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ROYAL ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL ENGINEERS

To serve the increasing demands of a modern mechanized Army, the Corps of Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers was formed in 1942 from the Mechanical Engineering Staff of the RAOC together with elements of RE and RASC.

The main task of the Corps is the Recovery, Repair and overhaul of the fighting equipment of the Army, including Tanks, Guns, Vehicles, Engineer Equipment, Instruments, Wireless and Small Arms.

To fulfil his role, the REME craftsman must not only be a skilled technician but also a fully trained soldier. The task of REME in forward Recovery units, and in Beach landings exemplified this. In fact, the first vehicle landed in France on 'D' Day 1944 carried REME soldiers of a Beach Recovery Unit.

The Corps, though young, is already building up a proud tradition. Its function was very well summed up by Field Marshal the Viscount Montgomery of Alamein "REME exists to keep the punch in the Army's fist".

Power under control, symbolised by the Chained Horse, is the main theme of the REME badge.