports competitions over the first few weeks.

Fertchy and his "small bladder" had some interesting times in the RPS as the powers that be had decided to convert SDSS in Timor to a new district. Unfortunately there were quite a few teething problems and we could not access a lot of areas we normally rely upon in workshops, so we reverted to the old paper based methods for quite a while. I guess what this means in reality is that the boys just used the parts they needed and let Fertchy sort it all out in the end!

It didn't take long for things to settle into a routine, and although we were an amalgamated section, the RAEME spirit shone through and the boys gelled well as an effective workshop unit. It was about this time that 'Watto' (Rec Cpl) finally decided to go home and Ted Widders came over to replace him. The pace started to pick up as the engineers started working around the FOB, making football ovals and running tracks. CFN Fraser came out of his shell and could not decide between being a fitter or a greaser, until the ASM pointed out that the Fitter were TA's for the greasers. I am not sure what else he told him but Frase has been giving GE section a wide berth lately.

Finally the engineers were given the go ahead to undertake road repairs between Maliana and Suai. A grand plan to make a sheet pile driver was hatched by the engineers, so GE was kept busy with this "work in progress" for about a week and a half, with most of the boys in the workshop having some input at one stage or another. Unfortunately, for various reasons it only got used briefly on one of the job sites. Hatch and Stevo got to know the 'hill' like the back of their hands, heading out for FRT's up to three times a day. The poor old GMV really got a workout.

The ASM decided the workshop needed a break so we all headed off to Batugade and camped on the beach overnight. Fertchy managed to get hold of some snorkelling gear that we put to good use and other than that we just pretty much relaxed. It was a reluctant group that packed up and headed back to the FOB the next day. Paddy O'Leary, our resident Metalsmith, turned up shortly after this on 18 Aug 04 and was straight into a fairly heavy workload.

The engineers came back from their first phase of work (exhausted "bless their little cotton socks") so it was into a repair and maintenance period before they headed out for the final 20-day phase of work on the route to Suai. Russ and Stevo spent a week a Zumali as a mobile FRT, where they were kept



reasonably busy and on occasion had to come up with some rather unorthodox solutions! The engineers had a Fijian section providing security and on the last night out they cooked up a *hungi*, which everyone enjoyed. During this period Hatch was kept busy doing his Sub 3 assignments, while the rest of the boys (ASM and Goldy) responded as well as they could (pair of old F—) as the EME fixes came in thick and fast. Burchy was under the pump from the boys once we found out air conditioners had turned up, but in true RAEME style he made sure our room was hooked up and running as a priority (after all, it's only fair!).

Anyway, we just went over hump day, so it's all downhill from here. We're all heading off on leave in the next few weeks for a well-deserved break. For our regular readers I must mention that Stevo is still as amazing as ever! Well, that's about all from us here in sunny Moleana, hope this finds you all well and have a safe Christmas.

Cheers from Wksp, Spt Coy, UNSE.

OP ANODE – FSS WKSP TP Rotation 3

By LT Andrew O'Connor

Wantoks is one of the strong cultural identities of the Pacific and in particular the Solomon Islands. It means in literal English "one talk", but refers to someone who is the same as you and who is a part of a very strong bond to look after each other. It is because of this that the Op Anode Workshop members were known as the Wantok Workshop.

In March 2004, fifteen individuals from a variety of units were deployed to the Solomon Islands as part of the third rotation Workshop Troop. It was clear from the start that the small but potent workshop would leave a lasting impression on the Combined Task Force (CTF). We became known for having the highest morale and hardest working soldiers in the Solomon Islands. Didn't we fool them?

One of the first things organised was the production of a Wantok Workshop T-Shirt, which clearly states "The last rotation ???". It was ironic that it wasn't until we were getting on the planes that we truly knew we were irreplaceable.

During the 4 months of our deployment we experienced a huge variety of work which drew heavily on everyone's experience and trade knowledge. EIR were at the beck and call of the hospital and conducted damage control on the generator fleet and FPDS. They ensured everyone had enough power for their brews and A/C and our boffin/elec OJT even fixed a blown litro which we kept at the workshop for 6 weeks testing.

Vehicle Section conducted all types of repairs on LR 110, 6x6s, GMVs, Moggs, Macks, Merlos, W36s, Skid Steer, 580E Back Hoe, Kalmar, Tadano, Yale forklift, civvy tractors with slashers, beach

lighting, cruisers, and a civilian Fire Truck. They even replaced the floor in a Mog when our heavy RQ, Angry, fell through it.

GE had its work cut out for it modifying ISO containers, fixing foggers and weapons, and the local employees kept them busy repairing whipper snippers and mowers (their weapon of choice against FPDS).

Our Rech Mech became famous after the recovery of the 52T Kalmar with an MRV (30ish Tonne recovery ability) and a bulldozer, and was kept busy with every nationality getting bogged at the end of the runway near midnight. The RPS's greatest achievement was a whole rescaling of stock holdings and the ordering in of another 1000 items (doubling the size of the store) ... just in time to stocktake it and send it home.

Apart from the maintenance and recovery of green equipment the workshop was very actively involved in many activities across the CTF. The ASM quickly organised for the Workshop to repair a Fire Truck from the Solomon Island Fire Brigade. Along with the rest of the FSS we assisted in the building of a

school and pumps for a local village with the workshop single handedly raising \$12,000 used for buying the materials. During our regular Saturday BBQs, Dutchie would conduct the "Tool of the Week" award that gave the winner (loser) the honour of wearing a modified RAEME bush hat for any mishaps they may have had during the



Forget self recovery, we're not getting dirty

week. It gave the workshop a chance to sit back and laugh at itself, which more than often ended up being at me. The Workshop was the only PI level organisation to field a team in Touch Comp. With Dutchie's coaching and a great effort from the team we nearly made the finals (with some help from Josephu the Fijian we adopted). We even offered our assistance in some police investigations on a wet Sunday with a search along some roads that resembled a CFA.

Socially the Workshop had a fantastic time and quickly became known for being the loudest and hardest playing soldiers who like to drink ... Solbrew softdrinks. At the weekly CTF Trivia night the Workshop made its name with its arrogance at winning every week, (Woz carrying the team). All this despite the scrutiny of disgruntled teams accusing foul play as Boong, Dan Kiraly and PTI Dan were the event organisers.

We broke new territory in getting our three day R&R approved outside a Police Outstation location and basked in a



Fixing the Fire Truck



The Wantok Wksp at a Saturday BBQ



Les after Kalmar Recovery



The ASM presenting Tool of the Week to Lance

secluded tropical island resort. We conducted such activities as snorkelling through reefs, game fishing, WWII tours to tunnels, guns, and tanks, and had two big nights at the bar.

Our weekly events were all recorded in the weekly FiSSion articles

which would end up half their original length after being vetted through the PR Officer. The article would always give constructive criticism to other sub units (such as DIST-functional Troop) and always revealed the new Tool of the Week. Other events would include FSS sports functions where the Dapto boys would wear dresses and shirts with more colour than Polly's dressing gown. We had dinners in town with the highlight being a Karaoke night at King Sol with the COMD CTF providing the beer thanks to Les our Recovery Mech. Definitely the best night of the trip.

Throughout June our focus was on shutting down the workshop and returning all our stores. At the end of June a third of the workshop went to the FET, a third went home, and a third stayed on as rear details for an extra month. It was the end of a great trip.

HQ

LT Andrew "boss, can you read this email before I send it to everyone" O'Connor; WO2 Rick "How can one email make my arse so sore" Campey; SGT Steve "Where's my chaps" Wosgien

VEH

CPL Sacha "Why can't I get in a workshop picture" Pawlowski
CPL Brian "Dad" Taylor
CPL David "there's another civvy on the wire" Rose
CFN Dumarest "My GI42 for the Kalmar: ... its broken" Street
CFN Phillip "Small ... with a Fast Arse" Van der Reyden

EIR

CPL Jeremy "Trivia King" Armstrong
CPL Mat "I need another tent for my shelves" Thompson
CFN Dan "Just let me be a CFN" Kiraly

GE

CPL Lance "Was it cut holes or repair holes to that container?" Rafferty
CRAFT SGT Keith "You'll have to go through my Sect Comd" Brown

RPS

CPL Leon "I should be black" Wynne

RECOV

CFN Ryan "(To the CDF) Sir I love it here ... I'm the Reccy Mech" Leslie
Arte et Marte



Workshop on the airfield

B SQN 3RD/4TH CAV REGT

Over previous years B Sqn has been undermanned within Tech Support due to deployments, unit training tempo, courses and manning shortfalls. This created huge demands on the crafties swinging spanners on the workshop floor and caused headaches for the Boss (CAPT Matt Scanlon) and the Ace (WO2 Dave Fedorniak).



3/4 Cav Reme flag

Fortunately, lack of deployments in 2004 has allowed TST to regain composure and concentrate on servicing and maintaining the fleet of M113's within B Sqn. 2004 has also been a great opportunity for the Boss to send us on courses without impeding on workloads and preparing us for our next posting whether they are trade, or promotion courses.

Exercises

Due to our high demand within 3Bde, the Sqn has been involved in many exercises throughout the year providing us with the skills required to constantly maintain the ancient fleet of M113. Exercise Shakeout as the name suggests allows soldiers to shed their Christmas cobwebs easing the mind and body into the year ahead. Exercise Shakeout is usually the only



81C on its side

exercise of the year where the Boss can utilise all of his assets (especially Spanner A Vehicles) and deploy all of his tradesmen. This exercise was followed closely by Exercise Overlord, which was the first combined Sqn activity and tested our skills and patience a little further. After the

completion of these exercises B Sqn moved into a series of smaller troop level training exercises which allows the majority of TST to stay home and only deploy single FRT's consisting of a Fitters Track and ARVL. By mid year our eyes turned to one of the major exercises of the year, CATA. CATA is meant to be the culmination of previous exercises and an opportunity to showcase everything we had learnt up to that point. Sadly though, our SGT mechanic and Boffin CFN destroyed all hope of success when they rolled 81C (Fitters Track) on day two narrowly missing a Rover filled with 2RAR soldiers. Both escaped unharmed and found a faulty track to be the cause of the accident which ten hours later was repaired refitted to 81C and driving down the road. We completed the next three weeks of CATA unharmed and without any major damage to vehicles or personal.

Functions

For those of you who have served or know RAEME personal serving with B Sqn, you would agree that morale within the Troop has reached new levels. This was proven at a recent dining in night when a



81C rollover

challenge was laid down to our cavalry friends which they kindly accepted. A certain Cavalry CPL decided that he would be able to steal (Yes trend setters "steal") our spanner that has been mounted above our corner of the boozier. We kindly reminded him that, years earlier when he attempted the same feat that a young crafty knocked him out cold and not just any crafty, he was a Boffin!!!

As the night wore on and more beer was consumed, he became more determined and reiterated that our spanner would be his by the end of the night. As we stood side by side gathering our thoughts, a lone voice from where, I still don't know, bellowed, "You and who's army Fordy". Moments later we had an army of Cavalrymen attacking our position attempting to steal our symbol of unity. Outnumbered by more than three to one our boys stood resolute and tenacious, forcing the enemy back on more than one occasion. The conflict ended approximately half an hour later with both sides depleted of energy and happy to join each other for a beer.



Recovered

be the funniest to watch tee off and of course the ASM had to be in the last group to save any embarrassment. The boys displayed some great skills with Buttsy chipping in from the bunker, Dean's driving and our drink girls Gibbo and Griggsy on the camera. Davo swung three times from the 1st tee and was unable to hit the ball once, which set the ball rolling for his team. Thommo does not enjoy golf much and this was proven when he smacked the ball off the first tee and snapped his 1 wood in half. On completion of the round we added all scores and found the ASM and Brailsy to be the winners on a score of 41. The competition was completely above board ... apparently.

Members Leaving

At the end of the year we have a number of B Sqn boys leaving and in doing so we will be losing a great deal of experience which will be hard to replace. SGT Tom McIntyre is leaving for the humid weather of Darwin and becoming a mini Ace at 2 Cav where he will find great difficulty in rolling another vehicle. CPL Ian Downey is leaving for 3 CER after four long years at B Sqn where he hopes to learn more about vehicles without track. CFN Damien Gott was granted a transfer to Psych Corps and leaving our RAEME way of life. CFN Dean Cartwright is the only bloke in the world to ask for an early posting to 3 CSSB, which SCMA has granted without any problems. CFN Andrew

Harris adds to his great postings consisting of 2RAR, B Sqn 3rd/4th Cav Regt and is now off to Maritime Wing ALTC at Ross Island ... somebody up high really likes him. SGT Simon Griggs only turned up at the beginning of the year but is being posted on promotion to 10 FSB (Bandcamp) again and lastly LT Pat McErlean who actually left TST mid year for the dizzy heights of SHQ where he became acting 2IC of B Sqn (He still owes us a march out carton).



The victors - Ace and Brailsy



Troop photo 2004

March In's

Since the last report we have only had one march in, PTE Chris Campbell who has taken on the dreaded role of Brew Bearer for the Boss and Ace in the field and our trusty Prod Clerk in barracks. LT Pat McErlean joins TST early next year as our Wksp 2IC where he will resume the rigors of admin guru and on return will supply the boys with a march in carton. A number of other march ins will be coming in to the Troop in 2005 and we look forward to them joining us.

Merry Christmas

Overall the boys have enjoyed all challenges this year and look forward to Christmas leave for a well-deserved holiday. Good luck to all the guys leaving B Sqn, we hope you enjoy your new posting and be sure to swing by Scorpion Club from time to time for a beer.

Arte et Marte

CFN Brailsford



Up she comes

AN ANZAC EXTRACTION - THE KIWI ENGINEERS DEPART IRAQ

Back in September 2003 the New Zealand Defence Force (NZDF) deployed a Light Engineering Group (known as Task Group (TG) RAKE) to work alongside UK forces in southern Iraq for a period of up to 12 months, to undertake humanitarian and reconstruction tasks consistent with UN Security Council Resolution 1483.

Recently, drawing on the lessons learnt from East Timor, Bougainville and the Solomon Islands the NZDF deployed a Theatre Extraction Team (TET) to facilitate the extraction of TG RAKE from Iraq on completion of its 12-month mandate.

Working in 45° plus temperatures in Basrah, the TET comprised of logistics, movements, administrative, technical, medical and quarantine specialists drawn from all three services and Ministry of Agriculture and Forests (MAF - the NZ AQIS), headed up by myself as OC (that's the ANZAC connection).

Simplistically, the TET streamlined the with-





drawal from theatre of all NZDF personnel and equipment. This enabled the TG RAKE personnel to proceed on leave whilst the TET took responsibility for the reconstitution of the contingent equipment.

The effectiveness of this process was demonstrated by the rapid redistribution of com-

munications equipment to TG CRIB (NZDF Provincial Reconstruction Team in Afghanistan) and Operation RATA (NZDF operation in the Solomon's). The TET also took the opportunity to make the TG RAKE farewell function at Fortress Lines a bit more special by taking in some hangi supplies including manuka wood chips, kumera, pumpkin, and a few Kiwi ales.

Whilst in-theatre the TET ASM and I also took the opportunity to seek out our REME brethren. At Fortress Lines, a small EME pennant flying in the vehicle park signalled the location of the 22 Engr Regt (UK) LAD. The REME lads were happy to host the Kiwi tradesmen, who in turn enjoyed the opportunity to work on unfamiliar equipment. Interestingly for an isolated camp reliant on generators, the LAD did not have an electrician on its strength, so the Kiwi tradesmen were busy rectifying the 'efforts' of the Iraqi diesel mechanics.

Combining the requirement to confirm contingency extraction options and military tourism, I was able to visit the main workshop located at Shaibah Logistic Base (SLB), the sprawling Multinational National Division (South East) (HQ MND (SE)) camp located to the south west of Basrah. Here, EME flags for the UK units were scattered amongst the Union Jacks and other contingent's national flags. Demonstrating that tradesmen are the same all over the world, I was shown a T55 that had been restored to running condition by the Danish battle group. Further, just to prove that it is a small world, I ran into two other RAEME officers, MAJ Haydn Kohl at the UK NSE, and LTCOL Rod Francisco at HQ MND (SE).

Overall, being deployed as the OC TET was a most rewarding and interesting job. In essence, the TET was a success and I really enjoyed working with a very professional bunch of Kiwis who had successfully completed their mission – all that accompanied by the odd mortar attack, the 'crack thump' of 'celebratory' small arms fire 24/7 and the occasional sounds of UK Warrior vs local jihadi.

And in case you were wondering, Elvis is alive – his AK has been found in Iraq!

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9TH FORCE SUPPORT BATTALION

By WO1 J. Hickinbotham

This is the inaugural article submitted by 9 FSB for the RAEME Craftie. Whilst the Battalion sub-units have submitted articles in the past, this is the first of what is hoped will be many such articles encompassing the whole Battalion.

Firstly, by way of explanation, for those not in the know, 9 FSB comprises the following:

- Battalion HQ at Randwick;
- Logistic Support Coy (LSC) at Randwick;
- 26 Tpt Sqn at Puckapunyal, (with 85 Tpt Tp in Moorebank);
- 176 AD Sqn at Richmond;
- 3 Recovery Coy at Dandenong;
- 15 Tpt Sqn at Bendigo (with 128 Tp Tp at Horsham); and;
- 1 Pet Coy at Oakleigh.

There is a strong RAEME presence across the whole battalion, with the hat badge in all sub-units bar 1 Pet Coy.

In Randwick, MAJ Andrew McGeehan is the Battalion 2IC. MAJ McGeehan is an aeronautical engineer but is now firmly grounded in a predominantly transport battalion. He now knows the difference between a J-beam and a Jesus nut but stills prefers the smell of burnt kerosene to diesel.

WO1 Jamie Hickinbotham was posted into the role of Battalion ASM at the beginning of 2004, previously he was the ASM at 26 Tpt Sqn. The job of Battalion ASM is a very challenging one given the dispersed nature of the battalion and the diverse nature of the issues to be covered. This position relies heavily on the information flow between the battalion and the sub-units, to keep a handle on things – mostly. The Battalion ASM is located at Randwick within the Specialist Advisory Group (QM, RQ, CCLK, CATR etc), in the LSC structure.

Anyway, enough about HQ, on with some sub-unit articles ...

RAEME IN COMMAND

By Wile E Coyote



Background: With the large workload at 26 TPT SQN WKSP TP, Sydney Detachment (also known as 85 TPT TP (Tlr) WKSP), the decision was made to transfer the WKSP TP 2IC from the SQN Main location at Puckapunyal to Moorebank. With what seems to be a cacophony of junior officers at Pucka, this move was to alleviate the WKSP Det SGT's admin duties.

As most people who are allowed the pleasure of perusing the *RAEME Craftsman* would well know, 85 TPT TP (Tlr) claims to be Playtime's premier road transport capability. For the troop to be left without a RACT LT 2IC was a little surprising, however for the WKSP Det COMD, LT Bridget Mitzevich, to be seconded into the TP 2IC role was not astonishing, another position vacated at a WKSP. We are all used to that!

The Story: LT Bridget Mitzevich's plan for world domination was given a boost during 2004, as 2IC of 85 TPT TP (Tlr), LT M was required to take command of the troop whilst CAPT Wayne Carman (RACT) was deployed to Noumea during May/June. That's correct, due to various reasons a RAEME LT was seconded to the Troop 2IC position and therefore during the TP Commanders absence, a RAEME officer was in command of the ADF's premier road transport troop!

With a RAEME officer in command the flag



with the three colours of the rainbow was raised at TP HQ (see picture) all WKSP Det members who were not on Course/Task/Deployed in attendance.

LT M. even found the time during the year to complete a Unimog driver's course. Bridget, not happy just with the licence to drive a German truck, together with her partner (now fiancée) procured a BMW during the year, for that feeling on a daily basis.

During the Troop Commander's absence, Kevvy (TP SGT Kevin Dunn) and his Krew conducted tasking under the command of LT Mitzevich, whose actions were beyond reproach.

This adds even more weight to the argument that the abilities of RAEME are at least equal to other Corps and in most cases superior to them!

Arte et Marte

26 TPT SQN WKSP TP SYDNEY DET (85 TPT TP WKSP)

The New Year started with the promise of a new beginning for the Sydney Detachment. The WKSP TP 2IC Position had been transferred from the WKSP Main at Pucka to Moorebank in an attempt to alleviate the work lumbered on the Detachment SGT. With deadlines from LSF fast approaching for ECP, and MIMS DER failure limits, the addition of LT Bridget Mitzevich to the Big Smoke section was to be a Godsend for the "New Fish" SGT Paul Cooney

Unfortunately not long after the Detachment went South to the SQN Main loc for Induction Training, LTM was to be drawn into the vacuum at TP HQ (see other story), just another Workshop position lost! This left SGT C to battle on with aid from the Other WKSP NCOs.

Whilst not deployed to Kuwait, RPS CPL Sean Williams; completing SF selection courses, VM CPL Wayne Deering; promotional Courses, VM CPL Chris Lach and on tasks or training the truckies in the use and maintenance of chains and dogs, CPL Dave Perrott; this capable team provided the support SGT Cooney needed in order to ensure a steady flow of work was maintained by The Det's Crafties.

CPL Recovery Mech Dave Perrott's job was upgraded to include the EME/TP OPS Liaison in a successful attempt to stem the tide of GM120s that go MIA, and phantom service requests confusing the backlog the Detachment had to clear.

CFN, now LCPL, Greg Holmes has been keeping control of the Troops weapons, and helping out some other units who don't have an armourer. Keeping the entire GE section, (staffed by himself and our Imaginary Electrician (one more vacant position) busy has not been an issue with him thinking up things to make and submitting AMW action, as well as taking care of The Det's DP1 folders. The GE section is about to embark on SUB 4 CPL to finish the year off.

CFN Matt Cohen-Cramp returned from the Solomon Islands in time to attend Sub 1 and 4 CPL courses, and get stuck in the

middle of nowhere with a couple of broken trucks (Trucky: "I'm sure I did the wheel nuts up correctly"), CFN Russ Fewsen discharging Mid Year. CFN Tim Johnstone competed, and won, the National Trade Skills Competition for tradesmen under the age of 25 in the Vehicle Mechanic section. This left CFN Aaron Thevenet to take part in most tasks the Troop has taken part in during the year, and is at time of writing preparing for his wedding (Who gets married over Bathurst weekend!) Getting rained in at Mataranka Springs early in the year was a high-light; however Aaron didn't bring the much needed rain back to NSW with him, this did reduce the amount of times the dirt required mowing at the WKSP Yard!

In CPL Williams' absence, PTE Ben Hampson is on loan from the Q-Store to assist the newest member of the WKSP team PTE Chris Spark in the whys and wherefores of RPS accounting, doing such a great job of it the recently departed RPS PTE's Ben Stericker and Adrian Bryant have hardly been missed.

With the Troop completing approx. 500,000Km throughout the year during tasking, including moving 21 Const SQN to Cairns for their Nth Qld AACAP holiday, 1 BDE to Sunny Cultana Training Area, Ronnie RAAF from everywhere to everywhere else even without airbag trailers, the workshop personnel left to take part in Unit activities were few and far between. The workshop equipment has also been feeling the pinch with the fantastically useful and incredibly durable Canter GMV subject of only one chassis cross member replacement, and RODUM action for cooling issues. The LR 6X6s also having their fair share of "Productivity reduced time" being repaired. Even the WKSP Ute air-conditioning packed it in from Mt Isa to Three ways!

Our friends at Haulmark have fitted LED lighting to all the Float trailers and Dollys and are in the process of completing the 12.5M trailers, making a huge difference to how easily seen the vehicles are at night as well as in dust. This modification to the fleet will reduce the load on the prime mover electrical system as well and has been looked forward to for some time. Hopefully the rest of the fleet of 96 trailers will be completed in the near future.

Two events are imminent at the time of writing, The DIDS Contract coming on full stream, hopefully improving on the waiting time we currently endure, as more work will happen on site at Moorebank. If all indications are correct this should be a marked improvement over the current method with many trade repairers too busy to accept our work. Also CFN Aaron Thevenet will soon become an honest man, getting married in early October (Bathurst weekend mind you!)

Some RAEME members have been identified to fill four of the eight spots that have been/will be vacated in '04/'05 posting year. CFN Jarrett, Fernie and Smith all being welcomed by the middle of October and sent on driver's course and soon Cummins Maintenance courses in order to get the young lads used to the idea of spending time away! LT Jadhav should be our new Det Commander for '05, but we thought we would have one of them in '04 too!!!

26 TPT SQN WKSP Sydney Detachment Team, comings & goings

LT Bridget Mitzevich	Posted DNSDC
LT Sandeep Jadhav	Arriving Jan '05
SGT Paul Cooney	Plans on buying more Holdens
CPL Chris Lach	Posted ALTC Bonegilla
CPL Dave Perrott	Elected Discharge to Newcastle
CPL Wayne Deering	Trade Transfer, we would tell you where to, but he would have to kill you!
CPL Sean Williams	Still overseas
LCPL Greg Holmes	Will be trying to fit 20" mags to the Suzuki



9FSB TPT SQN WKSP

CFN Russ Fewsen	Med Discharge
CFN Matt Cohen-Cramp	Posted 1 CSSB
CFN Tim Johnstone	Plans on buying more Fords
CFN Aaron Thevenet	Hopes to spend a little less time on tasks
CFN Lee Jarrett	Starts early Oct
CFN Jason Fernie	Starts early Oct
CFN ???? Smith	Starts early Oct
PTE Ben Stericker	Med Discharge
PTE Adrian Bryant	Med Discharge
PTE Ben Hampson	Plans on returning to the Q store when CPL Williams returns.
PTE Chris Spark	Plans on planning something to do!

9FSB - 26 TRANSPORT SQUADRON WORKSHOP (MAIN)

Salutations from the blokes and "blokette" of the Workshop belonging to the premier ARA transport squadron. It is time to put to word the doings and don'tings that have made up this fine year.

Let's see, what happened this year? Oh yeah...that's right, most of the workshop, under the guidance of 9 FSB, attended a "bivouac" held at Cultana on an exercise dubbed Ex ARRAKIS for the stunning similarities between the location and the setting of the sci-fi story, Dune. Here many members of the workshop attained much needed vehicle licences as well as certain military skills on the firing ranges, with everyone gaining the additional talent of lobbing the F1 grenade.

The Sqn recently completed its IMT commitment and we could not have been on the Pucka range at a better time. The wettest day in seven years and the coldest night in 25: further proof that SSM's have a direct line to the Almighty.

Apart from Ex ARRAKIS and Sqn IMT's the Workshop has not been overly active as a whole. That said, the FRT's for the Tpt Tps have been involved on a number of tasks, with CPL Sam Parsons and CFN Matthew Cox enjoying an almost all expenses paid journey around Australia providing assistance to the Fleetliner Tp. Still, I can think of better modes of transport than a canter GMV to travel around this country in.

CPL Simon Beard and CFN Chris John along with CPL Dave Eley offered up their assistance to the R banger Tp for Ex PREDATOR'S GALLOP and they would like to thank 1 CSSB for their professionalism and assistance during their stay in NT. Commiserations to Johnsy on the loss of his pet egg, somewhere around Goondiwindi. It was much loved and will be missed. Just remember that we are here for you.

Holding up the home end is CPL "KD" Ker-David projecting his guidance onto "I am Mr MIMS" CFN Craig Mason and CFN Luke "Chook" Fowler. Congratulations to Chook and his wife, Julie, on the birth of their first child, Robert.

CFN Dan Kiraly has been a stalwart within Elec section and since his return from Op ANODE in the Solomon's, hasn't allowed his workload (6 Raven radios and a couple of K phones) to get the better of him. It must be the guidance he receives from his boss, CPL "Jimbo" Beardsley, that does it. He is the Task Master.

Life within GE hasn't been without it's moments such as CFN "Ox" Oliver discovering that sparks and flammable are two words that are not compatible and that plastic will melt if heat is applied. CFN's Joshua Talbot and Colin Bastow have also learned important lessons, such as the importance of obeying the motorcycle helmet laws within this state. Thanks for taking the duty roster guys. Tally finally received his military metal-smith qualifications this year and now he can forget all about how to make a boiler. A highlight of GE this year is that CFN Daniel McNab has in no way injured himself. Yet. He might even make it through the year.

The RPS blokes, PTE's Matt Bolton and Rob Carlisle, with the assistance of our resident dental assistant, PTE Julie Ellis, have been busy. They have diligently conducted a 100% stock take, cricket, refurbishing the parts container, cricket, adjusting to Tenix/Toll's (JLU-V) procedures, cricket, assisting the Admin SGT, cricket, revamping the RPS store, cricket and during lunchtime playing cricket. Amazing.

The Recovery Section are currently with heavy hearts, as the two Mack wreckers are being returned to the loan pool after much hard work to get them operational. CFN's Lucas Young and Anthony (Nth Q'land Halo champion 2003) Wicks were not impressed with Vehicle Section's idea of replacing the wreckers with a flatbed fitted with a Tirfor winch tied to the tray. A good point to note is that Youngy is now a Ford man, may the legend live on. Recovery Section's inspirational leader, CPL Mick Wynd, led the Sqn and Battalion military skills teams to victory at the start of the year, proving once again that RAEME has what it takes.

26 Tpt Sqn Wksp is a close knit group and this could not be achieved without the ever present guidance of the EMEOPS or HQ elements that command us. We could not be this way without SGT Dave Gregson's ever present "what are you doing, have you got a job?" or "have you signed in mate, it's not a thoroughfare!". The way he keeps the truckies out of the wksp is pure magic. These antics can only be achieved with the support from his office partner SGT Jarrod Mapperson, the admin bloke, who loves compiling AIRN folders, if you want an admin instruction written up he's your man.

Last of all are our leaders, the Tp Comd, CAPT Scott McKenzie, and the ASM, WO2 Craig Lindsay, who are always there with a guiding hand and sympathetic ear. The Ace was supposed to be posted to a nice cushy job at 4/19 PWLH Regt this year but the new ASM pulled the pin. Somehow he was persuaded to stay at the Sqn for another year and take on the ASM role and for this we are thankful. Somehow he managed to find time to see his wife, Natalie, who gave birth to their fourth child, Cameron, in July.

That's the year so far in a couple of words and there is still a trip to Cairns in support of AACAP. See you on the road.

Comings and goings during the year

In:

SGT Dave Gregson	Arrived Jan 04
CPL Dave Eley	Arrived Jan 04
CPL Mark Ker-David	Arrived Jan 04
CPL James Beardsley	Arrived Jan 04
CFN Colin Bastow	Arrived Jul 04
CFN Matthew Cox	Arrived Jan 04
CFN Chris John	Arrived Jan 04
CFN Stewart Oliver	Arrived Jun 04
CFN Anthony Wicks	Arrived Feb 04

Out:

CFN Wes Grayson	Discharge Feb 04
CFN Robert Harriden	Discharge May 04
CFN "Bubba" Kelly	Discharge Apr 04
PTE Kerry Allen	Posted CSI-SQ Jul 04

Postings out in 05:

CAPT Scott McKenzie	ADFA long term schooling 05
WO2 Craig Lindsay	JLU-W 05
CPL Simon Beard	6 RAR 05
CPL Sam Parson	8/12 Mdm Regt 05
CPL Mick Wynd	SO CSSC 05
CPL Paul Russell	ALTC Bonegilla 05
CFN Craig Mason	1 CSSB 04
CFN Daniel McNab	SO CSSC
PTE Julie Ellis	1 HSB Dental
PTE Rob Carlisle	16 AD Regt

8/12 MDM REGT TST

By (Name And Rank Withheld)

Hey there once again from team 8/12 F*A*R*T. An uneventful year has allowed plenty of time for writing articles such as this, but before we get into the main course, here's an entrée of who's who to familiarise you with the team...

F*A*R*T Player Profiles

The OC - King of admin, Capt Simon Telleria is running the show for the second year now.

The Ace - carrying on the tradition of balding ASM's at 8/12, WO2 Scott Langham has returned for another stint in the FART.

Lt Barton - our new engineering officer, appeared on our doorstep in April with a packed lunch and a note from his mum. A refreshing change - top engineer, top athlete, top officer, no ego.

Sgt Al 'Goggles' Stephenson - Stevo runs vehicle section with an iron fist, much needed due to everyone always ganging up and throwing things at him.

Lcpl Regan 'Sgt's Pet' Paterson - Frequently battles with spelling his name despite it being printed clearly on his pink lunchbox.

Cpl Will 'Smoke Break' Barker - 101 Bty greaser Cpl, Will is rarely seen out bush without his beloved kepi cap, and rarely seen working full stop.

Cfn Scott 'Assmaster' Gardiner - is the resident APC monkey this year. Survives on a diet of protein shakes and tuna, and spends his free time lifting heavy things.

Cfn Dave 'I don't have a bad attitude you f@#khead' Carlin - service clown and 3 year winner of workshop's gobbiest craftie.

Cpl Jim 'Jimbo' Sneddon - 103 Bty greaser Cpl. Jimbo is 8/12's rugby try-scoring machine, and regularly puts the gunners to shame during inter unit games.

Cfn's Mark Thompson, Byron Little and Pete Fitzgerald - are vehicle sections' three new additions. They'll get a better mention when they do something of note.

Cpl Aaron 'Punchy' McLauchlan, - is our elec Cpl this year. Just when we thought elec section couldn't do any less, we score another bloke to distribute the load.

Cfn Mick 'I'm Broke' Limbach - Our hectic elec Cfn. Mick passes his days on the phone, at the mess, in the battery store or anywhere cool.

Cpl Tony 'Gordo' Gordon - Boffin extraordinaire, Gordo is in charge of whipping Grant into shape and embezzling brew club funds.

Cfn Grant 'I'm not going bald' Phillips - Instrument guru, will be attending the next calligraphy course to spruce up his inspection tags. Co-runs the brew club and chips Playstations for pocket money.

Sgt Dave Chiverton - Sgt 'Bilko' is once again the 103 Bty



CPL A. McLauchlan was one of the busiest tradies out field (photo by LT D.J. Barton)



WO2 S. Langham & LCPL L. Wighton give a roach a lesson in MG's (photo by Cfn G. Phillips)



WO2 S. Langham hard at work (photo by LT D.J. Barton)



WO2 S. Langham supervises Cpl A. McLauchlan (photo by LT D.J. Barton)



SGT A. Stephenson trying to look busy (photo by LT D.J. Barton)

tiffy. Entertains the juniors with tales of Woodstock, surfing, and is TST's golf legend.

Sgt Joel 'Ando' Anderson - 101 Bty tiffy, Ando also lends a watchful eye over GE, offering his assistance and expertise at every single opportunity.

Cfn Dylan 'Fieldy' Manefield - Proprietor of 'Fieldy-Built Tools', Fieldy is lead bodgie master of the workshop. Building Steve's buggy and retrieving the tools he throws across the fitting bay are his main pastimes.

Lcpl Luke 'Wiggy' Wighton - The absence of a Sgt has seen Luke take over GE this year. Very competent at shooting endangered species, he also finally scored a driver's course so he won't have to walk to Shoalwater Bay anymore.

Cpl Brendan 'Ashy' Ashlin - Our pet welder. Squash champion and general good guy. Ashy gets a scratch and sniff sticker today for being the greyest grey-man ever.



TST relaxing at the end of EX Pred Gallop 04 (photo by Cfn G. Phillips)

Cfn Steve Bortot - 'Super' Steve is our brand new recce mech. A fairly empty timetable leaves Steve plenty of time to see what the wrecker can really do - sideways, in reverse, with the 20 ton on, you name it, it's been attempted.

Sgt Gary Corcoran - Fuhrer of the Third Reich parts store, Gary always looks like he's about to break into a sprint. The only thing that works harder than his diggers is his Lady Remington.

Cpl Ryan 'Barra' Barrington - Tools Cpl and musical genius. Gives free drum lessons to poor crafties with no rhythm, and tools to poor crafties with no LND's.

Pte 'Big' Brad Francis - The giant of the workshop, Brad may look fairly placid, but Hanno's twitch is testament to Brad's lethality.

Pte Duane 'I am not going out with the cleaner' Hansen - Parts slave and reformed junkie (in appearance, anyway).

A pretty quiet year as far as they go. A few minor exercises at battery level out at lovely Mt Bundy were attended by the battery tiffy's. The main exercise for the year, Predator's Gallop, saw the unit deploy again to Mt Bundy for



OJT's at Mt Bundy (photo by LT D.J. Barton)



Cfn B. Little changes a LR110 gearbox (photo by LT D.J. Barton)



Cfn Gardiner displays psychological effects from 2 weeks out field (photo by Cfn G. Phillips)



Cfn M. Limbach services a 16kVA (photo by LT D.J. Barton)



Cfn's Carlin & Limbach fill in the time with Bocce (photo by Cfn G. Phillips)

two weeks, return to Robertson Barracks for the weekend to de-seed vehicles, and re-deploy to Delamere for a further week. The rear ech was chock full of greasers, 10 in total, as we were fortunate enough to take 3 OJT's with us – Cfn's Campbell, Shelton and Barnett, and also boffin OJT Cfn Lincoln. Late arrivals were Lcpl Paterson and Cfn Phillips – apparently Sub 2 was more important than sitting around playing 500 for 2 weeks. Both gun batteries punched out a large number of bombs for a change, making for nice red skies at night due to half of Mt Bundy being on fire. Delamere proved to be a bit more of a challenge in some aspects. The seniors and officers were kept busy with notional pickets, the lads employed as human bobcats to excavate the picket point, and the boffins were flat out keeping the supply of Cokes up and cold. Recovery section, led by Cfn Bortot with keen OJT Cfn Carlin, were semi-busy with wild goose chase recoveries, spam burgers and building early warning booby traps to wake them up for night shift in the gunpit, as a certain Sgt from 5/7 RAR can testify.

On the home front, an equally quiet year. Subject courses for all and sundry, enough drivers courses to ensure nearly everyone including the RPS members have at least a Rover code, and leave of epic proportions kept the workshop fairly quiet. Bodgies were beginning to creep into work time (cause they're heaps better than doing actual work) until the bodgie application rule was enforced a bit more sternly – apparently the workshop scooter can't have a work order number. And as this year has progressed, our brew club has become financial beyond it's wildest dreams, providing a golf day which doubled as a farewell for Cpl McLauchlan going on deployment overseas, and a yet to be announced end of year function rumoured to rival the opening ceremony of the Olympics.

And that's the year that was. Stay tuned for more unfounded rumours and exaggerations in the next edition.



Anode and Catalyst. With absences of key appointments, CAPT Kirschbaum (RAAMC) took up the appointment as the OC with zeal and enthusiasm. The first few months of the year were dedicated to individual and collective training in order to develop the foundations for field exercises in the later part of the year. It took a significant amount of time and dedication to achieve this and ensure that there was no 'gap' between the ARA and ARes components of the unit.

The period of April and May saw the return of most of the deployed personnel from East Timor and thus the increase in the manning and tempo within the organisation. This signified the beginning of preparations for the Ex Reawaken and Ex Premier Gunner in August and September respectively. A training regime was implemented and a variety of 'shakeouts' conducted, all whilst the ASM, WO1 Bowles juggled his production liabilities. Not before long it was the time to take part in Ex Reawaken, a unit level IMTs, Corps and CSS skills revision activity. The exercise provided a valuable insight to the new Workshop members on the operations in the field both as soldiers and tradesmen, and those lessons were utilised to a good effect a week later during Ex Premier Gunner. Ex Premier Gunner saw the deployment of a Forward Repair Group as a part of CSST in support of 1 Fd Regt, 131 STA Bty and 7 CSR elements. Once again, more lessons were learned and by the end of the exercise the maintenance element was operating with great efficiency and has provided a solid contribution to CSST's mission outcomes.

Overall, the quality of its contributions to both the operational and training deployments has shown that 104/106 Field Workshop is a professional and capable unit. Beside having the primary responsibility for the maintenance and recovery requirements of 7 Bde, it continues to provide personnel to Operations Spire, Anode and Catalyst. Although not large in size, these deployments highlight the unit's ability to provide quality support in an operational environment. The year 2005 is shaping up to be as busy as this one, with the introduction of the ASIAV and Bushmaster into the 7 Bde and several field exercises including the Bde Combined Arms Training Activity. However, no matter what the task, 104/106 Field Workshop is up to it.

Arte et Marte

VEHICLE PLATOON

By CPL R.M. Gaddes, AKA Jack

Vehicle Platoon started the year with high spirits. The work came in thick and fast all year. Although we support the whole of 7 Brigade, 98% of the broken vehicles came from our own unit, and the majority of them were from the highly skilled Transport Company. The platoon, of course, ran into the usual



TST resting at conclusion of EX Pred Gallop 04 (photo by LT D.J. Barton)



WO2 S. Langham & CPL McLauchlan discuss tactics (photo by LT D.J. Barton)



WO2 S. Langham plays around with LT D. Barton's camera while CPL McLauchlan ignores them both (photo by Cfn G. Phillips)



WO2 S. Langham standing in the dust of war (photo by LT D.J. Barton)

7 CSSB – 104/106 FIELD WORKSHOP – AN OVERVIEW

By LT T. Mardiyants

As the year draws to a close, it is an appropriate time to stand back and reflect upon the year that it was. With a multitude of training and operational commitments it was certainly a busy and challenging time for 104/106 Field Workshop. The year began with a significant number of personnel, including the OC, MAJ Willmann, deployed to East Timor as a part of 6 RAR Battalion Group (Operation Citadel). Simultaneously, individual members were deployed to provide support to Operations

problems including a four month turnaround for POL's, having to borrow parts constantly from the units that we were supporting, and pesky mechanical work interfering with our primary task of stocktaking. Despite the onslaught of difficulties, the Platoon slashed through the workload using the age-old unit tradition, which is to:

1. Close your eyes,
2. Ask the Drake contractors to tell you when it's all taken care of,
3. Open your eyes when it's all taken care of,
4. Give yourself a commendation for your efforts; and
5. Go do a stocktake.

Vehicle also stood proud on the sporting fields throughout the year. First up was a swimming carnival where Maintenance Company was the strong favourite (unfortunately Maintenance had to let the other companies win a few races because they would have cried). Vehicle Platoon also joined forces with the rest of maintenance in the unit birthday sports events, in which the Company's tug-o-war team took us to a win in the overall competition. All of this could however be considered lead up training for the annual lawn bowls tournament held on the Company function.

The Battalion's yearly focus for 2004 was the deployment of a CSST to Shoalwater Bay in support of Ex Premier Gunner. The all cops training began early in the year with a matrix of fieldcraft lessons planned through until the Battalion IMT exercise in August. The exercise put the soldiers to the test, incorporating mounted and dismounted training as well as an introduction to amphibious operations. The platoon also deployed on a CSST training exercise to Wide Bay where FRT and CSST defensive skills were honed in preparation for Premier Gunner.

Repair section: CFN Willis, CFN Thompson, CFN O'Reilly, CFN Murphy, CFN Kelly, LAC Foley, CFN Harwood, LCPL Brinkworth, CPL Smith, CPL Sarn, CPL Petry, CPL Hein.

Inspection Section: CFN Meyers, CPL Hunter.

Service Station: CFN Parker, CFN Corrigan, CFN Bennett.

PHQ: SGT Larkin, SGT Cowie, WO2 Dooley, LT Mardiyants.

The Hired Guns (DRAKE): Big Maan Singh, Big Dave Hemsley, Big Noel Austin, Big Darryl Rickards, Big Dave Fawcett, Big Jim Grove, Big Andrew Paul, Little Shawn Howes.

RECOVERY PLATOON

By CPL Howell and CFN Cook

2004 for Recovery platoon at 7 CSSB started well under the audacious leadership and daring command of WO2 Dean Austin. Deano has now been living the dream and wearing green for more than a quarter of a century. He does not however, seem to be too comfortable with people who often draw his attention to this fact.

His current understudy is Brouffy, as the slender, diligent and bulimic PI SGT. This year the platoon has been joined by the smiling and ever cheerful Ritchie "I can't believe it's a CSSB" Bernau as the ARA CPL in conjunction with his GRES, Cohort CPL "I can't really leave the Army" Howell.

At digger level we have been blessed with the addition of two now mature ARA soldiers, CFN Deryk "I've got the best forehead in the business" Unsworth and "Yes he does have a brother in the Army". As this is written, Barry as he is affectionately known is enthusiastically digging in at Shoalwater Bay being the outstanding and capable field soldier that he is.

There is also CFN Cook "Recovery's sports ayatollah and football fundamentalist". Cookie has proved beyond doubt to non-believers that Recovery Mechanics can be exceptional sportsmen capable of exercising an outstanding degree of command and control over their individual motor skills and extreme prowess as displayed in their graceful coordination of hand and

eye movement.

7 CSSB, Recovery PI is also supported by our plethora of loyal GRES brethren.

Including CFN Frank, "Yes I am M113 qualified, here is a course report from 1974!" Exelby who is also the platoon's organic DFSW enthusiast still being qualified on the 106mm recoilless rifle, as well just in case they bring them back into service.

He is accompanied by CFN Kevin "if it's a parade night I'm there" Bartholomew who is the only soldier in the Australian Army capable of squeezing more equipment into his webbing than most soldiers can carry in their pack. To see Bart and Howelly work as a team in the field is akin to watching choreography. The silent and subtle communication between them was as intuitive as it is precognitive. In the course of his duties, CPL Howell would frequently provide a detailed verbal report to the PL SGT in very descriptive and at times highly emotive terms describing the soldierly attributes and personal habits displayed by Bart in both the vehicle and field environment. After counselling and some advice CPL Howell went on to retain command of CFN Bartholomew for the remainder of the exercise.

GE PLATOON

By CFN Proellocks

What can be said of GE at 7 CSSB, we were led by the illustrious WO2 Woods who will leave us for greener pastures (1 JSU) he was seconded by the enigmatic SGT Costin who overcame all after an horrific tri-cycle accident in which his training wheels came off with bones and ego shattered.

It can be said that GE is the backbone and the epitome of what a CSSB is all about, grace under pressure with composure to rival any who have ever worn the "green skin" which we wear with pride (I am of course talking about our protective dress as DPCU brings out a rash!).

The people who made all of this possible of course were the CPL's and crafties. CPL Morriss led the way by easily running the small arms section in fact so easy did he find it he took on extra duties as the bar director/supervisor. CPL Mottram spent the year teaching us uneducated, inexperienced and somewhat dimwitted diggers all about mil skills, in fact he took more lessons than some school teachers do in their entire career. CPL Narayan went to Iraq not for the money but for the challenge and the honour of 7 CSSB.

Ensuring that these people were kept at arm's length from us was LCPL Brennan who captured our hearts with such acts of bravery like driving a Niki in full view of the public. It is always difficult to talk about a whole year especially trying to encompass the feeling and people of this unit of war and mayhem. CFN Callaghan the GE veteran, ex grunt and all around good guy (except when drunk) wandered aimlessly through the year with what is known as the CSSB stare, this is a medical condition whereby no emotion or thought comes from open eyes that are waiting no, hungering for 1600 o'clock to come. CFN Bassett was thankfully our heat seeker who successfully kept the rest of us off lockup and out of the limelight. CFN Marshall just marched in and has shown a strong desire to be an integral member in this section of sections. As for me I entered the year with much trepidation but my fears were soon waylaid as I came to realise I was working with the finest body of troops the Federal Government ever gave an Army I.D.

As for the welders they were led by the man the myth the legend SGT Brown who regaled us with stories of Darwin and the Solomons. CFN Ryan spent much of the year overseas or on course but still managed to raise his house. CFN Bird the longest surviving CFN alive came off a stellar "cfm of the year 2003" with another, leading the way with his never say die attitude and true grit.

And lastly our reservists who are SGT Wallen, CPL Mollar, CPL Seeley and Brucey who after IMT'S decided it was better being a civy after all.

EIR PLATOON

By CFN Patterson

EIR has been very quiet this year due to courses and exercises. Everyone's been getting coursed up including Sub 1 for Patto, Matto and dot Tong. Shane Hancock was not even considered due to a lack of military experience.

The exercises were carried out in the usual Cisbie style but the boys were still able to have a bit of fun. On IMTs we had a couple of jets with Patto and Hutchamanis the Gruntasaurus picking up best soldiers of their respective platoons. The CSST phases proved to be enjoyable but only due to few RAEME shananigans. Nudity was a frequent occurrence as was discovered by the OC and 2IC during a supposed FRT. Matto's possum trap proved fruitless however he managed to attract a variety of animals to the LT's pit.

This is who is here:

Bankrobber Bennett – not much of a radio mech so lets hope he goes to Perth

Ruggers Butler – wannabe Master Craftsman, this psycho's cousins include Charlie Sheen and Mr Bean

Officer Plod Cross – RP = RSM's Puppy

S.F. (s***fight) Deans – not sure who he is

Jack, Jacker, Jackest Eaton – correspondence to Jack Eaton, Beverly Hills 90210

Fat Guts Foster – she's either pregnant or growing aliens

Chuckles Grey – NSW Blues' biggest fan

FIGJAM Hancock – been in since breakfast

Fancy Pants Hutchins – loves his aussie rules and his obs courses but nothing is more loved than his under 14s footy shorts

Evil Bill Kennedy – just got a little job for ya ...

Lucky Leeson – this bloke apparently has no dirt on him so email me suggestions

Cave Man Matten – this new LanceJack likes his m&ms peeled and pirates angry

Chainsaw McCulloch – fixes radios does not clean pools

Hey Morton Murley – there's no greater feeling than having a bird bath during a contact

Frenchman Parrott – hates wearing cam cream but loves getting his NCOs to dig pits

Show Parades Patterson – suspected man lover, Patto has no fear of being naked around men.

Smiffie Smith – his bike goes 0-100km/h in 2.8secs the only things that slows him down are wallabies

Master Craftsman Springate – self proclaimed nickname

Fatcat Taylor – Garfield's big little brother

Penfolds dotTong – anyone seen my balls?

BJ Tunnie – wanna Buy a Laptop?

No incoming postings at the end of the year and a handful of outgoing and deployments will leave EIR a fairly lonely place. Jeff Parrott will be off to test tag Timor. Shane Hancock is likely to be off to Sydney. Keltie Foster will be leaving soon to spit out a kid, and Jack Eaton is finally discharging to pursue a career in hairdressing.

Oh, and if you see Murls remind him that he owes the brew club over a hundred bucks.

EAST TIMOR DEPLOYMENT

By WO2 W. Dooley

From 28 Jan until 28 Apr 04 I was deployed as part of the 6 RAR BN GP to East Timor. Considering the WKSP personnel were from a number of 7 Bde units it was good to see there were no problems with group dynamics, the crew worked hard and played hard at taking the piss out of all and sundry.

There would be a few Brisbane walls adorned with the WKSP calender, produced while there was a lull in proceedings. Stoushes between the WKSP and S70 PL provided the FOB with ongoing entertainment. For the main part the deployment was uneventful. Some bright spark suggested that all people in the FOB should return home with a .50 cal bottle opener. I believe I can speak on behalf of the boys and say that as far as jobs go that one sucked, it just didn't end. Then to prove that he is certifiable CPL Powell decided to make a chess set out of more .50 cal shells in his spare (read work) time. Highlights include the demolition of the B VEH office.

If only comalco had a collection point in East Timor. It was obviously hot working in that office as the walls had been insulated over the years with aluminium cans. The RSM was most impressed with the ingenuity demonstrated by past CFN to improve their working conditions. The removal of the WKSP flooring would have to be the other highlight of my tour. Apparently after I left the boys weren't overly impressed when the goal posts moved and they had to relay a portion of it without LEC assistance. I would like to pass on my congratulations to all RAEME pers that I deployed with and wish them every success in the future.

Arte et Marte

5/7 RAR – TECHNICAL SUPPORT COMPANY

From the OC, MAJ Des Scheidl

Like all RAEME units we are coming to the end of a very busy year that has seen personnel deploy to areas as diverse as Iraq, Afghanistan, Solomon's, Pucka, Brunei, Townsville, Delamere and Mt Bunday, to name a few.

The Workshop has yet again proven itself to be more than capable in meeting all challenges. And to me as the OC, the evidence came in the form of a back handed compliment from an Infantry OC who asked "why is all his kit FF??"

Like most units in Land Command, we have just finished our SED Review. As the last Tech Spt Company in Land Command (I think), I regret to announce that as at Jan 2006, the Wksp will be amalgamating with Admin Company to form the combined CSS Company which will be called Admin Company. That being said the amalgamation will see improvements on deployments by improving the C2 of the echelon.

The OC of the new Admin Coy will be CC 78, with the Company 2IC and CSM both CC55 which will be of great benefit to the OC. The Workshop will now be a platoon commanded by an EME LT (couldn't get a CAPT as the SED team said there were not enough in the system). A very challenging task for the Ell Tee, with an Authorised Establishment (AE = OLOC) of 64 pers with no Platoon Sgt. Apparently as the Wksp has more SGTs than Spt Company we don't need a Pl Sgt. How do you explain to Arms Corps personnel that a RAEME SGT is part of the C2 of the technical world and that a Pl Sgt is a non-technical position?? !! (an argument that has existed since the dawn of time and will be discussed for eternity).

For the workers on the floor (post amalgamation) very little will change. For the HQ, now commanding the amalgamated

Company, bring plenty of candles that you can burn at both ends. Like all good logistic personnel, we will rise to the task and meet all challenges head on. Adapt and Overcome.

This has been a very rewarding posting as an OC. I would like to take



5/7 RAR Water Polo team featuring Krummers, Macca, Greeny and Easo from Tech Spt

this opportunity to publicly thank all the members of the Technical Support Company, 5/7 RAR for their efforts over my tenure and wish them all well with their future careers be that in or out of the Army.

For the statistically-minded people out there here are a few of the figures from our Bde Exercise.

Number of jobs raised	- 150
EME hours worked	- 828
EMEFIXs received	- 127
FRTs deployed	- 67
Class 9 demands raised	
a. by TSC RPS to 1 CSSB	- 43 (29 satisfied)
b. to TSC RPS – Accountable Rotables	- 17
c. expense items	- 135

CHQ

By CAPT Hampson

With the tempo remaining high for the latter part of the year CHQ has been busy as normal with a few moves here and there. The Bde exercise saw the OC, MAJ Des Scheidl, have the opportunity to command the entire A echelon and truly realise why it is so cool being OC Tech Spt Coy and not OC Admin Coy! In addition to this, next year MAJ Scheidl will be off to the land of the long white cloud to keep up our good relations with the Kiwis. It appears CAPT Jud Hampson hasn't listened to the laments of his married workmates and has decided to tie the knot at the end of the year. He has also chosen to side with the enemy and is off to the MAS Darwin team in Jan 05. The ASM, WO1 Steve Greenall, has finally finished crying over the Bn's loss in the water polo grand final and has decided to put his roots down in Darwin by purchasing a house. The CSM, WO2 Marty Burgess, is preparing his opening barrage for Maint Coy, 1 CSSB as he moves down the road to become their CSM. The CQ, WO2 Mick Bain, has seen the culmination of his efforts as CQ in a very successful 100% stocktake and is looking forward to heading off to SE QLD at the end of the year. CPL Fraser Ritchie has left EMEOPS and scooted off the to the Coy Q Store. This means that when he is not representing the Bde in Aussie Rules he can learn a thing or two about how to run a Q Store prior to getting his own in lovely sunny Perth next year. The Coy Clk, LCPL "Vanders" Van Den Hoogen has managed not to get lost for months now and is no doubt currently enjoying his time on Sub 2 for gun slinger, digging, patrolling, doing contact drills and all of those other super-fun Infantry Combat Clerk-type things. The Coy Storeman, PTE Jackson Evans, is currently on operations in Iraq assisting with the coalition. We all wish him the best and look forward to seeing him back with plenty of stories to tell next year.

EIR

By CFN Ting

EIR has been busy in the second half of this year. The lead up to Ex Predator's Gallop had us all running around like headless chooks. Our pie eating carcasses were subjected to hefty bouts of trade work without a lot of PT or sport to break things up. Subject 1 CPL was also flavour of the day, with CFN "John" Holmes and CFN Reay actively participating in the fun and games. CPL Warren went away on a Medical and Dental Course, the poor old Compaq PC was covered in cobwebs by the time he got back.



CFN Montgomery and Ladek in the midst of a pack change

Myself, CFN "Ooda" Andrews, CFN "I am only an OJT" Webb and SGT Wallace deployed on Ex Predator's Gallop in our 6 X 6's with great earnest. Typical field activities were conducted, ie re-deployments, IMT's and FRT's. My excitement came during

IMT's when a wild pig ran at me and tried to clean me up; scared the sh!t out of me. A few lucky patrons were also treated to the opportunity to view live mortar fire, 155mm fire and a couple of Javelin's attacking unsuspecting sea containers.

SGT Wallace's return to barracks was short lived, when he was once again called forward to support the war machine on Ex CTC Live, spending two weeks at Mt Bunday with B Coy utilising CVTESS.

The unit has also been conducting driver's courses for 113's, Mogs, Rovers and motorbikes. Ooda has been lucky enough to score a bike course which has had the boys all busy laughing at the out of control monos being pulled.



CPL Howell, CPL Laurie and CFN Sheehy enjoying a walk in the park

Brigade has been inquiring on the whereabouts of its Radio Mechanics, apparently they are interested in pooling this resource for Medium repair at CSSB and JLU. When will the "Super Boffs" come and save us from the "Evil Doers"?

RECOVERY

By CFN Roberts

Well our year started off pretty slow. SGT Taylor finally arrived in April after a bit of extended leave after another trip to Timor. CFN Smith now LCPL Smith has spent more time away on courses this year than he has spent at Recovery Section. With Subject One for CPL then off to Ex Beersheeba at Mt Bunday Training Area (MBTA), then Subject Four. Now he is back at MBTA in support of a driver's course and Crew Commanders course we hope he still remembers what home looks like. I started off the year with an M113 driver's course and ARVL Operators course. SGT Taylor and myself went out on Ex Predator's Gallop where we both had quite a bit of work. Who would have thought in amongst all that dust that they could find some very muddy places to get bogged? SGT Taylor had a few long hours behind the wheel with Mogs blowing engines and the like. Just of recently I've been giving the old wrecker a bit of a work out with SGT Taylor away on his M113 driver's course and LCPL Smith away. I've been holding the fort with endless trips to MBTA picking up and dropping off broken carriers. Lets just hope things will slow down a bit towards the end of year and we can all look forward to a relaxing Christmas break and the arrival of some new faces (CFN Parker) to the recovery section. With LCPL Smith heading further west to Perth we all wish him and his fiancée the best of luck.



Holmesy, Wazza and Dave Non-Teching the GMAF

GENERAL ENGINEERING

By SGT Laing

The year 2004 started off well for the members of GE PL with CPL 'Crash' Donoghue being sent on operations to Iraq. Back home all was well as the infantry members took pride in their equipment maintaining it to a high standard. Yeah right. Fortunately we were fully manned with the best Fitters and Welder Australia wide. Yeah right.

CFN 'initiation ritual' Gairis was busy working his magic with the welding and CPL 'Commercial Club Nudist Colony' Cosstick provided the backbone for the PL whilst their illustrious leader SGT 'Career-ended' Laing was on promotion courses and doing it hard in Brunei. SGT 'weld flash' Griffin imparted his vast knowledge and experience onto CFN 'iron lung' Howard and CFN 'can't work must limp' Wallis.

Overall the year was successful and all goals were met with the aid of a complete F88 rotation alleviating some of the workload. Most members are being posted and we at 5/7 RAR wish them well and safe travelling.

VEHICLE

By CFN Freddie Kruger

Well the second half of the year saw a challenge for the remainder of vehicle section with six greaser crafties going to Pucka for a carrier drivers course. The boys left for Pucka with strict instructions of "if you f#%kup don't come back". After heeding this advice I can report that only one of us spent a night as a guest of the Seymour police.

As for the boys back in Darwin, they had to get the battalion ready to go for Exercise Predator's Gallop with some extra help from a couple of OJTs. Fresh to 5/7 RAR the day before leaving, CFN Ladek joined in with the rest of the workshop and deployed down to Bunday to support the Battalion in what I am told was an arduous but successful exercise. Sometime in the middle of the ex CFNs Styles and Montgomery marched into the battalion. During all of this, CFN Daryl "the Mareeba experiment" Porter went and managed to pass sub 1.

Post Pred Gallop, the boys returned from Pucka and about a month of mad maintenance ensued in order to prepare B Coy for CTC live and a driver's and crew commander's course to be run all around the same time. This once again put the vehicle section into the "hurt locker" as eight greasers were lost to the cause - three to the crewies course, two on drivers course and three that were detached to Bunday as the FRT for the CTC ex. This left the rest of the section with a few late nights repairing vehicles so that they could be returned to Bunday ready to go for the next day.

As always there will be a few people leaving at the end of the year; SGT Mark McAuliffe is off on promotion after only one year with us to DMO and project overlander.

CPL Marc Krummenacher is off to instruct at vehicle wing ALTC, CPL D Howell was discharging but suffered a change of heart and will be staying on for a bit yet, and then there is SGT Davis who will be



SGT McAuliffe and CPL Krummenacher in the pool



PTEs Morris and Gill showing that Class 6 is just as important as Class 9

leaving in Feb 05. I should also mention that after about 14 months our civvy walking EMEI and all round guru on all things to do with buckets, John "SHOGGY" Gosh has left to take up a position with GM Defence in Brisbane.

All said and done it has been a real barrel of monkeys, but at times enjoyable year at 5/7 TSC so keep flying the RAEME flag and we will see you around.

RPS

By PTE Wright

The RPS has been very busy over the last month, what with the semi-annual stocktake of the RPS store and workshop. It became a major undertaking, due to the processing and computer time. However, the arrival of two new individuals into the RPS, PTEs Gill and Morris, and their willingness to learn and contribute has had very encouraging results for the store. Recent news includes SGT Abbott's engagement and the birth of CPL Laurie's first child.

5 AVN REGT - GROUND EQUIPMENT TROOP (GER TP)

Another year nearly completed for the Ground RAEME team here at 5 AVN Regt (The main thing to remember is that we are ground tradesman and not to be mistaken for RAWs). We may be only small in number but we make up for it with a lot of noise and Esprit de Corps (especially thanks to our resident morale officer CPL Henry Collins). This is no more evident than at the ritual slugging off at AVOs and RAWs every Friday at the Pegasus Club. Notable comments are:

*The RAP will be busy this week treating all the Aircraft Refuellers for bedsores (after insisting they get their 8 hours-uninterrupted sleep to avoid gun picquets).

The line up this year:

Head Shed: LT Brent 'BOSS or SALTY' Saltmarsh, WO2 Julie 'ACE' Fedorniak, SGT Dean 'NINO' Goninan, SGT Matt 'WWWARGE or MARGE' Sachse

GE: CPL Henry 'FATTY' Collins, CFN Andrew 'PEEN' Green, CFN Philip 'DINGER' Bell, CFN Scott 'NED or LID' Kelly, CFN Damian 'SPEAROS' Rossato, CFN Bronte 'STEADY or NO PULSE' Steedman, CFN Jonathon 'COOPS' Cooper

Elec: CPL Shane 'LEWARSE' Lewis, CFN Ian 'PIZZA BOY' Cullen

Vehicle: CPL Marco 'MIRRIAM' Bran, CPL Matt 'BRIGGSY' Briggs, CFN Wayne 'SIMSY or FLEX-PEC' Sims, CFN Craig 'MUFFIN' Barton, CFN Luke 'ROSSCO' Ross, CFN David 'POM' Chown, CFN Jeremy 'OOOOORT' Hort, CFN Andre 'FREAKSHOW' Frichot, CFN Mark 'BEALEY' Beale

Recovery: CFN Peter 'JESSE' James

RPS: PTE Kate 'TAKE A BREATH' Dyer

There must be something in the water here at the RAAF Base as we also had a baby boom over the last 18 months with 20 children in total making our family barbeques worthwhile. Congratulations to all members and their families. Yes Kate, we know you have a baby as well!

The Unit has been involved heavily with a number of overseas deployments over the last 18 months. Unfortunately no ground tradesman managed to get a Guernsey. There were a number of exercises and home based deployments where the guys provided excellent support, often at short notice.

July saw the Troop stage a JNCO / Leadership training exercise at the Atherton Reserve Depot. Activities included presentations on LOAC, VC recipients, Lee Mathews leadership principles and RAEME history. There were impromptu speeches, first aid scenarios, PT and the big finale, a walk up Bartle Frere.

The weather had been fine all week until the day the guys had to walk/climb for 5 hours up 'this dam hill' just to be able to see twenty feet in front of them due to the cloud. After an

exhausting 4 hour climb back down (with OOOOORT reverberating constantly over the ranges) the comments 'that was stupid' and 'whose idea was this anyway', were mentioned more than once (The Boss, LT Saltmarsh was seen to be keeping a low profile by this stage).

VEHICLE SECTION

The Greaser shed has had an influx of new tradesman throughout this year. It seems the only tradesmen available are straight from OJT leaving the section with a very junior team. The year has been busy with support to Sydney deployments, Sqn exercises and the constant repairs to the Unit's vehicles (we have the second largest B vehicle fleet in NQ, even if half of them don't move).

With a few of the more experienced blokes unavailable for our latest little 'BUSH TRIP' (all 5 days of it – we do it hard here) the young blokes were on a quick learning curve. First we had to prep the Sqn Vehicles and then our own. This included servicing and inspecting the Merlo. If anyone needs driving lessons on the Merlo contact CFN Jeremy 'OOOOORT' Hort for some tips. He certainly gave the shed a tip (or more precisely a fork tine that he put through the wall). CFN Andre 'FREAKSHOW' Frichot is our resident expert on 8 T trailers; he has researched into how many reasons why the wheels with hubs will not come off the vehicle (eg. Brakes are applied; the wheels are still on the ground). Even SGT Matt 'WWWARGE' Sachse got dirty loading then unloading and then reloading the RPS truck (he was not impressed).

The huge drive up to HRTA was event free until the packet Commander SGT Dean 'Nino-I know boats' Goninan (a Marine Fitter) missed the turnoff, entered the position from the wrong end. He then missed the ASM standing out in the open waving her arms like a windmill cursing all things and everything Fitter. Stick to the water Nino.

It was then nets up, power connected, comms put in place and down to business. A few repair jobs and some servicing (once the FLSP had its mod completed) set the scene for the next few days. Thrown in for good measure were a few patrols and some RRF tasks. CPL Matt 'BRIGGSY' Briggs took out one patrol and after climbing in and out of the first deep creek decided to box around the next one. Not a bad idea, his section was happy with it, pity the Sqn OPSO was sitting in the creek waiting to ambush them (she sat there for two hours before returning). She was one unhappy camper.

Some FRT training was also accomplished with the Boss playing enemy. He was meant to retreat back over the hill after hitting the guys at the croc. He thought he was further over the hill and out of sight but the keen eyes of Briggsy spotted him. The guys nailed him again with about twenty rounds. It was quite funny watching an LT scurry for cover.

Other notable incidents was CFN Luke Ross, who stitched his net up wrong so there was no doorway to drive his vehicle out. And Rossco again trying to spread all his gear around by forgetting to close the door on the GMV (lucky we didn't go too far before it was noticed – how heavy is that spanner anyway Rossco?).



FRT Training with SGT Sachse



CFN Beale hard at work

GE SECTION

From one of the best equipped little G.E Sections in the Army, the boys in GE have as always led the way with keeping the morale high within not only the section and GER TP, but the squadron. Henry is always leading the way at the boozer bagging out the fuelies and who ever else wants to have a go. Never too many takers from the other squadrons though. A few cans of "INSTA-SPINE" or "TICKA-STRENGTH" (those highly regarded "Loctite" products) wouldn't go astray over that way.

Dinga has just completed Sub 4 & Sub 2 for CPL and Damian Rossato just finished his MEM course and apparently hit a couple of bad waves coming back from Magnetic Island during the Small craft operators phase of the course. Does get a bit windy out there this time of year.

Greeny spent a month in Sydney with B Sqn earlier in the year and apparently really enjoyed himself; he had plenty of things to keep him occupied. These included such things as avoiding the MP's at Holsworthy. Greeny just couldn't believe how bored those guys were.

We did have a SGT posted in at the start of the year, but no one can remember what he looks like because he has hardly been here. In the first six months he completed his Sub 2 WOLOC course, came back for a week went on leave and then went on his sub 1 to Canungra and now is completing his Sub 3 somewhere. He is having a great time I'm sure.

Steady has been busy (when we can get his heart beating) doing fabrication work (thinking of becoming a rod burner) yes, we can't work it out either. We've also had a few new additions to the crew this year with Ned and Coops joining us. It's promising to see some keen young workers coming through the factory down south.



CFN Green, CPL Collins and CPL Lewis hard at work



GER TP at the recent athletics carnival (CPL Collins with daughter Eden)

ELEC SECTION

By CPL Shane Lewis.

It's been business as usual in Elec Sect. The mid year addition of another elec CFN Ian Cullen has doubled the section strength. Apart from the occasional SQN camping trip and repairing stuff ups from the VM's and truckies production has been steady. Lewy has done an outstanding job coordinating the operation of the troops 'non profit' brew club and SQN footy tipping competition, which has kept him busy.

The end of year is nearly here and it will be farewell to Lewy, he is off to 1 FD Regt, Enoggera. This will be a change in lifestyle, for the good or bad is unsure but at least he won't be dealing with a new type of Army.

RECOVERY SECT

By CFN Peter James

Well another year keeps rolling on and the recovery workload is a steady pace, mainly consisting of taking vehicles to trade, supporting Sqn road moves to Sydney and driver's courses and the occasional breakdown or roll over.



CFN Cullen Hard at work in EIR section

However like most recce mech's, non-tech's occupy most of my time. We are all looking forward with great anticipation to the arrival of the new HRV early next year.

To all those who said, "They use helicopters to recover helicopters, so you won't get much work" check out the photo. When they break down on the tarmac a bodgie can always be arranged.

Thanks Hunter Aerospace.

A WORD FROM THE ACE

By WO2 Julie Fedorniak - ASM

Well another year has nearly passed again and things seem to never slow down. The workshops have been busy with the usual SQN deployment at the beginning of the year followed by FRT's to Sydney for one month in June. Once the deployment returned it was straight into the A2 Echelon deployment, this deployment was the first A2 Echelon since 1992 involving LSS, BSQN, RHQ and TSS. After returning it was straight into preparation for Swift Eagle at end of September.

Movement within the troop has been hectic with five OJT tradesmen being posted in within two months of each other, having to learn quickly the ways of being posted into a strong RAEME Aviation presence "RAWS" and still retaining the old traditions of Ground RAEME under constant guidance.

Only a few postings within the troop at end of this year have been struck, with all involved extremely happy on their new postings. This will leave the mass exit towards the end of next year.

The following members are leaving at the end of year, we wish them and their families, all the best and I would like to personally thank them all for their efforts throughout the year:

Matt Sachse	(ALTC-Latchford Barracks)
Wayne Sims	(1 CER-Darwin)
Shane Lewis	(1 FLD REGT-Brisbane)
Dean Goninan	(Ross Island back to your boats)
Andrew Green	(4 RAR)
Kate Dyer	(10 FSB-Townsville)

2/14 LHR(QMI) CSS SQN TST

Our year can be described in one word ASLAV. With driver, crew commander, and maintenance training for all concerned, it has been a hectic and yet rewarding year.

Our team of elite tradesman is led by the "Heavemaster" himself Warrant Officer Class One Brett Biddle.

It has been a great few years for the Mega Ace, and I know we will all be sad to see him go. We wish him and his family all the best in their future endeavours.

VEHICLE WORKSHOP

Able led by Sgt Frank Kenny. After a six month stint in Iraq he warmed to the task of running the main workshop and not having to dive into a sand bagged pit on a regular basis.

Frank was assisted by Cpl's Adrian Gray, Reid Ossington and Shaun Harrison with Harry latter on being sent to A SQN section for his crimes.

The Crafties consisted of Troy Woollett, Jason Smith, Brad Cambell (another loss to A Regt) Mark Leddra, Dave Wilson and Dave Godfrey. Mark and Dave spent time in Timor and had quite a few wares to spin on their return to OZ. Troy and Ossy also spent time in Timor and tried to crash and burn on one track - OUCH! Troy was awarded the soldiers medallion upon his return from Timor. Early in the year we lost Chad Marshall to civvie life and will miss his stock market reports while Dave Godfrey is also moving on and getting out in November. All the

boys at some stage of the year were coursed or trained either for the next rank or for the intro of the LAV.

John Scotman is our man in blue that keeps the cogs moving while we get on with our green activities. Digger Ahearn and Grant Tebbutt spent the rest of the year with us and then were sent to JLU-SQ for more Drake work.



Here some of the 2/14 lads are thanking the Cunungra women's side for not beating them in front of everyone. The 2/14 lads are the ones in the blue

GENERAL ENGINEERING

Controlled by Sgt Heath Ledwidge and Sgt Barry Unsworth their fearless band of fitters and welders built everything from container racks for the LAV transition to amusement devices for the 41 Club and all manner of repairs to the Buckets and whatever else we managed to break over the year.

Soldiers Medallion recipient CFN John Mutton survived a two week stint in hospital at sunny ALTC and still managed to further his skills for the ASLAV. CPL Glenn Garrety led the way for the welders and kept his side of the house flowing smoothly. CFN Craig (Monkey) Myers finally had a win and finished the Padres crook after three attempts. His talent on the lathe has become a talking point around the Brigade with orders for all manner of trinkets flooding in. Dennis Bell and Big Ray Evans are our smurfs in GE who do a great job rebuilding what we break

RECOVERY SECTION

SGT Rowan Bougoure maintained the ebb and flow of his recovery men between visits to the Emergency Ward after proving that crash helmets do crack when you hit stationary objects at speed. CPLs Clay Haynes (another A SQN victim) Kev Fogarty and Paul Currie, looked after the rest of the recovery and whatever other tasks the ASM could throw at them. To their credit they did themselves proud and maintained the high standards expected from trained RAEME personnel. Looking after their fearless leader at mess functions was also high on the laughter list.

ELECTRICAL INSTRUMENT REPAIRS

SGT Stephen Salmon took control of EIR after his promotion earlier in the year and between that and running EMEOPS and attending courses has had a very busy year. All that work didn't seem to hamper his golf swing or his handicap. CPL Jason McFie held the fort for quite a while until the call for civvie life and Tenix dragged him from the fold. The CRAFTIES are Justin Kerslake (A Regt victim), Andy Powesland, Robin Lewis, Neil Wade, Tu Chau Luu (Joe), and the resident sparky Ian Van Lambaart.

All the boys have had a big year with the intro of the LAV and are keen to see them into full service in the very near future. Seems Wadey has taken to wearing a bicycle helmet in the turret to try and preserve the melon just a little bit. We are not sure if it is to protect his head from the white boxes or the white boxes from his head.

INSPECTION SECTION

SGT Chad Duncan runs this show and with all the changes to the way we do business this year has had spreadsheets flowing thick and fast. Just trying to keep up was an effort. LCPL Glenn Dunn is Chads 2IC, and at 47 the old boy is still swinging spanners and creating havoc wherever he goes.



SGTs Heath Ledwidge and Dan Kelly play "pat a cake, pat a cake" in an effort to improve their hand eye coordination

and Car Boot Sales. Dave Logan is our smurf in RPS and does a great job keeping all the gear we need coming and going, a thankless task.

The boys in the B1 store are headed by our very own Sgt Ned Kelly. What an appropriate name for a storeman. His partner in crime is Sgt Wayne Wolff who has recently arrived from the Main Q. This pair is assisted by our 32 year veteran CPL Ron Richards. Richo's been there and done that and sometimes done it twice and is due to retire at the end of the year. Good luck in your retirement.

Other persons of notoriety from TST are WO2 Ian Finch who took over the reins of A Sqn with the retirement of WO2 Layne Middis. Finchy racked up some serious mileage and saddle sores with numerous trips to ALTC and Pucka on his trusty scooter. The ASLAV rollout had him going hard for quite a while but he won out in the end. He does look a bit older though??

WO2 Phil Barber took over B Sqn and had a huge year keeping his buckets on the road and then finally handing them all back awaiting the arrival of his LAVS. Phil leaves us at the end of the year, and we wish him well for the future

The TST is also set for a major fund injection to increase the workshop hangar capability. This sees the ASM taking small groups of Alacadoos for walks around the workshop and trying to convince them that the unit would benefit from lots of money being spent on new facilities. They all nod sagely and say that they agree and then they leave and send more of their friends to take part in the ASMs walk and talk. The ASM enjoys this immensely and says that he is thinking of starting up a visitors book and kiosk for all the people that take the "Facilities Tour" so that they can buy souvenir spoons and t-shirts to remember their visit. But seriously, if all goes well ground should be broken for some form of additional workshop building before the end of 2005. My bet is two hutchie's joined together and a folding chair for the 4.5 million.

PT at TST is one of the favourite activities and a week with out heaves leaves a hollow feeling with everyone. No one enjoys the "Heave run" more that the ASM and it makes it all the more worth while when we get the occasional visitor from RHQ or a trainee who attends and then cannot bend their arms for days. This does not include the RTA of course who is a heave demon. Add in some circuits, battle PT and the occasional run and we are all happy little veggies.

In the tradition of the field workshops of old, 2/14 LHR TST took up the challenge (see duck shove) from 7 Bde to provide a Tug of War team to the Redcliffe

REPAIR PARTS SECTION AND B1 STORE

SGT Matt Christophers runs the RPS and tries to get in a bit of work between volleyball, crashing motorbikes, and all his other extra regimental duties. The ASLAV rollout has taken its toll on the RPS boys and some hair seems to be just a tad greyer these days. Matty is assisted by CPL Darren Ashworth (2IC RPS section) who spreads his time between SDSS, DVD copying,

Show. With no competition experience and two weeks practice the lads set off on a Sunday afternoon to take on the likes of the Bracken Ridge Pub and the Cunungra Ladies Tug of war team. Led by the coaching genius, WO2 Layne "I have a plan" Middis and the inspirational Captaincy of SGT Ned "pull or I'll kill ya" Kelly the lads from 2/14 won the day and all the spoils of war.

Thanks to one and all for a very big year. Hopefully next year will be bigger and better.

And remember what they say around 2/14,

"If you ain't CAV!, you are a very lucky bloke!"

2/10 FIELD REGIMENT TST

By Sgt Steve Doehnert

Well this is the first that I know of 2/10 Field Regiment Workshop placing an article in the RAEME CFN's and since I am leaving I thought it was about time. It has been a good three years, starting off with a dog of a workshop and now having a very workable and safe workshop. Most of the credit can go to Cpl Mitch Evans through a tireless effort on keeping the wksp up to speed; it must be because he hates computers.

The WKSP consists of two ARA and nine GRES personnel. HQ Battery has WO2 Tony Minniti, ASM, Sgt Les 'Gun Guru' Gerharty, Cpl Ray White, Cfn Justin Cosgriff, Cfn John Phillips and Cfn Steve Mulhane. Personnel at 38 Battery are Cpl Ian



Burnnett, Cpl Murray Wilson and Cfn Henry Hey. Sgt Steve Doehnert and Cpl Mitch Evans being the ARA staff positioned in HQ battery.

Finding time to maintain the equipment has been a difficult task with only three hours on a Tuesday night and one or two maintenance weekends throughout the year. Last year and this year has seen the GRES personnel come in on extra parade days and with this commitment has kept the Unit's equipment in a serviceable condition. Also the higher command has been very flexible allowing the WKSP to do what it does best.

I had a little time on my hands when I first arrived to the Unit and as the WKSP was being refurbished, I thought I might add a little color. So with the help of Cpl Oram, who now is at 2 CAV, we painted one of the walls of the WKSP in good old RAEME colors.



Horse on wall



Some of the fine 2/14 Drake tradesmen chatting with WO2 Steve Paul about politics, religion and the Red Bull girls at the Enoggera Spanner club meeting hosted by the 2/14 RAEME team



Ray and Les

Then it was time to superimpose the horse onto the wall and we now have a six-foot RAEME badge in the wksp.

With only two more weekends to go we will soon be into the silly season and looking forward to the break with a

fresh start to next year. As always the WKPS will keep on maintaining the equipment and making those farewell plaques.

Arte et Marte

21ST CONSTRUCTION SQUADRON WORKSHOPS

By SGT Laurie Wallace

Well as 2004 rapidly draws to a close, it is time to reflect on the year that was and the fun "things" to come next year. Being the Squadron's AACAP year, it was busy from day one as preparation continued from last year for the deployment to Injinoo in the Northern Peninsula Area (NPA).

After induction training, Senior NCO/Officer training, Junior NCO training, IMTs plus a myriad of other unit courses, the workshop continued to prepare the unit equipment for AACAP 04. Most of the equipment was in good condition thanks to a well-planned reconstitution at the end of last year but there was still plenty for all to do prior to deploying. This included the sea-preparation of all equipment being deployed as well as the usual last minute repairs that magically just happen one week before a major deployment.

The advance party included road and boat travel (Tobruk) but for some reason there were more people sick on the "dry" road move in comparison to the travel by sea. CFN Mick Booker suffered severe carsickness on the road trip but was comforted by an always-sympathetic CFN Ben Field. Apparently, it was something he ate.

The boat party from the Workshops was led by SGT Mick "Spud" Kenny and the only reported trouble came when the unloading began at Seisia wharf. Apparently, fully loaded Macks with fully loaded trailers are not that comfortable crossing soft sand. The unload was eventually completed and the advance party spent the next few weeks on camp and workshop set up.

A special thanks to those involved as this allowed the Workshop to function with very little adjustment over the next five months.

The main body deployed in early June and thanks to our RAAF (Rarely Arrive Anywhere Functional) friends, only one plane made it on the first day and the others including most of the workshop members enjoyed a few refreshing beverages that night at RAAF Base Amberley.

We were fortunate again to have CFN Dave Bennett from 7 CSSB to join the Squadron for another AACAP (seems he just can't stay away) and SPR Mal Stewart who proved to be a vital Workshop member with his welding prowess.

Once Induction and Blue Card Training were completed, AACAP was well and truly underway (except there was no beer!). Tasks for the Engineers included building five houses, constructing a sub-division and Regional rubbish tip whilst also conducting training with the local communities.



Main camp accommodation at Injinoo

All these tasks involved vital assistance from the Workshop, especially the "bolt together" houses which stretched the welders to their limits as they clocked up approximately 1500 hours between them over the period of AACAP. SGT Darryl "is it con leave time yet" Allen was kept busy "preparing" for Training Team tasks as was Royce. They assure us they did work sometime. After a short leave back to Brisbane in July (thanks RAAF for stuffing up another one!), CPL Ben "Bird flu" Carthew finally made it up, as also later on did CPL Matt "III" Burns. With CAPT Tony "I've changed" Evans taking up the role of Squadron 2IC, there was a re-shuffle in the Workshop. WO2 Tony "How do you get toast out of a toaster" Monagle passed his officer entry test with flying colours and took over as Troop Commander. SGT Laurie "Gonna be the Ace next year" Wallace slipped into the chair early and was given an insight into the reason Tony Monagle has "grayed" as ASM. Matt Burns took over as C Vehicle SGT and the HDA forms flew thick and fast.

CFN Todd "Wecky Mech" Rutledge was employed in the EME OPS role and did a great job with input on MIMS for all trades (maybe this is a future employment idea for Recovery Mechanics in units). CPL Eric "I struggle with everything" Purkiss along with Mick Booker maintained the Squadron's generators as well as some interesting auto electrical jobs on Macks. Eric said it was good to earn his Pay Group 5 finally. GE was kept extremely busy also with small engine repairs and many fabrication and manufacture tasks for the houses. CPL Jim "I want to be a cop" Ellis was in the NPA for the first and last stint to supervise GE section. CFN Scott "I can smell smoke" Considine decided to assist the locals with their mowing and got to use his creative skills with the Engineers continuing to push equipment above and beyond the call of duty.

Vehicle section (B and C) kept the unit vehicles operating including a stint of night work by a small team to catch up on some poorly planned servicing (thanks Plant troop). The "A" team as they were known consisted of CPL Chris "Going to the RAAF" Green, CFN Wayne "I'm going fishing" Schulz, CFN Brad "Tech guru" Furber, CFN Jeremy "Cocho" Cochrane and yours truly as the overall supervisor. It was completed without any hitches although Greeny still managed to stay clean despite Jeremy's best efforts. The only reason they volunteered for this task was that the Red Rooster still was not selling beer.

Our "Can do Logistics" roaches provided spare parts support for the deployment, with CPL Dave "Go the Blues" Booth situated in Townsville to provide support via JLU-NQ. He was greatly assisted in Townsville by "PTE" Alf Glaze of Independent Diesel Spares who acquired our NIC items for the C Vehicles at very short notice. SGT Tony "Watch out for that bucket" Romkes and PTE Mark "Pitzy Pitzy" Fitzgerald were our roaches on the ground at Injinoo and were subjected to daily gassings in their "Shanty Town" thanks to the ASM and the Welders Landrover.

There were also OJTs deployed with us at various stages of the deployment and hopefully they gained some valuable experience (and extra pay). CFN Jack "My dad's an ASM" Murch was one of the lucky ones and he has now been posted to the unit full time as a VM, where he will work in B vehicle section (forever).

The hours were long



The happy couple (SGT Mort Newlin and CFN Wayne Schulz) upon their return from the mid project break. What is it with electricians and VMs?

while deployed. Work hours were from 7 am until 6 pm six days a week. Every third weekend (supposedly) there was a three-day break. Some members took this time to catch up on vital beer drinking on Thursday Island, where heavy beer was allowed. Most people stayed out of trouble though Mick Kenny managed to bring some bitumen back as a souvenir – embedded in his forehead. Well done Spud. There was also a chance to visit the Tip of Australia and some of the local fishing holes.

The practical jokes and slagging seemed to slow in the second half of AACAP. It may have been a coincidence but it also coincided with Ben Field's return to Brisbane. Luckily, a flow of the amber fluid returned (only four mid-strength cans per man per night) and there was finally a way to remove some of the red dirt from your throat and socialize out of the work environment.



Tony and Fitzzy surviving a daily ASM Gas Attack on RPS



Workshop seniors pose for a photo at the "Tip" before the Waterloo Dinner

For what became known as the "Work for the Dole Scheme", Workshops provided personnel for all the tasks, which included stone pitching, house painting, floor scrubbing, fencing, gutter sweeping and digging for services. It had been announced earlier in the project that the Engineer Troops would receive a day off for every day early they finished their scope of works. Workshops was told they would only receive one third of whatever the Engineers got and as you can imagine, did not go down well. However, in true RAEME fashion, all members completed the work required to a high standard and with continual slagging of each other and more importantly the Engineers.

Finally, the end of AACAP was upon us and the camp and workshop dismantling began. The workshop pack up took longer than expected thanks to the AM2 matting utilised as a workshop floor. However, the advantages of having the matting for the deployment far outweighed this minor disadvantage. The Workshop deployed back to Brisbane by the RAAF (finally an uneventful flight) on Election Day. More importantly, the following day was Bathurst and many of the boys were glad to be able to watch the race with a heavy beer and no dust (a great result for Holden too – thanks for the carton Greeny).

Everyone is glad to be back with their loved ones and now as the Engineers wind down for Christmas, Workshop Troop will be extremely busy with reconstitution of the Squadron's equipment in preparation for next year. There is also a "Gathering" week for 6 ESR that includes a "Welcome Home Parade" in the third week of November before most members commence a well earned Christmas leave or prepare for moving on postings.

The following Workshop personnel will be leaving 21 Construction Squadron at the end of the year:

CAPT Tony Evans – Posted to ADFA (He really has changed!)

WO2 Tony Monagle – Posted to DMO on promotion (I hope the equity staff are ready)

SGT Darryl Allen – Posted to 4 FD REGT (If he ever gets off con leave)

CPL Dave Booth – Posted to Canungra (He really is green at heart)

CPL Jim Ellis – Discharging to join QLD police (OINK, OINK!)

CFN Jeremy Cochrane – Posted to 26 TPT SQN (We will miss you Stampy!)

CFN Andrew McBurnie – Posted to 7 CSSB (finally closer to home)

The following personnel will be promoted at the end of this year:

SGT Wallace – ASM position

CPL Burns – moves up as SGT in C vehicle section

PTE Fitzgerald – moves up as RPS CPL

Thanks to all workshop members for the outstanding effort this year. It has been a busy year with a large portion of time spent away. This is not likely to change next year with what looks to be another full year. On behalf of the OC, ASM and members of 21st Construction Workshop, a safe and Merry Christmas to all and all the best in the future, whatever that may be.

Arte et Marte.



The Chief of Army and RSM-A raising their profile by posing with Workshop members in front of our M816 Recovery Vehicle

2 RAR TECH SUPPORT 2003-2004

By CPL John Madden



TSP has started another year after the closing off of the busy year that was 2003. The conclusion of the year that was saw hi-lights including:

- CFN Jarrod (Is anyone fitter?) Owen deploying to Iraq, as part of the original SECDET;
- The majority of TSP deploying to the Solomon Islands as part of the initial push of

OP ANODE;

- The remaining elements of TSP relocating to the brand new workshop facilities in the new Samichon lines;

- CFN Leigh 'Scarecrow' Convey deploying to Iraq as part of SECDET II; and

- A friendly MAS visit.

TSP moved into the new year of 2004 with the promise of 'low tempo' and a chance for the unit to remediate and get back into form after bleeding its resources. As usual the fresh year brought fresh faces. The new line up included the following personalities:

-SGT Barry 'BJ' Williams- the new Veh SGT.

-CPL Andrew 'Skins' Skinner- the new Elec Mech.

-CPL Leigh 'Borris' Beottcher- the new GE CPL.

-CFN Jason 'Havachat' Turner- VM.

-CFN Chris 'Pearcey' Pearce- VM.

The year began in GE section with 'Botch' being paneled onto an MEM course, and Leigh 'Scarecrow' Convey on post deployment leave.



CFN Leigh Convey being Promoted to LCPL on Christmas day 2003 by the COA. Promotions carried out while on operations in Iraq

This left GE Section in control of CFN's Owen and Brendan 'the Grot' Crotty. GE was left to work hard with an undermanned section to maintain the units armouries.

The battalion's vehicle fleet underwent a lengthy rotation due to the OP ANODE remediation program and the B Vehicle shortfall program, which is still ongoing. These rotations kept Vehicle Sect busy with inspecting and repairing the 'new' Land Rovers and Unimogs with their 'NOM' status. This year Vehicle Sect was headed up by the newly promoted LCPL John 'Johnny' Madden. With 'Havachat' on subject one for corporal, and CFN's Jovesa 'Joe' Manu Korovulavula and Craig 'Rolly' Rowlands on an outboard maintenance course. The Vehicle section was stretched to meet DER times. The Vehicle Sect worked tirelessly with the aid of the attached civilian Drake mechanic, Mark Lythgo, to provide the battalion with 100% vehicle availability for the busy year ahead.

EIR Sect has also been undermanned with CPL's Troy 'the nose' Amy and 'Skins' on subject one for SGT, left CPL Marty 'Evo' Evans in his own busy reading suspected fault tags and breathing filtrated air between Bde golf responsibilities.

The platoon has received two additions from the foxhound side of the fence who wish to be bluebells. LCPL Steve Dyer has been attached to Vehicle Sect and PTE Alan Thomas has been attached to GE Sect. Both have seen the light and have their corps transfers submitted.

RPS, CPL Mick 'Rutz' Rutland, PTE's Mark Thomas and Jason McNally come to work each day, most days on time, and get paid every fortnight.

In May TSP deployed to High Range Training Area with the rest of the battalion for the Brigade CATA. This was a good opportunity to give the members of the platoon the chance to see TSP laid out on the ground as part of the Admin Coy in an Echelon environment. It also presented the opportunity for the platoon to brush up on its company in defence tactics and enabled them to conduct the odd FRT over the 50Km long battalion TAOR.

In June WO2 Amir 'Tits' Tito arrived to the Battalion to be the new ASM. Tits has replaced WO2 Rocky Hema who elected to transfer to reserves. Rocky will be taking on the position of museum curator at B SQN 3/4 CAV. To farewell the outgoing ACE and welcome the new, the platoon ventured on an ASM's golf day in July. The day finished off with a few friendly ales to congratulate Boris and Al Thomas for playing the best partnership on the day. Rocky carried Jason McNally to the bottom of the comp, successfully taking out the Not a Golfers A*se Award.

The Battalion then decided we needed some morale lifting activities during our celebration of Samichon week. We had the Battalion Ball, boxing night and an array of sporting activities. We also managed to participate in a freedom of the city march. One of the events run was a cycle race around a 1Km track within the Battalion area. This race was ingeniously titled the Tour-de-Lavarack. To noone's surprise, especially the RSM, Jarrod Owen toyed with the field for 30 laps or so before street-

ing this cycle race. The boxing night that evening saw some awesome fights with the visiting Marines donating a few human punch bags for our disposal.

The Battalion Ball had people nervous whether the night would be worth it, but with some tireless work from a few especially 'Skins' on the

power and lighting, the night was a roaring success. Everyone who attended had a good night and lots of drink. 'Pearcey' showed us his good form late in the evening with several trips to the ladies room for D and M's with others wives. However, with Big Joe as security it never got out of hand. Pearceys grand quote of the night "That bit#h is hot, I'd love to f*ck that!!" Although he was keen, everyone else, partners included, couldn't help but see the hot chick in the red dress with a giant adams apple was not all Pearcey's heart had desired.

The 'Crot' went to Hawaii with C Coy. When they arrived home no "stories" were on the Grot so we can assume he kept his "Grot-isims" to himself.

In early July 'Johnny' and 'Scarecrow' tested out the newly issued field jackets when they went south to sunny Albury to complete their subject four for CPL. CFN 'Rowly' Rowlands finally gave in and accepted his sub one for CPL. CFN 'Havachat' Turner took over running Vehicle Sect in 'Johnny's' absence, and in August was rewarded with promotion to LCPL. Also in August CFN Shayne 'Sal' Salau, in preparation for his posting next door to 3/4 Cav, ventured to 'Pucka', to attend a M113 drivers course.

The months of August and September were all smiles and cheers for GE Sect as they rotated every Steyr in the unit for the new Steyr's. This lowered the section's work group to levels never seen before.

Support continues with FRT's attending swift Eagle and support for battalion courses planned up until the year's end.

'Joe' and 'the Crot' are busy preparing for a little holiday with Delta Coy in November. The exercise Wantok Warrior will see them sweating it out for 30 days in the county of beetlenut, PNG

2 FSB 6 LSC TSP

Deploys in Sunny Tasmania

On 16 July 2004 6 LSC TSP deployed to "sunny" Buckland in Tasmania for our monthly exercise. The convoy departed Hobart with the thermometer reading a balmy 2.5°C all set for a great weekend. Spirits started to rise as we passed through Sorell with the thermometer reaching a massive 5°C. But any hopes of a warm weekend disappeared quicker than Marcos Ambrose's reaction to a green light when a foot of snow greeted us at the gates of Buckland. SGT 'Speedie' Barrett's MRV had no problems smashing through the snow but unfortunately it wasn't so pretty for SGT Pete Seabourne with the Mack and the 20 Tonne Trailer, which really struggled, in the tough conditions. Recovery Section got their first task earlier than expected as the MRV was called back to help the Mack out of its little problem. Meanwhile the rest of the group (SGT Don Hurd, SGT Stephen McShane, CPL Cox, CPL Neil Brooksbank, CPL Geoff Johns, CPL Damien Williams, CFN Ken Brown, CFN Andrew Taylor, CFN Roy Disher, PTE Tony Brown, CFN Paul Morris and CFN Rod Gergely) were camming up their vehicles under the direction of the ASM WO1 Mark Wilson and preparing the weapons for the afternoon range shoot. The Oxford Dictionary defines the word cold as 'Lacking heat; unfriendly'. Well the editors should think about adding Buckland Military Training Area to their list because by 1500h with the thermometer well and truly entrenched in the negatives coupled with a howling wind, sleet and snow you would have thought you were in Antarctica. Mother Nature showing all her glory was not enough to stop 6 LSC TSP's



The new ASM, WO2 Tito, supervising a game of lunchtime football



RAEME warriors from soldiering on, but it proved enough for the OC MAJ Paul Grey to call off the range shoot because the snow and sleet was so heavy the firers couldn't make out the targets!

The snow had stopped falling by Sunday, so we completed the rest of our range shoots and FRT tasks before heading back to Hobart.

2 CER TST 2004

Compiled by the ASM and CPL's Kelly and Dooley.

2004 has again been a busy year for the boys in 2 CER workshops. At end 2003 we had the following leave on posting:

LT Nelson - to 3 CSSB,

SGT Furness - to MAS Bnc,

SGT Milsop (CPL Kapooka) to 1 CSSB, and

CFN (squid) Strawbridge to SASR Wksp.

We also farewelled SGT Lutz to the Naval Reserves (after prom to the dark side) and CPL A. Hutchinson/CFN Munday defected to the GRES.

The workshop this year has consisted of:

WO2 Van der Doorn, A comes before R & S - the ASM,

SGT Buttriss - parts changer,

SGT Hoddinett - EMEOPS (GRES),

CPL Dooley - parts changer,

CPL Muxlow - parts changer,

CPL A. Hutchinson - parts changer (GRES),

CPL J. Hutchinson - fitter/armourer,

CPL Kelly - elec champion,

CPL Thomsett - another elec champion (GRES),

CPL Buck Rogers - our RPS storeman freak,

CFN Best - the tow rag,

CFN Fraser - CO's international rugger prodigy, the wksp VM CFN we wish we had,

CFN Sweeney - parts changer,

CFN Munday - parts changer (GRES),

CFN Wilkinson - parts changer (GRES),

CFN Woods - fitter/armourer who came in on the gut truck, and

CFN Chapman - fitter/armourer (GRES).

Through the year we had CPL's Vincent and Weston slip away to the IRES, they weren't putting in!

TST in Timor

From December last year and continuing into this year, we were fortunate to have Besty, Pete Munday, Matty Fraser, Jeff Roots, Sweets and Mux spend some long, wet and very busy days over at the hotel de Timor.

All the lads got stuck amongst it in support of our engineer equipment, some in ways beside just swinging spanners - hey Sweets, everybody's volunteer secretary!

When the Planties weren't breaking vehicles, the greasers helped out 6 RAR TSP to maintain their vehicle fleet, all in the interest of providing maintenance engineering, material maintenance, modification and recovery support to OP CITADEL.

ANZAC day in Timor Leste was a solemn day with the traditional dawn service, gunfire breakfast and a flyover by 5



Avn Blackhawks. For the rest of the day wksp were on piquet.

The tempo of the OP drew down for most around May with the majority returning home however Mux and Sweets were then involved in inspecting the engineer fleet for



EME Ops Moleana

return/rebuild. Some work still continued on the remaining B vehicles and APC's still buzzing around, Mux even got to punch through a few liner boxes at Aidabaleten in a live fire shoot.

CFN Sweeney returned to Brisbane on 11 Jun, CPL Muxlow remained behind for a short while longer to hand over to 1 CER.

Meanwhile - Back in Bris Vegas

Back in Brisbane; the year started off with very few on the deck as some tradies were in Timor and others were either preparing for the trip or on leave afterward.

The ACE and others of the Command Group disappeared down the Gold Coast for some sort of seminar. We didn't see many written notes afterward however the ACE noticed some notes missing from his back pocket!

In March; most of TST deployed to Canungra for the Mil Skills comp. Buck and Myles were teamed up with the boys from 20 Spt and RHQ; needless to say we ran rings around the Engineer Boys and came in at first place (what champions).

Hutch decided in April to have his ankle reconstructed. Two surgical breaks later and with most of the year gone, Hutch now needs to be marched back into the Unit. He will hopefully be back in October, talk about the Claytons Fitter CPL.



IMT's (Action Mat)

With all the field trips that have occurred throughout the year, our FRT has mainly consisted of Dools. It was therefore appropriate that he was the only JNCO to participate in the first JNCO training period up in sunny SWBTA.

Lucky for Myles and

Buck though, they got to conduct it over a cold and windy weekend midway through July at Enoggera.

When buck isn't enjoying a bit of mil skills and JNCO training, he likes to unwind with a couple of promotion courses in the beautiful Albury Wodonga area. We have been told that he only likes it down there during the winter months. Again we accommodated his request, with Subj's 2 & 4 SGT in Yackandandah forest where the average night time temp is -8 degrees Celsius. Good luck buck.

There have been numerous drivers' courses throughout the year as well as the field trips, all very well supported by the RAEME team. We even dealt with the TRF audit and an MAS audit just for good measure. This all occurred around the time the Chubby connex's were opened. They came, they audited, and we kicked their butts. The MAS liked the ASM's MMP so much they're taking a copy over to Iraq as a demo (the one he has been working on for two years). All up we achieved very good reports for the CO and the Regt.

In August we had our visit from the DHOC and Corps RSM. It was great to see them out and about, touching base with the juniors of the Corps and lending an ear to all things positive and negative. The chat upstairs over a coffee certainly brought back memories of the land Army for LTCOL Creagh with all

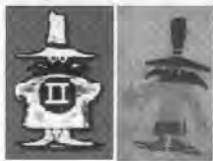


Engineer Wksp Moleana



Visit by DHOC, RSM and Wayne Allen

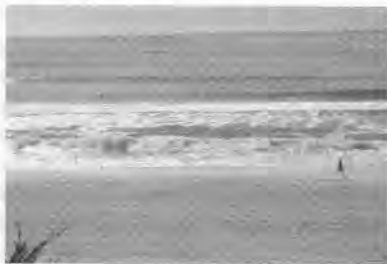
East Timor, Victoria, Sydney, WBTA, SWBTA, Canungra and although unconfirmed, Iraq. He even popped down for a visit to Wet'N'Wild!



Sept and Oct were again huge on the planner. Initially we were able to get away for our first and well deserved BMD (business man's day) for the year, we headed for the Gold Coast – Surfs up! We turned it up in the surf, splashed and nearly flipped ourselves out of the tubes at Wet'N'Wild and then had a couple of quieties at CUB. Great day out, we finished off at the Soldiers club with a heap of strange Engineer types all wanting to dress up as slutty women – go figure!

The Regt then babysat some Cadets for their annual camp. TST were heads down putting out spot fires after the MAS audit and at the same time, preparing for exercises coming up to SWBTA and Canungra. Myles got to relax (telling us something new?), with a month of long service; meanwhile Matty Fraser scored the swan trip of the year to play Army rugby in Canada (only if he bought back the ASM a pressie). Oh by the way, on his return he's squeezing in a trip to the ADF Touch Nationals. Does this machine have an off button?

Sporting activities when time permitted was always high on the priority list, especially volleyball in the Bde comp. The reason for the high priority was soon evident when the ACE announced that he was running the teams,



this led to a strong representation from the boys.

Our Drakies through the year have dwindled some, which has contributed to the damn backlog figure jumping all over the place. We are currently left with Paul Smith in the GE shop – FU%*#@? CPC's, Arthur out on the Veh floor – where's Wally, I mean Arthur? and Mat Burke who has been doing a fantastic job in the RPS store pissing off the CSSB plebs. A job well done by all the Drakies this year, their efforts are very much appreciated.

The end of the year will have us farewelling the ASM and Matty Fraser. The ACE has done such a good job around here there giving him his galloping horses and sending him up to 1 CSSB for a bigger challenge. Matty is off to 7 CSSB after another stint with the Regt to Timor.



the memorabilia and photos in the brew area.

The Spook, (TST's unofficial mascot) has been a very busy chap this year. Just about got himself around to all units within the Bde, said g'day to the visitors of the wksp and even

found himself travel to

ner/celebrations, the Melb Cup, the Seniors Adventure tng, the remembrance day parade, the swimming carnival, the Soldiers Dinner, a CPC/ROPU evaluation, preparation for and another 2 CER deployment to Timor (minus most of the wksp – a very sore point!, 11 CES EX's North and South again, ACE's Ashes, Xmas functions – does it ever stop?

That's now pretty much the year in review, we all can't wait for next year when we get to do it all again. Til then, *Arte et Marte.*

MAINTENANCE COMPANY 1CSSB COY HQ

By CAPT Stigter

As with most other workshops, Maint Coy has found itself very busy throughout 2004, a supposedly 'low tempo' year. The year started with a large turnover of personnel, welcoming the new OC, MAJ Craig Turner, myself as the 2IC, WO1 'Huck' Berry as the ASM and host of new Pl Comds, WO Arts and SGTs. With such a large turnover in staff, the Coy concentrated on developing and honing its Pl based procedures and skills through Ex Water Buffalo. It later deployed on Ex Predator's Gallop with an FRG in 1CSST and the remainder of the Coy forming with Tpt Coy in the Bn Main. The forming of the two Coys saw a constant flow of names for the union – TAM (Tpt & Maint), MAT (Maint & Tpt) and RAT (Repair & Tpt) were some noteworthy examples and ones that could be printed.

HQ has seen a growth in 'Prod Clk' numbers with several Op Sups moving over to the Coy to provide some much-needed assistance. Most key position holders in HQ were new to the job. Trade SGTs – SGTs Darryl Buttlegieg and Duncan Raith, (SGT Raith recently transferred from the UK as a Recov SGT and after no one in the Coy could interpret what he was saying, we decided to employ him in a liaison trade role.) Prod SGT – SGT Rachael Ciprian, RPS SGT – SGT Gav Saxon, CQMS – SGT 'Alby' Mengel and Ord Rm SGT – SGT Jo Vanderpoll. The only old hands left from last year were CAPT 'Troll' Rann as the OPSO and CSM WO2 Tony Ogar.

Towards the end of the year, Maint Coy will participate in the ASM's Cup, the much anticipated Barra Classic and finally the Corps b'day.

On behalf of the Unit I wish to thank the following pers from Maint Coy HQ who are now moving on:

CAPT Rann – DMO, WO1 Berry – 'Home Support' Rockhampton, WO2 Ogar – Canungra, SGT Buttlegieg – 1 AVN, SGT Raith – Nursing Corps, SGT Vanderpoll – RTC NT, CPL Rawlings – Hlth Coy and CPL Knight – GRes.

The Coy also wishes to congratulate the following members on their promotions:

LT O'Connor – promoted to CAPT
CPL Kietaanpaa – promoted to SGT
LCPL Thomas – promoted to CPL
LCPL Hamilton – promoted to CPL
LCPL Medwin – promoted to CPL
CFN Trotter – promoted to CPL
CFN Shaw – promoted to LCPL
CFN Maher – promoted to LCPL
CFN Brooks – promoted to LCPL

RECOV PL

By CFN Paul Shaw

It was a disappointing start to the year as CFN Mick "The Native Recce Mech" Holten was discharged, leaving a void in the platoon's morale. The first exercise for the year was



Spook on East Timorese

Southern Leopard down in Cultana, the WORM Geoff Currie led the FRG with Recovery Crew consisting of CFN Wood, CFN Paul Shaw and the token OJT PTE Duncan "Beaurepaires" Marchant.

The road run down saw plenty of action with tyres blowing and Marchy parking the Pack Truck (Mack) on a stretch of water soaked road that swallowed his 10-ton jack. By the time the convoy reached Coober Pedy, new tyres had to be put on rims on the side of the road. Thanks to the 1 Harmless ARVM breaking down The Boss, Woody and Shawry were kept busy following the tanks around doing pack lifts, while Marchy helped the CQMS change tyres. There was plenty of work and the FRG worked some extremely long hours, Recovery was well supported by Greasers CPL Bob "B1" Mitchell and CFN Bob "B2" Bounday, even Auto Elec Steve "Stevie Lender" Collins had some disturbed sleep. Woody and Marchy went driving up mountains in the Mack Wrecker to recover an Aslav, relocated Iso containers with the MRV and it didn't take long for Woody to work out how much he missed The Native Recce Mech.

The big news of the year CFN Matthew "Trotts" Trotter married his AJ sweetheart PTE Ellie May of Dental Pl, so there will be no more Super Trotts (that's what she thinks) and CFN Nathan "Scotty" Scott's wife Melissa gave birth to their first of many, Courtney Mae. New OJT Jeff "Finny" Findlay and wife Wendy are also expecting.

The next trip was to Pine Creek, this exercise was only 10 days and was a quiet trip for Recovery, The Boss at Battalion Main with Woody, Finny and CPL Jo "The First Towie Chick" Edwards whilst at 1CSST was SGT Dave Hurrey, Trotts and Todd "Nuts" Christmann.

Trotts, Finny and Woody were volunteered to do an 84mm Course, which saw tears come from the two warriors Trotts and Woody (Bloody POGO Sooks). Shawry and Glen "Can I run over that tree" De La Mare went on the ASLAV driver and ASLAV-R cse. Trotts realised his dream of doing Sub 1 for CPL, Woody and CFN Brett Dacey attended the Sub 4 CPL; CPL Frank Keitaanpaa and CPL Garry Glashoff have been off doing Subject courses for SGT; and Jarboy, Jo and Jeff off to do their Basic course. Shawry and Brett Dacey went off to sunny Puckapunyal for a tank D&S Cse, closely followed by a ARVM Op Cse. All things considered, the Pl has had a good training year and is looking forward to high tempo year in 2005.

In Jul we saw the BDE EX Pred Gallop with Recovery deploying as a platoon (8 blokes) in nearly as many vehicles. The EX saw Frank and Shawry go on a Recovery Post in the LAV-R and returning when Scotty and Wildy had dug all the holes, and also the Boss went to 1 ARMD to crew their ARVM for a day. At the finish of the EX all the work started with Frank and Shawry going on another Recovery Post and this time actually finding some vehicles bogged in mud. Scotty made numerous trips back to Darwin and Wildy and Marchy did the same.

As the end of the year gets closer we begin to farewell some of the lucky members who leave the Pineapple factory, they are:

SGT Dave Hurrey to 7 CSSB, CFN Fraser to 1 CER, CFN Nathan Scott - discharge, CFN David Wood - 1 CER, CFN Todd Christmann B SQN 3/4 Cav and CFN Brett Dacey SOARMD.

And finally some things we would like to see in 2005:

- Dave Hurrey learn to count,
- Geoff Currie not to upset any hierarchy,
- Frank Keitaanpaa to buy his own smokes,
- Matthew Trotter get promoted,
- Duncan Marchant to do a basic course, and
- Andy Wild to turn up on time

EIR PL

By CPL Dave Langley

Another good start to the year for the ever-hardworking crew down at EIR. As always, there was a high turnover rate with the new posting cycle, with a complete change in the "Head Shed". The section now being headed up by Lt Kristen Orszulak (formerly Lineham - insert tasteless Polish wedding night joke here), and her trusty sidekick WO2 Dave "Monte" Carlow. Every section managed to score a new Sergeant as well with SGT Gordon Thomas (ELEC), SGT Mark "George" Thurgood (TELS), and SGT Deb Young (INST) coming into EIR. Unfortunately, with Deb and George away on courses and leave for half the year so far, we haven't seen too much of them (hooray for HDA!!). Congratulations to Deb for her Commendation from the Land Commander for her work in 2 HSB.

It's been a good year for trips and courses for the guys, with CFN Jonathon "Briggsy" Briggs and the newly promoted CPL James "Fitzy" Fitzpatrick managing a working holiday in the sunny Solomons. CFN's Jason "Griffo" Griffin and Trav Hendry had three months away in the always fun Albury-Wodonga for their intense Sub 4 Elec (read - piss trip). CFN Dan Galea spent a few months in a box learning how to fix radios, and in between amateur theatre productions, CPL Lyndsay Marriner managed a SGT course. With a current trend towards cross training, CPL Dave Langley and CFN Jason Page attended the CNR Light Repair course in an attempt to become "Super-Boffins". CFN Brad Overlack also tried out some cross-training and spent some time over at EMEOP's, in the vain attempt to show the world that Elecs know how to turn on a computer. Speaking of Prod-Clarks, we now have our very own dedicated paperwork slave in the form of Pte Dale Bradley. He thought he was coming for the easy life - little did he know how much paperwork Boffins can create.

There have been a few short bush trips so far this year. CFN Steve "Stevie-boy" Collins managed to tear himself away from his on-again-off-again love affair with the "Gut-truck" to go down to Cultana and earn the reputation as "hardest working man out bush". CFN Phillip "Poly" Polsen also went down and managed to palm himself off as an Elec, thereby not receiving any radio jobs the entire trip. Who said Boffin's weren't clever? And although Window-lickers might be able to fix compasses, perhaps more time should be spent on learning how to tie them to their webbing for patrols - I'm still looking for that compass! Any questions on effective taskings for a Ready Reaction Force? Just ask CPL Gary Puttock and his eight-man team - 5 kms from position searching for the bad guys. Gary's also the master of creative nav - just give him a Mog, no map, no compass, no GPS, and no directions, and he'll be able to drive 150 kms through random dirt tracks and be able to find his way home again. George managed to show us the perfect demonstration of how to bust someone's nose with a Steyr. Unfortunately, someone should have told him not to use himself as the demo!

While all this went on, CFN Alicia "Jacko" Jacobs, as the entirety of Instrument personnel, held the section together marvellously, polishing windows and breaking CTLS's like nobody's business. Warrick and Dan have a nice little earner as well, fixing and doing mods for XBOX's and Playstations for Warrant Officers. Must be for the kids. CPL Gayle "Gabs" Walkom is busy, heading up the yearly "we've got to much work - we have to do shift-work" bludge. And because we occasionally need some work to be done, a few "Oddjits" have helped us out during the year - CFN's Lincoln, Webb, Stark helping TELS and Instrument sections, and Tammy Riach enjoying her stay with the Elec crew.

There have been a few good stacks this year with Lyndsay coming off his new 250cc beast, and Trav coming a cropper every other week or so, with varying degrees of war wounds – depending on whether he's supermanning his BMX or motor cross bike. Pagey's rally driving is coming along nicely. Although all races have been DNF's thus far, he's managed to notch up three trees to his name – and Langers' Falcon.

There will be some farewells at the end of the year, with WO2 Carlow, Deb Young, Briggsy, Pagey, and Gary all moving on to greener pastures, with others still waiting with bated breath for a posting order. Good luck and best wishes to all those leaving us. One who has the commitment to stay on however, is LCPL Hans Hamilton. Having been at the unit now for four (or is it five) years, he just can't bear to pull himself away from the place he has come to call home. And who can blame him – we're all part of one big happy family in EIR, at The Wonderful World Of Cissby.

Arte et Marte!!

VEH PL

By CPL Mitchell

This year has been a busy year for Vehicle Platoon, with all members abiding by the 3 main P's of the workshop – "Production, Production, Production". With minimal field commitments this year it has allowed the workshop to concentrate on its workload and get the lads "coursed up" with many of the blokes getting away on drivers courses, specialist techniques courses and the occasional promotion course throughout the year.

The field commitments that kept us away from our beloved beer, were a CSST trip to Cultana, Ex Water Buffalo, On-line CSST Deployment and Ex Predators Gallop, as well as providing continual FRT support to all 1 BDE Units.

One of the achievements during 2004 was CFN Bob Bounday receiving the CSM's award for the most improved CFN of the year. What is truly amazing is that Bob still managed to secure this award after writing himself off at the dining in night, being admitted to hospital for alcohol poisoning after vomiting everywhere and telling the CSM what he really thought. Congratulations Bob!

Another amazing achievement for vehicle platoon was the issuing of 24 creepers after waiting approx 3 years for their arrival, this was a real treat for the boys.

The battalion's military skills competition did us proud, with our two sections coming a commendable 3rd and 4th place. The boys would like to say get well soon to CFN Craig "Drop Bear" McDermott who fell starfish style flat on his back off the traverse ropes.

The platoon is losing quite a few tradies on posting or discharge next year. SCMA has promised that our numbers will be boosted next year to approx 65, but we all know about SCMA's promises...don't we. Next year will also see the implementation of two Veh Pls with embedded FRTs in the other Coys. Those members departing are:

WO2	Robert "Doc" Murdoch	3 CER
CPL	Andrew "Mildo" Mildern	10 FSB
LCPL	Ronny "Chicko" Chick	2 CAV
LCPL	Marcus "Skilly" Skillbeck	4th /19th
LCPL	Nathan "Oi" Deyo	13 CSSB (Chockos)
CFN	Andrew "Dewwy" Dewhurst	2 CAV
LCPL	Neal "Cass" Casselle	Gooooooooone (Discharge)
LCPL	Chris "Tits" Nannes(s)	Gooooooooone
CFN	Mandy McIntyre	Gooooooooone

Now that the year is quickly coming to end and production slowing down, the boys are looking forward to having a day off and kicking ass at the ASM's Cup Day and taking the trophy.

Another event on the social calendar is the annual Maintenance Company "Barra Classic" fishing competition conducted over 2 days around the Darwin area. Everyone's readying their boats and preparing their tackle for what should be a bumper competition, with Vehicle Platoon landing the biggest Barra, and being awarded the spoils, again.

Next year is looking to be another busy year with more field exercises and more excellent challenges. As long as everyone puts in as hard as they did for this year it should be another memorable 1 CSSB walk in the park.

GE PL

By WO2 Stoker

I believe that 1 CSSB is the best posting for a Fitter or Metalsmith. You are able to go bush for 6 months of the year, spend time on courses, attend OC's trips, work with the most technological equipment the Army has to offer and you also have the high possibility of being chosen for a trip overseas. We need more CFN and CPL to fill our vacancies in 2005-2006.

On a serious note, GE PL has been going through changes to ensure the productivity and capability of the workshop can keep up with the demands of the Brigade. Even with being drastically undermanned and having some equipment and tooling shortfalls we have effectively managed to maintain and support the Brigade by the ingenuity of the tradesman – however the SED review should clear up most of these problems.

These are the soldiers that have been a part of GE PL in 2004:

LT O'Connor as No.1 PI Comd only lasted two months before deploying to the Solomons, LT Bethel as No. 2 PI Comd, WO2 Stoker as ARTWO, SGT Sperling as Metalbasher, SGT Kuilboer - Fitter, LCPL (Turtle) Baker, LCPL (Thomo) Thomas, CFNs Austin, Baird, Bayliss, Beaman, Gardiner, Halcrow, Harrison, Simpson, Maher, Lucas-Gear, and PTE Lutz - Prod clerk

Detachments this year have included 1 CSR, 1 CER, DMO (carrier mods), 8/12 and 2 CAV.

On the Metalsmith side of the shop, SGT Sperling has been of constant support. LCPL Baker has decided to call it quits. CFN Bayliss has been the man on the ground with a constant stream of work. CFN Harrison, Gardiner, CFN Baird have been continuously flat out on course throughout the year. We are also waiting with breathless anticipation for the increase in workload that will come with the new range of equipment. Stretch carriers, Abrams, Phase 2 ASLAVs (we wonder how to get the Abrams in the doors, one idea is to bring them in on their side – just working out the details on how).

2004 has been a busy year for the Fitters of 1 CSSB with numbers fluctuating between 6 – 9 personnel. But they have still managed to support the unit and the Brigade. We always have a large number being away on courses throughout the year.

The courses covered this year have ranged from Leopard Bridge maintenance, Leopard Turret, Ph3 ASLAV Turret and drivers courses, MEM, promotion courses and Support weapons.

RAEME HELP

By WO1 Huck Berry

The above sign was found During EX Predators Gallop. On the 7 Aug 04 WO2 Dave Carlow (ASM for the FRG 1CSSB Main) and CFN McCarthy (Recovery Mech) were tasked to recover a croc in the middle of the AO. While driving to the recovery task they came upon a sign asking for RAEME help, WO2 Carlow decided to follow the sign and came across a broken down TLC and its driver.

The driver was so ecstatic to see them, 'he was like the pet dog you just let out of the shed after coming home from a long weekend'. After the young TPR calmed down, he explained to WO2 Carlow his reasons for being out in the middle of the AO by himself. His unit had left him for 2½ days after breaking



down in an FUP preparing to go into battle. He was left with some food and water and told that someone would come back and pick him up.

WO2 Carlow took him to the 1 Bde Assemble Area to meet up with his unit only to find they had all left the day before

to go back to Darwin. Understandably, he felt totally rejected by his Corps. Being late at night, the FRT took him back to ICSSB to see what they wanted to do with the displaced person. Once back at the CSSB the FRG fed him and bed him down for the night.

The following day, he was taken back to the 1 Bde Assemble Area and then transported back to Darwin. He has now put a corps transfer in to RAEME as a Fitter. RAEME – Again saving the day.

17 CONST SQN WKSPS 2004

By Dono and Crazy Dave (Photos by Dono)

Well nothing much has happened this year except for a bit of IMT's and a troop shakeout exercise. The workshop for this year consisted of the following critters.

The Boss	CAPT Dee-Ann Jackson
The real boss	WO2 David Robinson
The e-mailers	SGT Marcellin Chee
	SGT Chris Dow
The queue jumper	SGT Richard Bilton
The mouth from the south	SGT Maryann Franckiewicz
The supervisors	CPL's Pete Muir
	Marc Craigie
	Harlan Marks
	Mick Hopper
The workers	CFN's Kurt 'Butts' Butler
	David 'Super Dave' Dwyer
	Justin 'Dingo' Dynan
	Phil 'Guns' Gannon
	Kurt 'The Skirt' Goddard
	Gavin 'General' Griffiths
	Nigel 'Speedy' Harris
	Matthew 'Hyndsie' Hynds
	James 'Bones' Moss
	Ian 'Pitty' Pitt
	Ryan 'I Love 130G Fans' Simpson
	George 'Part-Time' Woolmer
	PTE's Timothy 'Product Man' Fennell
	Brett 'The RPS CPL' Newman

And two good looking, hard working LCPL's that have been the hub of the wksp and do have some resemblance to Arnold Schwarzenegger and Danny De Vito from the movie 'Twins'.

Ex PUK PUK (PNG).

Cheetah and the boys were deployed to Wewak for two and a half months to work along PNGDF members as part of Ex PUK PUK which involves an Aussie Engineer Sqn sending some of their troops to PNG to help them improve their Military facilities.



Capt Jackson

Whilst over there they did get a chance to do the odd spot of fishing. Butts and Simmo relocated themselves to Madang for sightseeing and a free gynaecological check up and Super Dave consumed large quantities of DOOP (for medicinal purposes only).

AACAP '03/04 PALM ISLAND

Palm Island was revisited for some defect rectification and Mick and the lads were off on a very fun trip for two months (so they say). It was hard work and they say that if it wasn't for the nurses Super Dave and Mick would not have gone in the first place.

IMT's

Earlier on in the year there was a great plan to let the Engineers loose on the range but lucky for them they had a very strong enemy force to contend with. Yes the boys were sent off on yet another fun filled adventure on Holsworthy Range as the enemy party.



The last of the Yoki stickers

As some of the troop members haven't seen the bush Army style before, they brought out their dome tents, swags and other stuff like that. But lucky the ASM was at hand to show them the error of their ways.

After that was sorted out there was a few firework demos and a great fire-fight at the end in which saw the TESS "GOD GUN" get a real workout, but overall everyone had a great time.

Ex BLUE BELL YOGI

Ex Blue Bell Yogi or better known as "Swinging Yogi", was a Troop bonding exercise where we went down to HMAS Creswell (Nowra) to do the RANSSSS training then to RMC Canberra to conduct the high wire confidence course and the confined space activities. The RANSSSS training involves fire-fighting and the repair of a sinking ship for all of you who haven't done it.

The first day the ASM created a convoy and from there on it was "gone" with the Boss and Mossy missing the turn off and chasing a UFO to Robertson only 50 kms from where we wanted to be. Then we finally arrived at HMAS Creswell after conducting a tricky u-turn.

When we got to Canberra after driving through cyclone Tracy's little sister the vehicles were deployed at Majura range and we headed off to the War memorial for a guided tour. Following that we made our way into the RSL for some light refreshments (schooners aren't that heavy).

The next day when we did the highwire course and the confined space activities at RMC and went back to the camp for a trivia night, which saw, the head shed (team narb) go head to head with the boys. The boys just happened to have a convincing win which led to a dispute into the integrity of the two offi-



CPL Marks & CFN Griffiths hard at work



Who says SGT's don't work hard



The mouth from the south



Why is Dingo always on his back

cials. The dispute was later thrown out of the tent.

The exercise finished the next day with a pretty uneventful but long drive home.

Gains and Losses for '04

This year the troop lost or gained the following members:

Dingo: Gained straight from his OJT. (Not long after he was deployed to Fiji the lucky bastard)

George: Lost to civvy street. (Sydney Uni)

Pitty: Med Discharge.

Hyndsie: Lost to the Cobar Hotel.

Butts: Discharging soon

Marc: Posting to 5/7RAR (MECH).

Dono: Posting to 130 Sig Sqn.

Crazy: Posting to 10FSB.

Bill: Posting to SOCSSC.

Dowie: Posting to ALTC (South Bandiana).

Tim: All he can say is that he is going to Perth any more info and he will have to kill us.

Boss: Posting to 13CSSB.



This is Simmo - can't show you his face

103 FD WKSP - THE YEAR THAT WAS

HQ

2004 saw the arrival of our new OC - MAJ Craig Fallshaw, who has followed in the footsteps of his predecessor MAJ Andrew Wheatley in providing "top cover" to the Wksp from the deluge of non-productive activity that cascades from Battalion HQ. He has been provided steady assistance by the twin CSMs of WO2 Syd Davis and WO2 Bob Bunbury (how many Warrant Officers does it take to...?). The Tuesday night team has also benefited from the steady ARA hand of SGT Andy Weal who is off on promotion to the TRF slot at the LSF. Deep down we know that you will miss us Andy! The Wksp 2IC, CAPT Sean McCormack also re-appeared to crack the nuts mid-year, making a bigger comeback than Lazarus ...



EMEOPS

The continuity for the year has been provided by the ASM, WO1 Terry Spinks who has focussed his efforts on trying to reinvigorate the youth of the Wksps via the ARTTS scheme, in order to get the average Wksp age below 48! His trusty assistant CPL Matt Jung, has had a busy year becoming a father in addition to attending just about every course on the Training Command schedule. Jungy is off to 4RAR next year and we wish him well ... EMEOPS SGT Mick Langan has also put in throughout 2004, completing every task with a smile and a laugh (and your time to re-assemble a F88 starts ... NOW!).



RECOVERY PLATOON

Another busy year for the toe rags ably led by LT Stu Phillips (aka the devil) and SGT Nigel Taylor. Due to difficulties with our insipid Tpt Coy in supplying appropriately qualified personnel Recov Pl has come to the rescue and conducted several lifts throughout the year. These have included APC lifts for 1/15 RNSWL exercises (Sydney-Singleton-Sydney), the movement of trailers from 4/3 RNSWR Holsworthy depot to DNSDC for maintenance.

CPLs "Condo" Condon and "Mossy" Moss and Hughie Taylor (Battalion Champion Shot 2004) conducted a number of Recovery tasks throughout the year highlighted by the removal of dumped, burnt out vehicles from various ACT Forests. To date 8 vehicles have been recovered, with the



potential for this type of activity to occur again in the future. These tasks provided solid trade challenges to the crews, and allowed for maintenance of basic recovery skills. A good time was had by all Recovery on the AFX (sorry MST), captured in graphic detail by CFN Leonie Jackson in her prize winning submission of The Horses Mouth.

VEHICLE AND GE PLATOON

A busy year for the black trade boys with a stack of comings and goings throughout the platoon. Two years back, as an Infantry Corporal, Mick Beattie did what most people in the Army aspire to do. He transferred to RAEME as a vehicle mechanic. In Sep 03, Mick was promoted to CFN and as a reward was deployed to Townsville for EX CROCODILE. Congrats on the promotion Mick.

CPL Morrison has stepped into the shoes of PL SGT and needless to say, the Vehicle Platoon is running like a well-maintained machine even with the limited resources. With CFN Bianca Van de Weg on leave and first time father CFN Rod Espino helping the missus look after bubs, numbers are a little short in AE. However, the ever-reliable CFN Woodfield has kept the wheels in motion along with CFN Beattie & CPL Morrison.

In a way, the past year has been an incredible journey. I say that as CFN Crane and LCPL Schofield of GE along with CFN Beattie deployed to New Zealand in Feb 04 for EX TASMAN RESERVE. Although the dirt has been kept under wraps, I hear of a photography session involving a dozing Aussie crafties with thick Kiwi bush and 5 Kiwi moons in the background.



Also, CFN Bianca Van de Weg deployed to Solomon Islands through her civvies job. Unfortunately for Bianca, this deployment came midway through her selection process to transfer to the dark side. Getting the inside story on Bianca in the Solomons is proving difficult so we might



have to make up something for the next issue.

With the transfer of WO2 Greg Dunn to 23 FD REGT as ASM, GE was in dire need of a replacement. As such, arrival of ARA CFN Brad Everson in Jan 04 has been a welcome relief for the PL. Extra hours during the week by CFN Frank Jeromela in conjunction with extra effort by CFN Rod Crane have certainly gone a long way in completing jobs in the in-tray. Juggler of the Year award rightfully belongs to Craney for juggling family life and civies work with Reserves and the Bush Fire Brigade.

EIR PLATOON

A tough year for the boffin boys with rumours of a mafia call-out in the first couple of months of 2004. The Wksp has high hopes of seeing Petchy, Trevor & Dave again soon! No horses heads please!

CPL Chris Seckold, CFN Adrian Collaco and Darren McGlinchey have held the fort for the boffins, providing WO2 Dean Wilson (will he go to the dark side??) with a little assistance to get the ERV ready for scrub when required as well as take care of the mounting backlog within the section.

WORKSHOP TROOP 1 CER

By LT Kane Wright

The Workshop Troop at 1st Combat Engineer Regiment has had a great year in 2004. The Troop resides in the unit as a part of Operational Support Squadron, commanded by Major Tim Reynolds. As a result of Op SPIRE the Wksp Tp Comd (CAPT Gary Pope) deployed to East Timor and the helm was taken by LT Kane Wright for the majority of 2004. The year started strongly for 1 CER Wksp, with all old and new members returning from leave to a challenging (and somewhat daunting) workload in preparation for the impending MAS visit. All sections were hard at it swinging spanners, servicing generators, inspecting weapons and stocking parts to ensure the entire Regiment's equipment was not grounded. With some 'crafty ingenuity', sticky-tape and spit-polish; however, the Workshop managed to get the Regiment through the inspection without too many of the dreaded red 'XX' stickers being handed out.

When MAS departed the guys turned their focus towards preparing the Regiment's (and our own) vehicles for Ex GOANNA RUN. With all attention placed on preparing the unit's A vehicles, SGTs Pete Donnelly and Michael Robinson achieved excellent results with their FRTs, literally changing parts and 'bodging' repairs as carriers were rolling onto the CSSB transport vehicles. When the guys hit the ground at Mary River Station, Wksp then undertook dual training roles as part of Operational Support Squadron through the provision of maintenance support in the field, whilst refreshing and conducting IMTs at the Troop level. As testimony to the stellar efforts contributed by the guys, many of the Crafties were slogging it out during the day on section patrols, only to back up well into the night changing radiators and transfer-cases on carriers. The exercise culminated with a redeployment to a defensive position, allowing the 'pogues' to show their war-faces when they

were forced to defend against a Sqn of Field Engineers in a dawn attack. CFN Sean Geaney was one of many that could barely be held back from jumping out of their pits to bayonet the enemy, while CFN Wilson leaped at the opportunity to take the role of TP SGT when casualties started to go down.

Due to the diverse range of equipment held by 1 CER eg, bridging equipment, boats, dive gear, TESS, plant equipment, M113s (God's own car), S-liners, macks, etc, exercises are always a challenge.



CFNs Foster, Neilsen and Lenegran-Dry in fix-it mode

No sooner had the Wksp returned to barracks than a number of its members were off to commence Operation SPIRE. CAPT Gary Pope, WO1 Stephen Coppock, SGT Malcolm Goldner, CPLs Hatcher, Smith, Geelan-Ashcroft and CFN Fraser and Stevens are currently deployed to East Timor. Those remaining behind were put to the challenging task of maintaining tech support to the Regiment with reduced manning. CPLs Tom Bate and Jeremy Armstrong and PTE Gary Hardie also departed for Operation ANODE in the Solomon Islands, gaining excellent experience on operations (CPL Armstrong earning himself a Commander's Commendation for dedicated efforts in the process). With supervisory positions vacant, many of the Crafties across all areas had to step up and undertake higher duties, performing top-quality work in positions of responsibility that may have surpassed their rank, but definitely not their enthusiasm or abilities.

At the same time SGT Michael Robinson found he had some big shoes to fill by accepting responsibility not only as 9 Fd FRT commander, but also as Wksp ASM. A little worried though that these roles might not be enough to keep him busy, he also decided to take over as EMEWO when WO2 Paul Nation picked up the pace stick and stepped into the role of SSM. SGT Robinson's goal now for 2005 is to continue to pick up positions across 1 CER until he single-handedly runs the Regiment.

In the barracks environment the guys have been working to reinitil a sense of esprit-de-corps for RAEME, with keen efforts by CPL Michael O'Sullivan and CPL Armstrong to promote the Wksp Bung Club, and bring back a few of the old traditions and merchandise (like stubby coolers and Bung badges).



Long-live the Bung Club



1 CER Workshop Troop 2004



Workshop Troop members on Op SPIRE



Tools and Parts being issued by the RAAOC Team

The next major step for the Wksp was Jul-Aug on Ex PREDATOR'S GALLOP '04. Despite the reduced manning for the activity, the Troop worked hard to provide maintenance and logistic support to 23 Spt Sqn, and later 1 Fd Sqn. Deploying 'first to the field and last to leave', the small team of vehicle mechanics overcame the frustration of continued redeployment for environmental compliance and divided themselves between 1st line maintenance support to 1 CER elements, and provision of logistic support around the clock during the preparation of the enemy Main Defensive Position. Not surprisingly, somewhere amongst the 18 hour days the guys were working, CFN Haines, James and Orchard still managed to find the time to 'test the pressure' of Unimog tyre tubes down by the lake at Delamere Quarry. The exercise went without a hitch, apart from a small bushfire; being a community minded unit some of our boys stayed behind to help fight and control the fire, gaining the unit a high level of community praise.

Now, with the major exercises of the year behind us, Wksp has chosen not to sit back and wait out the rest of the year, but instead is looking towards the first major exercise for 2005 in Cultana. CPL David James and his young and eager team in RPS are working harder than ever on cyclic stocktakes, SDSS account maintenance and provision of parts with minimal notice to all areas of the Regiment.

On the subject of courses; passing SUBJ 1 for CPL this year we had CPL O'Sullivan, LCPL Smart, CFN Stevens, Nielsen, Trethowan and Bleeze. We also had about half the workshop attend various A and C vehicle courses, hydraulics courses and many other technical courses. With the New Year comes many postings, with a large amount of workshop personnel moving on. Capt Pope, LT Wright, WO2 Nation (AKA the SSM), SGT Patman, CPL Hatcher, James, LCPL Blizzard, CFN Geaney, Usher, Trethowan, Stevens and Nielsen are all leaving the workshop at the end of 2004; good luck fellas. It looks like we may even get replacements for them all, that means even more members for the famous (or infamous) BUNG Country Club. All in all this year has been packed with excitement and has been extremely busy for all RAEME personnel at 1 CER and next year won't be any different. So it's goodbye from all at 1 CER workshop and until next year have a merry Christmas and a safe New Year.

Arte Et Marte.

SPANNERS CLUB ALIVE AND WELL IN SYDNEY

By Cpl Steve Maher, 145 Sig Sqn Wksp

In the modern Army we all now live in, a lot of traditions of old are often either forgotten or are rarely practised due to lack of time, personnel and let's face it, failing Corps pride. It is always refreshing to see when someone takes the initiative to revive an old tradition and to put in the extra effort required to make it work. There is an excellent example of this in Sydney at the moment, with the revival of the local Spanner's Club in the Holsworthy area.

There are two people that deserve recognition for their efforts at raising the first Spanner's Club at 17 Construction, CPL Marc Craige and SGT Bradley Bargaenquast. I am sure there are more people that have assisted Mark and Bradley in



organising the club and they also deserve equal recognition. On Wednesday 07 April 04, the first gathering kicked off at the Bear Cave with an excellent turn out from all units in the Holsworthy area. For some, it was their first time exposed to the Spanners Club, for others it was a long time between drinks. However, it didn't take long for the gaps between those drinks to be quickly erased and the feeling was good that it wouldn't be long before the next one.

145 Sig Sqn was the next to host the event on Friday 07 May at Lewies Lounge, again with an excellent turn out. The tri-colours flew with pride at the top of the fully extended Tadano boom and was clearly a visible beacon from several kilometres away. Again, it was a success and with members of the RAEME association on hand to recruit new members, offer merchandise for sale and to just be a positive presence.

On Wednesday 02 Jun 04, 1 HSB Tech Support hosted the third meeting with another positive turnout. LTCOL Atkins, SO1 Maintenance Support dropped in and gave a talk on all matters RAEME and also answered many questions on the future of our Corps. Plans were also set in motion for the birthday celebrations with 4 RAR Tech Spt offering their services for the event.

It has been a long time coming but well worth the wait and you can be sure there will be plenty more Spanners Club meetings in the Holsworthy area.

Arte Et Marte, "Twist To Open"

6 BN TECH SUPPORT PLATOON

As the sun sets on another year in Tech Support Platoon it is time to sit back, grab a beer, relax and reflect on the highlights, achievements and promotions of the Platoon.

The start of the year saw a change of leadership at the top with the appointments of Lt Jones as the PI Commander and WO2 Nick Rees as the ASM. True to form the boss didn't turn up for work until April leaving the Ace to handle the ship until then. With the boss away, Friday BBQ lunches were introduced, to improve morale and allow the team to relax in the afternoon before heading away for the weekend.

With morale improving each week it wasn't long before SGT McFarlane brought us back to earth each morning with a PT session that most PTI's would be proud of. Only one thing to do when the PT gets too hard, get rid of the instructor. So with that Junior was sent off to Albury to complete his Subject courses for Warrant Officer.

With Junior away CPL Thompson stepped up to PL Sgt while still being chained to the VM Desk plugging away at SDSS. LCPL Dare eased the burden by running the inspections and servicing sections, but it wasn't long before he also headed south to Albury to complete his promotional course.

The year started off very busily for most with several members overseas serving in East Timor on Ex Citadel. CPL Powell, CPL Davis, CFN Mischke and CFN Wyer headed over just after Australia Day and settled into the well-appointed facilities in Moleana Caravan Park. Even the Ace managed to get to Moleana for his first tour overseas, besides rugby. The working conditions within the Moleana compound were well established by the time they had arrived in location.

While supporting the 6th Bn, Coy Grp and assisting other

nations in their repair work, all members gained valuable knowledge and had the opportunity to maintain a large variety of equipment. A special thanks should be given to our predecessors for commencing the bottle opener saga. Many an hour was spent manufacturing some 1000, during the tour. All recipients being grateful for their free gift.

It could be said that Tech Support kept the RAEME flag flying at all times, with most items leaving the workshop painted in the appropriate colours. At times the boys were told that they were stepping a little too close to the line as the heat would be brought to bear on the Ace. Morale, however, was still kept on a high note throughout the tour.

While the others were abroad, the home fires were kept burning and the workshop running smoothly. LCPL Gillespie, CFN Britton, McCaulty, Anderson, Stirling and Hatcher kept on supporting the various Coy training activities, from driver training at Land Cruiser park to armoury inspections and minor equipment maintenance.

At no fault to our RPS team, headed up by CPL Hirst, and supported by Pte Spanton and PTE Fallon parts were always in demand with the usual long wait for supply of the items to workshop. It will be a glorious day when parts are available to use.

Congratulations to LCPL Gillespie for completing his Subject 1 course and on his promotion to Lance Jack. A welcome to CFN Stirlo on joining the GE team.

With August on our doorsteps CFN Britton and CFN Sterling were deployed to Butterworth, Malaysia for a 3-month tour of duty.

Although the year is drawing to an end, workshops is still very busy supporting all kinds of deployments and exercises overseas and around Australia.

ARMY SCHOOL OF ELECTRICAL & MECHANICAL ENGINEERING ASEME

On the 18 June 2004, Materiel Support Division at the Army Logistic Training Centre (ALTC) became officially known as the Army School of Electrical and Mechanical Engineering (ASEME). To recognise this significant milestone in the evolution of the ALTC, ASEME is featured in this *RAEME Craftsman* as the feature article. The formation of the ASEME is more than just a name change. The ALTC went through a fundamental rethink on how training is provided and the formation of ASEME saw the Ammunition Technician training removed from the School and transferred to the Army School of Transport and Ordnance, (ASTO).

ASEME conducts mechanical, electrical and building trade training for the Army. It is responsible for the Initial Trade Training (ITT) of Apprentices as well as all promotion and specialist training for its graduates. ASEME facilities are unequalled in the Southern Hemisphere and are the envy of many a Registered Training Organisation. ASEME is divided into three training wings with the schools headquarters located at Latchford Barracks, Bonegilla.

Armament and Construction Wing. Armament and Construction Wing (ACW) conducts training for the trades of Fitter Armament, Metalsmith, Carpenter and Plumber. ACW is located at Latchford Barracks, Bonegilla.

Electrical and Electronic Systems Wing. Electrical and Electronic Systems Wing (EESW) conducts training in electrical, electronics, electro-optical, electro-mechanical and refrigeration systems. EESW is located at Gaza Ridge Barracks, North Bandiana.

Vehicle Technology Wing. Vehicle Technology Wing (VTW) conducts training in vehicle maintenance for the Army's Vehicle Mechanics and the RAAF's Ground Support Equipment Fitters. It also conducts recovery training for the

Army. VTW is located at Latchford Barracks, Bonegilla, with Recovery Platoon located at Gaza Ridge Barracks, North Bandiana.

ASEME provides more than technical training, the School prides itself in producing soldier tradesman for the Army through an effective training program. Just a quick reminder that the school is always on the lookout for capable, enthusiastic and professional NCOs who are willing to put in the long hard hours to train tomorrow's soldier today.

TENIX DEFENCE IS ON TRACK

When you're in the field depending on a MBT to do its job, you're also depending on the fact that its maintenance crew back home have done theirs. But rest assured, for some 56 years now, they have. And they're only getting better...

Tenix Defence. If it's a name you're not overly familiar with, you're probably not alone. This is a company that, in typical Australian style, has been more interested in simply getting on with the job than in self-promotion. But the fact is that the ADF relies on a partnership with Tenix to fulfil an extremely important role in support of its fleet of vehicles. And consequently, whether directly or indirectly, so do you.

As the prime contractor for the Albury Wodonga Military Area (AWMA), Tenix Defence Land Division provides comprehensive maintenance and Through Life Support (TLS) services to the ADF for the following armoured and tactical vehicles: M113 Family of Vehicles (FOV), Leopard-1 FOV, Australian Light Armoured Vehicles (ASLAVs), Perentie FOV (Land Rover 4x4 and 6x6), Unimog FOV, Mack FOV, RO 105mm light gun, M198 155mm medium gun.

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Purpose-built in 1948, it was then, and remains today, the only tank rebuild facility in the country, staffed by a team of highly skilled and dedicated technicians who have continuously striven to provide the best service possible. Most recently it has re-built Mack R Series vehicles after their use in East Timor.

Looking to the future

Tenix Defence recently won further contracts with the ADF to undertake important upgrade works to the M113 FOV, most of which will take place at the Bandiana site.

To support the ADF in the Northern Territory, Tenix Defence Land Division is establishing a new operations facility within Darwin, to be jointly occupied by Tenix Marine and Aerospace Divisions. We see this initiative as an important way to increase our responsiveness to the ADF elements in the Top End.

So needless to say, when the time comes for the ADF to invite tenders for the maintenance and support of the new M1A1 MBT capability (including the new M88A2 Armoured Recovery Vehicles), or any other TLS opportunities, Tenix Defence will be there; a partner who is ready to move in any direction the ADF requires, and ready to get on with the job.

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