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*Journey with our
'Sappers'*

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"Numbered and Dressed"

Last week I was lucky enough to catch up with a new volunteer – Mrs Carol Cook. Carol has been with the team since Mar 09 and is filling the Librarian role. I found her out the back in the conservation area. So what does she get up to...?



Books, books and more books.....

A lot of people possibly don't know that the AAMME has a large collection of books out the back. Carol is presently involved in cataloguing our library to electronic means. Once completed, this process should assist with finding information much quicker for research purposes. The collection includes many facets of military life and interests and when new publications are published we (the AAMME) usually procure a copy or two. One for safe keeping and the other for research.

It's a big task, and I'm sure Carol will be kept busy. From all of us - Welcome aboard!

(left – this is only a small part of the collection)

RAE Band Members Jacket



Dressed and ready to go.....

Whilst we were annoying Carol, we took the opportunity to check a uniform (see picture – above right). This good looking jacket was on the rack; from a conservation point of view we thought we should enlighten you on the uniform process?

Essentially once you acquire the uniform, it is vacuumed to capture loose debris. It is then frozen to ensure any little bugs go to sleep; it is then vacuumed again to capture the little fellows. Once a detailed inspection is completed, it is protected with an appropriate cover and hung in a controlled temperature environment or it will be on display for all to see.

There are many facets to the AAMME, if you know of anyone that might be interested in assisting, please give us a call.

Don't forget: The bi-annual '**Back to SME**' event is on again. The dates are: **02 ~ 05 October 2009.**

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Get yourself an itinerary and see what's on, come see a cobber, check out the Heritage precinct and join in!