
The Corps Instructions of the Royal Australian Electrical and Mechanical Engineers



Corps Instruction Twenty Four

“The BRIG HLC Martins, OBE Memorial Encouragement Award”

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AG7971821**Corps Instruction Number Twenty Four – The BRIG Martins, OBE Memorial Encouragement Award (SUB4SGT)****Introduction**

1. The RAEME Corps Committee introduced an annual award to the student who achieves outstanding results on a Subject 4 (Sergeant) Course. The Award is named ‘The BRIG HLC Martins, OBE Memorial Encouragement Award’.
2. Brigadier Martins died on 17 Jul 89. Following a request by Mrs Martins and her family, the RAEME Corps Committee agreed to establish a Memorial Award to be known as ‘The Brigadier HLC Martins, OBE Memorial Encouragement Award’. The Award was first presented in 1990. An interest bearing account titled the ‘Brigadier HLC Martins, OBE Memorial Encouragement Award Account’ was established using money donated as part of the Award.
1. Subsequently the account was closed and remaining funds were transferred to the Corps Fund account. The award is funded by the RAEME Corps Fund from general revenue.

Aim

3. The aim of this instruction is to describe the Brigadier HLC Martins, OBE Memorial Encouragement Award, the conditions of selection of the Award winner and the method of presentation of the Award.

The Award

4. The Award is to be made annually to recognise the outstanding Junior NCO attending RAEME Subject 4 (Sergeant) Courses conducted at the Army School of Electrical and Mechanical Engineering (ASEME and the Rotary Wing Aircraft Maintenance School (RAMS) during a training year.
5. The Award consists of a perpetual trophy, pictured at Annex C, with individual brass plates inscribed with each winners name and date of Award. The winner will also receive a framed Certificate and a Corps Prize.

Selection Process

6. ASEME and RAMS are to complete Part A of the Nomination form, Annex A, for the top two to three students of their respective SUB4SGT RAEME Courses conducted during the qualifying period to the HOC Cell by the end of June. The instructor’s comments are to address the nominee’s ability, teamwork and leadership displayed during the course.
7. The contents of the course report word picture are not to be used due to the lack of detail addressing the student’s performance.
8. The SO2 Corps Heritage/Corps RSM is to write to the CO/OCs of the four to six nominees requesting their completion of Part B of Annex A for each of the soldiers. These reports are to be submitted by the end of August following the training year, and should address the soldier’s:
 - a. regimental ability, and

- b. involvement in activities external to Defence including community activities, sporting bodies, hobbies, civilian studies, and personal development activities.

9. The recipient of the Award is to be selected by the end of September each year. The recipient is to be chosen by a panel of judges appointed by HOC, and chaired by the SO2 Corps Heritage/Corps RSM. Selection is based on the combination of the student's performance on course and through the year. The RAEME Senior Career Advisor at DSCM-A should be consulted on the performance of all nominees.

10. Where there is no appropriate contender, the Award will not be presented. This decision will be at the discretion of the HOC and the Representative Colonel Commandant.

Notification

11. SO2 Corps Heritage/Corps RSM is to notify the regimental particulars of the Award recipient to the following by the end of October following the training year:

- a. Regional RAEME Representative
- b. The Corps Committee
- c. The recipient's CO/OC
- d. The recipient.

Procedure for Presentation

12. The award will be posted to the respective RRR to coordinate its presentation. Presentation will normally be conducted by Rep Col Comdt, Regional Col Comdt, HOC, or DHOC as schedules allow. RRR, or senior formation or unit staff, may also conduct the presentation of the award if necessary. Presentation should occur at RAEME Birthday celebrations or major Spanner Club events.

Publicity of Award

13. The recipient's unit is to forward an article complete with presentation photograph, to the Secretary of the RAEME Corps Committee for publication in The Craftsman magazine.

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Annexes:

- A. Nomination Form
- B. Resume of the Military Career of Brigadier H.L.C. Martins, OBE
- C. The BRIG HLC Martins Memorial Encouragement Award Certificate
- D. Brigadier H.L.C. Martins, OBE Award Trophy

**ANNEX A TO
RAEME CORPS INSTRUCTION NO 24**

The BRIG Martins, OBE Award Nomination Form (Sub 4 SGT)			
Part A – ASEME/RAMS to complete			
Nominee			
Course		Date Course Completed	
Course Result			
Instructor			
Instructor Comments			
Part B – Unit to complete			
Unit			
Assessing Officer			
Unit Comments			
Part C – HOC Cell to complete			
Other Comments			

Resume of the Military Career of Brigadier HLC Martins, OBE

Introduction

1. Heinrich Lawrence Charles Martins was born in Exeter, SA, on 29 December 1912. Following primary and secondary schooling in SA and NSW, he completed an apprenticeship as a fitter and turner with the SA Railways, before moving to BHP to further his engineering training as a mechanical draftsman (design). He went on to complete a Diploma in Electrical and Mechanical Engineering at the Perth Technical College in WA.

PMF/AIF Service: Jun 38 - Jul 47

14. Joining the PMF in Jun 38, he was allocated to the AAOC (ME). He was promoted to WO1 on appointment and posted to AHQ 'Q' Branch as a design and technical officer (mechanical).

15. On 1 Jan 41, he was promoted to the rank of LT (H) and appointed as a QM AAOC (ME) for service with the ACMF. In Mar 42, he was promoted to the rank of CAPT and seconded to the AASC, 2nd AIF, for duty with 2 Tk Tpt Coy. In Jun 42, he was posted to 1 (Aust) Armd Div Tpt Coy, AASC located in NSW. In Feb 43, he was detached to L of C (WA) Area, for duty with 143 (Aust) Gen Tpt Coy AASC.

16. On the 8 Aug 43, he was transferred from the AAOC (while detached to AASC), to the newly formed AEME. He was promoted to the rank of MAJ and allocated for duty with MGO Branch, LHQ as a DADME. He served there until he was seconded to the Staff of the CCC UK as a DADME (Military Specifications - Control Machinery (Germany)) in Jun 44.

17. Remaining in Europe, he relinquished his appointment as DADME with the CCC UK in Jan 45. He was then promoted to T/LTCOL and seconded as an ADEME (Technical Services), British National Headquarters, Berlin Land-Force Division of the CCC - Europe, until Oct 45.

18. Following a short attachment with Army Gp BLA, he relinquished his temporary rank and returned to Australia in late 1945. He was attached to MGO Branch in an appointment as DADME, DME. In Feb 46, he was posted as a DADME to Western Command. He was transferred from the 2nd AIF to the Interim Army as a LT on 1 Jul 47.

Interim Army Service: Jul 47 to Jul 49

19. All Interim Army Service was in W Comd. On 7 May 48, he was promoted to CAPT (Interim Army) and transferred from the AAOC to Australian Staff Corps (RAEME). On 01 Jul 49, he was promoted to MAJ and seconded for service with the Interim Army. On 03 Jul 49 he was promoted to the rank of LTCOL (provisional) in the ARA.

ARA Service: Jul 49 to Dec 69

20. During Nov 49 he was posted from W Comd to take up the appointment of CO of the RAEME School Staff (Ingleburn). (The title of the School was changed to Army Logistic Training Centre in Jan 51). His provisional appointment was confirmed in Mar 51. During 1952 he attended Staff College.

21. In Feb 53, he was posted to command the Brit Comm Base Wksp, Australian Ancillary Unit – Korea, where he served until his return to Australia in Mar 54. On 10 Jun 54,

he was made an Officer of the Order of the British Empire (OBE) for his services as CO in Korea. In May 54, he was appointed to command 2 Base Wksp in E Comd, prior to being promoted to COL in Oct 55, and appointed DDEME, E Comd.

22. On 15 Mar 63, he relinquished his appointment as DDEME, E Comd to take up the appointment of DDEME AHQ (Melbourne) S Comd. During this appointment he represented the Corps at several international meetings in USA, UK, Singapore and PNG. He was intimately involved with the planning for the deployment of RAEME support to Vietnam. On several occasions he performed the full duties of the DEME. He relinquished his appointment as DDEME AHQ (M) on 7 Jan 67. He was promoted to the rank of BRIG on 06 Jan 67, and appointed DEME AHQ (M).

23. During his appointment as DEME, he had special service in Vietnam on three occasions and was appointed as acting DMGO on five occasions. He retired from the Army on 29 Dec 69 after more than 31 years of service in the PMF, 2nd AIF, the Interim Army and the ARA.

24. Brigadier Martins passed away on 17 Jul 89 and was survived by his wife Audrey, a daughter and a son.

Abbreviations Used in This Annex

The following is a list of abbreviations used in this Annex:

AAOC	Australian Army Ordnance Corps
AASC	Australian Army Service Corps
ACMF	Active Citizen Military Forces
ADEME	Assistant Director Electrical and Mechanical Engineering
AEME	The Corps of Army Electrical and Mechanical Engineers
AHQ	Army Headquarters
AIF	Australian Imperial Forces
BLA	British Land Army
BRIT COMM BASE WKSP	British and Commonwealth Advanced Base Workshop (Korea)
CCC	Central Control Commission
DADME	Deputy Assistant Director Mechanical Engineering
DDEME	Deputy Director Electrical and Mechanical Engineering
DEME	Director Electrical and Mechanical Engineering
DME	Directorate of Mechanical Engineering
DMGO	Deputy Master General of Ordnance
E COMD	Eastern Command
L of C	Line of Communications
LT(H)	Lieutenant (Honorary)
ME	Mechanical Engineering
MGO	Master General of Ordnance
S COMD	Southern Command



Brigadier H.L.C. Martins, OBE
Memorial Encouragement Award

(Training Year)

Presented to

CPL D.J. GAMMON

***The outstanding Junior NCO attending
the RAEME subject 4 Sergeant Course***

***This award recognises high standards of trade ability,
leadership and community involvement***

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