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STATE PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

As this is the first issue of the Listening Post for 1988, I take this opportunity, on behalf of the State Executive and staff of the Returned Services League, to wish you and your families a healthy and happy New Year.

REPBATRIATION BENEFITS

It is my opinion that, as part of its general policy on expenditure restraints, the Government is attempting to spend less on Veterans. As a result, Veterans’ entitlements have been seriously eroded. War Widows are now ineligible for Repatriation Pharmaceutical Benefits. The CPI increase to Veterans’ pensions was deferred. The granting of the T&PBI pensions to Veterans over the age of 65 years of age is now almost an impossibility. Dental care has been greatly reduced to the detriment of the Veteran. The dependence allowance has now gone for any new Veteran coming into the system. The DFRB pensions have been cut by two per cent in real terms. Travel allowances have been halved. Subsistence allowances have been greatly reduced and if the Veteran does not watch out, the Department of Veterans’ Affairs will be amalgamated with the Department of Community Services.

LEGAL AID FOR VETERANS

The long awaited reviews of Legal Aid for Veterans have finally been completed, but without consultation with the ex-service community. It is indicative of the uncertainty surrounding the future of Legal Aid for Veterans that the advice of the user in the community was not sought. Consequently, recommendations that may create further problems would not have been highlighted, and this may well affect the smooth operation of the Legal Aid System. A much simpler system that guarantees a means-tested free to all Veterans must be implemented. And the review into Legal Aid for Veterans must recognize this fact.

DEFENCE RESIGNATIONS

The men and women of the Australian Defence Forces are doing a marvellous job in serving to defend Australia, should they ever be called on to do so. Working conditions are often arduous and standards required are demanding. There was some comment about the average working week that normally runs to 62 hours. Following the September budget announcement, when it was proposed that the Defence Service Homes would be replaced by an unequal cash grant, there were unprecedented and widespread protests. There were many deputations of personnel who sought explanations from their Commanding Officers. And the Returned Services League, Autumn, 1988 - Page 3
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League was inundated with calls.

Men and women of the ADF could not understand how the Government could do this at a time when the new Minister for Defence Personnel was visiting bases to reassure them that the Government was really attempting to resolve the conditions of service problems. If we are to stem the tide of the unprecedented resignations that is taking place in all arms of the service at the present time, the Defence Force needs immediate assurance from the Government that these problems are recognized and that urgent and positive action will be taken.

J.P. Hall

ANZAC COMMEMORATIVE SERVICES

The annual ANZAC Day Commemorative Services will be held at the State War Memorial as follows:

1. The Memorial Ceremony for schools from 1.00pm to 1.25pm on Friday, 22 April 1988.
2. The War Veterans' Home ANZAC - Eve Service at 2.30pm on Sunday, 24 April 1988, and

72nd ANNUAL STATE CONGRESS — 1988

For the guidance of Sub-branches the following information refers to the forthcoming Annual State Congress of this State Branch.

DATES:
18 June 1988 — Official Opening (9.00am)
19 June 1988 — Working Sessions (10.30am)
20 June 1988 — Working Sessions (9.00am)

VENUE: Lord Forrest Hotel (Ballroom), Bymarts Street, Bimbury.

MEALS: Each Sub-branch is responsible for delegates' expenses. Morning, afternoon tea and lunch will be served at the Congress venue.

NOMINATIONS: Rule 25: All nominations for the position of President, Vice-Presidents (2), and Committee (9 required), shall be made by a Sub-branch at a properly constituted meeting; shall be in writing and posted with the State Secretary by Friday, 6 May, 1988 and all Sub-branches shall receive notification of all nominations received no less than one (1) month before the opening of Congress.

DELEGATE ENTITLEMENT: One delegate per 75 financial members, or part thereof, and based on membership figures, as at 31 December 1988 with a limit of six (6) delegates per Sub-branch.

Proxy delegates may be appointed, but may only act in the absence of delegates from any sitting of Congress.

Delegate and proxy delegates to the Congress must be nominated on the official form, and in the hands of the State Secretary by 3 June 1988. Late nominations will not be accepted.

CONGRESS LEVY: $10 per delegate. Two (2) or more delegates $20.

ANNUAL TROPHY COMPETITION: Entries for consideration in the various Trophy competitions should be submitted to the State Secretary not later than 6 May 1988.

Entries must be financial members of the State Branch and must signify their willingness to accept trophies.

All candidates for office in the League, whether paid or honorary, shall when nominated, declare their allegiance to the principles of the League.

It will be necessary for Sub-branch secretaries to act immediately.

LEAGUE TRUSTEES: League Trustees elected in 1987 for three years are: Mr. P. Pearson, CBE, JP; Mr. Broadhurst TRAA, ANHA; R.M. Stone, AM, JP.

AGENDA ITEMS: All agenda items for State Congress must be accompanied by a minute for each item, as in writing and posted with the State Secretary on 15 April 1988. (Please submit Agenda items as soon as possible.)

It is important that Sub-branches carefully discuss any proposed Agenda items to ensure that the subject matter comes within the scope of League activities. Particular interest must be given to Constitutional items, and a clear and special indication given to those which are deemed to be relevant.

The following are suggested as appropriate headings for Agenda Items:
(a) Immigration
(b) Defence (Poppy) Day
(c) Repatriation
(d) Membership
(e) Anzac House
(f) Anzac Day (National, State)
(g) War Veterans Homes
(h) State War Memorial
(i) Constitution
(j) Anzac House
(k) State War Memorial
(l) Anzac Day
(m) Anzac House
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It has been pleasing to receive more entries over the last couple of years and all Sub-branches with small membership have equal opportunity with larger Sub-branches to this is taken into account.

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The raffle was a huge success and on behalf of the residents of the War Veterans' Home I express thanks and sincere appreciation to all who supported it. A profit of $23,166 was made.

The first prize was won by Belinda Learacq of Harvey. Her family joined her for the presentation of the car at Houghton Motor Company, Albany Highway Victoria Park. Second prize - a television set - was won by E. Mills of St. James. The third prize of jewellery, from Wallace's Jewellers, was won by Mr. C. W. Hopkins of East Fremantle.

I would like to express our thanks to the ladies and men who give their time freely to conduct these raffles on behalf of the League and to the War Veterans' Home; without their efforts and your support the success of such raffles would not be possible.

J.P. HALL
State President

THE LOCH NESS WELLINGTON

No doubt former members of the Air Force who either flew or serviced Wellingtons during the war would find the following of special interest.

In 1985 a Wellington bomber, which had ditched on Loch Ness in 1940, was raised to the surface. The fuselage was the only badly damaged section and the instruments were badly corroded. However, when a battery was connected to the wiring, despite the fact that the Wimpy had been sitting on the bottom of the lake for 45 years, the navigation lights came on.

The aircraft was taken to its birthplace at Weybridge, in Surrey, where Vickers Armstrong built it in 1939 and where the task of restoring the Wimpy to its former glory has begun. For old Wimpy crews and ground staff this must be great news because, at the moment, the Wimpy on display at the RAF Museum at Hendon is the sole survivor of a wartime production of 11,461 - there were more Wellingtons produced during the war than any other British bomber. The Loch Ness Wellington had flown 14 raids over Germany.

While in England recently, my wife and I went to Weybridge and were given a conducted tour of the restoration work by the Project Manager, Mr. Clive Leach, an ex-Wimpy pilot who served on 70 Squadron in the Middle East. The restoration involves completely stripping and cleaning the aircraft, identifying the parts that are damaged or missing, finding replacement parts and, finally, rebuilding the aircraft.

Valuable technical help is coming from companies in the aircraft industry and British Airways, but finding replacement parts is a real challenge. We were told many stories of how parts were obtained from all over the country, particularly from various crash sites. A farmer was using the fuselage of a Wimpy as a greenhouse. The farmer was given a brand new greenhouse in exchange for the fuselage and, by the time he had found all the wanted parts, bit by bit, they were being located and brought back to Weybridge.

To us the most exciting aspects of the restoration project are the members of the workforce. They are all volunteers and it is a hand in hand effort with more enthusiastic and dedicated group. Their skills range from highly qualified engineers in metal working to fabric bashers. They are mostly in retirement and are doing what they love best - working on their beloved Wimpy. During the war many of them helped build the Wimpy and it is obvious that their hearts are in their work. One volunteer, Poppy, is a grandmother and, during the war as a young girl with Vickers, she used to crawl inside the wing to stitch the fabric.
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Since my return to Australia I have had a letter from the Wellington Project Manager asking me if I would help by bringing to the attention of ex-service organisations in Australia the work being undertaken to restore the Loch Ness Wellington and to invite those members who are ex-Wimpy crews to donate to the restoration project.

I flew on Wimpies with 405 squadron (RCAF) in Yorkshire and with 148 squadron (RAF) in the Middle East and am a donor to the restoration project. The restored Wimpy will be a living reminder of this aircraft which was unquestionably the backbone of the RAF's bombing offensive for the first three years of WWII. Your financial support would be much appreciated by the Brooklands Museum.

Remittances should be made payable to the Brooklands Museum, Wellington Fund and forwarded to The Museum Director, Brooklands Museum, Weybridge, Surrey, KT13 0QN, England.

John Lawrence Clark
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AUSTRALIAN-HELLENIC MEMORIAL, CANBERRA

"We have started construction of the Memorial" writes Maj. Gen. Sir William Refshauge, National Appeal Chairman, in a letter to the WA Appeal Chairman.

"I would like to thank you and your colleagues for your endeavours during 1987 on behalf of the Australian-Hellenic Memorial."

"I must say that the Australian Veterans of that campaign have supported the memorial in a way of which I am very proud."

"To stand on the site one recognises the wonderful location of the Memorial in relation to the Australian War Memorial and ANZAC Parade. It will be a most appropriate and fitting Memorial to our two countries in war and peace."

"I hope you and your colleagues will continue the "Help us to make the League stronger"

The Memorial will be completed in time for the joint unveiling by the Prime Minister of Australia and the Prime Minister of Greece on May 21, the anniversary of the Battle for Crete. Mr Hawke, at the launching of the Appeal said that it would be a "significant Bicentennial event." State Government Supports Appeal.

At a fund-raising dinner dance held in the Hellenic Community Centre on February 6, Mr Bill Thomas representing the First Premier presents a cheque for $5000 to the WA Appeal Chairman Mr Stanley Cann.

Mr Thomas spoke at length on the delaying effect of the Greek campaigns on the German offensive against Russia and concluded by saying:

"I have been asked by the Premier of WA the Hon Brian Burke to present this cheque on behalf of the State Government as a contribution to the memorial appeal.

The State Government has great pleasure in contributing to this cause. We believe that it commemorates a vital link between Greece and Australia which is of special significance to Australians of Greek descent.

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The State Government is pleased to be able to contribute $5000 to the memorial appeal and commends the Australian-Hellenic Memorial Committee for its initiative in undertaking this project."

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Correction
1967 Federal Conference - Naval Association of Australia
The report on the Conference was published in the Summer Edition of the Listening Post. The author of the report was Mr. Don Needham, Chairman of the WA Conference Committee which hosted the event in Perth. We apologise to the Naval Association and to Don that we attributed the report to his wife Dorothy who is an occasional contributor to Listening Post on matters pertaining to the WRANS.

Patricia Balfe
Editor

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To farewell the group of old wartime, galvanised iron huts (with the many memories of good and bad times) and to celebrate the opening of what is possibly the latest and most modern photographic training institution in Australia, a reunion is proposed for early November 1988 for all photographers who have passed through the current hollowed but dirty, dusty huts.

The current staff of the School of Photography (PHOTS) is prepared to organise a two/three-day reunion provided enough interest and enthusiasm for the proposal is forthcoming in the early months of 1988.

Names and addresses of those interested should be forwarded to the Chief Instructor, RAAF School of Photography, RAAF Base East Sale, Victoria 3852 as soon as possible.

Information and probable costs will be forwarded at a later date. Anyone who would like to volunteer.

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Murray Districts Rifle Association in the South West of Western Australia consists of six clubs: Boddington, Mandurah, Waroona, Yarloop, Harvey and Roelands with a membership of approximately 70 active members.

Some experiences of the Association are rather sad; Mandurah range was closed by order of the Shire Council in 1981, Waroona, who shot on private property, was required to vacate in 1984, Harvey Shire wished to resume the Harvey range and were agreeable to pay compensation. There were only two viable ranges left in the Association - Boddington, a modern 800 metre, 6 target range, and Yarloop with poor facilities but a strong shooting club, well backed socially and with the capacity to expand.

The Association decided to pool its resources and see what could be achieved.

Yarloop was chosen as the headquarters because of its central location. Grants from the Sports and Recreation Department of $18,000, coupled with $7,500 from the Lotteries Commission, and compensation for the Harvey range from the Shire amounted to $34,000 making a grand total of $59,000 for material to enable a complete reconstruction of the rifle range and the building of a new club house.

All the work was done by volunteers and men with a membership the diversity of skills provided a builder, a bricklayer, an electrician, a welder, a plumber plus a band of 'Jacks of all Trades'.

Major Bruce Hughes, 5th Military District presenting the Safety Certificate to Alf Brown, President of the Murray Rifle Association at the opening of the new range at Yarloop.

Gary Craigie on the left, Malcolm Hayes nearest blackboard. Opening Day Murray Rifle Association Headquarters range, Yarloop.

Major contributors to the work were Charles Hull Pty Ltd - earthmovers, Waroona Contracting Ltd - land clearing - and Harnetts Sawmills at Roelands milled the timber for the butts and building.

The new headquarters, with a fine club house and range of 800 metres and 10 targets, were opened on September 4, 1987 by Mr Paddy Ireland, a Vice President of the Western Australian Rifle Association. The range Safe Firing Certificate was presented to the Murray Association President, Alf Brown, by Major Bruce Hughes for the Fifth Military District.

"The construction of this fine modern sporting and defence facility is an example of what may be achieved by voluntary effort," said Mr Brown as he praised the efforts of the companies and the enthusiastic support of the families who helped with the project.

Mr Charlie Hull had the honour of firing the first shot on the new range. This was followed by a two-man, 10-round contest between Gary Craigie, who will shoot in the under-25 years' team at Sydney during the 1988 Bicentennial Celebrations, and Malcolm Hayes, son of Stan Hayes who represented Australia at Bisley in 1972. Malcolm scored five V bulls to score 50.5.

The Harvey Districts Sub-branch provided an excellent trophy to the Yarloop Rifle Club to be competed for each year.

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Dear Editor,

I am writing to seek your help in obtaining information on a famous Australian alman of World War II, Pilot Officer RAWDON HUME MIDDLETON VC. Middleton was the first of only two members of the RAAF to be awarded the Victoria Cross during the war. If sufficient Information is available, I hope to be able to compile either a book or series of articles on Middleton's life by November 1992, the fiftieth anniversary of his death.

It would, therefore, be helpful if you could include my request for information on Middleton in your magazine. At present I am attempting to locate people who have had some association with Middleton during his flying training and his war service. He began his training at Bradfield Park and Narromine (NSW) in late 1940 and at Camp Borden (Canada) in early 1941, completed his training at No 23 Operational Training Unit (Pershore, UK) and spent most of his operational service attached to RAF Sqn No 149, at Lakenheath in Suffolk. He spent two short periods with RAF Sqn No 7 at Oakington in Cambriteshire.

Any publicity you could give my request for information through your magazine would be greatly appreciated.

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Missing Person

Would you please check your records to see if you can locate NX26865 Private J.S.M. Pope, ex 'C' Company, 2/30th Battalion, 2nd AIF, who was a POW in Thailand during World War II. If so, could you ask him to contact Joan Oke-Oeane-Cooper, P.O. Lexton, Vic. 3352, who would like to put him in touch with an ex-POW friend, Charles Frisby, in England.

Yours sincerely,
IAN GOLLINGS
National Secretary

History of World War II

Professor Stanley Weintraub of the Pennsylvania State University, a noted author of military history, will be visiting Australia early 1988 for research at the Australian War Memorial on the first few days of the war in the Pacific in December, 1941.

The book he is researching will deal with only the first two or three days of the war, from the first attacks around the Pacific to approximately the sinking of the Prince of Wales and the Repulse. The aim will be to make it the way it was, worldwide, almost hour by hour.

ALBERT W. SMITH
6 Woodville Park Drive,
Hoppers Crossing, 3030

Dear Editor

I am seeking assistance from you and your members with a History I am writing of the Army Education Service (AES) in the two World Wars. This project has the support of the Australian War Memorial. My interest partly stems from the time I was an instructor in the RAAEC in 1969-70 as a National Serviceman.

While I have access to a local official material and publications, I am keen to hear from people who were either members or users of the Army Education Service in either (or both) of the World Wars. I am trying to collect as many comments and anec-

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dotes as possible from ex-soldiers (both men and women) so that I can "round out" the picture.

I would be grateful if anyone with such recollections could write to me, or ask me to contact them. All letters will be acknowledged.

If you publish a newsletter, I would be grateful if you could include my request in your next issue. In the possibility I will be in your area in the first part of 1988, and so may be able to follow up particularly significant contacts with personal interviews.

Yours faithfully,

DARRYL DYMOK
Continuing Education Officer,
The University of New England,
Armidale, NSW 2351.

Dear Editor

Miss E. Fullarton, one of your members, has consented to try to trace any servicemen from WA who may have been with the RAAF Air Training at Evans Head during the late war period.

When we were living at Evans Head my late husband met several West Australians who had trained there.

My husband was a member of the Kogarah RSL from 1941-1980 when he passed on and I feel he would be pleased to assist his fellow citizens.

For the interest of any members travelling north in NSW, Evans Head has a very nice, small RSL, and members would enjoy a stay there over night or longer.

Yours faithfully,

MRS LUCY M. HALL-BROWN
37 Gordon Lodge,
RAAF-AFA,
Bulleen Drive,
Bulleen 3171.

Dear Editor

I am a current serving member of the Royal Australian Airforce and am researching a project which covers the life of the late Wing Commander A.J. Abock, MBE (1900-1976), who enlisted in the fledgling Royal Australian Air Force in March 1923 and retired in 1955 having completed in excess of 32 years service.

During the war years he saw service in the Middle East with No 3 Squadron and then in Darwin during the bombing of 1942. He associated with the RAAF continued after his retirement. He settled in Pymble, NSW and became involved in publicity campaigns around the country displaying trenchless robots, and the like.

I am interested in contacting anyone who served with 'Abock' at any time in order to obtain as much 'passage' information as possible to complement the purely historical information available from Service records. Any personal experiences stories, anecdotes etc would be greatly appreciated as would any photographs or written records which would be treated with the utmost care, reproduced

and returned.

Being governed by a time schedule, I would appreciate any contact at 0500 am receivable to:

SERGEANT TONY SMITH
Headquarters
RAAF Base
East Sale, Vic. 3852.

Dear Editor

I am writing in the hope that some remaining members of the 2/4th Machine Gunners interned at Changi Prison may have known my Uncle "Mick" — Michael Stanley Wenn, of Bunbury.

Uncle Mick, who is now deceased, would not talk about his time as a prisoner.

I am not after "gory" details. I just want to know about him and what he went through. Uncle Mick was a lovely person and I loved him.

I hope someone can help me. My work number and address is 386 2650, Dalkeith Hardware, 187 Weaponess Rd, Wembley Downs 6019.

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Letters To The Editor

Korean and Vietnam War Veterans

Dear Editor

The recent Veterans' march in Sydney has drawn Council's attention to the fact that our war memorial does not recognise those residents who served in either the Korean or Vietnam Wars.

Our investigations have revealed the names of two Vietnam Veterans from this area: Mr. Malcolm Treasure and the late Mr. Ian Gibbs, who was killed in action.

We have advertised for anyone knowing of any other service personnel who served in either of these wars to come forward, but would also ask that your organisation assist, if possible, with the names of those people from this and neighbouring districts who served in either war.

Any assistance you can give would be greatly appreciated.

Yours faithfully

G.N. Evans,
Shire Clerk.

Wandering Shire Council,
Wandering 6308.

Dear Editor,

Could this please be published in the Autumn issue of "Listening Post" as a lead up to ANZAC Day 1988?

A message to all men who served in 217 Aust Inf Bn, also 215 Battalion, 216 Battalion and other 17 Brigade units 1939-45: it is confidently expected that 217 Battalion Association will be allotted a place in 1988 ANZAC Day Parade and invite members of other 17 Brigade units to join in behind our new banner.

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V. Sprigg
217 Bn Association Representative,
32a Marlow Street,
Wembley 6014.

Dear Editor,

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The Melbourne Centenary played host to the most ambitious project ever staged by the RAN and I don't think its equal has ever been staged since. It was marked by the visit of naval vessels from many countries, over those whom we fought during World War II. France, Holland, Germany, Japan, New Zealand and the Royal Navy were all represented. It was left to the HMS Sussex, HMAS Australia and Canberra, the HMNZS Diomede and Dunedin to entertain the public with displays covering every phase of naval life.

We were moored alongside Prince's Pier in Port Melbourne, the centre of which was taken up with equipment brought up from HMAS Cerberus, the naval instruction centre. It consisted of everything from the Gunnery, Torpedo, Engineering and Signal Schools used for teaching the lads the skills needed for efficiency. Members of the various branches were rostered as guides to explain to the public the uses to which the equipment was put.

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escaped, etc. It was soon after the convoy sailed that word was received that the German cruiser Emden was about, so Sydney was dispatched to intercept. We knew that the young RAN had had its first victory, when Emden was sunk.

The models used were made to scale and every ship was faithfully reproduced and in the same position that I observed in the convoy. From memory, the flagship of the convoy was the Orient Line's RMS Orontes, but I may be wrong. She was the biggest ship, and her model was about 8 feet long, mounted on long thin axles, with four electric lamps positioned above the deck so that the lights showed up the lamp only. Every ship was in proper proportion and each was hinged to the next in the line, with a master cable attached to each line of ships and running to the winches that were to pull them along the ground. When the attack was mounted, with the ships following the exact course they had followed during the battle, every now and then flashes could be seen as each ship fired its guns, with bigger flashes as shells landed. Nothing like this had ever been seen before in Australia, it was truly a magnificent show.

Before the show we had been given a detailed account of what was going to be fought in Nelson's day, we'd seen Captain Cook land at Kurnell to take possession of the Great South Land for King George IV, we'd seen him make his report to the King at the Palace of St James, and we'd seen him speared by the natives on the beach in Owhyee. All these tableaux were created in the appropriate costumes, the ladies' parts being taken by the cream of Victorian society.

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The branch has an active membership of 150, some of whom attended the annual Christmas party and voted the event an outstanding success.

President Bob Hill, MC, paid tribute to the excellent catering organised by Mrs Peg Lawrence and Mrs Peg Semmens and also thanked retiring committee men Bert Neil, Sid Lawrence and Jack Castle.

Last year the branch took part in a record ANZAC Day parade when a large crowd attended the War Memorial on the corner of Manning Road and Albany Highway.

“We are confident we will have the same support this year,” said Bob. “The local response is terrific”.

BOYUP BROOK

Remembrance Day

On November 11, 1987, Remembrance Day, at 10.30am the Australian National Flag was lowered to half mast at the Boyup Brook War Memorial. About 50 people assembled to hear the ABC Broadcast. Father Kelly said grace and Mr Clayton’s Williams proposed a toast to Her Royal Majesty, The Queen.

Mr Kevin Miller proposed a toast to those who paid the supreme sacrifice and those who have passed away since wartime and to absent friends.

A presentation was made to Mrs Beryl Miller for her untiring research efforts for the RSL Honour Board. Mr Miller was the very person who spent more than a year contacting people to gain information of those from the district who joined up during World War II, Korea, and Vietnam.

Mr Peter Drummond, former Member for Forrest, returned to Boyup Brook especially for the Remembrance Day Service and to present the Sub-Branch with a new Australian Flag that he had obtained for the RSL while he was Member for Forrest.

Mr Drummond said his visit to Boyup Brook was a very significant one because his career started here when he won pre-selection for the seat of Forrest, which took him on to become Member for Forrest 15 years ago. He explained what the flag meant and that we should fight to keep it as it is and then presented the flag to Mr Arnold Meredith – President of the Boyup Brook Sub-branch.

A delicious luncheon was enjoyed by all, and Kath, Helen and Marissa are to be congratulated for their sterling efforts.

S.A. MEREDITH.

NORTH BEACH

Activities have been well maintained during the latter part of the 1987 year.

Annual Dinner

This ever-popular event was held at the North Beach & Districts Sportsmen’s Club on Tuesday, December 8. Ninety members and partners enjoyed an excellent meal together with dancing to popular music provided by our member, Col Lynch’s Band.

Some ‘well rehearsed’ vocal items rendered by several of the members greatly added to the enjoyment of the evening.

A.G.M.

This was held on December 1 and attended by 44 members. President Mr. Merv. Hall highlighted in his report some special achievements during the year as:

1. The funding of our ‘ANZAC Corner’ in the North Beach & Districts Sportsmen’s Club premises.

2. The establishment of a Scholarship Award for Listening Post - Autumn 1989 - Page 31
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2. The Certificate of "ANZAC OF THE YEAR" being awarded to our member Stan Kent.

Office Bearers elected for 1988 were:

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Junior Vice-President — L.N. Bennett
Secretary — J. Overton
Treasurer — L.L. McKee
Auditor — Eric Sedgewick

Scholarship Award

Nine applications, eight from High School students and one from a University student, were received for consideration. All applicants submitted excellent credentials which were highly commended by the selection panel. The successful applicant was Miss Coreen Hastie of Balga who will be presented with the award early in February.

HARVEY DISTRICTS

The Sub-Branch suffered a major setback at the beginning of the year when our President for the past 18 years, Mr Iven Manning, did not seek re-election.

Attendance at meetings improved slightly on last year, averaging 10 members. Thanks to our recruiting officer, Mr Bob Elliott, we gained three new members, and another ten left. Membership at present is approximately 50.

The annual reunion was again very successful and enjoyable, thanks to the untiring efforts of our Social Secretary Mr Bob Elliott. The State President, Mr Jim Hall, Mr John See (Vet Affairs Dept), and their wives were among the 108 guests attending.

ANZAC Day was once again well attended with the usual Dawn Service, march-watching at the War Memorial Treey and service in the Shire Hall. Our special guest to deliver the ANZAC Address was Shire President Mrs Madge Smith, who performed the task admirably, benefiting from her reading of the book 'Lest We Forget,' presented by the library a few months previously. The Head Boy from Harvey High School again read the ANZAC Requiem. Pianist Mrs Tunstall, the Shire organist in attendance, bugler Mr Garry Swan, Apex and Rotoract members and the Harvey Shire, were all thanked for their contributions to the service. Sub-Branch members also assisted ANZAC Day services at various schools in the Shire.

A National Survey of War Memorials was undertaken during the year which kept our Secretary busy for a week or two obtaining the required details of the memorials at Harvey, Brunswick and Yarloop.

A petition opposing any change to our flag was well supported.

Thanks to the Harvey Shire our hall has been upgraded and modern toilets installed.

During the year we were represented at neighbouring Sub-Branch reunions — Augusta, Busselton, Boddington, Yarloop, Brunswick, Capel and Margaret River. We also had representatives at the Yarloop Rifle Club annual dinner and again donated a $200 trophy to that Club.

Three of our members attended the Vietnam Veterans Welcome Home March in Sydney in October. The Sub-Branch contributed $200 towards their costs, and Jack Reale gave a report on the visit at our October meeting.

The Sub-Branch donated $200 to the State Recruiting Campaign Appeal; $100 to the State War Memorial Appeal and our usual $150 for the adoption of three Legacy Wards.

During the year our Secretary gave a talk to Rotaract on the foundation and significance of the RSL and local involvement, which they found informative and interesting.

I attended the Annual State Congress in June with Mr Jack Kennedy present on the Friday night. The Sub-Branch was successful in winning the Geraldton Shield, awarded to the most hardworking country Sub-Branch with less than 100 members. A miniature replica of the Collett Cup won by the Harvey Sub-Branch in 1960 was launched at Channel Park and unveiled, and the year we lost $100 award 1984 — inscribed on the reverse side. It is now on display with the Geraldton Shield at the town library.

HAPPY DAYS were the word this year, the entire sum collected — $2,265 — was forwarded to Headquarters, in place of the usual amount being a donation to the Aged Ex-Servicemen's Roll of Honour.

Many thanks to Graham Keen, one of our new members, for making his shop window available for a display during Poppy Week. Bugler Garry Swan again participated at the 11 am Remembrance Day Service, along with a representative of the Harvey Shire and local RSL members.

This month we had a busy month with paint brushes and gave the Frambern War Memorial a new look appearance.

Finally, special thanks to Secretary Dick O'Grady, Treasurer Len Carrell, Social Secretary Bob Elliott, Auditor Eric Sedgewick and to you loyal members for your attendance throughout the year.

I have enjoyed my year as President and wish you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

JOHN HOGAN

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Monday 18.4.88: I wish to attend the R.S.L. Breakfast and enclose $ __ (S 10 each)
Tuesday 19.4.88: I wish to attend the "Diggers' Day" Boat Trip to Rottnest (cost $25) and enclose $ for tickets.
Wednesday 20.4.88: I wish to attend the R.S.L. Bicentennial lunch at the Sheraton—Perth Hotel (S 53.00 each) and enclose $ for tickets.
Thursday 21.4.88: I wish to attend the Grand R.S.L. International Family Concert.
Friday 22.4.88: I wish to attend the Inspection and Afternoon Tea at the War Veterans' Home Board.

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# R.S.L. BICENTENNIAL WEEK
17-22 APRIL 1988

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Sub-Branch News cont.

Although the official amounts received from Poppy Sales, by the Harvey District RSL including former Yarloop and Brunswick Sub-branch, have greatly increased during the 1980s, the main intention has been wide distribution, especially to primary schools, so as to keep the idea of Remembrance alive.

Anyone asking what the Poppy is about would have to be a stranger to the district, especially on the last occasion when a Remembrance Week display appeared in the shop window of Sport and Leisure where Graham Keen, one of our members, is the proprietor. A selection of memorabilia surrounded our old life-sized frame badge, resurrected for the occasion. Framed photos of 1915 Camps in ME, borrowed from the hall, added to the sense of history. The display drew much comment from older townsmen and interested visitors, with the hope, from the younger.

DICK O'GRADY
HONORARY SECRETARY

KWINANA

We are on the move. Kwinana (formerly Medina) Sub-branch is working quietly, but positively, in the community, for the community.

At each of four local primary schools and the senior high school we have provided a framed copy of the RSL Code of Citizenship and a plaque. An annual award is made by our Sub-branch to the student of each school chosen by the teaching staff as exhibiting the best attributes of suspended good citizenship over the year. The successful student has his or her name put on the plaque and receives a book to the value of $15. Choice of the book is the province of the respective headmaster — either in consultation with the student.

To explain the significance of Anzac Day and poppies to the school children, our members have visited the above schools with the blessing of the respective headmasters. We have found the children to be very interested in the subject and, generally, previously unaware of this piece of significant history.

In the early days of the new town of Medina, a memorial rose garden in the form of a cross, complete with red and white roses, was established to commemorate our war dead. A small concrete plinth with plaque attached was situated at the top of the cross.

In September last a granite stone, kindly donated by Plantation Quarries, replaced the small plinth. The new monument stands about three feet out of the ground and is now a noticeable feature. The public have commented favourably on the new memorial.

It was dedicated at a simple ceremony on November 9th.

A particularly pleasing aspect of our meetings in recent months has been the increasing interest shown by some of the Vietnam Vet. It is really great to have them aboard. We think they have much to contribute, to the mutual advantage of all. Besides our members are bending through carrying the load for so long.

ALF LYDON

OSBORNE PARK

After the article appeared in the summer edition of Listening Post relating to the history of this Sub-branch, I received two phone calls from long serving members of the branch, both of whom had knowledge of the early days.

Eric Lunn-Barker, having joined the Sub-branch in 1943, supplied some useful and important information as to where the meetings were held prior to the hall being built. As mentioned in the previous article, a Sub-branch was formed at Osborne Park on April 14, 1918; the original meetings of these early days were conducted in the district's Agricultural Hall. Some meetings were also held in a jam factory, which was located on the opposite corner of the Memorial Hall building today. Having procured the land in 1924, work commenced to erect a hall in 1925, and this original tin section still stands today. Peter Sharp, who incidentally was paralysed, undertook the task of making special bricks in order to place a façade to the main hall section. This façade was attached in 1939, and the date is embossed in the brickwork at the top of the building.

Thanks Eric for the information supplied, we will make sure that all of these dates, and what happened in the early days of the Sub-branch, are recorded.

The second phone call was from another long-serving member of the Sub-branch, Danny Mullane, who has lived in and around the Osborne Park district for just over 60 years. His father was a World War I digger and an original member of the Osborne Park Sub-branch and Danny belonged to a Scout of Soldiers Club and Danny belonged to the Scout of Soldiers Club and Danny belonged to the Scout of Soldiers Club. He was born on the 2nd World War and had his own special badge. The patron of this club was Fred Emery, who organised their various activities. From this, and the assistance of Fred Emery, Danny obtained employment at the Metropolitan Markets where he worked throughout his life. After being called up for war service in the RAMC during World War II, many thanks Danny for your contribution and for allowing me to submit this article.

Over the past years, in conjunction with the Vietnam Veterans Association, we have conducted an ANZAC Memorial & Wreath Laying Ceremony on ANZAC Day at the City of Stirling Council site commencing at 7.30am. The service has always been well attended, both by the general public and especially by residents of Osborne Park.

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ceremony. We would like to see as many members of any Sub-branch on this most important day, and also spread the word around to any ex-
service person who may still belong to the RSL. On
the occasion of the ceremony we adjourn to the
Osborne Park Memorial Hall for an ANZAC
Barbecue Breakfast.

Remember our general meeting dates: second
Wednesday of each month commencing at 20:00
hours in the Memorial Hall on the corner of Main
and Cape streets, Osborne Park. Hope to see as
many as possible.

W.F. SULLIVAN
Vice President

ROCKINGHAM

The WENZDEE Mob. (with apologies to Banjo
Patterson).
The Rocky RSL down old Point Peron way,
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I've seen a better shearing shed,
but they go to play
and fill in 'alfaday
The Wenzdee crowd, a motley crew,
play carpet bowls and chase the jack,
bending the old rheumatic back,
the best that they can do
well, the youngest there is sixty-two.

They argue measure - yell and cheer,
then take a break at 'alf past three,
the girls they have a cuppa tea,
the blokes, they 'ave a beer
and roll a smoke, they all agree, terbaccer's gettin'
dear.

This little bunch of diggers, say twenty? twenty-four,
widows and widowers, who've had their day,
old couples on ex-service pay,
from a long-forgotten war.

They've done it all before.

But if you get crook mate, not at your best,
this mob will see you through,
turning the grey skies into blue.

CLAREMON'T

It was with some interest that I read in the last
issue of the Listening Post the article from the
Osborne Park Sub-branch re the exact date of
their formation and congratulate them on
establishing their origin in 1918. In the next
issue of the Post I would be appreciated if you
would include some of Claremont's history.

We celebrated our 50th Anniversary in 1987,
taken this date was not recognised by some of our
HQ, and marked our 70th last year. Our Charter
clearly states the date in our formation on 5th
September 1917, stating that the State Executive
altered at Fremantle to have a Charter. Signed by
the then State President W.J. Hunt and State
Secretary John Chappell, it was issued after the
1939-45 War but we believe that State Executive
was a responsible body and would have
checked the records before naming the date of our
origin.

As Secretary I have researched our records, and
the earliest book I could find was a Cash Book for
1928. Then a member, the late W.D. Malcolm,
produced his discharge papers showing that he had
joined the R.S.L. in April 1920 at the Claremont
Sub-branch.

The final information which convinced me was
a minute book for 1935 in which it states: "Minutes:
the seventeenth Annual General Meeting of the
Claremont Sub-branch R.S.L. held in the Parish Hall
on January 3rd 1935". Self explanatory surely. The
President was Brigadier A.M. Martyn, C.M.G.
D.S.O. and the Secretary W. Ford. To mark the oc-
casion the then State President, Mr Yeates, was
present. During the meeting they agreed to write
and congratulate Miss Mary Meares on her award of
the M.B.E. Many will remember her long service to
the League. The Charter and minute books are
available for inspection if required.

Our financial membership for 1987 was approx-
imately 183 and attendance at our general meetings
was over 30. We still meet in the Claremont Bowling
Club on the third Thursday January to November,
December date to be advised. New members are
actively recruited and new and old members
welcomed at our meetings.

I trust these facts will lay to rest any doubts as to
the formation of the Claremont Sub-branch in 1917;
Congratulations to you and your committee on the
excellen-

Mandurah

At our Annual General Meeting, the President,
Keith Ross, was re-elected unopposed for his
eleventh term of office.

After a ballot for the position, Wally Holdin was
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Ray Watson was elected Junior Vice-President. Gary Robinson, a Vietnam Veteran, was elected Hon Secretary to succeed Ted Davis, who did not seek re-election. Prior to moving to Mandurah, Ted was secretary of the Bridgetown Sub-branch for 16 years. Other office bearers elected were Treasurer, Peter Nilson; Trustees, George Jamieson and Ray Watson; Welfare Officer, Keith Chinn, Ian Linnemann, Tony Besser and Joy Tates; and nursing home Publicity Officer, Bill Tate, and Auditor, Doug Nolton.

There are now three Vietnam Veterans on the Committee: Gary Robinson, Tony Besser and Joy Tate (nee Stephenson), who was a RAAF nursing sister.

By the time this appears in print the hard-working social committee will have organised a trip to Perth Entertainment Centre to see the Great Moscow Circus of 1988 and a bus trip to Donnybrook to visit the deer park and tour Rob Atherton's orchard.

Members who toured the goldfields were loud in their praises of the wonderful barbecue lunch provided by the Coolgardie Sub-branch. To all concerned at Coolgardie from the social committee and members at Mandurah a very big thank you.

Membership of the Sub-branch now stands at over 500.

BELLEVUE
R.S.L.
Life Membership to Andy Stuart

The Returned Services League has granted its highest honour, Life Membership, to long-time Bellevue Sub-branch member, Andy Stuart.

At the recently-held presentation evening, WA Branch Vice President, Mike Hall, took the opportunity to thank the outstanding service rendered to the League by Andy over a period of thirty-five years.

Andrew James Stuart, now 68 years of age and a true Scotsman, enlisted for active service in the 1939-45 war with the Gordon Highlanders and saw service in India and Burma. His military service resulted in him being awarded the Efficiency Medal and the Burma Star, following the war, the rank of Pipe Major.

In 1952, Andy emigrated to Australia and, after a period of time working for Cresco, he joined the Swan Brewery Company, a position he held till his retirement early in 1981.

His RSL service is perhaps one to which many would aspire. Since 1953 active involvement over the years as President, Secretary, Welfare Officer, Hospital Visitor and member of the Blackboy Hall Commemorative Land Advisory Committee has earned him the respect of all League members, both local and throughout the State.

On the cultural side, he is usually the life of the

RSL Village, Mandurah

Tenders are being called for the construction of the proposed RSL Village, Mandurah, which will be located off Third Avenue. The village will consist of 21 two-bedroom, unfurnished units of three different types and a social centre which will serve as a recreational and meeting place both for the residents and the Sub-branch. Shopping and Council community facilities are in close proximity.

As with the Pearson Village, Mt Lawley, it is understood that tenants will form an interactive self-sustaining group both for operational and emergency purposes.

The village will be administered by the Mandurah Sub-branch under the auspices of the RSL War Veterans' Home Board. The Sub-branch will control the use of the Social Centre.

Brochures are being printed and will be available shortly to ex-Service personnel and their dependants.

Further information may be obtained from the Mandurah Sub-branch.

BILL TATE
PUBLICITY OFFICER

Andy Stuart is presented with his Life Membership Certificate by WA League Vice President, Mike Hall.

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**BELMONT**

In November two bus loads of our members and families went to Dizzy Lamb Park in Wanneroo which was a great success. Everyone enjoyed the pleasant surroundings and riding on the homegrown wagon, train, boat and mini cars. The highlight of the day was walking through the excellent War Museum which included various army tanks, jeeps, trucks, photos, guns and memorabilia. It is hoped that another outing to Dizzy Lamb Park will be organised later this year. In February members and families will be going to the RAAF Museum and complex at Bullcreek.

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Our hall renovations continue apace with much work having been done in 1987. As you see when the hall is complete the carpet will be installed, the ceiling will be painted, the outside floor finished and the false ceiling before the final touches are added to all the work and finishing touches. Our caper on you are seeing and take a look, not just at the hall, but at our growing little museum and memorabilia room. You'll be most welcome.

At our recent AGM we saw Eric Grant 14th & 12th Field Regt stand down to a committee position after 2 years in the chain. Work pressures have caused Eric to take a less demanding position and we thank him for all his most valuable guidance and will still bend his ear regularly at committee meetings which are still held on the same day and at the same time.

Our big event in 1988 is the Annual State Convention at Bunbury's Lord Forrest Hotel. We have started planning already and can assure all visitors that we will leave no "Tern Unstoned" to make sure they have a good time.

Our contribution to the weekend is the Congress Dinner on the Saturday night to which we invite one and all. It is not just a great night of entertainment and the wife. I suppose you could call it a big Bloomsday. We will have the Annual Sub-branch awards presented, there will be an address by the National President and for $25 a head including beer, wine and soft drink, you really can't afford to miss it. Please, if you have any queries, contact the RSL office in Bunbury between 9am to 5pm Monday to Friday on (097) 21 3596 or write to PO Box 125 Bunbury. We have negotiated slightly cheaper rates than usual at a number of hotels and motels in town for those who may want to stay over, so please give it some thought. We can seat 500.

Our hall renovation is well under way and was finished and just the final tiddly bits needed to be done - dusting, a former member who was a life member of the department - and about 60 Ex-personnel marched along Labouchere Road to the Memorial to pay homage.

The attendance at monthly meetings during 1987 averaged 22, which rose to 37 at the Christmas meeting – 148 financial members. We welcomed nine new members during the year: Les Pyrenore, Les Mackean, Bill Vergins (Ex-Netherlands Navy), Bill Liddell, Jack Murry, S. Raymond, G. Barnard, Roy Smith, Jim Bell.

It was Vale to Ed Ern, Ron Childs, Bill Willmott, Cliff Kirk, Tom Evans, Frank Aune and Jack Durack, a fellow member who was a life member of the Branch.

Certificates of Service were presented to Ron Pember and Vic Bartlett. Each has contributed a great deal to the Branch over a period of years.

We congratulate our member, Vietnam Veteran Laurie Flesher, who has been elected President of Legacy and wish him and the Legacy movement well in the ensuing years. We also extend thanks to Ted Philp who has worked so hard for this illustrious organisation.

The collection of newspapers, which was initiated by Ron Pember who raised a total of $1490, has been continued by Dr. Blythe, who now has over 1000. We are also pleased to hear from George Lee and Jack Kavanagh for the use of their properties to store the papers.

The Lotteries Commission have always been generous in the financial assistance they have extended to the Branch; this year was no exception—a chain saw – $296 and a garden shed (newspaper storage) – $236.

The management committee, under the guidance of Harold Mundy has continued to operate smoothly, with loads of paperwork delivered in three boxes during the winter months and many odd jobs done – moving, looking and clearing yards etc.

The Widows' luncheon was held at the Raffles Hotel on December 7, which was also Pearl Harbour Day. The current function was enjoyed by 33 widows, who were most vocal in their expressions of appreciation. All agreed that, if common sense prevailed, large numbers of marriage-age Japanese cardboard will not set up a village in our great country.

Despite the indifferent weather the Sub-Branch was well represented at the South Western Hotel on a trip to Perth and Fremantle. The service conducted at South Perth was most impressive. Kim Mundy, Federal Member for Defence and four Members of Parliament laid wreaths on the memorial, the last Sub-branches in the area were well represented and about 80 Ex-resolution marched along Labrador Road to the Memorial to pay homage.

Two students from Wesley College played the Last Post and Reveille during thePracticing and taking of
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the flag and two Penrhos students, Kristy Patterson and June Ruston, gave addresses on the topic "What ANZAC Day means to me" and "The Value of Peace". Both addresses were delivered with feeling and appreciation; both girls were a credit to themselves and Penrhos College.

Later in the morning we went to Ann and Tom Dawson's home for the traditional and pleasant get-together. As usual the members of the Branch showed their appreciation by a large "Roll Up". Thank you Ann and Tom.

The afternoon clash of the Branch and Manning Memorial Bowling Club is always very popular. This year perhaps they may let us win? A sumptuous repast concluded a well organised day with Reg Axford and Fred Larter creating a bond between the Branch and the Bowling Club.

In April the Liaison Officer of the State Executive, John Surridge, paid us a visit; John is always welcome at our meetings.

We greatly appreciated the gesture of the Manning Memorial Bowling Club in making their premises available to us for our July Meeting while the Manning Hall was closed for repairs, and extend our sincere thanks to the Management Committee.

Remembrance Poppy Day sales were down slightly on last year's record breaking effort; however, I am sure we will improve on sales this year. Thanks must go to all the volunteers who assisted with the collection and to Greta Farrell the sandwich lady.

The Sub-branch again conducted an essay competition in each of the three primary schools in the district and we thank the three judges, Elsie Davies, Bob Gardiner and Bruce Naughton for their time and efforts. The subject was "How I can be a good citizen" and we hope that this competition will help to perpetuate the ANZAC tradition and emphasize the value of good citizenship.

The 72nd Annual State Congress of 1988 will be held in Bunbury W.A. The submission was very well presented by the delegates of Bunbury. The decision for it to be held there was carried unanimously.

The social committee chairman Laurie Tapper and helpers Bob Doherty, Bill Henderson, Kevin Oxenham, Bob Nobel, Clarrie Gilbert, always provide us with refreshments at the conclusion of the meetings, and all social activities have been of a high standard.

Our Poppy Day sales were good this year and we think, with more helpers, next year could be even better.

A Flag-raising ceremony arranged by Mrs D. Listening Post- Autumn, 1988- Page 49
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Some of our members travelled to Nollamara Club to meet the new Minister of Veterans Affairs, Mr Ben Humphreys. Several matters of importance to veterans were raised.

The Annual General Meeting for the election of office bearers was held in December with Alf Brown in the chair. The results were that three candidates had been nominated for President: Norman Elms - President, Bob White - Senior Vice-president, Doug Piggott - Junior Vice-president, Howard Grafton - Hon Secretary, Syd Lewis - Hon Treasurer.

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JIM HOLLOM

A.W.A.S. ASSOCIATION

Once again we have had a highly active and successful year of operation with a steady growth of membership. The gathering of members at the Perth branch, held on the first Thursday of the last month of the year, lends proof to the enthusiasm that exists and to the pleasure that is being derived from these morning teas.

March 27 saw the inauguration of the first Ex-Service Women's Bowling Day at the East Fremantle Bowling Club. The day drew AWAS men both present and absent and proved so successful that another one will be held this year on March 26.

On April 25, the 72nd Anniversary of Anzac Day, many members stepped out behind our President Mrs Alice Carry, OAM, and the female cadets from Armadale Senior High School who carried the AWAS banner.

A service was held on May 24 in the chapel of the War Veteran's Home to dedicate inscribed books to the home's library for AWAS members deceased since the last dedication.

The morning tea on August 7 was attended by Mrs Ruth Reid, wife of the State Governor, who delighted members with her company.

August 9 saw our members join with members of all other services from Australia, England, New Zealand and India at the King's Ambassador Hotel to celebrate the 8th reunion of the Combined Services.

On November 15, also at the King's Ambassador Hotel, members gathered to celebrate the 40th Annual Reunion of the inauguration of the Association. This occasion was made significant by the presentation of Life Membership Awards to Mrs Pat Gilchrist (treasurer) for her dedication and untiring service to the Association over the years, and to Mona Hornby for her continued interest. Many will remember Mona for her leadership both in early 1942 where she was in charge of the Claremont Teacher's Training College taken over as a 'Rookie' camp, and later as Commandant of the AWAS New Guinea troops.

We now begin another busy year. In conjunction with the Combined Ex-Servicewomen's Committee, we will be providing two seats in King's Park as a Bicentennial gift.

Any ex-AWAS who is not already a member, should contact an officer listed under AWAS Association on page 99 of this magazine and enrol as a member. All are very welcome.

Mrs Edle Arnold (Kerr),

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Women's Auxiliary

The last three months have been particularly busy ones for our members. Back in November we helped with Poppy Day — both getting the poppies ready beforehand and then selling them on the day.

With Mrs. L. Rowe, I attended the Remembrance Day service at the War Veteran’s Home and then was present at the wreath-laying ceremony at the State War Memorial. Other activities have included attending a reception for the new Minister for Veterans’ Affairs, Mr. Ben Humphries, the opening of the Coronet and Intensive Care Units at Hollywood Repatriation Hospital, a Group Conference at Bunbury which now has the largest Auxiliary in the State and numerous Christmas functions. I joined members of the State Executive (who thank Busselton Sub-branch for their $100 cheque towards our Christmas cheer) to distribute Christmas parcels at the War Veterans’ Home. Gifts were also taken to the Salvation Army Hospital and Nursing Home and Hollywood Repatriation Hospital.

May I remind all Auxiliaries to send in — as early as possible — any Agenda items for the Conference.

Ali-Ion Carley, State President.

Bunbury Branch

As another year draws to an end, Bunbury Women’s Auxiliary is even stronger than last year. As our Sub-branch members increased, so did the activities of the Auxiliary as we supported our men in their various fund-raising activities.

At the Country Conference last November, the Auxiliary was greatly honoured with a “Certificate of Appreciation” for its services to the Bunbury Sub-branch. Our long serving member Mrs. Joy Broad was presented with a “Certificate of Service” for her dedication and devotion to the Auxiliary. She was again honoured at Bunbury’s Australia Day Ceremony with a “Certificate of Appreciation” from the State Branch for the many years of service to the League.

As fund-raising and work starts in 1988, ladies here are full of enthusiasm to make this Bicentennial year the best the Auxiliary has known.

Lesley Mills, President.

BOOK REVIEWS

‘Summer Will Come Again’

By John Lane
Fremantle Arts Centre Press
Price: $16.50

From his early beginnings in Western Australia as a ten-year-old Fairbridge Farm boy to his return to Australia as an ex-POW of the Japanese, John Lane tells his personal story in an easy-to-read conversational style based on his secret diary he kept while in the AIF.

After the fall of Singapore and internment in Changi, John was a member of a group of Australians transported to Kobe in Japanese convoys threatened by American submarines as much as by the guards.

The author describes Allied living conditions at Kobe House, their ‘barracks’ for the duration. He tells of work parties which only traveled to such Japanese factories as Mitsui, Mitsubishi, Sumitomo, Kamagumi and how they managed to survive a rice diet and the cold through the Australian soldiers’ infinite capacity to scrounge and barter. The most humiliating and degrading experiences are told with humour.

After reading this, and other POW accounts, I am sure that the recipe for survival in many cases must have been ‘Mateship, Scrounging and Humour’. John Lane’s book has these three ingredients and I can recommend it.

Patricia Balfe.

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'Wall Street and the Rise of Hitler'

By Anthony C. Sutton

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It is Anthony Sutton's contention that the multi-nationals and international banks (Wall Street) whom he terms 'corporate socialists' are more interested in manipulating political regimes to their own advantage than in furthering a competitive, free-market economy.

This is his third book he has written to prove that contention to his own satisfaction. The first book accuses 'Wall Street' of bringing about the 1917 Russian Revolution, the second the 1933 election of Roosevelt and his new Deal, and this the Rise of Hitler. Strange bedfellows indeed.

The book is interesting and well documented in showing the multi-nationals to be tangled webs with their international subsidiaries, mergers and cross-directorships since World War I. Multi-nationals are often accused of being over-zealous in chasing profits for their shareholders, but Anthony Sutton's contention that they intrigue with political regimes to their own advantage was not made credible. He does not define what he means by 'advantage' or 'corporate socialism' or how it might be possible, over a period of seventy years, for hundreds of successive company directors to have a secret motivation to change political regimes in the countries in which they operate.

Patricia Brown.

Officer Cadet O.C. Bellamy of No 142 Pilots Course receiving the RSL Book Prize from Air Commodore S.W. Oallywater, OBE (Ret) in December 1987.

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The League is only as strong as its membership.

BRISBANE RSL NATIONAL BOWLS, HUGE SUCCESS

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Service of Remembrance

Before the start of the first Test, a Service of Remembrance was held at the Yeronga Park War Memorial. All States formed lines and marched to

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thir allotted positions. Wreaths were laid by the National Bowls Presidents, King Peter the Sixth Senior Vice-President of the RSL Ray Bates, on the behalf of the State President, Sir Albert Abbott, then in his 95th year, and all State Bowls Presidents. Following the sounding of the Last Post and Reveille, the meeting of the Day was the departure of the Guard of Honour from the local Cadet Corps, the bowlers left for the Mooroka Bowls Club for the first Test.

The Tests were played at Mooroka and Newmarket Bowling Clubs with Queensland the winners. This was the Jack Hamilton Trophy. Victoria was successful in the Dr Krantz Trophy with WA the runners-up, mainly due to the good form shown by the term of Oudley Docking, Max O'Loughlin, Doug Sweetman and Joss Bartlett who won four out of five games.

Saturday, January 2 saw the start of the Sir Arthur Lee National Fours. This was played at many clubs with the winners being New South Wales from Queensland.

Vietnam Veterans

Congratulations must go to all involved in organising the Carnival. This was the first time I had had the opportunity to attend and I was extremely happy with the results. There were a number of Vietnam Veterans playing and this augurs well for both the bowls section and the League. As each State prepared to leave, the last words spoken to each other were "see you in Victoria in 1989."

M.C. MIKE HALL
Jnr. Vice President

VALE

Captain Bert Madigan M.C.

The North West lost one of its treasured identities with the death of Bert Madigan on October 30, 1987.

Bert first came to the area in 1937 with his brothers, like so many others at that time, seeking work. Any kind of work and like so many others, discovered that work was very hard to find.

Through Meekatharra, Rock Hill and Nullagine they found a little employment but, mainly had to live by their own resourcefulness. An ear infection landed Bert in the A.I.M. hospital in Marble Bar, and the sign that he painted (the first since he qualified) in payment for his treatment presaged the many signs that he was to paint in the North West.

When eventually he arrived in Port Hedland, Bert joined the Drill and became an enthusiastic member of the Drill Club with many cups and trophies to his credit.

In 1940 he joined the AIF and in Northern Command near his birthplace was commissioned into the 2/16th Infantry Battalion, the unit in which he was to serve with great distinction throughout the Second World War. The 2/16th served in the Middle East and in Syria, at the battle for the Dodea River, Lieutenant Madigan won a Mention in Despatches for bravery.

When Japan entered the war the unit was brought home for the defence of Australia and went to Papua where it fought in the savage battles to halt the Japanese thrust towards Port Moresby. At Pine Tree Beach, under the command of Capt. M. O'Loughlin, Bert Madigan won his Military Cross for bravery, leadership, coolness and initiative under fire. He was wounded and evacuated to Port Moresby but recovered to serve, again with distinction, at Buna, Gona, Shaggy Ridge and Baliogap. When the war ended he spent some time in the Celebes overseeing the release of prisoners before his discharge in 1948.

His services to the community at large were recognised by the RSL in March 1958 with the award of a 'Certificate of Service'; this was followed in November 1978 by the award of 'Life Membership' for his services to the RSL in the Pilbara.

Port Madigan was buried in the Port Hedland cemetery on November 9, with the honours accorded to him. The flag-draped casket carried his medals, a sword and slouch hat and was escorted by Capt. P. Rutherford 16 Bn. RWAR and the Adjutant of the Pilbara Regiment, Capt. G. Strudwick. The Regiment provided a funeral firing party while Naval Cadets from HMAS Albatross formed an honour party. Senior Constable Jim Chrisse of the Port Hedland Police played the 'Piper's Lament' when, after the graveside service, Bert was placed to rest. Among the many mourners was his old Sergeant Major George Morris M.M. who travelled from Harvey to attend the funeral. He was among the large crowd that cast poppies into the grave in remembrance of a man who had served his country and community so well.

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BCOF ASSOCIATION OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA
Meets ANZAC House, 11.00am fourth Mondays (if a public holiday, the next day). President: Lt Col Nyman, JP, 42 Kinghall Street, Attadale 6156. Tel: 330 3598. Hon Secretary: D.R. Epps, 11 South Street, Wembley 6156. Tel: 332 5610. Hon Treasurer: W.V. Silvester, 45 Murray Street, Perth 6000. Tel: 325 5911.

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