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We recall those staunch friends who fought beside us on the first ANZAC Day — our brothers from New Zealand, who helped to create that name; the men of the Royal Navy, and of the 29th and other British Divisions, the Indian mountain gunners and our brave French allies. We recall all those who have since fallen fighting shoulder to shoulder with us in both world wars — who gave their lives in the Eighth Army, the Royal Navy, the Royal Air Force and all the British and Dominion forces and Merchant Navy, and the ranks of the American allies who came at our call. We think of those British men, women and children who fell when, for the second time in history, their nation and its kindred stood alone against the overwhelming might of an oppressor until the world rallied and hurled him back. We think of the peaceful millions in prostrated Europe, in defiant Greece, Russia and China, whose graves have cried for their longed-for deliverance.

We think of our loyal friends among the peoples of New Guinea and elsewhere. We think of every man, woman and child who in those crucial hours died so that the lights of freedom and humanity might continue to shine.

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This venture came about because these 66-foot ALC 40's were too heavy for the lifting gear aboard the merchant ships that were supplying the Solomon Islands at that time. The only alternative was to sail them under their own power to Torokina. This was not advised by the Royal Australian Navy authorities; nevertheless the Army, in their wisdom and having great faith in the Australian-made craft and the men who would man them, gave the order to proceed.

The barges were prepared for the open sea; additional men, over and above the normal crew, were to be carried and these would become replacements and reinforcements on their arrival at Torokina. A quantity of general stores, various other equipment and 44-gallon drums of petrol for refuelling at sea were loaded. The barges were to be escorted by Army Tug AT 174, SHELL24, from 12 Aust Small Ships Coy.

At 0620 hours on the morning of 4th July 1945, the convoy moved off down the Brisbane River and thence to the open sea on a voyage that most of the lads on those 20 "tin cans" would never forget. It must be stated at this point that 75 per cent of these men had never been to sea before joining Water Transport and spoke of this exercise as if it was going to be some kind of day out. But it was not. The sea boiled and was whipped up into a mountainous state as the lads soon found out.

All began well, fair weather and plain sailing till the evening of 7th July when, without warning, the weather changed. From then on it was a real test of seamanship and courage. It was also the moment of truth with regard to the strength of the welds that held these "sardine cans" together. The south-east breeze had picked up and was gaining momentum with every minute.

The currents that run between Tweed and Berwick Islands can be a handful at the best of times, but when the combination of both a powerful wind and tricky currents mix, the sea boils and is whipped up into a turbulent fury. The chop then becomes rather unpleasant, as the lads soon found out.

This wind continued to blow throughout the night and showed no sign of abating. At 0100 hrs on the 8th, the wind velocity was force 6 and some gusts were greater. The waves were mountainous and the crews worked desperately in an effort to gain some shelter in the lee of High Peak Island but, as is the nature of the coastline in this area, the convoy was forced to stand wide out to sea.

With the first light of dawn it was an amazing sight: gale-swept seas with waves rolling in 15 to 18 feet high. A quick check surprisingly revealed that the convoy was intact. The 20 barges and escort may have been scattered about on that wild, greyish-blue, white-capped sea, but the "tin cans" were still in there battling against the power of nature, which can be a trial.

OC Convoy, who had kept the sea abaft of him throughout the night, made a decision with the approach of daylight, to come about and put the head of the convoy directly into the wind, in an attempt to make an anchorage at High Peak. Of course this was the right move, but the change in course played merry hell with the barges as they reared their ugly bow section skyward, only to be pounded down with a tremendous thud on their flat bottoms. A terrific shudder ran through the vessels as they crashed into yet another on-coming wave and repeated the previous performance. It was unpleasant for all hands. There were many bruises received and lumps of skin lost before making the Island.

One barge was having trouble in the engine department with only two motors effectively operating.

From here on to Cairns the voyage was an uneventful run, a real pleasure trip in comparison with the previous caper. At Cairns all barges were slipped and made ship shape for the coming run across the Coral Sea. New larger propellers were fitted to all craft. This modification would make a difference to the speed of each vessel, and also reduce the slip in the water giving the helmsman more control over the craft.

The company was in high spirits when they departed Cairns and passed through the Grafton Passage and into the Coral Sea; here the south-east weather greeted the Barges again. Beam-on seas were the order of the day, tossing and rolling the 66 footers about like toys. Hot meals were hard to come by on this leg of the trip.

Bouts of seasickness were quite common, and some of the toughest old salts were brought to their knees on this crossing.

For the next four days, at a speed of around seven knots, the barges in these appalling conditions continued to make slow progress towards their landfall. All craft would have to for 30 minutes each morning and evening for refuelling and checking for any defects. When the Company finally made Papua it was still 20 barges and, although some craft had suffered damage, they could still limp along under their own power.

The final stage of the trip from the China Straits to Bougainville was a non-stop effort and, once again, the barges and their crews had a rough time as the unfavourable winds churned up the sea and lashed the craft unmercifully over those three days. More barges were having trouble with their engines, but all held their positions with the exception of one that was forced to be taken in tow by our escorting tug.

There was little respite for those barges which did not require immediate repairs as there was a heavy demand for ship-to-shore duties. Japan threw in the sponge shortly after 54 P/C Coy arrived in the Solomons, and when I departed the Coy to join BCOF, the barges were transporting Jap prisoners from remote parts of the islands to the main compound at Torokina. These 66 craft carried a capacity load of prisoners numbering 250 (official capacity — 200 passengers) per trip and most trips took six to 10 hours.

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Anzac Day Address by Lt. Col. Vivian Statham MBE ARRC ED FNM

State Executive member Mike Hall, at the invitation of Mr Les Storer, Principal of Greenmount Primary School, was one of those who were privileged to hear an outstanding address, "ANZAC DAY", given to the school at its Anzac Commemorative Service.

Greenmount School stands on the old Blackboy Hill campsite. The school's guest speaker, Lt. Col. Vivian Statham, was formerly Matron Bulwinkel of the Royal Australian Army Nursing Corps. She was in the Singapore disaster and among the few to survive the sinking of a shipload of fugitives and a Japanese massacre which followed.

Lt. Col. Statham made her address available to "Listening Post" at Mike Hall's request. "The Last Post and Reveille", he reported, "sounded by an 11-year-old girl from an Eastern Suburbs school, was another feature of the service". He congratulated all who took part.

ANZAC DAY

AN ADDRESS BY
LT. COL. VIVIAN STATHAM MBE ARRC ED FNM

We are gathered here today to celebrate ANZAC DAY - the 25th of April - day of great importance in the history of Australia.

The word ANZAC is formed from the first letters of Australian New Zealand Army Corps. The day commemorates the great action, way back in 1915, when men from the Australian New Zealand Armies landed from ships in boats and fought together at Gallipoli with great distinction, showing fantastic bravery, determination and initiative against almost impossible odds and under almost continuous gunfire from a determined enemy. They clambered up the steep hills which rose behind the beach and established themselves on the high ground above.

I am sure many of you would find that your great grandfathers took part in the Gallipoli Landing or the Campaign on the Gallipoli Peninsula.

ANZAC DAY is a day, too, when we say thank you to New Zealand for the help and support of their soldiers when the ANZAC Force was faced with the tremendous, daunting and dangerous task of attacking the Peninsula at ANZAC Cove and establishing a beach-head ashore in a heavily defended area.

Bravery and determination are characteristics that make up the Australian serviceman under danger and adversity. These characteristics showed that Australian and New Zealand forces could be relied upon and had the ability and fortitude to fight on their own and, in doing that, they won for Australia and New Zealand world recognition as being countries of importance in their own right.

That is the reason why it is such an important day in our history and why, on the 25th of April every year on the anniversary of the Gallipoli Landing, we say thank you and show our deep appreciation of the sacrifices that our servicemen - soldiers, sailors and airmen - have made, not only at Gallipoli but in the various wars in which Australian forces have been involved so that you and I, our families and your teachers, can live in freedom; so that you can go to school to be educated towards a career of your own choice, so that you can play, enjoy Adventure Worlds, go to the beach and have picnics - so that you can play your favourite sport and so that you can be free to travel and enjoy your holidays.

We, on this day, say thank you to the thousands of Australians - young men as old or younger than your fathers, as old or younger than your schoolteachers, who prevented the enemy from capturing Australia when they were so close in 1942, bombing Darwin and Broome in the north of our State and attacking Sydney with submarines in Sydney Harbour. Our men fought on land, on the sea and in the air to keep this great country free for us and for the many people who have come from other countries to make their homes here with us.

Yes, you and I are enjoying life at the sacrifice of many Australian and New Zealand men and women. If we are to keep our way of life, you and I are going to have to work hard and fight to keep it - and the way you can do this is to try and do well at school, choose and work towards your career, and use your initiative. You will have to fight the temptation of drugs - you must have the courage of your convictions and ideals - be loyal to your country, to your family, to your school and to your close friends. Always respect the other person and care for each other as Pte Simpson did at Gallipoli - Pte Simpson found a donkey wandering amongst the hills, he caught it, and every day, rain or shine, with shells and bullets landing all around him, he would go up to the front line and bring back wounded men so that they could get medical care.

As that great World War II Doctor - Sir Edward (Weary) Dunlop, who became known as the Christ of the Burma Railway - who stood in front of a blinded and handless British soldier who the enemy wanted to kill, saying - "you will have to kill me first".

As that great Perth doctor, Bruce Hunt, who took bashing after bashing from the enemy because he refused to let his sick men go on working parties, said: "Yes, it often takes great courage to give service to others."

I was a nurse in the Royal Australian Army Nursing Corps - which has 85 years of proud history. Wherever the Australian servicemen have fought, the Royal Australian Army Nursing Corps has been present, in casualty clearing stations and Army hospitals and hospital ships, to take care of the wounded and sick. We felt that, if an Australian was prepared to fight to keep our country free for us, he deserved the best care that was available. We were trained nurses and had the skill to care for those brave men.

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Recreation for Over-55s

Even a new-born babe...

For too long our society has urged older people to "take it easy". How often have we heard younger, well-intentioned family members and friends say, "Here, let me do that - you're not as young as you used to be, you know."? (Who is, anyway? Even a new-born babe isn't as young as it is used to!) The simple truth is that we need to exercise every part of our bodies (and for that matter - our minds) if we're to maintain health and fitness well into old age. Results from research, both overseas and in Australia, have revealed that older people benefit significantly when they maintain an active lifestyle. This is particularly so if they're physically active. The heart is a muscle and, like any other muscle, benefits from regular exercise. The lungs, too, need to be exercised so that a greater oxygen intake can surge through the bloodstream to vital organs, muscles, extremities, even the skin and to the brain. Any part of the body that's starved of oxygen-rich blood deteriorates at any age.

Exhilaration

Many of you will recall that tremendous feeling of well-being you experienced in your youth after playing a strenuous game of your favourite sport. You felt invincible - even indestructible, didn't you? Many of you, however, may be unaware that you can again experience that surge of exhilaration, simply by taking up a former activity or tackling a new one. Even for those of you who've never played sport - it's not too late. Of course, you're smart enough by now to know you're never likely to make a clean sweep at the Olympics and you've become aware of your own limitations - but you're probably in for a few pleasant surprises when you decide to 'get physical'. Among the many success stories notched up by the Western Australian Government Department for Sport and Recreation are its programmes for over fifty-five-year-olds.

Swimming

For instance, there are several examples we never tire of quoting - such as those that have come about as a result of our Swimming for Over-55s programme. A number of people (some in their eighties!) who've had a life-long fear of water, have conquered their terrors and learned to swim. Some have even progressed to intermediate level. We could probably fill these pages with similar success stories from each of our programmes. Swimming is probably the best exercise for older people, because there's little or no jarring of joints (a boon to arthritis sufferers) and the water supports the body. (Salt water offers even more buoyancy). Older people who are also overweight benefit from swimming or performing other exercises in the water.

Walking

Brisk walking comes a close second to swimming as an ideal exercise for older people. With suitably comfortable clothing and footwear, the possibility of injury is minimal. The Department for Sport and Recreation's Walking for Over-55s programme is held each year, beginning in autumn.

Bikeabouts

Cycling is another excellent exercise. With the proper cycling helmet and comfortable clothing, the risk of injury is slight, particularly if use is made of the network of safe cycle paths being built nowadays by many local government authorities. The Department for Sport and Recreation holds several Bikeabouts for Over-55s each year. From the wobbly to the well-practised, we cater for all kinds of cyclists and during the annual bikeabout week we provide bikes and helmets free of charge for those who haven't yet bought their own.

Recreation Lifestyle Camps

These enormously popular, week-long camps are usually held at one of the Department's 12 campsites facilities. (No, you don't sleep under canvas - you're warm, dry, comfortable and well-fed). None of the activities is compulsory. You may enjoy bushwalking, canoeing, archery, cycling, gentle flexibility and strengthening exercises, or performing in a concert. A trained nursing sister is in attendance.

Sports Camps

The first of these, in June, 1987, will be a 'first' in Australia. The Sports Camps for Over-55s are a logical follow-on from the Department's popular Recreation Lifestyle Camps and its highly-acclaimed Have-A-Go programme. The Have-A-Go programme provided people with opportunities to try any one or more of a number of activities such as badminton, tennis, canoeing, sailing, ten-pin bowling and re-discovering the pleasures of ballroom dancing.

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Mt Eliza, the cliff, and the Memorial which is built just over the top of the cliff. The cliff is very like the cliffs at Gallipoli and it has been dedicated as a Memorial to those men of Gallipoli who won world recognition for Australia; and the Memorial above has been dedicated to the memory of all those Western Australian servicemen and women who gave their lives for their country — for you and for me.

Each time you visit Kings Park, I would like to think that you will give them a thought — and a quiet, but great, big THANK YOU.

NEW ARMY COMMANDER FOR WA

A new Commander has been appointed as the senior soldier in WA — Commander of the 5th Military District. He is Brigadier Alan Hodges who took up the appointment on January 19, having been Deputy Chief of the Army Reserve in Canberra for the previous two years.

Brigadier Hodges replaces Brigadier Jim Townley who has assumed the appointment of Director General Operations and Plans in Canberra.

Graduating from the Royal Military College Duntroon in 1960, Brigadier Hodges was commissioned into the Royal Australian Engineers.

He served his early regimental years in 24 Construction Squadron, Brisbane, and in 11 Independent Field Squadron Royal Engineers as part of the Commonwealth Brigade in Malaysia, serving also in Borneo and Thailand.


He has attended the Command and Staff College, Quetta, Pakistan and the Australian Joint Services Staff College, Canberra.

In 1982 Brigadier Hodges, then a Colonel, served in the office of the Chief of Defence Force Staff with responsibility for policy development for the Australian Defence Force Academy.

He was promoted Brigadier in 1985.

Brigadier Hodges has degrees in Civil Engineering from Melbourne University and in Commerce and in Economics from the University of Queensland.

He is accompanied in Perth by his wife Beryl, one of their two daughters, and their son.

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**Immediate Home Help (1-4 weeks)**

Where a crisis threatens the stability of the accommodation in the home of an entitled beneficiary, this service is provided in order to “tide over” the Veteran in the short term, thus preventing the possible disintegration of usual care arrangements. Services are varied and may range from live-in housekeeper arrangements to daily check visits.

**Ongoing Home Help (4-12 weeks)**

The nature of these services are similar to those in the Immediate Home Help category, the difference being the duration in time of service provision.

**Personal Assistance with Daily Living**

These services apply to a beneficiary’s personal needs as opposed to domestic requirements. The assistance promotes the client’s optimal functioning in aspects of personal care tasks, such as bathing, dressing, eating, etc.

**Domiciliary Linen Service**

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This once-weekly service to the homes of entitled beneficiaries provides for the delivery, pick-up, and cleaning of “prescribed” amounts of bed linen, pyjamas, towels, face washers, etc.

**Shopping**

Provision for a worker to shop on behalf of an entitled beneficiary, or to actually accompany an individual who is at risk when shopping alone.

**Disabled Persons Transport**

Stringent guidelines apply to these services in order to differentiate them from regular transport arrangements provided by the Department.

A prerequisite for this service is that a definite need for recreation or companionship exists which threatens the beneficiary’s mental resolve to remain at home if the need is not met. In addition, the client’s circumstances must be such that, for practical reasons associated with their disability, the individual requires unusual transport arrangements.

**Once Only Services**

This is a general category covering varied services such as spring cleaning, carpet cleaning and other special maintenance needs which arise infrequently and can be carried out in one or two days. Requests for special services not provided by other organisations may be considered under this category.

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Seven F/A 18 Hornet multi-mission fighter aircraft arrived at RAAF PEARCE from RAAF WILLIAMSTOWN in NWS, in two groups: the first of four aircraft led by the Commanding Officer, Wing Commander Bruce MOUATT, RAAF.

The second group of three Hornets arrived after participating in a fire-power display at Puckapunyal in Victoria and refuelling at RAAF EDINBURGH in South Australia.

While at RAAF PEARCE the squadron carried out air-to-ground bombing exercises over the Lanceilin and Muchea bombing ranges. The bombs used were 11 kilogram practice bombs which hold only a small spotting charge. No live bombs were dropped during the exercises.

One of Australia’s oldest, No. 3 Squadron, Australian Flying Corps was formed in 1916 and saw war service in France before disbanding in 1919.

On 1 July 1925, No. 3 Squadron was reformed as a unit of the Royal Australian Air Force at Point Cook in Victoria. Shortly afterwards it moved to Richmond, in NSW, where it operated until its departure for the Middle East on 15 July 1940.

No. 3 Squadron began operations as an Army cooperation Squadron in November 1940, and supported the first British advance into Libya. It moved forward with the Army until early 1941 when it was withdrawn to be reformed as a fighter squadron.

In this role the Squadron fought through Benghazi, Aboukir, Cyprus, Syria, El Alamein and Tripolitania to Tunisia before moving in 1943 to Malta, Sicily and finally to Italy, thus becoming the first Allied Squadron to be based on the soil of an enemy homeland.

No. 3 Squadron participated in the Anzio landings, the Battle of Cassino, and the fall of Rome before later operating over Yugoslavia and Austria.

In 4½ years of continuous war service the squadron operated Lysander, Gladiator, Hurricane, Tomahawk, Kittyhawk and Mustang aircraft. It flew 25,633 operational hours and destroyed a total of 217½ enemy aircraft, making it the highest scoring Commonwealth Squadron of the Second World War.

Returning to Point Cook, the squadron disbanded on 30 July 1946 for a short time before being re-formed at Canberra on 8 March 1948 and once again disbanding in March 1952.

Four years later No. 3 Squadron was re-formed at RAAF WILLIAMSTOWN, NSW as a fighter squadron equipped with Sabre aircraft. The squadron converted to Mirage aircraft in 1967 and moved to Butterworth in Malaysia in 1969.

In 1986 the squadron was re-formed at RAAF WILLIAMSTOWN where it began to re-equip as the RAAF’s first operational Hornet Squadron.

— VIC JEFFERY,
Defence Public Relations

RSL COMMEMORATION CEREMONIES — STANDARD PROCEDURE

BY-LAW NO 20 — SUB ARTICLE 32.1

1. Wherever possible RSL commemoration ceremonies should follow a standard order of service as detailed in this By-Law.
2. At the appropriate time of the commemoration the sequence of events for RSL ceremonies shall be as follows:

   (i) The Last Post shall be played.
   (ii) The Ode shall be spoken by the designated person.

   ‘They shall grow not old, (short pause)
   As we that are left grow old, (longer pause)
   Age shall not weary them, (short pause)
   Nor the years condemn, (longer pause)
   At the going down of the sun, (short pause)
   And in the morning, (longer pause)
   We will remember them. (short pause)
   The gathering repeats ‘We will remember them.’”

   (iii) A period of two minutes silence shall then be observed.
   (iv) The designated person shall say ‘Lest we forget’ and the gathering will repeat ‘Lest we forget’.
   (v) Reveille (not Rouse or The Cavalry Reveille) shall then be played.
   (vi) The ceremony is ended. The words ‘thank you’ shall NOT be spoken to end the ceremony.

3. While it is expected that the form of service detailed in this By-Law shall be used at the routine RSL commemoration ceremonies, variations may occur from time to time. However, where the RSL is the organising and/or co-ordinating authority of a commemoration ceremony every attempt should be made to have the ceremony follow the sequence detailed above.

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OUR FLAG IS IN DANGER!

Most people are aware that an organisation known as AUSFLAG '88 is conducting a campaign to have our National Flag changed to something else. It is persevering in this despite the dismal failure of a very expensive competition for a new design, and in the face of unofficial polls and letters to the press which clearly indicate that the great majority of people living in this country do not want any change. This includes people from all walks of life, of the whole age range, and irrespective of their country of origin.

The reasons advanced by Ausflag '88 are specious and very much suspect. Why should anybody want to destroy our heritage, to forget our proud history and our march to nationhood?

These questions are particularly pertinent when one considers the amount of money Ausflag '88 is able to spend on its campaign.

The Prime Minister, when pressed, said that the Flag would not be changed in 1988. We in the Australian National Flag Association take no comfort from this. Political promises are so often reversed because of "changed circumstances". Moreover the Prime Minister has given no undertaking for 1989 and beyond.

Our doubts are reinforced by this Government's refusal to process a Bill which was introduced into the Senate last year. This Bill was designed to make it impossible for any change to our Flag to be made without the approval of the people at a referendum. The Bill went through the Senate without debate, which meant that no senator was put in the position of having to commit himself. It then went to the House of Representatives where it lies to this day. The Government has refused to deal with it. Senator Evans has said that it "has died a well deserved death". Do you wonder then at our concern?

The Australian National Flag Association is conducting a nationwide campaign to present a petition of one million signatures asking that no change be made without the authority of Australians at a referendum.

We seek your help. Many people have of course already signed a petition of this kind, but no matter. Let us all get together in this great effort to preserve our Flag from the destroyers.
A PRAYER AND PETITION

TO THE HONOURABLE THE SPEAKER AND MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES IN PARLIAMENT ASSEMBLED

The humble petition of the undersigned citizens of Australia as respectively sheweth that they are totally opposed to any change in the present Australian National Flag as declared in the Flags Act (1953).

Your petitioners humbly pray that Parliament in its wisdom will take no action nor permit any action to be taken to make any change without the approval of the Australian people by referendum.

And your petitioners as in duty bound will ever pray —

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TALK BY LIEUT/COL. G.B. COURTNEY MBE MC

At a sandwich luncheon on 12th March 1987, held at Anzac House, a distinguished gathering of 120 people, including 17 members of "Z" Special, enjoyed an address by Lt/Col Courtney of Melbourne entitled "Z Special Unit Special Operations (Australia)".

Lt/Col Courtney is the author of "SBS in the World War" (the story of the original Special Boat Section of the Army Commandos); it is the remarkable and dramatic account of the brave men who manned the frail canoes on the SBC raids from France to Borneo.

"Jumbo" Courtney was born and educated in England, commissioned in the Queen’s Own Royal West Kent Regiment in October 1935, and from ’46 to ’55 was attached to the Foreign Service when he travelled throughout the Middle East and East Africa. He is the younger brother of Roger Courtney who created and commanded Nos 1 and 2 Special Boat Sections between 1940 and 1944. Lt/Col Courtney served in the Unit from April 1942 until the end of the war in the Far East.

Members of the Red Cross Service Corp assisted with the lunch and the function was arranged by Joan Dowson.

R.J. Nyman, Chairman Functions Committee.

DEFENCE SERVICE HOMES

The Western Australian office of the Defence Service Homes Corporation has provided the following information for the general benefit of members who already have a housing loan or who are contemplating seeking one for the purchase or construction of a home.

The information provided is a brief guide only as space does not permit a detailed explanation of all aspects of the loan. If you wish to make further enquiries, please telephone 425 8311 or 008-113304 if calling STD.

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Q. I RECEIVE A PENSION FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS’ AFFAIRS. AM I ENTITLED TO A WAR SERVICE LOAN?
A. Not necessarily. The theatres of war recognised by the Department of Veterans’ Affairs for pension purposes are often quite different from the areas and dates covered in the Defence Service Homes Act. Just because you get a service-related pension does not mean you are eligible to apply for a Defence Service Homes loan. You should have your eligibility checked with the Corporation.

Q. I HAVE COMPLETED "WAR" SERVICE AND "DEFENCE" SERVICE. CAN I GET TWO SEPARATE LOANS?
A. In May 1973, the eligibility provisions were extended to include peacetime service in the Australian Defence Forces after 7 December, 1972 as qualifying service for a loan. At the same time, the title of the Act was changed to the Defence Service Homes Act 1918-1973.

The popular misconception is that there is available one loan for "War" service and another for "Defence" service. That is not so.

Q. I RECEIVED A DEFENCE SERVICE HOME LOAN TO BUY MY CURRENT HOME BUT WISH TO MOVE TO ANOTHER LOCATION. CAN I TRANSFER MY MORTGAGE?
A. There is no provision under the Act to transfer loans. All such enquiries are treated as requests for a second loan. Under existing policy, approval may be given where the applicant is compelled to move from the Defence Service Home. Approval may also be given in other circumstances where an applicant has completed more than one period of qualifying service. Further specific enquiries to 425 8324.

Q. I HAVE BEEN TOLD THAT IT TAKES 10 MONTHS TO PROCESS A DEFENCE SERVICE HOME LOAN. IS THAT TRUE?
A. NO! It does not take us that long to process the application. But all loan applications for the purchase of an existing home are affected by a 10-month waiting period. The waiting period was a budgetary measure imposed by the Government many years ago. However, it does not mean you must wait 10 months before the purchase of your home is finalised. In such cases, loan approval will take about two weeks after which you will be authorised to complete the transaction with alternative finance. At the end of the waiting period, the Corporation will pay out that finance. Remember, though, you must have prior approval to arrange outside finance.

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Anzac Day (1987)

There is no doubt that someone up top was watching over us on the morning of Anzac Day. It had rained incessantly for the previous 36 hours but, about four hours before Assembly time, the rain stopped and the clouds cleared away, leaving us with vast expanses of blue sky and sunshine. Several hours after the Parade, back came the bad weather.

The morning saw the Inaugural March for the newly formed B.C.O.F. Association of WA. At about 10.20am the B.C.O.F. Contingent moved off with Doug Spice leading, followed by our brand new banner supported on the right by Randall Harding and, on the left, by Doug Mulconray. Five paces behind the banner came the main body. Twenty members of our Association took part; Doug Spice, Randall Harding, Doug Mulconray, John Meeks, Syd Bailey, Mary Farley, Ethel Brennan, Ray Purton, Bruce Borham, Chas Simpson, Tony Gabelich, Kevin Smith, Greg Flanders, Fred Armstrong and Wally Silvester. Geo Carter and Les Gatley met up with the group on the Esplanade and, later still, Frances Sinclair and Ray Cole joined our ranks during the March Past up to the dispersal area.

Just prior to the March, everyone had been invited to the Y.A.L. headquarters for tea, coffee, cakes and sandwiches at the conclusion of the parade, but unfortunately, not everyone was able to accept. However, next year you will be given prior notice about the refreshments being available to B.C.O.F. members and their friends, wives and families.

Special thanks must go out to our hardworking and efficient Secretary, Doug Spice, for his successful organisation of this, our first, Anzac Day March.

Source: Wally Silvester

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Major General Sir Ivan Dougherty
Major General Ian Campbell
His Excellency Mr Efthymios Tzaferis — the Greek Ambassador
His Eminence, The Most Rev Archbishop Stylianos

An appeal for funds was launched in Canberra on April 1 by the Prime Minister, Mr Robert Hawke. It is hoped to raise $1,000,000; approx $300,000 to construct the memorial and $700,000 or more, to establish a Scholarship Fund for a cultural student exchange scheme between our two countries to conserve the close bonds of friendship forged in war against a common enemy.

State Committees have been set up. A meeting was held at ANZAC House on April 9, under the Chairmanship of Dr Alan King, Ex 2/7 Field Ambulance and attended by Unit Association representatives from 2/11 Battalion, 2/3rd Field Regiment, 2/7th Field Ambulance, the Naval Association (WA Section), the 39ers’ Association and the EX-POW Association.

Mr Stan Cann MBE, of the 2/1st Field Coy Engineers is Chairman of the West Australian Committee. Donations can be sent to the Treasurer, Hal Finkelstein of 15 Jukes Way, Glendalough 6016. Donations over $2 are tax deductible. It is expected that the local Greek community, under the leadership of its President, Dr Mick Lekias, a prominent Greek businessman, will produce major benefactors to the Fund.

THE PRISONERS OF WAR ANNUAL MEMORIAL SERVICE:

15 FEBRUARY 1987.

A simple memorial set among our beloved gum trees, in a quieter section of King’s Park is surely the perfect setting for a day of remembrance. I believe it is just as the men and women we pay homage to would wish — a quiet service devoid of needless pomp.

It is right that the day should be one of quiet remembrance for, whether we were prisoners in Europe or Asia, we had one thing in common: we all enlisted and saw service during the darkest hours thus, aside from learning precisely how valuable was the freedom for which we fought, none of us is used to hearing a noisy fanfare of vio­cious trumpets.

The warm greetings and subdued conversation reflected the mood of all those who gathered together on this day, and it was pleasing to note the presence of younger family members. Indeed, we were all members of one large and special family, bound together by our experiences of hardship and privation.

I am gratified to see that many of us are still blessed by the presence of our good wives: lovely girls who gently led us away from the tragedy of those years, patiently listening to, and sharing our experiences and giving us that which we needed most — love and devotion. To the lonely widows and widowers, I hope and pray that your families are still with you to help and guide you onwards through life.

The organisation of the Service has always been good, thanks to the unobtrusive efficiency of the Mar­shal, his officials and the young naval cadets. It was pleasing to see the congregation seated on the one side in the shade, and the names of the wreath layers and the various organisations represented were clearly heard.

Our good padre, who is one of us, reminds us each year of our responsibilities and, despite our age and experience, we do need to be reminded of them once in a while. In turn, I hope he will excuse me if I remind him that, while we were P.O.W.s, we were closer then to the Christian spirit than before or since.

While we honour those who made the supreme sacrifice, let us not forget the living. It was the spirit of each and every one of them that helped us survive those years. I remember the inadequate goodbyes to mates who soon would be far away, casting a shadow as we waved our farewells.

I regard the few wreaths and the lovely small crosses as an admirable expression of the way we feel on this day. One should not measure sincerity by its size but by its quiet simplicity, and this simple service is the ideal way by which we express our feelings on this very special day.

George Fisher.
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I'll try to get there  YES ☐ NO ☐
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As a result of this knowledge, I am attempting to provide some form of assistance to fellow veterans unable to secure employment, by initiating the Vietnam Veterans Job-Link programme which will aim at linking prospective employers with those of you seeking work.

With the help of several other veterans, I hope to be able to identify sufficient employers from various sectors of the workforce who are prepared to support this programme by advising us of job vacancies as they occur within their employment areas.

If you would like to see this programme succeed, and feel you may benefit from it, contact Denis Dillon, John Fitzgerald or myself at the V.V.C.S. on 481 1955. We will initially be available Wednesdays of each week, but plan to extend our operating hours once the programme is off and running. If, however, you should attempt contact at another time, one of us will be only too happy to return your call.

EMPLOYERS

If any veterans reading this notice are in a position to assist other veterans with employment opportunities, I would appreciate hearing from you also.

Tambo Visit  RSL National Newsletter.

Members of the National Executive meeting in Canberra in March expressed alarm that Australians are not receiving balanced arguments about apartheid in South Africa. The visit of Archbishop Desmond Tutu earlier in the year, now closely followed by a visit of Oliver Tambo, the Leader of the African National Congress, has ensured that Australians are still denied the opportunity to hear all sides of the anti-apartheid case.

Tambo, an avowed Communist, is committed to the violent overthrow of the South African regime at a time when the majority of urban blacks consider that the changes that are occurring will lead to full recognition, in due course, without bloodshed. His terrorist methods are eschewed by the majority of black South Africans. Having been an arm of the underground South African Communist Party for more than two decades, the ANC is not a genuine nationalist movement.

The National President, Sir William Keys, has called on the Prime Minister to issue an invitation to Zulu Chief Buthelezi to come to Australia for a lecture tour because he represents the largest group of black South Africans. He should also be invited to explain the effects of sanctions on black South Africans and also how sanctions are affecting neighbouring countries.

Two other black leaders to invite to Australia are union official Lucy Mvubelo and Bishop Mokoena. Lucy Mvubelo has said “Sanctions have been a curse on us”, and “Blacks were really out of the oppression of the past ... now we are back to square one. Millions of black workers are going to lose their jobs if sanctions continue”. Bishop Mokoena, referring to sanctions, has said “The people will suffer irreparable damage” and “People in the west must understand that to remedy a patient

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While Australia takes a simplistic approach to the South African problem, we only contribute to the violence and bloodshed of the ANC. It is time for us to hear both sides of the question.

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But the State members who attended their first conference this year at Leeuwin Barracks, Fremantle, are anxious to increase that figure.

Their chances of doing so will be greatly enhanced by the active support of the recently appointed Commander 5th Military District, Brigadier Alan Hodges — the senior soldier in the State.

Brigadier Hodges’ previous appointment was Deputy Chief of the Army Reserve, in Canberra, where he also wore the hat of National Executive Officer of CESRF.

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The Future of the League Convention, held in March of this year, was very successful with 223 delegates (eight from WA) from all over Australia present. The National President, Sir William Keys, presided.

The keynote address was given by General Sir Philip Bennett on the eve of his retirement from his position as Chief of the Defence Forces. It was a most inspiring address and he let all present know, in no uncertain terms, that the League must have a successful membership drive on the young if it is to survive.

'A motion that items passed by the convention be binding on the National Executive was overwhelmingly defeated'.

On the first day of debate the delegates divided into six groups to discuss the following topics: Organisation, Motivation, Communication, Membership, Funding and Policies. These topics were considered to be the basis for the Future of the League.

A summary follows:

1 ORGANISATION
   a There should be more delegates to National Congress.
   b The League should adopt more modern administrative processes.
   c There should be no limitation on the term of an office bearer.
   d The name of the League is a matter for continuing review.
   e There is concern at the viability of small Sub-Branches.

2 MOTIVATION
   a Why do members not attend meetings?
   b Self interest, curiosity, security, professional interests, youth program, service units. Would this motivate eligible veterans into joining the League?
   c To motivate existing members; meetings must be made more interesting. Select the right types to be committee members.

3 COMMUNICATIONS/PUBLIC RELATIONS
   a There should be a National Publication.
   b All members to act as their own public relation officers.
   c National should develop Sub-Branch kits for use on ANZAC Day and other days that the League commemorates.
   d National policies should derive from the opinions of members.

4 MEMBERSHIP
   a Branches and Sub-Branches should encourage unit associations to join the League.
   b Members to recruit in their own geographical areas.
   c League members should address Defence Forces Seminars, visit units and distribute information on the League.

5 FUNDING
   a It is unrealistic to rely on subscriptions.
   b An educational programme should be conducted to inform members of the League's activities.
   c Future of the League Conventions to be held every two years.

6 POLICIES
   a There is a need for more Sub-Branch involvement in the local community.
   b A think-tank approach to planning the future of the League.
   c Funds and effort should be utilised in accordance with priorities.
   d Older officials should stand aside and encourage younger members to take office.
   e The League should be prepared to express its opinions on national affairs and to accept bouquets or brickbats.
   f The League must use the all-embracing term "Service and Ex-Service" to describe those whom it serves.

In summing up the Convention, I have no hesitation in stating that the debates on all items were of a high standard and that everyone came away with a better understanding of what the League is doing and should be doing.

Many old friendships were renewed and more friendships made. All Sub-Branches should make every effort to be represented at future conventions. A number of Sub-Branches could select a suitable delegate, or delegates to represent them and so offset expenses.

My thanks to the City of Perth Sub-Branch for the opportunity to attend such an outstanding Convention.

M.C. (MIKE) HALL

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WX8 Major I.J. Bessell-Browne
WX9 Captain J.B. Fitzhardinge 6th Battery
VX211 Captain C.A. Mott
NX 3174 WO2 W.F. Walsh

If any of these persons can be traced, would you ask them to write to:

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Department of Defence — Army Office
Russell Offices (G-3-39)
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Dear Editor

JAMES GILLAN

James Gillan now 64 years of age, was a Gunner in the Royal Navy and served on the Queen Mary. He was last seen in Perth about six years ago. His brother, Daniel Gillan, 70 years old, would like to contact him. Daniel Gillan’s address is: Unit 17, 163 Waterloo Court, 163 Waterloo Corner Road, Salisbury North, Adelaide, South Australia 5108. Anyone knowing ex-Gunner James Gillan, please advise him of this message.

Thank you,
Mrs T Lockhart
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Dear Editor

I am writing to you to ask you for assistance with an unusual task that I have been given. I am trying to locate a 25 pounder Field Gun that was used by 1st Field Regiment at the Battle of Barce, 3 February 1941.

I am hoping that you may be able to provide me with the details of any records you have on 25 pounders that have been issued to your sub-branches. The type of information that I am after regards weapon numbers, barrel numbers, originating unit, etc.

I would be grateful for any information you could provide as it would help with further research. Should one of the guns we seek be held by one of your sub-branches, the Regiment has a 25 pounder in excellent condition which could be given in exchange.

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The ex-Servicewomen's Inaugural Bowl's Day, organised by Dorothy Needham and held at East Fremantle Bowling Club on Friday, 27 March 1987, was an outstanding success. Ex-members of all services were present, with bowlers coming from as far afield as Narembeen, Dudley Park, Yanchep, Wanneroo etc.

One hundred and sixty-eight bowlers played one game of 19 ends, whilst 182 ladies enjoyed the splendid dinner which followed.

The day’s winner was a composite Rockingham-Bassendean team of Phyl Properjohn, K. Bottrell, D. Gray and Doll Elliott; runners-up, again a composite four of M. Jones, E. Watson, B. Anderson and P. Erasmus from Manning and Carlisle-Lathlain.

We were privileged to have the trophies presented by Mrs Alice Corry, OAM, President of the AWAS and Patron of the WRAAC.

There was a maximum of good fellowship and a number of wartime acquaintances were renewed; when the span of 40 years is considered, most have grown older gracefully and had little trouble recognising old friends.

Much credit must go to the men of East Fremantle Bowling Club for the full support afforded this event, which is sure to be repeated annually.

Dorothy Needham

EX WRAN

BOWLERS ENJOY COUNTRY HOSPITALITY

The RSL Bowls Section Competitions are gaining in popularity all over the State. I speak with first-hand knowledge as I have recently participated in two events, one at Wagin and the other at Darkan.

At Wagin approximately 150 bowlers took part. In addition to the 12 teams from Perth, there were teams from Albany, Emu Point, Middleton Beach, Bruce Rock, Darkan, Dumbleyung, Kojonup, Narrogin, Nyabing, Shackleton, Wickepin and host club Wagin.

The game at Darkan was on a much smaller scale. Complementing the metropolitan teams, bowlers from Collie, Katanning, Moodiarrup and Narembeen participated. These games foster a very friendly spirit amongst all bowlers, and the hospitality of the host clubs, with the tremendous assistance from the ladies, is something to experience.

Bob Gardiner
Hon. Secretary
Manning Sub-Branch

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1986 was a most successful year for our Branch. Our membership increased by 10% to 313 financial members, and the average attendance at our monthly meetings was 80 members.

Poppy Day Appeal 1986 was our all-time record: 5500 poppies sold for $2928, a marvellous effort by our enthusiastic band of collectors.

Social outings were very well patronised: 170 members and partners enjoyed our first cruise down the river to Lombardo’s for dinner and drinks and 108 members went to the Anzac Trot Night at Gloucester Park, with an excellent smorgasbord meal served in the Binshaw Room.

Our Anzac Service at the West Leederville Memorial was well attended by about 50 of our members and about 200 scouts, guides, and children and their parents from the district.

At our Annual General Meeting in December, President Charles Rowe, having served his two-year term in office, retired and Senior Vice President George Woo was elected President for 1987. The new year has commenced on a very healthy note with 122 members attending our first meeting for the year. We have already recruited 10 new members, and 181 members and partners participated in our first social outing. As this is our 70th anniversary year, we hope the rest of 1987 continues in the same happy, healthy manner.

John O'Neill
Hon. Secretary

MANNING

During the year it was a sad day to three of our members - Ron Tucker, George Turner and George Daly - all served on Committee.

The Anzac Day wreath-laying service held at the City of South Perth Memorial was impressive and a well-conducted ceremony. A former R.S.M. Barrington was marshal. He looked the part with a voice to match his military bearing. All four Sub-Branches were well represented. How pleasing it was to see so many young people among the large gathering. Afterwards we enjoyed hospitality at Tom and Ann Dawson’s residence. Our hosts appear to make this convivial get-together better as the years go by. Thank you both for this annual event which helps to bind us together.

A Certificate of Service was awarded to the President. Such a presentation bestowed on me will never be forgotten. On March 11, I was invited to attend the 25th Anniversary of the War Veterans’ Homes. The Governor, Professor Gordon Reid, officiated at the ceremony - in his address he informed us that 300 people are accommodated there at a cost of $1.5 million and that a 40-bed hospital is proposed.

The four Sub-Branches in the area hold regular daytime meetings - the outcome of this was to forward an application to the Australian Bicentential Authority for a grant of $16,000 to build a replica of the State War Memorial on a location at the Council grounds. Our request was granted and work will commence shortly. The existing memorial will stay and be maintained by the four Sub-Branches.

Remembrance Day Poppy Sales — everyone who assisted in any way with the sale of Poppies can feel proud of the result achieved: the best we have ever had. Undoubtedly 1987 will be better.

Twenty-eight widows of former Sub-Branch members were entertained at a Luncheon held at the Raffles Hotel early in December, was a credit to the Amelioration Committee who organised the function. Whilst on Amelioration, many loads of wood were delivered to those in need during the winter months — they are still a very active body of men.

The subject of the essay competition, conducted by the branch for the students of the three schools in the area, was “How I can be a good citizen”. All entries were excellent, and the judges had a difficult time deciding the winners. It is felt that this project does foster the Spirit of Anzac in the young.

The O.C. of used newspaper collection, Ron Pember, has again attracted financial gain for our Treasurer to include in the Report.

Life Membership was awarded to Jack Davies, the inaugural President — a well deserved honour Jack.

A Christmas Barbecue was held at the residence of Grace and Laurie Tapper. It was a great success, and all enjoyed the evening. Thank you.

Pat and Bob Doherty arranged the committee social — it must have been good because many stayed until late.

In conclusion I thank the members of committee, and you all, for your co-operation throughout the year.

W.E. McGehee
President

RIVERTON

On Friday April 10, the Mayor of Canning officially opened our new clubrooms at 153 High Road, Riverton.

This move, by the Riverton members, comes after 25 years in their old hall that was built, and paid for, the hard way by the efforts of the sturdy and loyal founders of the Sub-branch. The old hall served the branch well, but it was out of place in today’s surroundings and was proving expensive to maintain. And it stood on a most valuable block of land donated to the Branch back in the mid 1950s by Mrs EMILY E. HAMILTON, a generous and enthusiastic R.S.L. supporter. The business deal arranged with developers has proved most advantageous to the Sub-branch, who are so very proud of their achievement and their new headquarters.

His Worship the Mayor, Mr Elco Tacoma, reminisced on some aspects of the Branch’s history and heartily congratulated the President and members. Our State President, Mr J.P. Hall, also expressed similar sentiments when he spoke on behalf of the W.A. League.

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witness this historic occasion and to celebrate, and enjoy, a most hospitable and happy evening. President Harry Lowe, after expressing votes of thanks to all who assisted in the undertaking, spoke of a bright future for Riverton Sub-branch. Membership for this time of the year had more than trebled. He added that it was planned to institute a drive for old and new members, especially Vietnam veterans and Allied ex-servicemen and associate members, and that the Club would be available for members to use regularly as a base for social and relaxing activities.

The Branch extends an invitation to any R.S.L. member to our general meetings (which are held on the last Tuesday of each month at 7.45pm) and to see our new clubrooms at the same time.

FRED G. CARDEN
Publicity Officer
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BEDFORD-MORLEY

BEDFORD-MORLEY RSL president Jack Dorrington proudly holds a copy of Lest We Forget, presented to the Bayswater City Council.

History of RSL

A special ceremony was held at the Bedford-Morley RSL when two copies of the book Lest We Forget were presented to the Bayswater City Council.

The book traces the history of Returned Services Leagues throughout Australia.

The Bedford-Morley RSL is holding a membership drive aimed at recruiting all ex-service personnel and anyone interested in joining should contact branch president Jack Dorrington on 271 6202.

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APPLECROSS

It was unfortunate that the Sunday before this year's Anzac Day fell on Easter Day. However, this did NOT deter the Sub-branch Members and the general public from attending in good strength, or a detachment of the 50 Regional Cadet Unit from parading. Under the command of Lt Thomas and led by its own drum corps, the squad marched to the Sub-branch hall. There they were inspected by the Sub-branch President, Rolfe Nyman, as Sponsor's Delegate, accompanied by the State President, Mr Jim Hall, both taking the salute at the march-past after the Service.

In the presence of Jim Hall, the CO of 50 RCU, Capt Eddy Tisdale, the CO of the 16 Inf Bn Cameron Highlanders, Lt Col Peter Sewell, City of Melville Councillors, and their ladies, representatives of local organisations and schools, the Applecross Masonic Lodge and the Applecross and Booragoon Red Cross Units, the usual service was held under the chairmanship of the Sub-branch Vice-President, Mr Wally Holtham. Sheaves of flowers laid at the flag-staff were delivered to local hospitals after the event. Following the march-past, afternoon tea and socialising were enjoyed by all.

Following is the address given by the Sub-branch President:

For many years, Applecross Sub-branch has commemorated Anzac Day by a service of remembrance on the Sunday before the 25th. This means that all of us here today will also be able to participate in, or watch, the main commemoration on 25th of April.

Today, we have the honour of the company of a detachment from the 50 Regional Cadet Unit, under the command of Lt. Thomas and with its own drum corps. The unit's Commanding Officer, Capt. Eddy Tisdale, and his lady are also with us. This unit, which is supported by the Applecross Sub-branch, is the current winner of the Cadet Challenge Shield.

During the year the unit made cadet history by becoming the first to receive a grant from the Queen Elizabeth The 2nd Silver Jubilee Trust For Young Australians. The amount of $10,000 was given and has enabled the unit to purchase training equipment such as canoes, first aid material, abseiling equipment and a projector.

We are particularly pleased to have with us, also, the State President of the RSL, Mr Jim Hall, and his lady. Jim is even busier than usual at the present time with Anzac Day approaching, and we are very grateful for his presence today.

To you Mr Hall, and to all the other honoured guests, our sincere thanks.

This will be the 72nd anniversary of Anzac Day. On this day we honour those who died in this and other epic events of the Great War, the heroic dead of the World War and in later involvements in Korea, Malaysia, Borneo and Vietnam. These are the men and women of the navy, the army, the air force and the merchant navy who gave their lives on the sea, on the land and in the air. Those who returned incapacitated or who, later, developed illnesses or infirmities because of war service, deserve the best care this country can give them. Our thoughts and sympathy go also to those affected in mind as well as in body, to the widows and the fatherless of the fallen, and to the relatives who still tend their ailing loved ones.

Anzac Day is not a celebration. It is a time to remember. To remember those who we knew, with whom we served, loved ones no longer with us. Those through whose sacrifices we are free to commemorate Anzac Day, in our own way and in our own free country.

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Anzac Day should remind us that the end of a shooting war does not mean the end of the struggle to remain free. Let us remember those who died for freedom, in war, by continuing their struggle in peace. Let each of us determine, by our actions, by our thoughts, by our examples, to be faithful to our God, our country and our laws - to be guided by the four cardinal virtues - may prudence direct us, temperance chaste us, fortitude support us and justice be the guide of all our actions.

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PRREIDENT

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Anzac Day Ceremonies At Carnarvon

When the weatherman gives the daily forecasts and concludes by saying that it will be fine "Elsewhere", Carnarvon folk smile for that usually means Carnarvon. So, after a rainless period stretching back to last August, nine consecutive overcast days leading up to Anzac Day caused no worries.

Then, on Anzac Eve, a light drizzle began but still there was no concern. Even as the gathering assembled for the Dawn Service, we felt that sunrise would see clearing skies. After all, no-one could ever remember rain falling for the main march.

However, Mother Nature appeared to be heeding the prayers of the rural folk, and 16 millimetres later marshal Keith Hasleby called for markers to fall in, to the accompaniment of light drizzle. A few minutes later the rain ceased and all was well.

Guest-of-honour for this year's services was Air Commodore David Hitchins, retired, who travelled north with his lady for the occasion. Local RAAF veteran Eddie Sunnucks acted as his aide, and newly-elected Gascoyne Sub-branch President Rod Charles, a Vietnam veteran, took his place at the head of the march.

The newly-formed E troop of the Army Reserve's Pilbara Regiment, marched for the first time this year, while a contingent of RAN and USN serving personnel made their second trip down from the communications station at North West Cape to add colour to the march.

Local organisers felt that the number of marchers and spectators alike was exceptional, especially in view of the threatening weather conditions. Several of those who watched said they felt that Anzac Day was becoming more and more a real symbol of our national day, replacing Australia Day which appears to be fading in significance among the younger generation.

Prayers for the service were read by Sub-branch chaplain Rev. Peter McArthur. Last Post and Reveille were sounded by Major Hoare of the Salvation Army, and the salute and address were in the capable hands of Air Commodore Hitchins.

Visitors and marchers were treated to refreshments at T.S. Gascoyne after the service.

On the Monday public holiday the local golf club held a Diggers' Day Ambrose tourney, with proceeds being donated to the local naval cadet unit. Teams taking part represented the army, navy, air force, naval cadets, merchant navy, police force, French Foreign Legion, Rotary and Apex.

Following 18 holes, which proved very hazardous to the local wildlife, the nineteenth was eventually reached. Ten of our balls are missing!

Final placings went to Rotary (J. Drew, B. Day and K. Hasleby) 1; Army (A. Radze, P. Roberts and J. Hasleby) 2; Naval Cadets (C. Tomlinson, M. Brown and N. Brown) 3.

Following a tasty barby at the clubrooms, all present declared an uneasy truce until next year.

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BELMONT

The Anzac Day weekend was a hectic one; as Easter fell the weekend prior to Anzac Day, our Annual Commemorative Service was held on April 26 instead of the Sunday before.

On Anzac Day, after the parade through Perth, the Club was packed with ex-service and serving personnel of the armed forces. Members of the Korean and South East Asian Forces Association held their re-union - having their usual "bangers and mash" luncheon, prepared by the members of the Women's Auxiliary who, as always, did a wonderful job.

On Sunday 26 the Belmont and Rivervale-Carlisle Sub-branches combined to hold the Annual Anzac Day Commemorative Service at the Belmont War Memorial in Faulkner Park. This year we were privileged to have the W.A. Police Pipe Band lead the parade.

Present at the Service were Cr F. Rae, Mayor of the City of Belmont, the Minister for Defence, Mr K. Beazley M.H.R., Deputy Premier Mr M. Bryce M.L.A., Mr F. McKenzie M.L.C., Mr W. Thomas, M.L.A. for Welshpool, City of Belmont Councillors and a large crowd of onlookers. For the first time the marching on and off of colours was held; the colours were those of the Korean and South East Asian Forces Association and the Air Training Corps. During the Service the winning essay of the competition run by the Belmont Sub-branch was read by Mrs Ann Keynes.

After the Service and Parade, the guests and those on parade returned to the Club for refreshments and to be entertained by the W.A. Police band.

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Lunch was enjoyed at the Copper Kettle, then it was on to Dwellingup to board the Hotham Valley train for a two-hour trip through the forest before returning to Dwellingup and home to Doubleview. It was a full day of visiting places that most of us have rarely seen and didn't know were so close to Perth. Congratulations to our Secretary, Howard Grafton, who did a good job of organisation.

The letter-drop of RSL recruiting pamphlets was carried out, and we now await results.

Sixty members attended the last meeting with Bob White in the chair. Two of the Welfare Committee ladies, Dorothy DeVaney and Joy Reid, gave a report to say that Don Ramsay is in hospital again; there was also a report on the RSL Ladies' bowls.

Peter Simmis is arranging another evening at the Frances Street Sergeants' Mess. We remember the evening we enjoyed there before.

Discussion was held on the Defence White Paper with several members indicating they would meet the Defence Minister, Kim Beazley, and Federal Member, Ron Edwards at the Nollamara RSL Club. A number of members went to Nollamara and heard the Defence Minister's interesting talk on the Paper and what it would mean to the West coast — something Congress has asked for a number of times.

The Scarborough Primary School Anzac Day ceremony was again attended by Jim Hugill on our behalf.

About sixty people attended our Anzac Memorial Service in the afternoon. The sub-branch president, Norm Elms, gave the Anzac address and Norah Kellynack the Prayer of Remembrance. Afterwards, people were invited down to the Bowling Club for afternoon tea. A barbecue held later the Bowling Club president, Dudley Docking, and the Mayor of Stirling spoke about the new additions to the Bowling Club. A great evening was had by all, thanks to the ladies and the cooks.

COCKBURN

1986 into 1987 has seen many changes in the Branch: the opening of new extensions to our meeting room, an extra pool table, the increase in membership, an average of in excess of fifty members at our monthly meetings and the well attended social events including the Xmas picnic at Manning Park and the New Year’s Eve Party.

The well attended Annual General in January saw the return of the same Executive for 1987.

Many community works have been carried out by an enthusiastic team of volunteers, including the moving of the original Spearwood Monument from the corner of the Memorial Hall to a resting place prepared by the Cockburn City Council, at the corner of Rockingham Road and Carrington Street, Hamilton Hill.

Easter weekend was quite eventful with the visit of an RSL sponsored team of Marching Girls from Norlane, a suburb of Geelong, Victoria. Eleven team members and nine adults were shown around Perth on Saturday afternoon and on Sunday, after a boat trip down the Swan, they were picked up from East Street Jetty, taken to Fremantle War Memorial for a look over the city, and then given a guided tour around Fremantle and the America’s Cup venues. While the girls were at the Cable Water Ski Park in Spearwood, by courtesy of the management, the adults were welcomed by forty-eight members of the Branch. When the girls returned, a barbecue tea was enjoyed by all. Thanks to Norlane RSL for sending such nice people.

Once again our ANZAC Day Parade proved very successful; fifty-nine veterans on parade were very ably handled by Marshal Bob Smith. His Worship the Mayor of the City of Cockburn, Councillor Don Miguel, inspected the veterans and a large contingent of Scouts, Cubs, Guides and Brownies. After passing the saluting base, the veterans and a large crowd in excess of four hundred entered the hall to hear an address from Pastor A.G. Smith, assisted by President Jack Bavich and His Worship the Mayor. At the conclusion of the service, member Dick Buck escorted the wreath-laying group to the base of the Memorial where they stood at attention while the veterans moved out of the hall. Once again His Worship invited veterans and friends to hospitality in the Council Chambers.

At 1pm lunch was served to approximately one hundred and twenty people, who enjoyed entertainment for the rest of the afternoon. A very tired group then tidied up and prepared for the monthly meeting next day. Surprisingly, fifty-two members reported at 10am.

We approach the rest of the year with confidence, knowing the loyalty of our members, and wish all other branches well.

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The Vietnam Veterans had a very successful 1986, during which Miss Joan Macleod was made a Life Member of our Sub-Branch. Joan, who was a nurse in Vietnam with 1AFH, now lives in Edinburgh, Scotland. We have started to liaise with the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 32.

At long last it looks as though our magazine “Viet-Vets of WA” could be back in operation by July. Our President’s Report follows:

LEONARD COLEY
Honorary Secretary

Over the past year I have come to realise how much work goes into the running of a Sub-Branch. Apart from the normal monthly meetings, the committee does a lot of work after hours that most people never see. The year started with me more than a little green and confused about the President’s duties, but towards the end it was beginning to make sense. Firstly our Secretary, Alan Wray, started the year fresh and new to the job, but really showed his true colours throughout the year. A good job well done, thanks Alan. Next our Treasurer, Bill Fisher, was sent to the bush and it looked like we were in trouble until Barry Burling volunteered (Army style) to take over and he has done a first class job ever since. Thanks Barry.

ANZAC Day 1986 brought about an unfortunate incident, which I think has been discussed enough, and the best thing we can do is to make sure we all do our utmost to ensure that we never have a repeat performance.

In June I was busy attending functions organised by the RSL. I attended the 70th Anniversary party along with Ric Lowe and our wives. Following that was the RSL Congress, which I was able to attend for only one day, but Len Copley attended as Proxy. The Congress was an eye-opener for me and anyone who has never been to one would be surprised to say the least. A very interesting time.

Later in the year I was invited to the official opening of the VVCS new premises. Along with members of quite a few other organisations, we were welcomed by the Minister for Veterans’ Affairs, Senator Arthur Gietzelt, and the staff. The new premises are very well equipped, and the staff are only too willing to help any Vets or their wives who have any problems.

The Long Tan day service was held at Osborne Park; it went off very well with some of the best marching I have seen by Veterans. It seemed as if everyone was trying just that little bit harder because it was our special day.

Our social secretary, Don Greer, has been busy organising events and has done a great job during the year. Well done Don. Thanks a lot. While we are discussing the workers, I must mention Trevor Button who has spent a lot of time as the editor of our magazine. There is a lot involved in preparing a magazine and, with the assistance of Len Copley, Trevor has done a great job. I would also like to thank Barry Burling again for the time and effort he has put into our application for the joint venture loan. Some of the questions on that form would be enough to make most men give up, but not Barry, he just kept at it and confused them with science.

Our children’s Xmas party was well organised, but poorly attended as usual. A big disappointment for those who did the hard work, but enjoyed by the kids who did go. To the Australian Father Xmas who arrived in his thongs — thanks Warren.

As usual most of our meetings have been very poorly supported and we can’t seem to find a solution. In an attempt to attract more members we have proposed to have a change of meeting place. Meanwhile, thanks to the few members who regularly attend and form the back-bone and the guts of this Sub-Branch.

Now for the news about arrangements for ANZAC Day this year. After many foiled attempts to meet with the VVAA, I finally managed to get together with Colin Evans and some committee members. Accompanied by Gerry Pulker and Trevor Button, we had a discussion lasting several hours. We arrived at a compromise which we both agreed to present to our respective members. I sincerely hope that these arrangements are acceptable to both groups as only harm can be done if we continue disagreeing.

I hope I have covered all the important details over the past year and would like to thank all the office bearers for their time and the support they have given me throughout the year. Finally, I wish the incoming President and office bearers all the best for the ensuing year.

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Despite the threat of heavy rain, the Annual School Children’s Anzac Service on Blackboy Hill was a well attended occasion. Some seven hundred school children and adults were on hand to witness a simple act of remembrance hosted by the Greenmount Primary School.

Host School Principal, Mr Les Storer, in his first year at Greenmount, was assisted by his school captains in leading the Eastern Hills Senior High School Band and St Anthony’s and Greenmount Primary Schools’ Choir in the presentation of a most impressive service.

Special guest speaker, Mrs Vivian Statham of the Royal Australian Army Nursing Corp Association delivered a short, but meaningful, address to the children, urging them to support the traditions of ANZAC and apply such lessons learned to everyday life.

Following the Anzac Tribute by State Executive member, Mr Mike Hall, several wreaths were placed on the Commemoration Ellipses on behalf of local schools and organizations.

Sunset at Blackboy:

Overcast skies and certain wet weather did not deter the Annual District Parade of the Dianella Scout Group from standing vigil at the Commemoration Ellipses at Blackboy Hill. For twenty-four years the group has enthusiastically participated in strength in this self-imposed obligation.

Following a short sunset service involving a simple act of remembrance, the all-night vigil was commenced on a roster basis with duty members diligently performing their tasks while those awaiting their turn enjoyed the companionship around the traditional scout campfire.

Rain at Dawn Service:

Heavy overnight rain and a pre-dawn downpour dampened the spirits of many and contributed to a low attendance of adults at the Blackboy Dawn Service; however, over 100 scouts and leaders fulfilled their task by creating crowd and atmosphere on the site of the Great War Training Camp at Blackboy Hill.

The echoing sound of the Last Post and Reveille in the darkness, and the laying of wreaths by a flickering camp light, completed the traditional series of local Anzac services.

ANZAC Parade

Optimistic eyes searched the skies at Bellevue for the elusive ‘blue patch’ on Anzac morning in the hope that our annual parade would be able to proceed without interruption from rain, but, unfortunately, the weather was not altogether kind and the best that could be achieved was a clearing shower and grey overcast skies.

With fewer than one hundred marchers and a contingent from the local Army Reserve Unit, 26 Transport Troop, the march moved from the Bellevue R.S.L. Club to the Local Infant Health Memorial Hall for an indoor Anzac Service.

Sub-Branch Vice President, Mr Des Parker in his address — after acknowledging the first weather-disru pted service in twenty-five years — recounted Anzac traditions and called for all to pay tribute to the Anzacs by striving for that elusive goal — peace.

Following the service the opportunity to renew friendships and relive experiences was adequately catered for with the usual Bellevue hospitality.

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GERALDTON

ANZAC March

Veterans of the Vietnam campaign led Saturday’s main Anzac Day parade through Geraldton to mark the 25th anniversary of Australia’s involvement in the conflict.

The 20 Vietnam Veterans included Joe Knight-Smith, who served with the Fourth Field Regiment, Royal Australian Artillery, and who was accompanied by his nine-year-old son, James. This pupil of Saint Francis Xavier Primary School proudly wore a medal which bears the inscription “The Great War for Civilisation, 1914-1919.” The medal was originally the property of James Knight-Smith’s great-grandfather, Frank Regan of Sydney, who served in the Boer War and with the First Field Signals Squadron in World War One.

The march nearly didn’t take place as some of the ex-service personnel had adjourned to Birdwood House after a messenger announced that the march was cancelled because of the weather. However, ex-service personnel continued to gather in Cathedral Avenue and eventually decided that, as they had to go to Birdwood House, they might as well march in marching order.

The President, Mr Bill Cunningham, gave his Anzac Day address inside because of the threatening weather. He said all could show tangible appreciation of the deeds of the Anzacs, and their successors, by following their example of “service”. They could do this by keeping the word “service” to the forefront in their every-day lives. This, in turn, would help each and every one of us to play our part as citizens of this great country which virtually attained nationhood as a result of the original Anzac Day, 72 years ago.

Thirty-six wreaths were laid at the Birdwood House Memorial where a Guard-of-Honour was provided by the Army Reserve. Members of the Town Band officiated for the “Last Post” and “Reveille” and for “Land of Hope and Glory” and “Advance Australia Fair”.

Among the ex-service personnel for the Dawn Parade was Mr Frank Kruta of Geraldton; his flying record might be unique as he flew with four different Air Forces during World War Two — the Czechoslavakian, French, Russian and Royal Air Forces.

Mr Kruta was shot down in Austria in 1944 when serving with the Air Force of his homeland, Czechoslavakia. However, his elusiveness has been likened to that of the Scarlet Pimpernel — because he escaped from four different prisoner-of-war camps in Germany.

Accommodation Endeavours

The Geraldton Sub-Branch is to meet Homeswest representatives to investigate the feasibility of providing rental units for three married couples. The idea is to have the units built in Gregory Street where the Regional War Veterans’ Home has been operating successfully for some years. The concept would involve Homeswest building the units and then handing them over to the RSL organisation which would accept full responsibility for their maintenance and associated costs.

Additionally the Sub-Branch will submit a motion for State Congress. This is aimed at the War Veterans’ Home Committee in Perth and the Regional War Veterans’ Home Committee at Geraldton financing, on an equal basis, the erection of three self-contained rental units at Geraldton. The site would also be the Regional War Veterans’ Home area.

Our Sub-Branch will be represented at State Congress by the President, Mr Bill Cunningham; the Secretary, Mr Alan Ellis; and the Treasurer, Mr John Spendlove, who is also a regional Country Vice-President.

It was decided at our April meeting to assist John Willcock, Senior High School, with an Anzac Day display and to again take part in the “Adopt a Ward of Legacy” scheme by donating $50. Legacy will, this year, need no less than $276,000 to maintain its support to the 7500 dependants under its care in WA.

Record Street Appeal

A Street Appeal raised a record amount of $824 for the Regional War Veterans’ Home. This was $199 in excess of last year’s total of $625.

The President, Mr Bill Cunningham thanks all those who contributed to the day’s success and in particular, Mr and Mrs Ernie Wick who collected $223.

New President

One of Geraldton’s best known citizens, Mr William John (Bill) Cunningham, is the new President of the Sub-Branch. He is no newcomer to the position, as he was President from 1957 to 1959 and again in 1963.

A Life Member of the RSL, he received the British Empire Medal some years ago for his outstanding service to the community generally, and was the inaugural Geraldton-Greenough Citizen of the Year.

Mr Cunningham volunteered to be Sub-Branch President at the February meeting, succeeding Mrs Lorraine Gilbert who did not seek re-election after three years in the chair. (Mrs Gilbert has moved to Perth in association with her tertiary studies.) Other officers include the Senior Vice-President, Tom Cream; Junior Vice-President, Fred Heath; Secretary, Alan Ellis; Treasurer, John Spendlove; Membership Officer, Ben Cunningham; Veterans’ Affairs Officer, Bill Cunningham; Birdwood House Trustees, Frank Sharp and John Spendlove; Public Relations Officer, Peter Barden; Hospital Visitor, Bill Parke and Auditors, Jack Farrell and Rob Hoffman.

Newcomers to the Sub-Branch Management Committee include Joe Cook, Nancy Peacock and Husband Charles, and Colin Lockyer, while the Regional War Veterans’ Committee includes Bill Cunningham as Chairman, Alan Ellis, Dick Bunney, Bert Berryman, John Spendlove, Leo Schram and George Pike. In addition Leo Schram was elected, in an advisory capacity, to help the Committee that is associated with the Rotary Club proposal for major improvements to Birdwood House.

Mr Frank Sharpe moved a vote of thanks to a Life Member, Clem Burns, who did not seek re-election to a number of positions including that of Hospital Visitor — which he held for 31 years.

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the absence of the retiring President, Mrs Lorraine Gilbert, a highlight of 1986 was receiving, for the 22nd time, the Colonel Collett Cup as the outstanding country Sub-Branch.

Mayor Phil Cooper thanked the Sub-Branch for donating to the library a copy of the ‘Lest We Forget’ history of the RSL.

**New Secretary Welcomed**

The new Secretary Mr Allan Ellis, was welcomed to the March meeting by the new President, Mr Bill Cunningham. Mr Ellis served in the Royal Australian Navy for six years as a member of the Far East Strategic Reserve, on HMAS ANZAC.

Motions for State Congress will come before the next meeting on 13 April, when delegates will be chosen for the state-wide assembly from 19 to 21 June.

Two members of Geraldton Rotary Club, Mr Peter Olausius and Mr Geoff Crothers, presented a suggested plan to the Sub-Branch meeting regarding proposed improvements to Birdwood House. With a sketch plan from a Sub-Branch member, Mr Leo Schram, the Rotary Club will ask Architect Mr Lew Eves to draw up two separate sets of plans from the two suggested. The Sub-Branch had earlier agreed in principle to an improvement plan for Birdwood House as a Rotary Club project.

There has been an addition to the War Museum collection at Birdwood House — an army tunic, donated by Mrs Ted Norwood.

The Secretary, Mr Allan Ellis, has drawn attention to an announcement by the Minister for Defence, Mr Kim Beazley, about widening of entitlement to the Returned from Active Service badge for Vietnam war service. All members of the Australian Defence Force allotted for duty in the operational area of Vietnam between 31 July 1962 and 11 January 1973 will be entitled to the badge. They are asked to apply in writing to the Director General of Service Personnel Policy, Department of Defence, Russell Offices, Canberra, ACT, giving full name, address and service number.

Mr Beazley said the majority of the additional personnel entitled to the badge were Defence Force members who were in Vietnam for short periods, or were in ships and aircraft that transported or escorted troops and supplies to and from that country.

PETER BARDEN.

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**RETURNED EX-SERVICEWOMEN**

During 1986 there was an increase in the membership of the Sub-Branch and meetings were well attended. Total membership at 31 December 1986 was 177, and the average attendance at meetings was 45.

Congratulations to our Treasurer, Mrs Ruth Donaldson, who — in December — was the recipient of the well-deserved award of Life membership of the League.

It is with deep regret we record the deaths of five members during the year — Mrs Noelle Pigott (a foundation member), Mrs Myrtle Easton, Mrs Joyce Maywood, Mrs Lorna Tangle and Mrs Thora Simpson.

A donation of $500, from proceeds of fund-raising functions, was made to the State War Memorial Maintenance Fund. Also Christmas gifts were made to a severely handicapped Legacy ward and a disabled member (whose annual subscription was met by the Sub-Branch).

In March, the President and Secretary represented the Sub-Branch at an Open Day at the War Veterans’ Home to celebrate the 25th Anniversary of the opening of the Home. In April a small group of Sub-Branch members visited the residents of the Clifton and Vasey Wings, providing afternoon tea and entertainment. In August, the Sub-Branch presented a copy of the book “Women at War” by Patsy Adam Smith to the residents of the Home.

In July, with the permission of the King’s Park Board, it was arranged for a bronze plaque, suitably inscribed, to be placed at the base of the tree planted by the Sub-Branch in King’s Park some years ago. With the cooperation of the Board, arrangements were made for a group of members to meet at the tree, and afterwards were conducted on a guided tour of the Glasshouses.

During the year we have welcomed a number of visitors and guest speakers at meetings, including officers from the Department of Veterans’ Affairs who spoke on Pensions and Benefits, Mrs Barbara Clinton from Red Cross Headquarters, who spoke on Red Cross help for ex-servicemen and women, and Miss Patricia Kennedy, President of the Canberra Ex-Service Women’s Sub-Branch RSL. We were also given a demonstration of a Home Emergency Help appliance which would be very useful for incapacitated people.

The Sub-Branch received and accepted invitations to attend other ex-service women’s Association functions during the year, and was well represented at the Annual Combined Ex-Service Women’s Luncheon in August. The President represented the Sub-Branch at the opening of the RSL Women’s Auxiliary Conference. In May, at the invitation of the Australian-American Association, members attended the wreath-laying Service and a church Service in connection with the Coral Sea celebrations. In September members of the sub-branch were guests of the Middle East VAD Association at an afternoon tea to welcome Eastern States visitors to Perth for an Australia-wide Reunion of former VADs who served in the Middle East from 1941-43. In October, the senior Vice-President, Mrs Joan Dowson, presented the Sub-Branch Perpetual Trophy to the winner of the Competition on ex-service Women’s Golf Day at Sea View Golf Course.

Our Christmas Party took the form of a luncheon at Anzac House with a record attendance of 83. The State President, Mr J.P. Hall and Mrs Hall were present. Sub-Branch representatives were guests at Christmas parties hosted by the State Executive, Returned Sisters’
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President's Notes

Our 60th Conference is just around the corner and final plans are being made to make it a memorable one. We are hoping for a good response to our Exhibition and look forward to welcoming our guests from interstate.

The Executive girls are back doing their Hospital Visiting, Sully and Maisie back to their office work, and I back to overseeing. Members of the Executive attended the League's Cocktail Party on February 20 to meet the League's State Executive. Our President and Secretary's Meeting on March 13 was well-attended with full discussion on Auxiliary work. The Armadale Auxiliary held their 30th Birthday Party on March 18, their many guests enjoying the programme and luncheon. The various designs of the newspaper dresses would, I am sure, not reach the top ten in fashion, but were a lot of fun.

On Sunday, March 22, the War Veterans' Home held an Open Day with stalls etc. The marching girls were most entertaining, showing a lot of practice and dedication. The Executive girls manning the canteen had a busy time, and those attending appreciated the work of the residents and seeing over the Home.

Belmont Auxiliary's Fun and Friendship Day on March 25 was well attended and enjoyed by all.

Mrs Taylor, Mrs Jolley and I went to the Cockburn Auxiliary meeting recently and I had pleasure in presenting Life Membership to Mrs P. Bickley.

Mrs Taylor attended the Air Force Memorial Service on April 5 and, as I will be away for Anzac Day, Margaret will place the Auxiliary wreath during the Dawn Service.

I am going to spend a week or two with my son and his family on their small property in Manjimup. Besides seeing to three active grandsons and perhaps baby-sitting a few sheep, I shall be chief cook and bottle washer while especially thank the office-bearers, Senior Vice-President and Liaison Officer, Joan Dowson, Junior Vice-President Sue Thomas, Secretary Frances Sinclair and Treasurer Ruth Donaldson, also the auditors Beryl Sunley and Joan Hancock, the members of the Social Committee and other Committees for their contribution to the smooth running of the Sub-Branch. The thoughtfulness and caring of Hospital Visitors who visited members in hospital or ill at home has been much appreciated.

It is an honour to have been your President for three years. Because of the friendliness and enthusiasm of the members, we have a very happy and progressive Sub-Branch and I know we can look forward to a continuation of well attended, enjoyable and interesting meetings in 1987. I extend best wishes to my successor for a happy and successful term of office. I am confident she will have the full support of all members.

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**“No Mean Destiny”**
The Story of the War Widows Guild of Australia 1945-85
by Mavis Thorpe Clark

Publishers: Hyland House
Price: $20.00 (288 pages with index)

This book is the story of how today's 65,000 War Widows became one of the most respected and politically powerful lobby groups in Australia. The story is also a biography of the life of Mrs Jessie Mary Vasey, from her widowhood in 1945, as it is a well-researched documentary on the growth of the Guild from its early beginnings as a craft guild in Victoria to its present national status.

Sir Ninian Stephen, Governor General of Australia, says in the Foreword: "...it is no mournful tale that 'No Mean Destiny' tells. The story of the War Widows Guild of Australia is a gallant one. It takes its tone from that gay and gallant woman, Jessie Mary Vasey. It was her inspiring leadership that made it certain that, after World War II, the widows of that war would not be left to suffer the neglect and, all too often, the times of abject poverty that were the lot of many women who lost their husbands in World War I. Mrs Vasey was the universal champion of the war widows of the last war and their constant friend."

After reading the book one comes to the conclusion that Mrs Vasey (never Jessie Vasey or Jessie) had a strong and complex personality with quite extraordinary powers of leadership. Reluctant widows became willing slaves to the tasks of being secretaries and treasurers. Her sons grew up in the knowledge that the Guild came first and they helped with many of the manual tasks. Devoted to 'her girls', Mrs Vasey was their champion at Canberra for a better pension than had been given to the World War I widows. Perhaps to show her disapproval of their lack of fight, they were allowed to join the Guild, but without the right to vote! She had her disagreements with the RSL and Legacy as well as with politicians. She knew better than any male what it was like to be a young widow. She fought bitterly for the repeal of Section 43 of the Repatriation Act, the so-called "morality clause", which meant that a war widow could lose her pension if a neighbour reported a male on her premises — even a helpful brother-in-law!

Yet there was never any suggestion that the Guild, or its leader, was "feminist" or anti-male. Eventually the word 'Craft' was dropped and the Guild spread to all States and increased its influence. Not satisfied with such an achievement, Mrs Vasey turned her attention to making accommodation available to older war widows and the Guild became a property developer with each State making its own arrangements to cater for members' needs.

When Mrs Vasey died in 1966 she had founded an organisation, achieved the end of the means test for war widows and replaced it with a compensation pension for the loss of a husband due to war service, and organised free medical treatment and housing for war widows who required it.

Australia's war widows were indeed fortunate that such a woman, like a Churchill or a Caroline Chisholm, was at the right place at the right time. In her published articles she had "a rapier thrust for the non-understanding male — a similar thrust for the apathetic woman."

Maybe her philosophy can be summed up in the concluding words of one of her articles: "A woman can have anything she wants. She has only men to deal with."

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