



The word from the
Horse's Mouth

The Newsletter of the RAEME Association of WA

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What the Prez Sez

Welcome to the summer edition of the Horse's Mouth for 2023. I'm sure we are all interested to learn what the recently handed down Defence Strategic Review will mean for us all, I know I am. There will be change but the fundamentals won't change – starting with devoted people willing to put their hand up to serve the Nation. We as Association members have a role in this, to encourage all current Defence force personnel in their endeavours, starting with speaking to them at our activities.

We had our first Committee meeting on the 16th of February in which we firmed up the first of our activities for the year. No surprise that our RAEME Vigil in Kings Park is first up followed by the ANZAC Day march and get together at the IBIS.

I look forward to catching up with you then

RAEME Vigil

The RAEME Vigil will be held as usual at the Sandukan memorial in Kings Park on ANZAC Eve. We will meet up in the car park at the back of the tennis club at 1900 and move forward from there, under the direction of our Piper – Rob Reeves and the Padre - Kim Kuchil.

Remember this is our "RAEME" event commemorating the foundation members of the Corps who were captured at Singapore and perished on Sandukan. The four Craftsmen and one Corporal are the only members of the Corps commemorated with plaques at Kings Park and it is our duty to remember them. Details of where we will retire are to be decided.

ANZAC Day

We still have not received our notification on our position in the March, but it is expected to be much the same as last year. Once we get the information we will let you know.

All RAEME Association of WA members and families are however invited to attend the after march function in the Rubix Bar and Restaurant at the IBIS Hotel, 334 Murray St. Please note a special license will be obtained (subject to approval) to open at 1000 h.

Cost: As per last few years - Free for members (Fees can be paid on the day) and \$20 for guests, Food will be available.

Social Functions

The committee is looking at the possibility of some additional social functions for the year. These include:

- A social function arrange by 113 which is open to all – save the 6 April. Further details to follow
- A partially subsidised cocktail party in conjunction with the AGM at ANZAC House in October
- A visit to the SASR Museum.
- A visit (and possibly lunch) to RAAF Museum to see new Ex RAF Tornado and Ex RAAF Hornet once this is on display
- A visit to Leighton Battery and dinner at the Albion Hotel in June (see below)

113 Members Make Good

Those of us who are died-in-the-wool members of 113 have recently had two examples of one of mob making good.

Shaun Fenn who started as a 2LT in the Workshop in 2006 and OC in 2015 and 2018 is now CO 13 CSSB. Congratulations, Sir!

Brad Clarke who started at a VM in the workshop in the 90's and eventually made full track has done even better in his second job in the RAAF and is now Air Commodore Clarke, CSC OAM

Congratulations, SIR!

??Did You Know???

Daily Strength State - 97AD

Some things never change.

Apparently the cohort was being reposted to Germany and the lads were asked to dispose of the regimental records – they bundled them in a big ball, threw it in the ditch and lit it up. Being the North of England only the outside burnt. The rest were found a few years back and translated.

18th May

First Cohort of Tungrians

Julius Verecundus commanding

Total strength (including 6 centurions)

752

Absent

Attached to the Governor's Guard at the office of Ferox

46 men

At Coria [Corbridge]

337 men (with 2 centurions)

In London

1 centurion

Various others

26 men (with 2 centurions)

At ... [illegible]

46 men

Total absent

456 (including 5 centurions)

Present strength

296 (with 1 centurion)

Of these,

Sick

15 men

Injured

6 men

Eye ailments

10 men

Total

31 men

Balance present and fit for active duties

265 (including 1 centurion)



March the Guilty Bastard in Here - 1918

FIELD GENERAL COURT MARTIAL.	2831	2333 Pte Humby C.R. 36th Battalion was tried by Field General Court Martial on 16th February 1918.
		CHARGED WITH
		When on Active Service At CANTEN CORNER at about 7-15 a.m. on 7th February 1918/ disobeying, in such a manner as to show a wilful defiance of Authority, a lawful command given personally by his superior Officer, in that he when personally ordered by A/C.S.M. Wilthew R.K. "C" Coy 36th Battalion to get out of bed and go on fatigue parade did not do so, at the same time saying "I am not going to get up, you can go and fuck yourself"
<u>Flea.</u>		GUILTY
<u>Finding</u>		GUILTY
<u>SENTENCE</u>		Twelve months imprisonment with hard labor.
<u>Remarks.</u>		Sentence commuted to sixty days F.P.No. 1. by Lieut Colonel H.A. Goddard, Commanding 9th A.I. Bgde.
		<i>W.H. Damm J.S.</i> Captain. Adjutant, 36th Battalion A.I.F.

Happy Dropshorts

The Concrete Dropshorts (Royal Australian Artillery Historical Association) have finished the installation of a replica 5.25" turret on one of the surviving emplacement at Buckland Hill. We are currently trying to arrange an exclusive tour for the Association (followed by dinner at the Albion) for the last weekend in June. Watch out for further details



TAB Data

- Bore Diameter: 5.25 inches (133 mm)
- Barrel Length: 6.668 m (50 calibres)
- Shell weight: 80 lbs (36.3 kg)
- Range: 24,070 yds (22,000 m) at 45 degrees
- Anti Aircraft Ceiling: 46,500 ft (14,170 m)
- Rate of Fire: Sustained 7–8 rpm
- Mounting weight: 78.7 metric tons (varied)
- Mounting elevation: -5 to +70 degrees
- Training & elevating speeds: 10 degrees and 20 degrees per second respectively.

Seen in Morley

Accidental – I don't think so. It is in the same spot on all four corners



Guess Who made this?





While the Tiger II was a Henschel design and the Panther a MAN one, with the Leopard being designed by Porsche - is it only me who sees a family resemblance?