



TRACK

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50th Anniversary
Royal Australian Armoured Corps Association
Victorian Branch

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CONGRATULATIONS



Patron Awarded Honorary Life Membership

At the quarterly meeting of the Museum Advisory Committee on 8 March 96 it was formally agreed to offer the first Honorary Life Memberships to **Brigadier Ralph Eldridge, OBE and Mrs Elyne Mitchell.**

As a result of Project Army Heritage, military museums Australia wide have undergone significant changes. The Tank Museum has been restructured and renamed - "**The RAAC Memorial and Army Tank Museum.**" As the new title suggests, the Museum now has a broader focus and greater attention is being paid to the preservation of our **Lighthorse history** and to people who have contributed significantly to our armoured heritage.

As a result of his outstanding service to the RAAC and his unstinting support of the Tank Museum over many years, **our Patron** was offered and **accepted** this prestigious award.

Mrs Mitchell (the daughter of General Sir Harry Chauvel) was nominated for her contribution to preserving the history of our Corps, and her long term support of the museum. **Mrs Mitchell** has donated a number of treasures to the museum including her late father's uniform and accoutrements. In November 1994 she presented the **Desert Mounted Corps Standard** which now takes pride of place in the indoor display.

Both members will be formally presented with their awards at an appropriate time in the near future.

AROUND THE CORPS



On 7 July 96, well known Corps identity **WO1 Lou Walker, OAM** will rack his pace stick for the last time. Lou Walker enlisted in the Regular Army in June 1968. Over his **28 years of dedicated service**, Lou served with the Armoured Centre four times (including two tours as RSM) and 1st Armoured Regiment four times, (including a trip to South Vietnam in 1970). From the Queens Birthday Honours List **1989**, Lou was awarded the **OAM** for his service as RSM 1st Armoured Regiment. Other postings included instructor positions at OCS Portsea and RMC Duntroon; RSM DSG Puckapunyal and RSM 1st Brigade.

Lou and his wife Barbara are settling in Seymour, where he can pursue his farming interest.

'Tanks for the service'