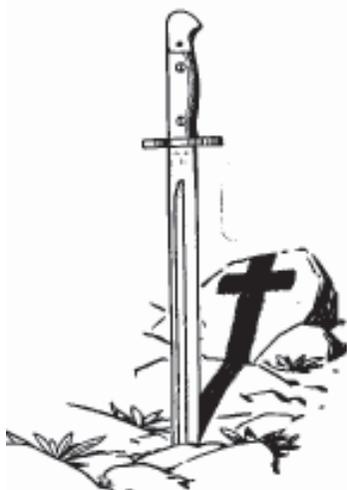


TO MY ENEMY

*I cannot see you through the blinding sand,
 I only hear your bullets whine and sing.
 The day is ending and the night will bring
 Us close together here in this strange land.
 Each trained to kill and in each nervous hand
 Strong tools of death, with striker, fuse and spring:
 If we should meet tonight the steel will ring
 And we may die before we understand.*

*But at the end when all our debts are paid,
 Should we live on - being too strong to die;
 When men grow weary of a lost crusade
 And leave their lifeless cities to the sky -
 There may be then some place where you and I
 Can meet again - unarmed and unafraid.*

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All contributions for the next edition of THE HORSE'S MOUTH must be with the editor no later than 21st of November 1999.

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Editorial

One year has now passed since the very first Horse's Mouth was published. We have had an increase in circulation with each issue. This issue will have 300 copies. There have been many requests to reprint articles by other associations. We, at the coalface, think that it is great to see our articles being repeated by other newsletters. That means our messages are getting out to many more people.

However, there are a few members of the Association that have not yet paid their annual subscription. This issue will be the last that they get. The next issue will be only sent to financial mem-

bers of the RAEME Association of WA, The RAEME Officer's Association, The RAEME WO's & SNCO's Association and the RAEME Vietnam Vets Association. A subscription for any of these associations is only \$10.00 per year and membership is one of the cheapest around.

Don't forget this year's RAEME Corps Birthday on 27th of November 1999 at ANZAC House. Last year, we had an absolutely top time. This year is shaping up to being even better. Get your responses back to the Association as soon as possible to avoid being disappointed.

From the Wise Man from the East



Dear John,
 Everything OK on the Eastern Front, at time of writing. I see, according to the Minutes of the AGM, para 8.4, of 8 Apr 1999, that Ron Mackenzie is a member. Back in the Dark Ages, (before Decimal Currency) I served with his father. We were together in 11 Coy RAASC LAD. Later redesignated as 11 Div S & T Workshops'

Regards to Ron from the OWM , (only wise man).

Apropos of para 2, page 11 of 'Winter 1999 "Horse's Mouth" I forward a copy of the Centre-fold from the recent RAEME Craftsman, for re-production in the Horse's Mouth (that's me on the white line, behind Mick 'Custard Guts' Kusternig. Ian McLeod is on my right, Milton Pearson, ex RSM, is out of step on the other end of the Banner.

My Mother always told me if I bathed with 'Lux' soap I would make the centre-fold. Being in RAEME, (we don't mind getting our hands dirty), I used Solvol and I still made it.

Yes, according to the Ancient Archives, disinterred from their hiding place, AEME came out of Engineers Ordnance and Service Corps. Hence our Colours (Red from Ordnance, Blue from Engineers, & Yellow from Aust Service Corps.)

ARTE ET MARTE.

Over and Out from me again. Fraternal Greetings to all in the West.

Tiny Hepburn

RAEME - Did You Know?

There was a tank workshop at Nungarin, north of Merredin. There was no other facility for servicing tanks in WA. It did 3rd Echelon repairs for forces in WA, servicing an average of 5 tanks per week. The workshop consisted of general armament and vehicle workshops, instrument and signals workshops and a range for rifle testing.

Atomic Survivors

No doubt some of our members can be included in the group known as the "Atomic Survivors". The most important piece of information for the survivors has just been reported in the news media. The first article reports that the "Atomic study gets the go ahead". This piece was in the "West" on the 18th of July 1999. It is quoted verbatim.

'SERVICEMEN and civilians involved in British atomic testing in Australia will be studied for adverse health affects almost 40 years after experiments ended. Veterans Affairs Minister Bruce Scott said yesterday that the Federal Government would compile a list of all Australians involved in the tests, including Aborigines and farmers who may have been exposed to nuclear fallout.

The list would then form the basis for a study into cancer and death rates, which could be checked against the testing program, conducted at the Monte Bello Islands and Maralinga in South Australia in the 1950s and 1960s.

Mr Scott said the list would include an expected 4,000 service personnel involved in the testing and the Government would use it to determine if current compensation and assessment arrangements were adequate.

Many of the 20,000 servicemen who participated were ordered to line up unprotected in the open air and to turn away from the blasts.

Mr. Scott said the study followed the receipt this week of a review of British studies conducted by John Kaldor, professor of epidemiology at the University of NSW.'

The second article is in the "Australian" on the 21 July 1999. It is a letter to the editor from Bruce Scott, the Veterans Affairs Minister and is quoted verbatim.

'I am writing to correct the article "New compo hope for nuclear guinea pigs (17-18/7)" and to set out what the Government is doing for Australians who par-

ticipated in the 1950s and 60s UK nuclear tests.

The article claims that Professor Kaldor's report said "follow-up was critical because Australian participants were considered to have been exposed to higher levels of radiation than the UK participants, or to materially different agents' "

Professor Kaldor's report does not say this. It states, "In the available documentation, there has been no suggestion that radiation exposures to the Australian participants did differ in an overall sense from those experienced by the UK participants." This is important to point out, so that Australians who were involved in the tests are not misled about their experience compared with the UK personnel involved.

Nevertheless, your report accurately reflects much of the Government's action following receipt of Professor Kaldor's report last week.

A nominal roll of all Australians who participated in the tests is being compiled. The roll will be used to conduct studies on the causes of death of participants and the incidence of cancer in test participants. This will let us determine if compensation and assessment arrangements are sufficient. A scientific contact point will also be established to gather International research on exposure to ionising radiation and this will be made available to Australian participants.

Governments have acted too slowly on this issue in the past, which is why I have wanted to move quickly following receipt of Professor Kaldor's report.

BRUCE SCOTT

Minister for Veterans Affairs Canberra

Any member of the RAEME Association that fits into the "Atomic Survivor" category should make certain that they are registered on the list that Bruce Scott writes about. Contact your Veterans Affairs office.

From The President

Good news for the Association. Our constitution is now ready for assent by the committee. If you wish to have a copy, contact the Secretary. Printed copies will be available at the next AGM. The incorporation of the Association will occur very shortly

I would bring to everybody's notice that the Association in WA now has a web page. I must acknowledge the help and generosity of Ron MacKenzie in doing all the developmental work for us. The web page for "The Horse's Mouth" is <http://www.redbackweb.com.au/raemewa/horsesmouth.html> Very shortly the Association home page will be going on line.

Don't forget to get in early for the Corps Birthday Dinner on 27 Nov 99. This year is a mixed function, which includes your partners. Make sure that you read and keep the flyer enclosed with this newsletter. The old fridge magnet is a good place to put it.

The point of advertising in the Horse's Mouth has come to the fore once again. We do need some help to produce this newsletter. Costs are continually rising and , with advertising, we can reduce the strain on our budget. If there is anyone out there in business who would be prepared to advertise, please give the Secretary a call and have a chat with him.

I was very disappointed with our last meeting. We received four apologies prior to the meeting. When the gathering was scheduled to start the only people who were there was the Vice President, the Secretary and myself. If you cannot attend a meeting please give the Secretary a call and offer your apologies at least 2 days prior. There were a couple of important points that needed discussion which will now have to wait until the October meeting.

Don't forget the Corps Birthday Dinner.

John Klein

4 BASB freedom of the City of Broadmeadows

On Saturday the 6th of November 1999, the prestige honour of the granting of "the Freedom Of The City of Broadmeadows" is to take place in an impressive ceremony commencing at 1100 hrs in the Town Park, Broadmeadows.

Members of all Associations are invited to participate in this ceremony. So if you are in Melbourne on that day, go along find the RAEME banner and introduce yourself to the members of the Victorian Branch of the Association.

If you want further information, contact Jack Westerhagen, the Victorian RAEME Association Secretary, c/- Oakleigh Barracks 1318 North Road, OAKLEIGH SOUTH, VIC 3167.

Freedom of Entry

The tradition of Freedom of Entry to a city or shire stems from a custom observed by British regiments in marching through the City of London.

The fathers of the City of London claimed that they had the right to forbid bodies of armed troops, when marching through the city precincts, to do so with bayonets fixed, colours flying and music playing.

This claim was based on an ancient privilege, which appears to have originated shortly after Charles 11 became king in 1660. Many Australian cities and shires have adopted this custom.

The privilege is usually extended to a unit that has had close association with the city or shire and once granted these units have the right to exercise the Freedom of Entry.

A win for the troops

Congratulations are in order to all those troops who were recommended for the Military Medal during the Vietnam conflict. You have won a very well deserved victory in being awarded the Medal for Gallantry. (Eds Note: The Medal for Gallantry is the equivalent to the Military Cross and Medal in the recently adopted Australian Military Awards System)

For those who don't know, during the Vietnam War there were a number of engagements in which officers and troops shone out in their heroism. Officers were recommended for the Military Cross and the troops, the Military Medal. However because of a ceiling in the number of awards that can be awarded, many were presented with the Mention in Dispatches (MID) rosette to wear and nothing else.

Recently the "End of War List" was released and each of the troops was presented with a Commendation for Bravery Certificate. The officers, in the same situation were all presented with the Medal for Gallantry. The Federal Government had decided that there would be a differentiation between officers and troops, despite similar levels of gallantry. John Burridge, one of the recipients is quoted as saying "it became obvious to me that, quite honestly, the bureaucrats just have not got a handle on honours and awards"

An independent review panel, set up to investigate the circumstances of the troops rejecting their lesser commendations, has upheld the appeal by the troops. The finding of the committee was that they were, in fact, entitled to their proper awards, the Medal for Gallantry.

The Federal MP Graham Edwards (a Vietnam Veteran himself) and the RSL

are to be congratulated in going the bat for the troops.

A well-deserved win on everybody's part, and, once again, congratulations to our newest Medal for Gallantry awards winners.

Establishment of New Defence Long Service Medal

A new Defence Long Service Medal (DLSM) has formally approved by Her Majesty The Queen, which will replace the current family of Defence Force Service Awards (DFSA) used to recognise long in the ADF.

The new DLSM is the result of a recommendation of the 1993/94 Committee of Inquiry into Defence and Defence Related Awards (CIDA). The new award will not discriminate between rank, and neither will it discriminate between permanent or reserve service. Consequently, it will not carry post nominals.

The medal will be awarded for 15 years service and Clasps will be issued for each subsequent five years service. The new award will also allow recognition for service, which has otherwise gone such as that lost by individuals who have changed between the Permanent and Reserve Forces. In the case of unrecognised service, however, an individual will need to exchange an existing DFSA for the DLSM if held.

Like all other long service awards within the Australian System of Honours and Awards, the DLSM has a commencement date of 14 February 1975.

The DLSM will not be awarded to those who already hold a DFSA and service will still accrue towards eligibility for subsequent Clasps. In addition, those who have completed 10 or more years service as at April 1994 (the date of the

the label.

ENTERTAINING IN YOUR HOME

A centerpiece for the table should never be anything prepared by a taxidermist. Do not allow the dog to eat at the table...no matter how good his manners are.

DATING (Outside the Family)

Always offer to bait your date's hook, especially on the first date.

THEATRE ETIQUETTE

Crying babies should be taken to the lobby and picked up immediately after the movie has ended.

Refrain from talking to characters on the screen. Tests have proven they can't hear you.

WEDDINGS

Livestock, usually, is a poor choice for a wedding gift.

Kissing the bride for more than 5 seconds may get you shot.

For the groom, at least, rent a tux. A leisure suit with a cummerbund and a clean bowling shirt can create a tacky appearance.

Though uncomfortable, say "yes" to socks and shoes for this special occasion.

DRIVING ETIQUETTE

When approaching a four way stop, the vehicle with the largest tires always has the right of way.

Never tow another car using pantyhose and duct tape.

When sending your wife down the road with a gas can, it is impolite to ask her to bring back beer.

TIPS FOR ALL OCCASIONS

Never take a beer to a job interview.

Always identify people in your yard before shooting at them.

It's considered tacky to take a cooler to church.

If you have to vacuum the bed, it is time to change the sheets.

- who has absolutely no
- 8. vanity in spite of his high accomplishments and profound
- 9. knowledge in his field. I firmly believe that Bob can be
- 10. classed as a high-calibre employee, the type which cannot be
- 11. dispensed with. Consequently, I duly recommend that Bob be
- 12. promoted to executive management, and a proposal will be
- 13. executed as soon as possible.

Signed ...
Jim

A MEMO WAS SOON SENT FOLLOWING THE LETTER:

John,
That idiot was reading over my shoulder while I wrote the report sent to you earlier today.

Kindly read only the odd numbered lines above (1, 3, 5, etc...) for my true assessment of him.

Regards ...
Jim

REDNECK RULES OF ETIQUETTE:

PERSONAL HYGIENE

While ears need to be cleaned regularly, this is a job that should be done in private using one's OWN truck keys.

Proper use of toiletries can forestall bathing for several days. However, if you live alone, deodorant is a waste of good money.

DINING OUT

When decanting wine, make sure that you tilt the paper cup and pour slowly so as not to "bruise" the fruit of the vine. If drinking directly from the bottle, always hold it with your fingers covering

late while its head is attached to its body. The female initiates sex by ripping the male's head off.

The most common name in the world is Mohammed.

The name of all the continents end with the same letter that they start with.

The name Wendy was made up for the book 'Peter Pan'.

The Pentagon in Arlington, Virginia, has twice as many bathrooms as necessary. When it was built in the 1940's, the state of Virginia still had segregation laws requiring separate toilet facilities for blacks and whites.

The strongest muscle in the body is the tongue.

The words racecar and kayak are the same whether they are read left to right or right to left.

There are two credit cards for every person in the United States.

TYPEWRITER is the longest word that can be made using the letters only on one row of the keyboard.

Women blink nearly twice as much as men.

You are more likely to be killed by a Champagne cork than by a poisonous spider.

News Headlines

The following are actual newspaper headlines seen around the world:

Something went wrong in jet crash, experts says

Police begin campaign to run down jaywalkers

Safety Experts say school bus passengers should be belted

Drunk gets nine months in violin case

Farmer Bill dies in house

Iraqi head seeks arms

Is there a ring of debris around Uranus?

Stud tires out

Prostitutes appeal to Pope

Panda mating fails; Veterinarian takes over

Soviet virgin lands short of goal again

British left waffles on Falkland Islands

Eye drops off shelf

Teacher strikes idle kids

Reagan wins on budget, but more lies ahead

Squad helps dog bite victim

Shot off woman's leg helps Nicklaus to 66

Enraged cow injures house

Miners refuse to work after death

Juvenile court to try shooting defendant

Stolen painting found by tree

Two soviet ships collide, one dies

2 sisters reunited after 18 years in checkout counter

Killer sentenced to die for second time in 10 years

Never withhold herpes infection from loved one

Drunken drivers paid \$1000 in '84

War dims hope for peace

If strike isn't settled quickly, it may last a while

Cold wave linked to temperatures

Enfiels couple slain; Police suspect homicide

Employment Review

John Jones, the head of the company asked his manager to write a detailed employment review describing Bob Smith, one of his programmers.

1. Bob Smith, my assistant programmer, can always be found
2. hard at work in his cubicle. Bob works independently, without
3. wasting company time talking to colleagues. Bob never
4. thinks twice about assisting fellow employees, and he always
5. finishes given assignments on time. Often Bob takes extended
6. measures to complete his work, sometimes skipping coffee
7. breaks. Bob is a dedicated individual

New and amended instruments of declaration and determination to medals regulations

Due to the governments commitment to constantly review veterans concerns and remove any genuine anomalies as they are identified, the following new and amended instruments of declaration and determination to medals regulations for Australian active service medals (AASM) and Australian service medals (ASM) are advised.

AASM with clasp Vietnam 1975 - upgraded from ASM to AASM for Royal Australian Air Force activities with the United Nations international children's emergency fund in Vietnam from 29 march 1975 to 28 April 1975.

AASM clasp Balkans - upgraded from ASM to AASM for North Atlantic Treaty Organisation activities in the Balkans region from 12 January 1992 to 24 January 1997 (the ASM will continue to be awarded from 25 January 1997).

AASM clasp Cambodia - upgraded from ASM to AASM for ADF activities in Cambodia during the period 20 October 91 to 07 October 1993 (the ASM will continue to be awarded from 08 October 1993).

ASM 1945-75 clasp Germany - for 30 days or more service with the British forces of occupation in Germany from 09 may 1945 to 19 October 1951. (Qualifying service rendered as part of the Berlin airlift is not counted towards this award.)

ASM 1945-75/ASM clasp Korea - extended to cover 30 days or more service for UN command (military armistice commission) activities within the DMZ between north and south Korea from 27 august 1957 to 13 February 1975. The ASM is now awarded for the same activities commencing 14

public announcement that Government had accepted the CIDA recommendation) and whose service has not recognised by an existing award may make a 'once only' election as to whether they want their service to be recognised by the existing awards or the new DLSSM.

Now that Her Majesty has approved the medal, production can commence. Unfortunately, it will still be some months before the medal is ready for award to individuals.

Regular serving members of the ADF who have not been awarded a medal in recognition of their service will be notified of their eligibility to choose either a DFSA or the DLSSM, if applicable. Reserve members, if eligible, will be required to make their choice on application for an award.

Should former ADF personnel consider they may be eligible for the DLSSM, or current serving members consider they are eligible to trade-in their DFSA, enquiries and applications should be made to the relevant Service Medals Section as follows:

Air Force Medals Section
Queanbeyan Annex
Department of Defence
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Navy Medals Section
D-3-32A
Department of Defence
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Staff Officer Medals (Army)
R-1-DO10
Department of Defence
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Applications are available from all Service Medal Sections and branches of the Returned and Services League of Australia.

Contact: Pat Clarke on 02 626 51513, DNATS 86 51513, emat7-pat.clarke@cbr.defence.gov.au

February 1975.

ASM clasp Kuwait - for activities prior to the gulf war, the qualification criteria has been reduced to seven days between the period 02 august 1990 and 16 January 1991. For service after the war and commencing on 01 march 1991, the qualification criteria has been reduced to 30 days.

ASM clasp Iraq - for operation polard from 15 February 1998 to 30 June 1998, the qualification criteria is seven days. From 01 July 1998, however, the period reverts to 30 days.

In all cases above, application is required before awards can be made.

In cases of eligibility for the AASM clasps Vietnam 1975, Balkans or Cambodia where the ASM is held, the ASM may need to be surrendered prior to issues of the AASM. Note that in relation to service in the Balkans or Cambodia, if 30 or more days service was rendered during each period as described above, eligibility for both the AASM and the ASM may exist. However, after application, each case will be assessed by the relevant medals section and the member will be informed of any further requirements, such as whether surrender of the ASM is required or not.

Any serving or former ADF members who consider they may be eligible for any of the new or upgraded awards should apply to the relevant service medals area as follows:

All serving and former RAN personnel ~ Navy Medals Section, Queanbeyan Annex, Department of Defence, Canberra, ACT, 2600,

All serving and former Army personnel - Staff Officer Medals (Army), R-1-DO10, Department of Defence, Canberra, ACT, 2600,

All serving and former RAAF personnel - RAAF Medals Section, Queanbeyan Annex, Department of Defence, Canberra, ACT, 2600.

Application is to be made in writing by minute or letter or by or replacement of Australian Defence Force Medals. All applications are to reflect the member's service number, rank, full name, date of birth and current postal address. Unit commanders may wish to have bulk unit applications submitted where considered appropriate for formal presentation to members of their units.

I'm Tired!

Yes, I'm tired! For several years now I've been blaming it on middle age, poor blood, lack of vitamins, obesity, dieting, air pollution, general debility and other maladies that make you wonder if life is really worth living.

But now I find out that I'm tired because I am overworked. The population of this country is 17 million. But, 6 million are retired. That leaves 11 million left to do the work. Then there are 4 million at school. That leaves 7 million to do the work. Of this total, 1 million are unemployed and 3 million are employed by the government. That leaves 3 million to do the work. Take from that total the 2 million employed by councils and local authorities and that leaves 1 million to do the work. But! There are 620,00 people in hospital and 379,998 in prison. That leaves just two people to do all the work. You and me. And you are sitting there reading this, leaving me to be the one person in the whole country who works.

No wonder I'm tired.

Life According to Perry

A collection of little stories that show what life is all about. This will be a regular feature.

THINGS YOU DIDN'T KNOW YOU DIDN'T KNOW

A crocodile cannot stick its tongue out.

A snail can sleep for three years.

All polar bears are left handed.

American Airlines saved \$40,000 in 1987 by eliminating one olive from each salad served in first-class.

Americans on average eat 18 acres of pizza every day.

An ostrich's eye is bigger than its brain.

Babies are born without knee caps. They don't appear until the child reaches 2 to 6 years of age.

Butterflies taste with their feet.

Cats have over one hundred vocal sounds, dogs only have about 10.

China has more English speakers than the United States.

Donald Duck comics were banned in Finland - because he doesn't wear any pants !!

Dueling is legal in Paraguay as long as both parties are registered blood donors.

Elephants are the only animals that can't jump.

February 1865 is the only month in recorded history not to have a full moon.

I am. - is the shortest complete sentence in the English language.

If Barbie were life-size, her measurements would be 39-23-33. She would stand seven feet, two inches tall and have a neck twice the length of a normal human's neck.

If the population of China walked past you in single file, the line would never end because of the rate of reproduction.

If you yell for 8 years, 7 months and 6 days, you will have produced enough sound energy to heat one cup of coffee.

In ancient Egypt, priests plucked EVERY hair from their bodies, including their eyebrows and eyelashes. Jain Priests in India today do this too.

In the last 4000 years, no new animals have been domesticated.

Leonardo Da Vinci invented the scissors.

Marilyn Monroe had six toes.

Michael Jordan has more money from Nike annually than all of the Nike factory workers in Malaysia combined.

No word in the English language rhymes with month.

Nutmeg is extremely poisonous if injected intravenously.

On average, people fear spiders more than they do death.

One of the reasons marijuana is illegal today is because cotton growers in the 1930's lobbied against hemp farmers-they saw it as competition.

Our eyes are always the same size from birth, but our nose and ears never stop growing.

Right-handed people live, on average, nine years longer than left-handed people do.

Shakespeare invented the words 'assassination' and 'bump'.

Starfish haven't got brains.

Stewardesses is the longest word typed with only the left hand.

The ant always falls over on its right side when intoxicated.

The average human eats eight spiders in their lifetime at night.

The catfish has over 27,000 taste buds.

The cruise liner, Queen Elizabeth 2, moves only six inches for each gallon of diesel that it burns.

The electric chair was invented by a dentist.

The human heart creates enough pressure when it pumps out to the body to squirt blood 30 feet.

The male praying mantis cannot copu-

Apprentices from the Corps History

The system is in operation whereby each apprentice receives experience on almost every type of machine associated with the engineering trade. The time spent on each machine is so arranged that the apprentice receives a thorough knowledge of its operations. Instruction is also given in some of the allied trades, such as blacksmithing etc. so that the boy may build a fire, make simple tools and temper same etc. Experience is gained in the Drawing Office and General Administrative Office, which is excellent training for an apprentice engineer, and is particularly beneficial to the boy if acquired in the latter portion of his apprenticeship.

Some of the Army tradesmen were interviewed for the purpose of finding out their previous experience and training before entering the Army, because these are the men who are training the apprentices. It was learned that each man had served an apprenticeship, thus ensuring that the boys will receive a good training in the trade.

A further inspection was made at the workshops at Randwick and Paddington (Fitting and Turning). It was found necessary to visit all workshops, as the boys are required to receive a certain amount of training in each, in order to complete their training as Fitters and Turners.

On discussing with the members of the Engineers (State) Apprenticeship Council the general training that each apprentice receives in the trade of fitting and turning, they expressed their cordial approval of the wide and varied nature of the work carried out and also of the card system recording the time spent on each section of the trade and the periodic report on the conduct, progress, etc., of each apprentice.

There are very few private firms who go to such trouble to ensure that each apprentice shall serve an appropriate period of time on each section of the trade and machines. In other words, if the Army's standard was the lowest, then the industry would be well catered for by way of future tradesmen.

In connection with fitting and turning apprentices' training, the Council is of the opinion that it is more than equal to that provided for many civilian apprentices.

The council is of the opinion, however, that the Army should enter into an Indenture of Apprenticeship after the three months probationary period has proved satisfactory to all parties, as this is the recognised method of apprenticeship observed by most employers.

After reviewing the whole position, the Engineers (State) Apprenticeship Council and the Apprenticeship Commissioner are quite agreeable to recognise any Certificate issued by the Army to an apprentice undergoing training similar to that [previously agreed] and the type of work inspected by the members of the Council.

E.M. Boland
Apprenticeship Commissioner
26:7:45.

This report comes as the result of a visit by the Electrical and Engineering (State) Apprenticeship Councils of NSW. They were there to ascertain the level of Army training.

Army training was recognised by the the Amalgamated Engineering Union and the Australasian Society of Engineers. The Federal Government followed up in 1946 passing the Trademen Rights Regulation Act 1946 which recognised soldiers returning to the civilian workforce as qualified journeymen.

Vale Hugh H. Henderson

Hugh Hunter Henderson passed away in December 1998. With his passing a chapter of the Corps History closes. Hughie was born Buckhaven Scotland on the 11th of -May 1908, one of the three children of Patrick and Helen and brother of Betty and the late John Henderson.

The family immigrated to Australia when Hughie was only ten years of age and settled in Wonthaggi in Victoria where Hughie was educated in the normal manner until leaving school and gained an apprenticeship as an engineer in 1923 and completed his term in 1928. He worked in the coalmines and as family history recalls his helping with rescues in the mine area at one stage.

Hughie joined the Army on 09 July 1936 and first served with the 3rd District Base Workshop, Melbourne. Twelve months after joining he was promoted to Sergeant and transferred to the (XP) Experimental Workshop, AHQ. He volunteered for service in Darwin 14 months later and assisted in the installation of the 6-inch Coastal Guns.

When War broke out Hughie joined the Military Forces serving in the 2nd/1st Field Workshop in Melbourne. He left for the Middle East in May 1940, but landed in England in June 1940. While he was in the UK he was placed in charge of the Workshop at Tidworth as a part of the Royal Ordnance Corps Workshop. Several months after arriving in the UK he finally left for the Middle East.

He was commissioned in January 1941 and became the OC of No. 2 Recovery Workshop at Tobruk and later Benghazi. In April 1941, he was taken prisoner by Rommel's German Armoured Division near Durna. At this time he was assisting the Australian 9th Division through the pass at Durna. He was to spend the rest of the War in various POW



*Lieutenant Colonel Hugh Hunter Henderson
Camps.*

In the words of John Fitzharding, a life time friend;

'Hughie Henderson was an inspiration. We go back a long way, Hughie and I - to those dark days of World War 11 - both of us incarcerated in an Italian prison camp. We shared a room in one of the camp buildings of Campo di Concentramento Setant Otto (Concentration Camp Number Seventy Eight.) We kept busy by playing sport and building escape tunnels (one from under a bed in our room). We made numerous attempts to escape from here, all unsuccessful, but such was Hughie's tenacity and positive attitude - qualities, I venture to say we shared' we managed to be productive despite the obstacles. We had our individual pursuits. I ran the galley and Hugh ran a watch repair shop and he engaged me as an assistant. Hugh was a born engineer - could fix anything and even made his own tools.

He was a saboteur par excellence. He managed to smuggle his dividers into

the camp by throwing them over the fence unobtrusively and his compass by wrapping it in a handkerchief in his pocket. During interrogations he used his hanky by blowing loudly and placed it on the Italian officer's desk with the compass concealed inside. The disapproving stare of the officer allowed him to return the offending hanky to his pocket without risk of the pocket being searched.

He was a master of ingenuity. He made a saw from an old gramophone spring; made splints for a friend with orthopaedic problems; and designed an innovative ventilation system for our escape tunnel. He even made large baking trays out of dozens of small food cans that required painstaking crimping in long straight joins that would not allow leakage.

When we were moved from camp by rail as the Germans invaded Italy, Hugh made a successful escape by sawing through the carriage and jumping from the train as it slowed to stop at a station. This he did despite two machine guns pointing at him from the adjoining carriage and he stayed out of range by hiding under the moving carriage then dashed to the bushes once the train left him exposed.

So Hugh was a risk taker, a taker of big risks, and a quiet achiever. He was a mate who shared the good and the bad with good humour and a generous attitude to all. He was always been an unselfish man who knew how to make the most out of life right to the last minute.

The last thing Hugh said to me was, "We did a lot of good for a lot of people in that camp."

In 1945 he was wounded, along with 95 others, in a big march across Germany. In April, the American Army captured the hospital he was in and he was re



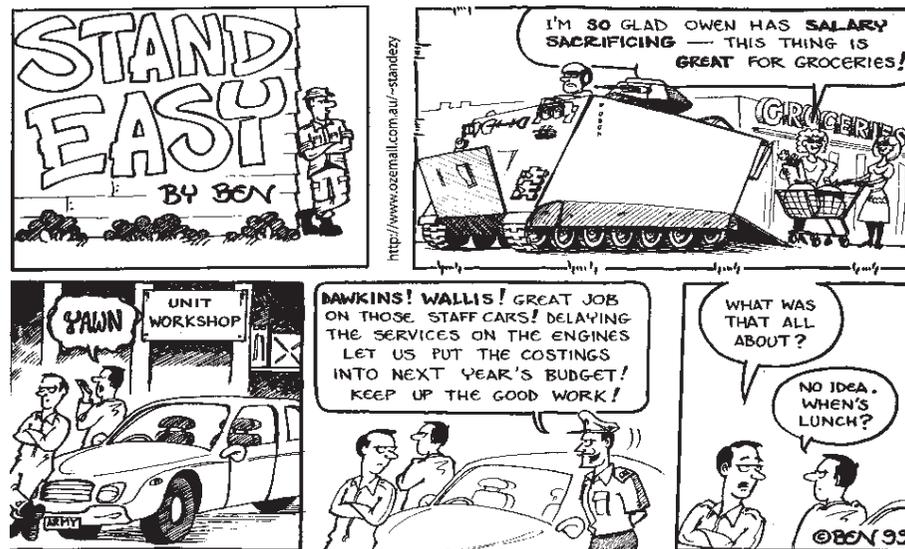
Hugh (on left) and members of the Workshop in Egypt just prior to his capture.

patriated to England. After three months in hospital, he was returned to Australia and posted to Broadmeadows Workshop, Melbourne in October of 1945.

For his service, Hughie was awarded
The 1939-45 Star
The Africa Star
The Defence Medal
The -War -Medal
The Australia Service Medal'

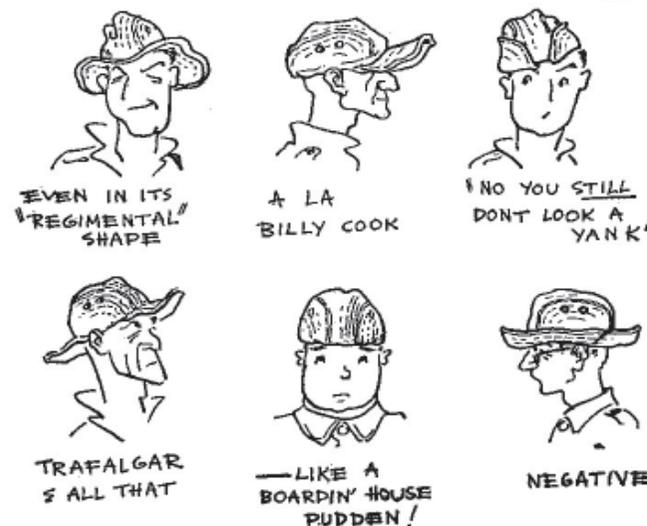
Hugh had a proud army history with his service in the 2nd/1st Field-Workshop. On repatriation he served in a number of Army workshops in Victoria, Adelaide and Darwin. In 1950 he was appointed Deputy Assistant Director of Mechanical Engineering (DADEME) at the Headquarters of Tasmania Command and Officer Commanding -Western Command-Workshop. In 1959 he was posted to Headquarters of the 17 Ghurkha Division as DADEME. His final posting was to Western Command as OC Western Command Workshops.

He retired from the Permanent Military Forces on the 11th of May 1963. On his retirement, his Excellency the Governor General granted him the title of Lieutenant Colonel



Thanks to the Army News and Ben for allowing us to reproduce Ben's irreverent look at the Army. This time it is RAEME's turn.

THAT GIGGLE HAT



Even in the days of World War II, those who wore the bush hat had a rather irreverent way of wearing it. RSM's would freak out if they saw a soldier wearing them like this today.

If anybody has any new styles for wearing the giggle hat and is handy with a pencil or pen, sketch your ideas and send them into the Horse's Mouth. Let's drive the RSM's crazy.

These illustrations came from the WWII book series called "Soldiering On".

Who Could It Be?

In the Corps History Book there is an article called "Memories of an Army Brat". In this article there is a mention of a football team. The captain of the 1

Base Workshop team was Ian Stewart. Could this be our Honorary Colonel? The date was in the middle 1950's. Which code did he play?

Vale Ken Mason

Last issue we reported on the passing of Ken Mason. Here is the eulogy delivered by Major Guy Mewburn at the interment of Ken's ashes at his father's memorial.

"Kenneth John Mason"

Born 9 October 1927 at Bunbury WA

Passed away- 24 January 1999 in Queensland at the age of 72 years.

Ken joined the army on the 4 December 1958 and was discharged on the 4 January 1979.

Ken after completing Recruit Training was allocated to the Corps of Royal Australian Electrical and Mechanical Engineers.

During his service in the Corps of RAEME he was a very distinguished member of many Eastern states Units, such as 1,3, & 4 Base Wksps in Bulimba, Holsworthy/Moorebank and Broadmeadows. He also served as an instructor at RTC Bandiana where his knowledge in regard to armaments in general was passed to many a young

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During his military career Ken was awarded;

The Active Service Medal,
Vietnam Medal,
Nation Medal, and the
Vietnam Campaign Medal.

Kenneth John Mason you lived a full life and served your country and the Corps of RAEME admirably.

Rest In Peace, Mate!

Can We Help You

The RAEME Association is concerned about the welfare of RAEME members in Western Australia, Particularly if they have a disability or getting a bit on the elderly side. We would like to set up a practical help and support group who can provide a voluntary service such as gardening, home help, transport, or assistance with shopping, etc.

So, if you are fit and healthy and are willing to give a little of your time to help other members of the Corps, contact the Secretary and let him know. We will maintain a database of helpers and expertise.

If you need assistance because of age or infirmity, let us know. We will be only too glad to make sure that you have the help you need. And the best part of it is that it is all part of the service.

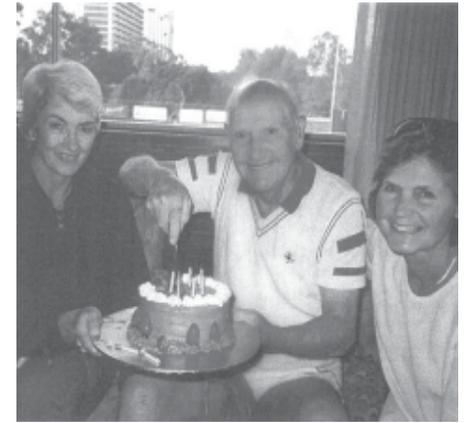
Major General T.J. Daly commented after Hughie's retirement, "Lieutenant Colonel Henderson proved to be loyal, hardworking and trustworthy and has carried out all his duties in an efficient manner".

Hughie received a personal letter from Brigadier John C. Bendall OBE, the then, Director of Mechanical Engineering, on the eve of his retirement. In this letter, Brig. Bednall said ' I wish to express my thanks for the excellent and ever cheerful service you have given the Corps for over many years. In this I know I am also reflecting the feelings of all those in the Corps who know you and have served with you. I would like you to know that I view your retirement from active service with the Corps as a great loss. We can ill afford to lose able and experienced officers at any time let alone in vintage years such as we are experiencing at the present juncture. However, I guess, that unless we older members ultimately move on things would stagnate, for the younger members would never get the chance to widen their experience and so be ready to take up the reins as we older members fade away.'

After a brilliant Military Career, Hughie joined Chamberlain John Deere with their Plant Engineer where he worked for 6 years. He was then transferred to the Purchasing Department as a Purchasing Officer. His retirement saw him working as Head of the Purchasing for Chamberlain John Deere (C.J.D.). He served for a total of 14 years at C.J.D.

In the words of Mr. J. O. Bain, of C.J.D.;

' This position is one of the most demanding in our organisation and Hugh's remarkably robust constitution, coupled with his technical background and his ability to quickly establish as well as maintain an excellent business relationship, has served us in very good stead.'



Hugh Aged 90 at the King's Park Royal Tennis Club

He was now able to enjoy his Tennis games at the Kings Park Royal Tennis Club, and he continued to do so up to a couple of months before his passing. He was a well-known figure at the Tennis Club and was still playing after he had turned 90. Hughie was anticipating getting his telegram from the Queen on his occasion of his Centennial whilst playing on the tennis court. Peter Gilmour, from the Tennis Club, believes that Hughie's time as a POW, escaping twice, being wounded and released at the end of the war, is the experience that made him so persistent and tenacious on the court.

Hughie, also, played lawn bowls at the Dalkeith Bowling Club and was a Freemason for many years. Hughie was a member of the RAEME Officer's Association (their first President) and the RAEME Association of WA.

Hughie featured quite prominently in a book written about John Fitz-Harding's experiences. It would seem as though both of them acted as mutual support for each other while committing acts of "daring do" in the POW Camps. It could be said that they, mote than likely, spurred each other on.

Hugh Hunter Henderson will be sadly missed by all who knew him.

AWOL

SEVERAL issues of my collection of the *RAEME Craftsman* magazine are AWOL and I would appreciate if your readers could look through their cupboards or tool boxes for the following editions - issues 1, 11, 27, 28, 29, 37 and 38.

I also have double of issues 15, 39, 40 and 41 and would be more than pleased to pass these on to somebody else to complete their collection. Contact me on (07) 4771 1028.

W02 B. Tuohy

11 BASB
Townsville, QLD

And they called him **Tommy Atkins**

When the Battle of Waterloo had ended, the Duke of Wellington was riding over the battlefield where the British dead and wounded were lying. As he rode to the right of the line where the guards had fought. He came across a mortally wounded guardsman whose life was slowly ebbing away. He stopped, asked the guardsman his name, and enquired if there was anything he could do for him. The guardsman gave the Duke his name and then said. "Just leave me sir. This is all in a day's work for us."

Some years later the staff of the British Army were preparing a sample of the new form that recruits would be required to fill in when enlisting. They went to the Commander-in-Chief of the British Army, the Duke of Wellington, and asked if he would suggest a name they could use on the form as a sample enlistment form.

As the Duke considered their request, his mind went back to that day on the field of battle at Waterloo, and he thought of the dying guardsman he had spoken to. He picked up his quill and wrote "**Thomas Atkins.**"

Thanks to DAVE MACLELLAND from the RSL and the Listening Post for this story.

RAEME Plaques

Commemorative Plaques of Australia's boss Peter Heeney (Ex 2RAR SVN 1970/71) has a number of original RAEME Plaques from Vietnam. These include;

4 from 12FD REGT LAD 1968-69;
6 from 106 FD WKSP; and
4 from 1st ARMD SQN WKSP 1967-68.

These are for sale to anyone who wishes to get one at \$40.00 each. They are original commemorative shields and will never be reproduced once they are sold.

If you want one you can contact Peter by phone on (08) 9341 8263 or write to:

Commemorative Plaques of Australia
64 Duke Street
SCARBOROUGH
WA 6019

Peter suggests that you do not send any money before contacting him as the plaque you may want could be sold out.

The brochure sent to us also has a number of other plaques you may be interested in, including the Vietnam Vets Parade in Sydney and most of the units which served there. If you wish to find out what they have got, call the Association Secretary 3and have a chat.

On behalf of the family, we carry out all funeral arrangements including organising and assisting in conducting the service whether it is graveside or cremation. All your family has to do is call us and we will look after all the arrangements. The best part of all is that the Association part of any service is a free service.

If you have any queries call one of the two John's. Their numbers can be found on Page 2 of the Horse's Mouth.

If any member of the Association feels that they would like to get involved with the Welfare area, please give us a call. Training can be arranged through the Training Information Program (TIP). All you need is the willingness to help your fellow members, and a few days off to attend courses. RAEME is very well represented in the Ex-Service Organisation (ESO) welfare area and we would like to see this trend continue. There is also the satisfaction in knowing that you have made a change to somebody's life and circumstances.

'Do you need help with your **VA Pension Claim?'**

If so, there are trained Ex-Service Organisation representatives who can assist you. Writes Brian Cooper, from the Regular Defence Force Welfare Association (RDFWA), and Chairperson of the Training & Information Program.

'Many veterans are still endeavouring to "go it alone" when submitting their Disability and Service Pension claims to DVA. Many complete the relevant application forms including Disability Pension, Application for Increase, and Lifestyle Questionnaire unassisted, relying solely on what they term "common sense".

Some of these applications are successful to some degree, but many fail. I wish to let all veterans know that help is available at no cost from representatives of the various Ex-Service Organisations (ESOs) here in WA.

The ESOs provide well trained and dedicated Pension Officers, Welfare Officers and Advocates to help veterans in their dealings with DVA. We encourage all veterans to make use of these entirely free services, that are proven to be of great assistance to them in presenting claims and especially in the event of appeals to the Veterans' Review Board (VRB) or the Administrative Appeals Tribunal (AAT).

Though some of these Pension Officers, Welfare Officers and Advocates work from an office on the 12th Floor of DVA's premises in the AMP Building, they have no allegiance to the Department of Veterans' Affairs. Nor do they have allegiance to any organisation other than the Ex-Service Organisation that they represent and to the veterans they represent.

If you wish to make use of their services simply ring **93668300** and make an appointment.'

Don't Forget

The HORSE'S MOUTH welcomes any correspondence, letters to the Editor, moans or groans. If you have a point of view, let us know. You can send contributions to the Editor at the address on page 2. Remember that you are responsible for what you write. The journal has a disclaimer, also on page 2. So let's have the articles and points of view that are just busting to get out.



Mr Don Horsley
RAEME Corps Committee (WA Branch)
11 Celestine Street
WANNERO
WA 6065

Dear Don,

I write to express our sorrow at the recent passing of our very good friend and member of both our Associations, "Jock" Butchart. Jock and I served together in Borneo and in South Vietnam and had been good friends since then so his loss is a personal one for me too.

I thought that you would appreciate a copy of the Vale notice that is to be displayed in The House at Campbell Barracks for all of our members to see.

I thank you most sincerely for your efforts in the arrangements for Jock's funeral. A fine man, a good soldier and a great friend. Truly his passing is our joint loss.

Yours sincerely

Bob Nugent
Acting President SASR Association
WA Branch

Ed's Note: The vale placed on the notice board at "The House" paid Jock the greatest compliment that the SASR could give to a person by saying simply that

"HE DARED"

Welfare Corner

Facilities available through the Association.

There are many benefits belonging to the RAEME Association. Here are just a few that we offer:

If a member is ill and in hospital we have a visiting service. This service can help with any problems that crop up while you are in hospital, including domestic or negotiating with DVA or any other Government services.

If a member is at home ill and requires help in any way, the Association will arrange for home visits and helping out where it can.

If, by virtue of age or infirmity you need help around the garden or to do any shopping, whatever, we are there to help you.

If you have any problems putting in a claim with DVA or MCRS give us a call and we will take up your case, help you fill in the forms, present them to the authority, follow up on any points for you. We will present any cases to the Veteran's Review Board and, if necessary, continue to the Administrative Appeals Tribunal. It is strongly suggested that you read the short article by Brian Cooper "Do you need help with your DVA Pension Claim?"

The Welfare Officers of your Association stress that all their services are free to anybody who requires assistance. There will be no "fee for service" levied on anybody. Because welfare service is free and the Welfare Officers are properly accredited, the Association is covered for professional indemnity insurance through the Veterans Indemnity & Training Association (VITA). If "fee for service" was charged, the Association would immediately lose that insurance and we would be on our own.

From the Secretary

This is the second Spring issue of the Horse's Mouth. Our first year has been a very busy one for the committee that looks after your interests. The constitution has now been approved by the legal eagles and the committee for printing and distribution to the members for approval. Copies have gone to the other three RAEME Associations for their assent and comment. Our next step is the incorporation of the Association that will take place as soon as we have the approval of the members. Anybody who wishes to have a copy should call the Secretary or write to the Association at the Post Office box.

The Association is now financial enough to begin to put more items in our Association shop. We now have the RAEME Thermo Mugs, RAEME Plaques, and RAEME Baseball Caps. Very shortly we will have, RAEME La Coste Sports Shirts, RAEME Ties, RAEME Cufflinks, RAEME Tiepins and RAEME Jacket Pockets. We also have access to Bomber Jackets, and RAEME Marcasite Brooches. If anyone wishes to purchase any of these items, please let us know. Prices still to be worked out on the new items we are looking at. (See the accompanying flyer).

Our Corps Birthday Dinner has been finalised and will be held at ANZAC House on the 27th of November 1999. The function will be a mixed function. Dress is – Ladies, After Five and gentlemen, Jacket and Ties. It is requested that miniatures be worn. (See the accompanying flyer). I would suggest that, if you wish to go, get in early. There are a limited number of places on a basis of first come, first served. I remind all that the final day for payment for the dinner will be the 5th of November 1999. The extra time is needed to

make all the final arrangements for the dinner.

On another note, we would like to see more articles from the members for the Horse's Mouth. If there is anyone around the units who is willing to write a note of the happenings to the people in that unit, let me know, and we'll set up a regular column for you. We would like to share items, such as, births, marriages, celebrations or awards. Let's hear from the writers in the units. For the retirees, we are all interested in hearing about your service or any anecdotal stories you may have. All these go towards the preservation of the Corps History. Theo Barker wrote the original Corps History, but we are writing the updates to Theo's excellent historical writing.

Until next Issue
John



RAEME

Upon a flash of lightning, a horse forcene with a coronet of four fleur-de-lis around its neck, a chain attached to the back of the coronet and filling down its near side to a globe of the world, on which the horse is standing on its near hind leg. Above a scroll, inscribed with the corps' initials, surmounted by a crown.

Vale Jock Butchart

It is with a great deal of sadness and regret that we must announce the passing of James Thomson (Jock) Butchart.

Jock enlisted on the 10th of June 1958 and following Corp training was posted to:

Pucka Workshop Jan 1960;
4 Base Ord Depot Apr 1963;
2 Bn RAR Jan 1964;
SASR in Jan 1965 (for 5 Years);
PNG Workshop Dec 1970;
HQ SCOMD /HQ 3EME GP
1972;
2 Base Workshop/Sydney
Workshop Coy 1977 until retire-
ment (a quick 28 Years); and
Dept of Defence Guildford 1989
– 1997

In addition, Jock served in Borneo 1966, South Vietnam with SASR and New Guinea 1970 – 72.

Jock spent 5 years with the Regiment, a posting he truly enjoyed and a unit with which he kept a long association. Even after Jock left the Regiment, he would quite often return to the unit to spend time with his mates, have an ale, and reminisce over times gone by.

His sense of humour and joke telling always prevailed over any personal concerns or upsets he may have been experiencing. He always considered and helped others without imposing his own problems on anyone.

A dedicated soldier, comrade, workmate, and respected friend of many.

A true gentleman.

Our thoughts and support go out to Fran and all the family.

Rest peacefully, Jock, you deserve to, you have served us proud.

Colin Gibson
President, RAEME WO's & SNCO's



James Thomson Butchart, better known as "Jock"

Eulogy

The following is the eulogy delivered at Jock's funeral.

'I am truly honoured to have been asked by Fran to speak to you about Jock's service to the Australian Defence Force. I do so on behalf of Jock's fellow soldiers and work mates who served with him during his initial training, his years of active duty, his many years of peacetime soldering, his years with the Public Service and his colleagues who are fellow members of the service clubs and associations of which he was an active member.

James Thomson Butchart, or Jim, Jock, Bagpipes or Baggies, some of the names he was known by. Whatever name we knew you by, you were a friend and a mate, an inspiration and always had a story to tell. Your sense of humour never left you, you kept it right to the end and I am sure you will have a new joke to tell when next we meet.

A lot of people here today knew Jock through his army service and for the benefit of those who are unfamiliar with his service history I would like to en-

lighten you on his 28 year army career. For his service mates I hope it bring backs memories of the times you served with him.

Jock was given the regimental number of 53817 when he enlisted on the 10 Jun 1958 at the tender age of 18. After his recruit training he was allocated to the corps of the Royal Australian Electrical & Mechanical Engineers (RAEME) and sent to RAEME Training Centre where he spent over 12 months. With his technical raining at the RAEME Training Centre completed, Jock was posted to:

Puckapunyal Wksp Coy in Jan 1960;

4 Base Ordnance Depot in Apr 1963;

2nd Battalion Royal Australian Regiment in Jan 1964;

Special Air Service Regiment in Jun 1965. Jock spent 5 years with the Regiment, a posting he truly enjoyed and a unit with which he kept a long association. Even after Jock left the regiment, he would quite often return to the unit to spend time with his mates, have ale and reminisce over times gone by. It was while he was with the Regiment that Jock saw active service, this was in Borneo in 1966 and Vietnam from Feb 1968 till Feb 1969;

In Sep 1970 Jock was posted from the Regiment to Perth Wksp Coy where he spent 3 months before being sent to PNG Wksp in Dec 1970;

In Dec 1972 he was posted to HQ Southern Comd in Melbourne and in Jun 1973 to HQ 3 EME GP; and

In Jan 1977 he was posted to 2 Base Wksp Bn where he stayed until his retirement from the service.

For his services Jock has been awarded the following medals and awards:

The General Service Medal (for service in Borneo) in 1962;

The Vietnam Medal and the Vietnamese Campaign Medal in 1968. He also wears the Combat Infantry badge awarded for his service in Vietnam;

The National Medal;
Defence Force Service Medal with clasp;

Australian Service Medal 1945-1975 with clasp for his service in PNG; and

The Australian Active Service Medal 1945-1975 with clasps for his service in Malaysia and Vietnam.

From Jun 1986 till Nov 1989 Jock had a couple of changes of employment until Nov 1989 when he again renewed his military association by gaining employment within the Public Service working as a storeman for the Dept of Defence at Midland and later at Guildford. He remained with the dept till his retirement on 20 Jun 1997.

It was during this time that we who worked with Jock always knew when he was around. His sense of humour and joke telling always prevailed over any personal concerns or upsets he may have been experiencing. He always considered and helped others without imposing his own problems on anyone.

A dedicated soldier, comrade, workmate and respected friend to so many.

A true gentleman.

Rest peacefully Jock, you deserve to, you have served us proud.'

Don Phillips

The President and Committee of the RAEME Association of WA wish to express their deep sorrow in the passing of Jock. He was a friend to all and a man who always had a good word for anybody.