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The members of the State Executive of the Returned Services League of WA (Inc.) and, in particular, the Board of the War Veterans' Home at Mount Lawley are also to be congratulated — first for their resolution and faith in moving the project from paper to reality; and secondly for their continued support with capital finance for the project, which eventually amounted to some $710,000.00. It is pleasing to receive a report from the administrator of the Home that each settlement received for the units, transferred as quickly as possible back into War Veterans' Home Investments. As at 26 January, 1989, $200,000.00 had been returned to Investments, and further transfers will be made as settlements are concluded.

A full reckoning has been kept of the interest that has been lost to the War Veterans' Home by capitalising Mandurah. On 31 December, 1988, this amounted to $22,536.72 and will be amortised until such time as repayments can be made.

Mandurah War Veterans' Village already has a waiting list of eight interested parties, indicating the continuing need for housing for veterans and their families in the Mandurah area.

National Congress

National Congress will be held in WA at the State Headquarters from 1 to 10 September, 1989. This will allow all members to see the delegates from all States working on items concerning veterans. There will be plenty of room for observers, and I suggest that you put this on your calendar promptly.

We are now into 1989 and the recruiting campaign, as directed by State Congress under the guidance of the Membership Committee, is now being programmed.

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Sixth International Conference
Security of Sea Lanes of Communications

BY COMMANDER DJ ORR RAN (RETD)
(Member of State Executive and Vice Chairman, Defence Committee)

The above conference was held in Melbourne from 11 to 13 October, 1988. It was the sixth meeting of people from nine nations - Republic of China, Indonesia, Japan, South Korea, New Zealand, Philippines, Thailand, USA, Australia - who represented a wide range of military, academic and political experience and whose common concern was the security of the economies upon which depend the trade, security and well being of each of their countries.

I attended as the representative of the State Executive of the RSL of Western Australia and as a member of the Defence Committee of that body.

The conference was sponsored by:

- The Australian Defence Association
- The Institute of Public Affairs (Australia)
- The Institute of East and West Studies
- The Institute of East and West Studies (Republic of Korea)
- SRI International (USA)
- The Japanese Centre for Strategic Studies
- The Asia-Pacific Economic and Social Council
- The Australia Pacific International Conference
- The Australia Pacific International Conference (Taipei)

I believe that this was an important forum for the examination of matters closely connected with the security of Australia. Papers were given and discussed by men of outstanding reputation, although the Shadow Minister for Defence, Mr Peter White MC MP, was there. The RSL National Defence Committee representative did not attend either, in spite of the fact that he was listed as a participant. If I have to say, where would not be over-reacting to describe the situation as one of critical significance to all the countries concerned.

To give a proper perspective to the proceedings it was necessary to be aware of events leading up to the conference. I was in South Korea and Japan and I can do no better than to quote below the background which was prepared for the delegates themselves.

"BACKGROUND"

One of the enduring geostrategic realities of our world is that the prosperity of the peoples who live on the periphery or outside the central land mass of Asia and Eastern Europe depends upon the ability of seaborne trade to exchange commodities and processed products with each other.

Since 1945, the growth of that commerce, both in value and in volume, has increased dramatically, leading to the emergence of a new group of prosperous industrialised nations and the impending emergence of more such countries. By far the greater volume, in excess of 90 percent, of the product of these countries is transported by sea. The ships in which they travel and the cargoes they represent are national interests which are the same time vulnerable to attack.

Assumptions that seaborne trade would be immune to attack for essentially political reasons were probably never valid. In the last resort, the continental nations of the Soviet Bloc cannot survive without foreign seaborne trade. So can many of the poorer countries. The developed nations outside the Soviet Bloc cannot survive except at the price of politically disastrous trade in armament of any kind.

Events in the Persian Gulf have confirmed that no nation has the capacity to police the sea lanes of the world, even if that were in itself desirable. At the same time, they signal that low-cost attacks upon merchant shipping demand a disproportionate response which probably can only be met by a co-ordinated effort. The defence of merchant traffic in the Persian Gulf is a maritime challenge which probably can only be met by a co-ordinated effort. The defence of merchant traffic in the Persian Gulf is a maritime challenge which probably can only be met by a co-ordinated effort.

Even at a lower level of conflict, assumptions that the political costs of attacks on merchant shipping would be greater than the military benefits have been proved wrong by the events of recent years. The Iranian conflict in the Persian Gulf.

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To date, the conferences have focussed upon the source of the threat and some means of communication (SLOCs) with some attention being given to the nature of the threat with only limited consideration of the response.

The threat, of course, a multi-dimensional one with merchant shipping being vulnerable to all surface and sub-surface attacks, be they in the narrow seas or on the broad oceans. Even with these categories of threat, a wide variety of possibilities exists ranging from the use of surface contact mines or small submarines to long-range missiles fired from air, surface or sub-surface platforms, or even from installations on land.

Political changes in the Western Pacific region, from which most of the delegates come, pose constraints that require the United States to bear the whole burden of sea lane defence may be misplaced. In particular, the possibility exists that the United States may have to maintain access to ports and airfields in the Philippines. In the long term, some consideration of what should be a regional response before that event occurs.

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An address by the Chief of Naval Staff (Australia) opened the proceedings. It was read by Rear Admiral A.L. Beaumont AM RAN for Vice Admiral Hudson AC RAN, who was unable to attend due to illness. The Chief emphasized the importance of the sea lanes to all participating nations, pointing out that Australia's annual imports are worth about $3 billion and exports $2 billion, and that 99.9% of this trade volume is carried by sea. While mentioning some of the recent moves in maritime defense in Australia, including increased patrols in the South Pacific and the higher priority given to the Eastern Indian Ocean, he did observe that, in any major conflict, we would firstly ensure the safety of shipping in our own approaches and focal areas. This task alone could quickly soak up all our maritime forces leaving shipping in the open ocean reliant on others for protection. Given the length and consequent relative ease of interception in our own lanes, Australia could not expect to defend them all in any major conflict. He stated that we would hope to rely on our ANZUS partners, but we would also expect to co-operate with our regional allies and friends for whom these are the also important. He said, Australia's defense policy is founded on self-reliance, but not total self-sufficiency. We recognize that our self-reliance must be founded on a framework of alliances and agreements, not least those with regional countries.

In speaking of regional cooperation, the Navy offered to be a medium for this, suggesting, as a start, that there should be discussions between navies at the highest levels. It was pointed out that such an initiative had already taken place at the recently completed Western Pacific Naval Symposium, where representatives from Australia, Indonesia, the Philippines, Malaysia, Singapore, Thailand, New Zealand, New Guinea, and the United States were present. The keynote address was presented by General R.G. Stilwell, USEF, and it pretty well summed up the whole conference. He emphasized the need to plan on being involved in regional conflicts, rather than being just observers. He stated that we have been witnessing a change in the conduct of international relations and in the willingness to accept joint military operations, and that this change is being felt in the Soviet Union. The Soviet leadership now accepts the first conclusion that a change in the economic system is necessary and that it needs to be revised as completely as possible without delay. The two sides must make their own decisions, but we need to be more self-sufficient and to reduce dependence upon USA.

Papers were presented which related to NE Asia, ASEAN area, and ANZAC area. These generally reiterated the concerns expressed above. NE Asia, represented by Professor Yoichiro Kato of Indonesia, saw an independent resolution of the situation in the Western Pacific, and stressed the importance of cooperation among the countries of the region. Professor Theo Roy, Professor Emeritus, Department of Politics, University of Waikato, New Zealand, gave an interesting observation made by the General, that foreign policy at the national level may well succumb to the individual tendency to avoid involvement in any emergency not affecting them directly.

Other papers were of a technical nature, dealing with operational details. All saw the need for joint military operations in the future. All saw difficulty in reaching official agreement to specific plans which involved joint international military operation.

The final keynote by Professor Theo Roy, Professor Emeritus, Department of Politics University of Waikato, Hamilton, New Zealand, was a commentary on the South Pacific Nuclear Test Zone and Regional Security. The commentary concluded that there was no evidence of nuclear testing or testing in the region, which in turn could threaten the
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security of sea lanes in the whole region. Professor Roy observed that, hitherto, the South Pacific region had all the characteristics of an American lake, although the power influence has been indirectly exerted largely through surrogates, in the ANZUS alliance system. Evidence of this can be found in the virtual absence of Soviet naval surface craft. Hence this area cannot be regarded as an arena of superpower confrontation. Further, it is agreed that the threat nuclear missiles or 'nuclear war' from the South Pacific has always been an issue, being thinly clothed. The declaration of a nuclear-free zone seems to be an expression of the need for the South Pacific states to try to maintain any changes in this state of affairs. The body expresses a binding influence in the area and a common cause for cooperation. The simple exception is France which, with its colonial nuclear testing, rainbow warrior incident and the subsequent process of the two captured French agents, has come little to enhance the French image.

Professor Roy spoke of internal threats as significant because they affect the whole fabric of society in which they appear and, in turn, undermine the will and capability of States to respond effectively to external threats. He gave as examples: political conflict; systemic attempts to undermine the political and economic structure of more developed States like Australia and New Zealand by small, but dedicated, groups allegedly opposed to the system; the traditional constitutions of the 느낌적인 nations of Australia and New Zealand and a multi-party system (Europe) by what is described as 'Race Studies.' He added that whereas the internal threat may be perceived at all levels, from the grass-roots in the elementary, it may not influence a surrounding generation, not with a systematic study of conflict resolution, but with a negative, non-systematic approach which is emotional, confusing and disorienting. Taken generally and collectively, these internal threats, if permitted to burgeon, are guaranteed to produce societies deeply divided by a variety of conflicts.

In conclusion, I would like to report that the opportunity for discussion, argument, expression of opinion and consultation between a group of independent thinkers, experts from a wide background of activity and experience, was, in itself, an event of considerable importance to Australia, particularly for those with their country's well-being at heart. The participants have worked with a combined vision which must be heard for the sake of our security. I believe that the RSL has a role to play in spreading the words which have been spoken by this group, now and in the past and in the future.

Should this conference be reassembled, wherever it is and whenever it is, I recommend that the RSL should be appropriately represented among the participants.

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73rd ANNUAL STATE CONGRESS — 1989

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

DATES
16 June, 1989 — Official Opening (8.00 pm)
17 June, 1989 — Working Sessions (9.30 am)
18 June, 1989 — Working Sessions (9.30 am)

VENUE: Gallipoli Room, Anzac House.

MEALS: Each Sub-branch is responsible for delegates' expenses. Morning, afternoon tea, lunch will be served in the ANZAC Club.

NOMINATIONS: Rule 28. All nominations for the position of President, Vice Presidents (2), and Committee (3) shall be made by a Sub-branch at a properly constituted meeting, shall be in writing, endorsed with the State Secretary by Friday, 5 May, 1989 and all Sub-branches shall receive notification of all nominations not less than one (1) month before the opening of Congress. All nominees must be financial members of the State Branch and must signify their willingness to accept office. All candidates for office in the League, whether paid or honorary, shall when nominated declare themselves in full accord with 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: Messrs P. Pearson, OBE, JP; K. Broadhurst, FRAIA, ARIBA; R.N. Stone, AM, JP.

AGENDA ITEMS: All agenda items for State Congress must be accompanied by preamble for each item, be in writing and close with the State Secretary on 14 April, 1989 (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 as to the Rules which are desired to be altered.

The following are suggested as appropriate headings for Agenda Items:
(a) Immigration
(b) Defence
(c) Repatriation
(d) Membership
(e) National War Memorial
(f) Anzac Day
(g) Anzac House
(h) War Veterans Homes

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. An numbered delegate may be extended to allow one delegate to represent more than one Sub-branch. Proxy delegates may be appointed, but may only act in the absence of delegates from any sitting of Congress. Delegates and proxy delegates to the Congress be on the official form and in the hands of the State Secretary by 2 June, 1989. Late nominations will not be accepted.

ANNUAL TROPHY COMPETITION: Entries for consideration in the various Trophy competitions should be submitted to the State Secretary not later than 5 May, 1989. 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 as this is taken into account on a proportionate basis.

COLOUR PARTY

The appalling and unseasonable weather didn't dampen the atmosphere at the cocktail party given on 6 November by the Friends of the Army Museum, in the grounds of the Museum itself. The Army had kindly lent three stout tents which allowed us all to eat and drink in comfort, while still being able to hear the 5th Military District Band.

The Governor, Professor Gordon Reid, and Mrs Reid, Service Chiefs or their representatives and the State President of the RSL and Mrs Hall were there, as was Mrs Joan Dowson from the State Executive, an enthusiastic Friend of the Army Museum.

The main object of the exercise was to view the colours and guidon, which had previously been housed in the unfavourable conditions of the State War Memorial undercroft. All RSL members will be pleased and relieved to know that these honourable relics are now restored and preserved in specially constructed airtight cases, which will still allow them to be displayed. Members will be further interested to know that the RSL contributed financially to this project. The colours in question are those of 11th Bn, 16th Bn, 28th Bn, 44th Bn, and a guidon of the 10th Light Horse. If you would like to see these in ideal conditions, the Army Museum is on the corner of Bulwer and Lord Streets, East Perth, open every Sunday afternoon, from 1.30 pm to 4.30 pm, and admission is free.

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Indian Ocean Defence Strategy - the True Perspective

The prominent coverage given to the U.S.I. seminar on "The Increasing Strategic Significance of the Indian Ocean Region" in your LISTENING POST - Summer 1988 Vol 11, page 35 - is an indicator of this subject's importance to us; it is therefore, equally important to get the true perspective of this. Consequently, soon after the seminar a paper was published in the U.S.I. Journal November/December 1988 issue to correct some conditioned misconceptions - especially those of Brigadier A. Dacre, the great speaker on India. The factors and concomitant deductions presented lacked the intimate knowledge and comprehension. This article aims to portray the true frame.

First of all it was alleged that the Indian Armed Forces (IAF) have become stronger than the actual needs. The statement did not take into consideration that India has 3,000 miles of common borders with China and Pakistan, both actively hostile towards India. China, with a population of 1,200 million and Pakistan, with half-million strong armed forces, are very substantial enemies. Besides the terrain about the most rugged in the world and swallows u troops. Moreover Indian counter-insurgency problems within and without, which needs upwards of three divisions. Keeping this in view, the increase in the number of strong Indian Defence forces do not seem to be for any sinister purpose.

The additional military strength could not be solely attributed to the Indian army. Both the aircraft carriers and submarine forces. Both the aircraft carriers and submarine forces from the UK; secondly, these countries acquire their armaments from diverse nations such as the USA, the UK; thirdly, the tactical and strategic doctrines of these countries are being developed to cope with their regional problems and to defend any empire. Despite this, it is important to note that India maintains reciprocal training arrangements with Canada, the USA, France, Australia, Germany, and Japan, and trains officers for up to 44 African and Asian nations.

Secondly, there is Brigadier Dacre's assertion that Indian army officers have become arrogant. All those who have visited India will know the inborn politeness of these people. They will, however, accept the overlordship of any one, even if it were the United States. On the other hand, Australian military history is very luckyly pointed by Sir George Bowater in his book about the role of Australian army officers. Hence, if the gloves were off, any argument, I can only say that it was nauseating. The morality of the point could not be for further comment.

In conclusion, one point cut that not only India but also the four most powerful nations in the world, but also has a population of 800 million people, which makes an electrical market. It is committed to non-violence, it is a stable democracy, it occupies a very significant position and, importantly, it is a stable Commonwealth country. The United Kingdom is the only country that has a Commonwealth country. The one that is not being visited by the chief of the Defence Staff. UK's defence is that of the Chief of Defence Staff who recently stated that Australian forces thinking in a country with a democracy which is not always under the control of the government. The United Kingdom is the only country that has a Commonwealth country. The one that is not being visited by the chief of the Defence Staff. UK's defence is that of the Chief of Defence Staff who recently stated that Australian forces thinking in a country with a democracy which is not always under the control of the government.
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MEDAL PRESENTATION

From left: Mrs Ronald Gwynne, Mrs Florence Gwynne and Mr Brendan Kelson.

A small formal presentation of a photograph and medals belonging to the late Lt. Spencer Gwynne DCM, 10th Light Horse Regiment, was made by Lt. Gwynne's widow and children to Mr Brendan Kelson, Deputy Director Museum Collections and Services, Australian War Memorial, at ANZAC House recently.

Mr Kelson stated that the "Magdhaba" diorama at the Australian War Museum, depicts the 10th Light Horsemen in this action, and a brief description tells of the actions of Lieutenants Cox and Martin and Sergeant Gwynne. Mr Kelson further stated that the officials at the War Museum were concerned that the museum had no relics relevant to the Magdhaba action. It was, therefore, an excited Mr Kelson who accepted with pleasure the medals from Lt. Gwynne's widow Florence, his two sons Ronald and Victor, and his daughter Mrs Marie Drummond. Mr Kelson informed Lt. Gwynne's family that the medals would form part of the Magdhaba diorama in the future.

Spencer Gwynne's first overseas action was at Gallipoli in 1915 (then a Sergeant) when he was awarded the Distinguished Conduct Medal for his part in Magdhaba and on two other occasions he was mentioned in Despatches. He was wounded twice during the Great War.

An article on Magdhaba, in the official "History of Australia in the War 1914-18 V", gives an account of the action in which Lt. Gwynne (then Sergeant) was advancing with the West Australians (10th Light Horse) when they were met by a substantial Turkish force. This resulted in Lt. Martin's horse being killed, and the Lieutenant falling to the ground dazed. On seeing what happened, both Lt. Cox and Spencer Gwynne gallantly rode back to rescue him and Lt. Martin onto his saddle and eventually escaped to safety.

Spencer Gwynne was Sergeant of the Australian Guard of Honour when General Allenby entered Jerusalem. Eventually Gwynne was promoted to Commission Rank by being promoted in the field.

On Anzac eve, in 1919, Spencer Gwynne suffered a sudden heart attack and died, ending the life of another Australian hero.

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"ANZAC COTTAGE"

a review by Eqn McDonald

At 38 Kalgoorlie Street, Mt Hawthorn, is a sad relic of an almost forgotten link with the spirit of our forebears.

Becoming decrepit, "Anzac Cottage" languished, unused and unwanted—except by itself grateful occupants—and landlady, but never completely forgotten.

Two architectural students, Kelly Aria and Caroline Sefton, recently traced down the fascinating story of monument and its history and detail. Not only does the cottage commemorate the great Australian sacrifices of Gallipoli, it is a still-living example of community spirit that used to exist, but now seems to have disappeared in today's materialistic, self-centered society.

- Kelly and Caroline note that, in 1916, the young community of Mt Hawthorn decided to build a house for a wounded Digger. They donated the money, time, effort and land and the result was the very first Anzac Memorial in Australia.

The students have recorded the plans and searched out photographs and details that are now available to the RSL.

WHY 'ANZAC COTTAGE' WAS BUILT

The cottage was built as an expression of gratitude by the residents of Perth to the Australian soldiers who fought and died at Anzac Cove.

This practical monument to the war dead was built in 1916 for use by a wounded Anzac soldier.

The Mt Hawthorn Progress Association's desire was to erect a memorial which would take on a practical form. They decided on a home that would house a wounded soldier who took part in the famous landing at Gaba Tepe, now referred to as Anzac Cove on 25 April, 1915.

A 12-member committee was formed with three members of the Progress Association donating $10 each into the 'Anzac Cottage' Building Fund. Cr S. Gibson was invited to join as the building organiser, and the architect was Mr Alfred Levido.

The decision to build a brick cottage was made by Cr Gibson. He approached local building firms for support in the form of donations in money, building materials and furnishings. The response was higher than anticipated. Reduced trade prices were given on those items that had to be purchased.

The materials were transported and assembled on site by volunteers in a 'carters bee'. The materials were carried in a processional form. About 70 drays and 150-200 men gathered in James Street and, in a kilometre walk, the men carried the materials to Kalgoorlie Street with three motor cars in tow and viewed by thousands of people who lined the streets.

The site was cleared on Saturday, January 29, 1916, by about 30 men. By nightfall that day, the site was ready for construction which began on 12 February, 1916, with approximately 4,000 people in attendance. It has been said that at 8:30 that morning, the Mt Hawthorn residents, realising the great financial effort involved in the project, were already preparing to erect the cottage at their own expense.

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The drays consisted of stone, bricks, lime, hessian, cement, paint, scaffolding, an enamel bath, refreshments and sundries.

Approximately 200 workers in the local building trade assisted in a 'busy bee' building construction.

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The finished building was valued at $1,200. The organizing committee spent $370 and the land was donated by J. Peet. The cottage was opened by Mrs Scadden, wife of the Premier of Western Australia, on 15 April 1916. It was the first Anzac monument opened in Australia. The first occupant was C.J. Porter, a returned Anzac who was given full right of ownership providing he maintained the cottage.

Designed by Alfred Levido (AWAIA), the cottage is built on the bungalow plan. The Australian bungalow is based on the English Cottage plan of the 18th century. It had a central passage with two or three rooms on each side, but without the upper level seen in England.

The house has tuck-pointed brickwork walls on stone foundations, terra-cotta roofing tiles, with trilled ridge, and wooden verandah posts. The house is set back from the street and is approached by a granolithic path with cemented steps leading to the verandah and covered doorway. Curves of plaster, leadlight and wood adorn the door and window surrounds.

The house has a narrow entrance hall which penetrates the house to the rear extensions. The hall and sitting-room ceilings are of fibrous plaster, with stamped metal ceiling at the rear including the kitchen and sleeping area.

The kitchen has plastered walls and a normal size window. The house has a rear verandah running the full length of the building; one end still houses the bathroom with the audacity of the other end. The roof has recently been extended into a hip.

The bungalow style was carried through to the garden. There was sympathetic garden treatment with the planting of native trees and shrubs, front and rear of house. Originally, a large buffalo grass lawn was laid at the front of the house. The centre of the lawn has the letters ANZAC planted in ornamental flowers. Now only the stained glass window above the front door remains of the house's historic background.

The Australian flag, bearing the word 'Anzac', is run to the masthead on the 25 April each year by the occupant of 'Anzac Cottage'. The current occupant is the last surviving member of the now defunct Mt Hawthorn Progress Association.

The Australian flag is lovingly restored over the years by many 'Anzac Cottage' occupants. The flagpole, however, is in need of repair and funds which are beyond the capabilities of the current occupier. Parts of the house also need maintenance and without outside financial input the future of 'Anzac Cottage' may be short.

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Then we belted the bolt to expose the barrel of the .303, and there was my round, which I was sure had hit the target. As it landed on the water, the Turk had jumped out of my hands, I thought I had killed him. I turned and saw my friend, Alf, in action. He had a machine gun at the ready, and he told me something peculiar had happened to the wheel of his machine, which had jammed. We chose this wheel and shot it with the point blank, but after the wheel had been removed, it was found that the Turk had landed on the water before the bullet hit the wheel.

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Finally we arrived at the Fish Pier in Boston and were transferred to USN Fargo, the naval barracks. Fargo had been, before the war, the largest wool stores in the world, nine stories high and two full city blocks with a bridge over the street between the two blocks. It was very comfortable with excellent quarters and delicious food.

A Time of Change

For the Australian Army the five year period from 1948-53 was a time of change.

After 40 years I now am unsure of the correct sequence of the events I shall relate hereunder may not be in strict chronological order.

In 1948 I joined the Australian Army Service Corps, which soon was granted the prefix "Royal" for its services during the 1939-45 hostilities. Together with the new title was included the addition of gold to our corps' blue and white colors.

When we marched into "camp" we were issued with WWII uniforms, equipment and weapons. All of the vehicles in our transport company were of the same vintage; although several jeeps were four or five years old, they had never been used.

Our first beds were hessian palliasses lined up on the wooden floors of corrugated iron huts. We queued up in front of what appeared to be a rather raggedy back door of an old barn and showed it into the large wooden bags, our mattresses. On, those restless uncomfortable nights being picked by grass seeds and dried pieces of straw in draughty huts.

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The heavy khaki winter tunic and trousers, which rarely matched, either in shade or weight, were replaced with lighter-weight, well-cut jackets with concealed buttons. I think the matching trousers had a large pocket on the left thigh.

Woven corps shoulder flashes were an addition to our new uniforms. Ours were blue with the words “Royal Australian Army Service Corps” in yellow (gold).

Cloth Military District badges were then issued. The 5th MI Dis (WA) badges were yellow squares bearing black Swans. These were worn on each arm under the corps flashes. Our vehicles also had the black Swan insignia painted on the front and backs.

The traditional rising sun hat and collar badges which were painted black, were replaced with polished brass corps insignia.

In 1948 we had been issued with khaki drill shirts and trousers for summer wear and jungle greens as working dress. Our summer “walking out dress” became jungle greens, again I think as a result of the Malayan Emergency. The style changed too, with American Army style pockets instead of the British type which were pleated with a scalloped flap.

Some of us were issued with longer, lighter-weight gaiters with a strap under the instep, to replace the shorter WWII type.

By the time I was a sergeant we were issued with extra “stripes” to wear on both arms. If I remember correctly, some of our troops wore the longer type in the islands towards the latter part of the war.

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When I was promoted to CORP-sergeant I was issued with gilt metal and cloth crowns instead of the flimsy stripes on my various uniforms. Luckily in the plan, large metal crowns for my gorget, the Q Branch had given me a pair with bright red chest badges in the top, which, though looked quite flashy, I imagine may have been better than the Q Branch gave me a pair with bright red chest backers in the top, which, though looked quite classy. Imagine my embarrassment when by QO sops beside and told me I was wearing a major's crowns.

Despite the changes I have mentioned, up until I left the Army in 1969, very few large-scale weapons or vehicles have been updated, but our welfare conditions and pay had improved considerably.

W. L. TATE
Mandurah Sub-branch

MEMORIAL WALL

Many of you may be unaware of the existence of the ex-service Niche Walls at Karrakatta Cemetery. A photograph of one of the walls reveals their delightful setting.

The Niche Walls are available to ex-service people only with the plaque and inscription being subject to approval by the Office of Australian War Graves which pays the cost of the Niche and plaque.

Members of the bereaved family can make the necessary arrangements (and provide the wording to go on the plaque) by contacting the Office of the Karrakatta Cemetery on (09) 384 7144.

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One of the niche walls at Karrakatta Cemetery.

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Present at the dedication were Dr Peter Wycherley, Director of Kings Park, the husband and family of Mrs Margaret Goringe, our late Chairman who worked so hard for this project, and about 120 ex-servicewomen who braved the rain for this very special event. Mrs Statham marks the first woman to hold the position of Warden of the State War Memorial.

Cecile Hinton
A/Secretary
Combined Ex-Servicewomen's Committee

22nd National Bowls Carnival

Melbourne hosted the 1989 Carnival which started on 3 January, 1989. Punters and the starting ceremony at the Shrine and the first day of play was cancelled. However, the five games were re-scheduled over two days and games reduced to 17 ends.

The bent grass greens at Glenroy Bowling Club were a real bonus.

The host club Victoria had no selection problems and was the winner with 5 wins, 58 shots

up: Queensland 4 wins, 39 shots up; NSW 3 wins, 3

shots up; Tasmania 2 wins, 58 shots up, SA 1 win, 67 shots down; WA no wins, 112 shots down. So Victoria was a very worthy winner of the Jack Hamilton Shield.

The Dr Krantz Trophy was won by NSW in a much closer competition with 5 wins, runner-up Victoria 4 wins WA ran 3rd and a good performance was achieved by WA in the final when they beat the combined Jack Hamilton's team by almost two regular two wins. Bill Coley won the best performance and most consistent from Eddie Hammond.

In general it was a good Carnival, spoilt by rain and the opening day speeches which were too long with repeated back-slapping by the host club. The highlight of the evenings was the presence of Bruce Brinton.

W.G. Hall

REUNIONS

2/7 Infantry Battalion

The battalion will be marching in the 1989 Anzac Day Parade behind their fine new banner with some Eastern States visitors. Members of the other 17 Brigade or 6 Division units such as 2/5 Battalion, 2/6 Battalion, 2/2 Field Regiment or 2/2 Field Ambulance are invited to join us.

Assembly point will be in Pier Street, Enquiries to 387 6732 or 339 2182.

106th Field Workshop

The first of November, 1989 marks the twenty-first anniversary of this unit forming in South Vietnam in 1968. The current personnel of the unit are proud of their heritage and wish to honour the occasion.

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**Letters To The Editor**

One proof for the necessity for Veterans to push for the continuance of Review Boards is the long delay for a hearing. Only by a systematic and well-organized effort can we hope to achieve justice for all those who served. The delays are unacceptable and the system must be improved.

I first encountered this in 1977. At that time delays were more common, but now they are much more frequent. The delays are unacceptable and the system must be improved.

I have discovered that this is often not the case. At the time I was asked to prepare a report for a friend who had been denied a medical pension. Although my report was well received, the decision was not reversed. I believe that this is a problem because the system is not working properly.

I have a friend who served during the war and was denied a pension. His case was heard by a Review Board and they rejected his claim. I believe that this is a problem because the system is not working properly.
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Dear Editor,

In the latest issue of the "Post" (Hawke's War Crimes Act) letter, Sir Charles Court and Alf Garland named Russia as Germany and Japan's ally. Both seemed to condemn these two countries yet their ally, and hence their accomplice, was never mentioned.

On 32nd August, 1945, Russia signed a military pact with Germany. This pact ceased until 21st June, 1941. In that time, any crimes committed must have been perpetrated by both sides.

On 16th April, 1941, the day many Westerners were surrounded by Russia's Red Army, Russia signed a military pact with Japan. This pact was valid until 7th August, 1945 when Russia demanded mercy in Japan's defeat.

Hence any crimes or atrocities in those periods makes Russia an accomplice before the fact, yet neither of the above gentlemen saw it to mention it.

Why?

Yours faithfully,

J.C. MacKenna

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Dear Editor,

During my recent visit to Victoria with the West Australian RSL, Rough when I was a guest of the Box Hill Sub-Branch. I received a copy of a Sub-Branch circular and the following article was enclosed, which I believe is of great interest to all members of the Listening Post.

The Act of Remembrance

Observation over a period has shown that, when the "Act of Remembrance" is recited each morning at our Club, social members and visitors, although adorning the wreath and joining in proceedings, know nothing about the origin of the ceremony. So for the benefit of those that do not know and a reminder to those that may have forgotten, the origin of the ceremony is as follows:

The scene is a mountain near Jerusalem, and the time is 1917. The wireless set in motion by the British Army, the first on this continent, is tuned to the news from Europe. Two men of the Canadian Expeditionary Force are of the opinion that the news is of no interest to them. They are wrong. The news is of great importance to all who know the origin of the ceremony.

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These words, although not literally correct, tell of the speaker’s thoughts and well. The speaker was glib in action the next day and his friends were severely wounded but recovered and went back to England with him. His name was Major Tudor Pole and he later became Chairman of the Big Ben Council. He was also in the water the future, and still greater the Second World War. He witnessed his friend’s co-operation, and won it.

Major Tudor Pole conceived the idea of the minute of silence signified by the drumming and ringing by Big Ben at 11 pm each evening.

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M.C. Hall, JP

Dear Editor,

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from teacher to student, from parent to child, from the media to the viewer, structure breaking down these self-induced barriers and efforts to eradicate forever the divisions that have taken place in our midst. Together we can achieve greatness and lead the world by example, thus showing that we have learnt from the mistakes of others, and that whilst many mistakes will still take place, Australia can become a world leader and we Australians can show the rest of the world what we really mean when we say, "Come on mate, we'll show 'em."

NEIL FANCOURT.

Dear Editor,

I am the author of "Pringle's War" (Collins Australia) reviewed in the winter issue of the Listening Post by Mr Harper-Nelson.

I have been contacted by several members including British ex-army soldiers and gunners who, having enjoyed my book, were distressed at the unscrupulous use and derogatory comments evidenced in the article. In the tough media sphere I record many TV radio and newspaper interviews throughout Australia and without exception the reviews are good. It was left to my own organisations, are under not-so-subtle attack from some quarters. In my own way, I am trying, in a damageable manner, to cleanse the balance. I would have expected RSL official support. It could not be forthcoming, certainly not denigration.

Before starting this project I faced a dilemma. Was realism necessary? Should I make my characters reveal the truth in all its crudity as seen through a participant's eyes? Being well aware, in this case, considering my background involvement, I may be accused of boasting. Yet I decided, having been there, I choose reality. I don't know where the non-existent in the warrior but it happens; you cannot ignore the implied dishonesty attributed to me as regards my description of conflict. As for the contentious sexual content, I informed family and friends in touch with the real world that they have no trouble relating to it. Thank God for that!

Finally Fairbridge.

In 1939 my coal-mining father was killed. As a two-year-old I was taken away from my mother, sister and brother and placed in a Barnardo Home. Arrived without notice, I was transported to Western Australia. The ludicrous suggestion that life at the institution in the late twenties/early thirties equipped with a private boarding school is unacceptable and bare of ignorance, Fairbridge graduated indeed what a laugh. For eight long years I was alone with all the misery it implies. Speaking for myself, 1 find it difficult to adequately express the reality of those long, hard years. Fairbridge, Fairbridge, Fairbridge and nothing about it is written down to say it remains.

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MISSING FLIGHT SERGEANT

No. 51 Beaufighter Squadron RAAF ex-members are trying to locate 441 351 Flight Sergeant Alan Lloyd Jacques of Jesup, who served with the squadron at Coomalie Creek, NT, in 1943. We understand he came from Western Australia.

CALLING HARRY SMITH

The ex-soldier I am seeking wrote the following about me. Maybe this Sergeant can get in touch with me, unless he a still in N.G.

AIR AMBULANCE NUMBERS

In 1945, ten Tiger Moth aircraft were converted to Air Ambulance configuration at 13 Aircraft Repair Depot, Brisbane, Queensland. They were then ferried to Tadji for use in evacuation purposes.

We have been able to trace some of the aircraft serial numbers, but would like to complete the list. Can anyone help?

J.L. Brassil
56 Anniversary Avenue, Terrigal NSW 2260

HMAS SYDNEY HISTORY

I have been requested by members of the HMAS Sydney Research Group to approach your readers. Our group has associations with the second HMAS Sydney, either having served in her or interested in her history, and we are anxious that the true story of her loss will be revealed.

We wish to contact three Servicemen who were serving at No 4 SFTS Geraldton around 19 November 1941 (the day of the Sydney's loss). They are: Squadron Leader Cooper, Corporal Dawson and Flying Officer Boague.

If anyone can advise us whether these gentlemen are still living, or if their relatives or friends can give any information at all, we would be very grateful.

Edward Strahan
for the HMAS Sydney Research Group
56 Anniversary Avenue, Terrigal NSW 2260

AIR DROP PROPAGANDA

The person in the UK who asked for this notice to be passed around the RSL has written with thanks for the response from NSW and asked whether other State Branches could now include or, if appropriate, repeat the notice as follows:

Researcher seeks air drop propaganda leaflets, especially those of WWII and information about the use and effects. Willing to purchase. Please contact: Dr. R. Oakland, 21 Metchley Lane, Harborne, Birmingham B17 0HT, United Kingdom.

4 AIRFIELD CONSTRUCTION SQUADRON

I am currently carrying out research preparatory to documenting the history of the RAAF unit in which I served in the SWPA, namely 4 Airfield Construction Squadron.

Our RSL journal 'Mufti' recently carried an appeal for ex-members to contact me, and I am wondering if your State has a publication which could carry a similar request. I would be very grateful if this is possible.

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RETURNED SISTERS

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In paying tribute to the Bicentennary, the Returned Sisters' Sub-Branch has supported this in a very practical manner with the gift of metal railings, which have been erected on either side of the steps leading down to the forecourt of the State War Memorial.

On Sunday, 20 November, Mrs Vivian Statham, President of the Sub-Branch and Warden of the Memorial, officially handed over the railings to Mr Wycherley who accepted them on behalf of the Kings Park Board. Speaking about the project, Mrs Statham said that the railings would be greatly appreciated as some 40 years after World War II, many of the veterans are now finding the steps difficult to manage without help.

A small commemorative plaque had been placed at the foot of the steps and the short ceremony was attended by many members of the Sub-Branch and representatives of other services.

Twenty-three members of the Women's Services have their names listed under the State War Memorial. They have been identified as: four Army Nursing Service, World War I; eight AANS; six AWAS; three WAAF and two AAMWS.

BEDFORD - MORLEY PARK

Every third Tuesday at one o'clock, our hall is open to members and wives when carpet bowls, darts, quoits, cards, Chinese chequers and snakes and ladders are enjoyed by all. Refreshments provided by our good ladies are served at 3.30 pm, and the hall closes at 4.00 pm.

Members of the Sub-Branch participate in community work by helping with door knocks, delivering meals-on-wheels and supplying drivers for the Bayswater Shire’s bus.

In keeping with the upgrading of Grand Promenade and the beautifying of the area, a rose garden has been established at the foot of the hall, but thanks go to the City of Bayswater for their support.

To celebrate the achievements of 1988 a special evening was held, when home-desserts and drinks at 5.30 pm the 140 participants enjoyed a three-course meal. We were honoured to have the Mayor and Mayoress of Bayswater, Mr and Mrs Rod Hughes representing Headquarters and the President of the Women’s Auxiliary Headquarters, Mrs Caley, who was accompanied by Mrs Rolfe.

After the Ode, some RSL members - short, fat and tall - entertained the crowd by participating in a parade of ladies’ night attire. The collection of sexy nylon nightwear, the padding of large bras and the artistic application of lipstick and rouge was expertly carried out by Mrs Newey. She may even have been in a night dress and on the Mayor’s knee and planted a kiss on his forehead; the evidence was still visible when he left after midnight.

The arrival of 1989 is eagerly awaited by all members of the Sub-Branch and Women’s Auxiliary, with the knowledge that the Branch will grow in membership and continue to provide family entertainment.

J.E. Dorrington
President

GERALDTON

RECORD REMEMBRANCE POPPIES

The distribution of Remembrance Poppies at Geraldton last Remembrance Day resulted in the public contributing a record total of $2,348. The previous record was $1,704 in 1988. At the November meeting President Tom Cream thanked all those citizens who contributed to this outstanding success. The proceeds will be equally shared by the Sailors, Soldiers and Airmen’s Relief Fund and the Sub-Branch Amelioration Account.

A Remembrance Day observance took place in Marine Terrace on the 70th anniversary of Armistice Day with bandsmen Joe McCreedy and Bert Gummery officiating for the sounding of the Last Post and Reveille.
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The annual pilgrimage to the war cemetery followed on Sunday, when poppy-bearing white crosses were placed on graves in the cemetery and Remembrance Poppies on the graves of servicemen and ex-servicemen in the adjoining general cemetery.

Two wreaths were laid at the War Cemetery Memorial — one by President Tom Cream and the other by Laurel Club Chairperson, Kit Lunas, and Legacy Vice-Chairman, Liz Beament. The Last Post and Reveille were sounded by city bandsman Peter O'Dea.

The 83 war cemetery graves include those of 42 Air Force personnel (including six killed on the same day when training at Geraldton) and 41 army personnel, including 16 from New South Wales, 15 from WA, nine from Victoria and one from Queensland.

Twenty-two ex-service personnel attended the Remembrance Sunday Diggers' Luncheon at Birdwood House; Peter Barczen thanked Women's Auxiliary President, Tryphena Ashplant, and her small but energetic group of workers for their annual gesture.

Those reminiscing on their World War II experiences included 86-year-old Jack Beaver, 83-year-old Wally Cleaver and 83-year-old Andy McDonald.

RSL Stalwart Ernie Wick recalled the day in June 1945 when he and six other members of the famous Second 48th Infantry Battalion carried wounded Lieutenant Tom Derrick, VC, DCM, from the ‘Feature 102’ battle zone in Tonkian, Burma. This winner of the VC in New Guinea died about a week later from injuries received from shrapnel and bombs. Ernie Wick said the philosophy of this great soldier, who used to call him “Wicky”, could be summed up in this statement: “When you’re on parade, you’re on parade; when you’re not, you can call me what you like.”

Regional War Veterans' Home Extensions

State President Jim Hall officially opened three “Darby and Joan” units at the Regional War Veterans' Home on 16 December, at a cost of more than $140,000.

As War Veterans' Home Chairperson, Mr Hall was pleased to present to Sub-Branch President Tom Cream a cheque for $42,000 towards the acquisition. During his expression of thanks, Mr Cream made special mention of the work of architect Lou Eves and builder Peter Willoughby.

A cheque for $5,449 was presented to Mr Cream by Geraldton MLA Jeff Carr to cover the purchase of a ride-on lawn mower and associated gardening equipment. This grant came from the Veterans' Affairs Department and the Federal Government. Apart from being used at the Regional War Veterans' Home, the mower and other equipment will be made available for use by other ex-service people. This was a condition of the grant.

Mandurah gesture

The Royal Antediluvian Order of Buffaloes at Meekatharra raised $81.23 on Poppy Day after being supplied with poppies by the Geraldton Sub-Branch. The Sailors, Soldiers and Airmen's Relief Fund will receive $40.61 and the Sub-Branch Amelioration Account $40.62.

Regional War Veterans' Home Extensions

State President Jim Hall officially opened a new $1.5 million Mandurah RSL Village and Memorial Hall on Saturday afternoon, 28 January.

Among those present were members of the State Executive of the RSL and the Women's Auxiliary, representatives from many sub-Branches and local service clubs and organisations, Government and local Government members and Mandurah Sub-Branch and Women's Auxiliary members and their partners.

Music was provided by members of the Wanneroo Pipe Band who have participated in Anzac Day parades in Mandurah for several years. Last year they generously donated $150 towards the cost of our new social centre.

At the conclusion of the opening ceremony, afternoon tea and refreshments were served in the recently completed social centre.

All 21 units in the village have been sold; preference was given to local veterans.

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Our new hall and licencing, a satellite from the barbershop in which the first meeting was held. One version has it that the room, in which the historical meeting took place was on the 89 bedroom in the 1980s.

Until May 1984, all other monthly meetings were held in the Brighten Hotel, the old Dalrymple quarters. The building was completed in 1989. 1969 was sold in July, 1969.

The second function could be held in the new centre will be the Golden Jubilee Dinner on Saturday, 4 February. Tickets were allotted with a sense of being vital. As this article is being prepared prior to the dinner, that function will be reported on in the next edition.

BUS TRIPS

These popular outings resumed in January with a trip to Donnybrook via Drakesbrook. We ran the Baywater Hotel for lunch. Members were able to buy fresh fruit from Rod Atherton's orchard before returning via Preston Beach. A trip to the zoo is planned for March.

ANNUAL ELECTIONS

At the AGM held in December, the following office bearers were elected: President, Keith Ross; Senior Vice-Pres., Wally Holding; Junior Vice-Pres., Bob Hill; Hon. Secretary, Keith Dhu; Treasurer, Peter Nilson; Trustees, George Jamieson, Bill Whitbread, George Jamieson, and Ted Turner; Auditor, Doug Morrison; Welfare Officers, Neil Davidson, Keith Dhu, and Dougie Thomas; Social Sub-committee, Pat Johnson, Sue Clarke Hayes, Bruce Thomas and Charlie Bean.

The Sub-Branch now has much pleasure in sending letters and friends to Sister Kate's. We have always been proud to support this local organization.

D. Smith
Hon. Sec.

BUNBURY

Bunbury put itself on a flying start in 1989 with approx 50 attending the AGM. We have now doubled our membership since 1988 and, once again, qualified for a pennant (10% membership increase), making it three in a row. I can't see any reason why the trend will not continue and our projected target of 450 paid-up members should be reached this year. Having confirmed that, 1990 will be the year of success and I am told that Bunbury has never had more than this number. (Please correct me if I'm wrong).

Our increase in membership is in no small way due to the high profile generated by the Sub-Branch's activities and a welfare committee which is voluntarily doing what an official OVA office in Bunbury should be doing—this is, providing the needs of an ageing veteran population.

Don't forget that we have a stock of the new stick pin-type small badges, which can be purchased from the RSL office for $2.50. Drop in any day between 10.00am and 12.00 and have a look in what a surprising number of members of all ages at the hall. Members are always welcome and our welfare committee is always looking for people who can spare an hour now and again to assist.

We plan to have many new members coming in, both young and old. This is the time of the year that is great for membership and we welcome new members.

Don't forget the meetings which are held on the third Wednesday of each month. We usually put out 100 chairs and fill most of them.

At our AGM in December, our President, Bob Hill, presented Bert Neil with his certificate of Life Membership. This is the longest serving members of our Sub-Branch. Bert has held many positions on the Committee, including President for many years. Many of the improvements in our sub-branch in recent years can be attributed to Bert's good concern for our members' welfare and comfort. The programme of improvements and renovations during the year and the barbeque beer garden is now completed. Bert Hill has expressed his sincere thanks to all members who have assisted in the work. The Sub-Branch has a number of social activities planned for this year and our excellent facilities will assist their success.

Once again our Christmas function was an outstanding evening. Our popular bar manager, George Galdies, heading a team of hard-working members, ensured that all present had a memorable evening.

Last Anzac Day saw a very large turnout for our march, and this year looks to be even bigger. Members are reminded that the parade assembled at the old Canning offices on the corner of George Street and Albany Highway at 7.30am.

Bob Hill would like to welcome the new committee, Junior Vice President, Hugh Kirby, and new members Capt. Peter Simpson, Rly. Clarke Hayes, Bruce Thomas and Charlie Bean.

The Sub-Branch recently had much pleasure in sending letters and news to Sister Kate's. We have always been proud to support this local organization.

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YOKINE-JOONDANNA

At our recent AGM, held at the Yokine Bowling Club on 17 January 1989, our past president, Noel Laird was re-elected for a second term. Other familiar faces re-located to the committee were Keith Abernethy, Senior Vice President; Joe Browne, Junior Vice President; Harold Veale, Treasurer; Norm Young, Welfare Officer and John Delprado, Membership Officer.

It was pleasing to see familiar faces at the AGM and also the interest shown by members in ensuring that the meeting went smoothly. Our thanks go to Oliver Winterton for handing the report of Returning Officer so professionally.

We extend a warm welcome to new members: Jack Davies, Theo Woodcock, Alan Doherty-Jamieson and Len Johnson.

Our Activities Committee, working well under the leadership of Keith Abernethy, is planning an activities programme for 1989, which will ensure our notice board at the Yokine Bowling Club for returning trips and visits. Our last trip to the Northern races was very well run, as such, a racing success.

The recent R.S.L. Branch Interstate Carnival in Melbourne was well attended by our members, with George Bond, Len McCarthy and John Delprado in the State Team, and Bill Clark and Max Loughlin in the Executive Team. Well done all players, and our congratulations to both teams, although we heard that the State Team’s results were hampered by the Victorian weather.

Just a reminder to members that our meetings are held every second month from January at the Yokine Bowling Club. From November to May the meetings are held at 7.30 pm on the second Tuesday of November, January, March and May. In July and September the meetings are held on the second Sunday at 3.00 pm. Hope to see you all there on 21st March at 7.30 pm.

The president and committee members take this opportunity to wish you all a healthy and happy 1989.

Rob Hughes
Secretary (275 7909)

MURRAY

Our plans for celebrating the Bicentenary were made early and the final version was the complete renovation of the hall. With a new kitchen, seating, walls, sound system, lighting and ceiling, bathroom and window, the hall was re-opened in a very pleasant surroundings and appreciated by the local community, which in itself used the amenities. Credit belongs to the original founder members who constructed the first hall as well that the renovation was possible.

With a total of 63 members (eight new members this year), a number are presently serving in the services. A solid core of approximately 20 members regularly attend meetings, and it is from this self-help committee. The members always thank and appreciation go to the Women’s Auxiliary, who have given unlimited support to the men, and a newly formed social club proving most acceptable.

The ANZAC Day march, with the Perth Pipe Band piping the tune for the twenty-first time, and coordinated with the 19 Julian marchers’ caps, was further announced by the 10th Light Horse Replica Troop joining the march and riding past the War Memorial at the conclusion of the ceremony.

Credit and sincere thanks go to local organisations who have supported the Branch during the year; to the Lottery Commission for their generous donation towards the cost of materials to the R.A.C.E.S., who now have a permanent chapel in the hall to the Fire Service who supplied powerful music when needed; to the Shire Council for the work involved in maintaining the grounds of the hall, to Alcoa of Australia Ltd. for their support and communications to the various organisations who joined in the ANZAC march, especially the contingents from the Navy and Army, the latter providing the Guard of Honour at the War Memorial.

With the appointment of the new President, Mr Hubert Cuscombe, the young year looks very bright for the Murray Branch in Pinjarra.

SCARBOROUGH

The annual Anniversary Dinner Dance was quite a success with over 170 members taking part.

Amongst the guests were Mike Hall, Junior State Vice-President and Mr Harry Golightly, together with Shire Councillors. Mike Hall gave a short run-down on the League’s policies and the year’s accomplishments.

Bill Allan commented the evening with the customary ability. The speeches were short and the food and drinks enjoyed by all. The music by Mary and her band was conducive to dancing and the evening was voted a success and enjoyed by all.

At the AGM the following officers were returned: Mr Bob White, Sub-Branch President; Mr Doug Pigott, Senior Vice President; Mr Alf Denny, Junior Vice President; Mr Howard Graham, Secretary; Mr John Callanan, Treasurer; Mr Len McCarthy, Auditors; Mr Jim Hugill and Mr Alf Brown, Trustees; Mr R. Kehn, Membership Officer; Mr J. Denny, Mr L. Yaque, Mr P. Stubbs, Mrs Joy Reed, Mr F. Nelson, Mr D. Barnett, Committee, and Mr Jim Hugill, Welfare Committee.

A Sub-Branch Bowls team of Les Doherty, Jack Barnett and Doug Pigott took part in the Dr Syd Kratz Memorial Trophy.

At this time of the year, with many on holidays, attendance sometimes was a little down but we still managed 18 per cent around 60 members.

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NORTH BEACH

Meetings continue to be well attended, with an average attendance of 39 members during the last quarter. The annual dinner, attended by 100 members and guests, was held on 23 November, and the traditional good time was had by all. The Scholarship Committee reported that 20 applications had been received by the December meeting date. Interviews and screenings are to be arranged.

The AGM followed the December meeting. After routine business was finished, a motion of 20000 was held: major office bearers for this year are: President, M. Hall; Jr Vice President, L. Bennett; Treasurer, F. Heath; Secretary, J. Candy; Auditors, L. Marley, G. Hancock.

KWINANA

When considering our membership numbers one could say “not bad, huh?!” The other side of the story is the record of attendance at meetings, and that is not as good as it could be. It's the old story - the few keeping the flag flying for the rest.

By the time this goes to print we will have our AGM and election of office bearers. No matter how good they may be the efforts of the office bearers, to a great extent, can be nullified by lack of interest by members. The best story in the world cannot make a big difference.

Kwinana has a number of schools - primary and secondary. Each year at the respective school the students are awarded the local RSL Citizenship Award. They each receive a book from their school and the name of the winner is inscribed on the RSL Citizenship Honour Board for posterity.

The award has much to commend it. Good citizenship attitudes are most needed – particularly young ones. In addition, both awards and the presentation make for good public relations. It also has the effect of giving students a sense of pride.

RETURNED EX-SERVICEWOMEN

A special Bicentennial Remembrance Day lunch was held at Army House. General Commandant Mrs Frank Sheehan MBE (Junior Sub-Branch) who took over the duties of Warden of the State War Memorial on 11th day and was the first Returned Ex-ServiceWoman to be appointed to that position.

The guest speaker was Brigadier Alan Hodges who spoke on “Women in the Services – Fighting to Serve”.

Over 100 attended the lunch, including past wardens of the State War Memorial, the Hon. John Tonkin AC; Mr. John Goldsworthy, GC DSM GM; Mr. Frank Statham CBE; and Sir Keith Muntz AM, Mr. Frank Statham, CBE; and Sir George Bedford, OBE the Impeccable Paul Warne.

Guests included the Hon. Beryl Jones MLA, representing the Premier, Councillor Peter Gallagher, Deputy Lord Mayor and Mrs Isobel Gallagher; Commodore Malcolm Baird; Wing Commander John Wood, Acting C O. RAAF RAA; Pearce; and Mrs Wood.

Members of the Red Cross Service Corp assisted with the lunch.

OSBORNE PARK

The external walls of our hall have not yet had their new coat of paint but we have to give a few willing hands within the next month or so to complete the job.

At our December meeting and Christmas get-together, President Keith Anderson had the pleasure of presenting a Certificate of Service to Bill Powell, Judd, as we call him, was a worthy recipient of this award for he has looked after the hall for a number of years, doing the cleaning and the odd repairs around the property. The presentation of this hard-earned certificate was met with much acclaim. Well done, Judd, and congratulations to all members!

In a recent issue of the local newspaper the ‘Stirling Times’, an article appeared with photo of our long-serving Secretary/Treasurer, Fred Guelfi, and his wife Glad, describing how they had celebrated their golden wedding on 24 December. This, of course, is a great achievement for any couple, from all members at the Osborne Park Sub-Branch. Congratulations and our best wishes to you both in marking this important milestone.

Once again I remind all Sub-Branch members that our general meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month commencing at 7:00 pm at the hall. Those unable to attend the meeting due to work commitments are encouraged to send a delegate who will be expected to record minutes.

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ARMADALE

The delegates to the annual conference in Bunbury saw the metal casting of the RSL badge and advised the Armadale Sub-Branch to obtain a copy. It transpired that a local firm (Law Castings of Williams Road, Kelmscott) was responsible for the casting and one was ordered. After taking delivery and advised of the cost ($124), the Sub-Branch was pleasantly surprised to receive a letter from Mr. Law donating the casting.

Mr. Trevor Powell, a relative of a member, volunteered to paint the casting and the final result was very pleasing.

Mr. and Mrs. Law and Mr. Powell were invited to our annual dinner for the presentation. During the evening, Mr. Mike Coleman, the President, and Mr. John Goodall, our long-term Bingo caller on a voluntary basis, were awarded Certificates of Service. Mr. Peter Coleman, for his voluntary work, and Mrs. Alice Cooke for her catering work, were presented with Certificates of Appreciation.

It is with deep sorrow that we have to advise that our President, Mike Coleman, passed away a month later. He will be sorely missed and, like all good members, hard to replace. At the AGM in February members will have the job of electing a successor.

SOUTH PERTH

At the 1989 AGM attended by double the usual number of members, a change was made in the time of our future meetings. From this date onwards, members will gather at the hall on the corner of Anson and Anstey Streets at 11:30 am for fellowship prior to a meeting at 12:15 pm. Once the business of the day is dealt with, members will adjourn for a sandwich luncheon.

For catering purposes, members are asked to advise the Secretary, Mr. Bill Harrison, on 367 2609 beforehand if they plan to attend.

The Sub-Branch will still meet on the fourth Thursday of each month, excepting December.

City of South Perth, Anzac Day 1989

For the second year in succession, the four Sub-Branches of the League in the City of South Perth will combine to commemorate Anzac Day at the new Memorial outside the Council chambers in Sandgate Street. The memorial erected as a contribution to the Bicentennial year, was unveiled and dedicated on Sunday, 27 March, 1988. As an ongoing project, the Sub-Branches will be joining with the Council to floodlight the Memorial later in the year.

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NEDLANDS

The Nedland Sub-Branch held its annual dinner on Tuesday, December 6, at Hollywood Bowling Club.

There were 52 present and the guests included Nedland MLA Richard Court, and members of the RSL State Executive, Nedlands Council and Hollywood Bowling Club.

Great War veteran, and a foundation member of the sub-branch Jim Riley, was present.

Among the members were veterans of World War II, the Korean War and the Vietnam War.

Member Maurice Elliott was master of ceremonies for the evening, and entertainment was provided by pianist Meg Mitchell and her friends.

A very friendly atmosphere prevailed, and a good time was had by all.

Some were heard to comment, as they were leaving, that they were already looking forward to next year!

Courtesy Post Newspaper

WEMBLEY-FLOREAT

1988 proved to be a most progressive and successful year for President George Woot's second term in the chair with an average attendance at our monthly meetings of 80 members.

The Anzac Day Service at the West Leederville Memorial was attended by approximately 500 members, and Scouts, RSL members, politicians, councils and families from our area. Social outings during the year were very happy and successful family occasions, with an average attendance of 102 members and partners.

Poppy Day 1988 was our Sub-Branch's all-time record with the sale of 5,400 poppies for a collection of $4,014, thanks to the enthusiasm of our collectors and the generosity of the people in our district.

We had 309 financial members in 1988, including 24 new members, five as a result of the recruiting drive. We are pleased with the results of the recruiting drive. In 1988, we increased our membership by 240% and, if we can maintain this trend, our finances will be strengthened.

Unfortunately, 12 of our members passed away, including Charles Parkin, our life member and Treasurer for the past 25 years. The memory of all our deceased members is perpetuated with a book donated to our Memorial Library at West Leederville Primary School.

At our AGM on 12 December, in accordance with our custom since 1917, President George Woot, having served his 2-year term as President, inducted Senior Vice-President John Court into the President's chair for 1989. Trevor Clarke and Bop Baker were elected Vice-Presidents, John White was re-elected as Secretary and George Woot was elected as Treasurer.

We hope that 1989 will be as happy and successful for our members as it was 1988.

John O'Neill
Hon. Secretary

BELMONT

At the Pensioners and Widows Christmas Luncheon, more than 100 members enjoyed an excellent meal prepared by the Women's Auxiliary, whose members each year spend many hours preparing food for the occasion.

In December, awards were presented to senior students from the Belmont and Kewdale Senior High Schools. These awards are to assist the winning students in the purchase of books, etc.

Subscriptions are coming in very quickly and, if the trend continues, we will have another record year for membership.

The monthly cabarets re-commence on Saturday, 25 February with our popular DJ John Mitchell supplying the music. Our program committee
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will be held on 18 March, featuring the popular band 'The Playbacks'. We hope that many members will attend these nights for they are a good opportunity to meet and socialise with other members of the Sub-Branch.

D. Balcome

I am sincerely grateful for the award of two hundred and fifty dollars that I was granted thanks to staff nomination and the Belmont RSL. This money will be put to good use and will go towards my further education.

I will spend it on such things as books for Year 11 and 12, school excursions, school fees and other school orientated items and outings.

Once again thank you for your generous contribution of two hundred and fifty dollars and I am grateful that you think of young people and not only people in your age bracket. Give my regards to all the members of the Belmont RSL.

Yours faithfully,
Paul Bowden
Kewdale Senior High School

I would like you to express my appreciation to the members of the RSL for the privilege of having been selected for your Anzac Award.

The $250.00 that has been granted me will indeed be most useful in assisting with the cost of books and fees over the next year or two.

Again I express my sincere thanks for the award and the best wishes that came with it.

Further I feel that I would like to thank all those teachers who nominated me as a recipient for the Anzac Award and I will try to do my very best in the future.

Yours sincerely
Heather Pirreau
Belmont Senior High School

BOOK REVIEWS

"The Mystery of X5"
by Frank Walker & Pamela Melior
(Published by William Kimber (London), available in Australia through Princeton Books, RRP $35.95).

Not many people would be aware that one of the three British midget submarines, which successfully attacked the German battleship Tirpitz, was named Platypus and commanded by a young Australian.

All three submarine commanders were recommended for the Victoria Cross with the two survivors receiving the award. The third award, to Australian Lieutenant Henry Henty-Greer, RNVR, was deferred until further evidence could be gathered, although recommendations were approved right up to the First Sea Lord.

Henty Henty-Greer was a member of the pioneering Henty family which was involved with the settlement of Victoria and the breeding of Merino Sheep. He was born in Sydney, in March 1920, and was the son of Reginald who, with his brother Bertie, was among the first officers commissioned in the fledgling RAN. His father commanded the training ship Tingira...
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Young Henty-Greer's parents separated and he left school at 13 and went to live in England where he worked as a typesetter and part-time film editor for the British film industry leader, Alexander Korda. The well-known war movie "49th Parallel" was filmed in Canada, and relating to a German U-boat was produced in 1940 with Henty-Greer as director of Photography. This was to be his first film.

He had been offered admission to the military service which he declined, joining the Royal Navy as an Able Seaman on special service on his return to England.

Selected for officer training, he graduated with his name on 100 in a list of 100 students, allowed to select his branch. He chose top-secret midget submarines as his weapon of choice.

Henty-Greer completed his training and was considered to be at the top of the RNVR officers who were selected from the operational X-boat trials from among the new generation.

Towed by the submarine HMS Thrasher, Henty-Greer's X3 (with its four-man crew) left Loch Caledon on 11th September, 1943. Five other midget units, X6, X7, X8 and X9, were also towed seawards for Norway. Their targets—the German capital ships Tirpitz, Lutzow and Scharnhorst.

Three X-boats were heading for Kristof in the innermost part of the fjord. Henty-Greer's X5, X6, commanded by Lt Cameron, and X7 commanded by Lt B. Place. By the morning of September 22nd, three X-boats had penetrated anti-submarine defences and avoided all surface patrols.

Tirpitz's log records that at 0715, there were "two heavy consecutive detonations" which effectively crippled the large battleship for months.

The planning staff of the raid was composed of the news and recommendations were made for Victoria Crosses for the three X-boat commanders. It led to the award to Lt Cameron.

Two heavy consecutive detonations were the closest approach to the bow, Place and Henty Greer were awarded the Victoria Cross.

Selection of targets was to be hazardous. Lt Cameron was awarded the Victoria Cross, Lt Place was awarded the Victoria Cross and Lt Henty-Greer was mentioned in dispatches.

Henty-Greer's family has been researching the action since the war ended and are convinced Henty-Greer had his mine on the bow and that it was the ones that did the critical damage.

Another relevant point which is supposed is that the mine was lowered from the stern of the heavy battle cruiser, and the Germans were aware of the situation, while the alarm remained in the same area.

A German explosives expert nominated by the West German Ministry of Defence, Dr Guenther Sachse who had concentrated on explosives technique especially as applied to armour, supported this theory. He wrote, after studying the facts that Tirpitz had been thrown sideways, the warship on its transverse from their mooring but falling exactly back on their own trend. Dr Sachse concludes that one of the mines exploded directly under the battleship.

His book, which was published in 2012, has been acclaimed and is considered to be one of the most important books in the history of naval warfare.

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The last three months have been particularly busy ones for our State Executive members. In November we helped with Poppy-Day by getting the poppies ready beforehand and then selling them on the day.

Mrs Stella Roles, of the Deloraine Auxiliary, Tasmania, and Executive members were guests of the Nollamara-North Perth Auxiliary's Melbourne Cup luncheon, and the following day I attended the Bunbury Auxiliary meeting. The Junior Vice President, Mrs Taylor, and her husband were guests of the Armadale Sub-Branch at their Christmas dinner. Mrs Jolley, the Senior Vice President, attended the Service held at the War Veterans Home on Remembrance Day, and Mrs Taylor was at the wreath-laying ceremony at the State War Memorial.

Mrs Sullivan and I were present when the hand rails (donated by the Returned Sisters sub-branch) for the steps to the approach to the State War Memorial were given over to the Kings Park Board with a suitably inscribed plaque. We were also guests of the War Widows' Guild for their Christmas afternoon. I attended the Scarborough Sub-Branch Christmas Dinner, and, with Mrs Sullivan, was a guest at the Christmas dinner of the Mandurah Auxiliary and Sub-Branch.

On 2 December, Mrs Rolfe and I were invited to the Bedford-Morley Sub-Branch and Auxiliary Christmas dinner when I presented a Life-Membership to Mrs Enid Carlson and Mrs Joan Woods. Congratulations, ladies. With Mrs Sullivan, I attended the Belmont Auxiliary's Sub-Branch Christmas luncheon and the evening I was a guest at the Cockburn Sub-Branch's 1st Christmas dinner.

With Executive members I attended the Christmas luncheon held in Anzac House and, with Mrs Sullivan, went to the War Veterans' Home Christmas dinner. With Executive members, I attended Hollywood Repatriation Hospital and the War Veterans' Home Christmas cheer party. Mrs Rowe and I attended the Belmont Auxiliary's AGM in December. Congratulations to the office bearers who were elected and to the ladies who supplied the supper. It was a most enjoyable evening.

Mrs McPartland and I were guests at the Belmont Auxiliary Christmas luncheon and an Augment Day. I went to the Commemorative Ceremony at Council House.

I thank all Auxiliaries and Sub-Branches for their kind hospitality during 1988 and may I remind all Auxiliaries to send in — as early as possible — any agenda items for Conference.

ALLISON CAYLEY, State President.

RIVERVALE-CARLISLE

Our Auxiliary held its Christmas Party on 16 December, in the form of a Weber Barbecue night and social, attended by nearly 50 people. Background music, and later music for dancing, was played by Evan Smith throughout the evening. The arrival of Father Christmas, and the tinkling of his bell, marked a pleasant interlude when everyone received a gift.

The evening drew to a close around 11.30pm and all agreed it had been a wonderful night of fun and friendship. My thanks go to all the members of the Committee who worked so hard before the event by preparing the hall and buying the food and presents.

MARGARET FISHER.

BUNBURY

Happy New Year everyone from your friends in Bunbury.

1988 was a very busy year for us but it was lots of fun. Remembrance Day and Long Tan were our most successful days. They seem to get better every year as people from the outer country towns are coming to share with us that special camaraderie that is with us on these days of remembrance.

Bunbury held its 1st Annual Dinner during the year, and the Christmas party for children was enjoyed by all. Thanks to Lesley Mills (President) and the band of helpers. The hall was decorated, games were organised and when Father Christmas arrived, there were yelps of delight as the children unwrapped their gifts.

Of course we had our stalls and raffles and did the odd catering jobs; these seem to improve with experience and new helpers.

1989 — what will it hold for us? I look with a little hope, a little work and a big smile to make it a good year for everyone.

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Book Reviews

"From Snow to Jungle"

by John Dewar

Publisher - Allen & Unwin, Price $34.95.

This book is the history of the 2/3rd Machine Gun Battalion which was formed in Adelaide in June 1940.

Although this unit regarded itself as a South Australian Battalion - Black Force, it was in fact very much an inter-state nature. A Company was formed in Adelaide, B Company in Victoria, C Company in Tasmania and D Company in Western Australia.

The 2/3rd was the last of those great AIF Battalions formed in the early days of the war made up the 6, 7, 8 and 9 divisions.

They were all volunteers, drawn from the widest possible cross-section of the Australian community - professional people, farmers, clerks, labourers and scallywags - but they all had one thing in common and that was the great sense of adventure that called.

Without exception they were strongly imbued with the magnificent legend of the 1st AIF and determined to uphold its reputation as the most feared fighting machine of the British Armies.

The 2/3rd had the added advantage of having Colonel A.S. Blackburn, VC as its first Commanding Officer. Blackburn had won his Victoria Cross at the Battle of Pozieres where the Official History claimed, "The Pozieres Windmill was more densely sown with Australian sacrifice than any other place on earth."

The Battalion left for overseas on Good Friday, 11th April, 1941 and arrived in the Middle East in time to participate in the Syrian campaign against the Vichy French.

This campaign, in which the 7th Australian Division had the prime role, was launched on 8th June, 1941 in what was expected to be an easy victory. In the event, it was a fiercely fought battle which lasted little over a month and caused the Australians to suffer battle casualties equal to the combined casualties of the Greek and Crete campaigns.

During this baptism of fire for the 2/3rd Machine Gun Battalion, its main role was to support the 7th Australian Division and British 6th Battalion.

With the advent of Japan into the war the 8th and 7th Australian Divisions were returned to Australia, but the 2/3rd, together with the 8/8th Pioneers and other Australian groups, found themselves landed in Java as a gesture to the Dutch.

They formed a brigade which was designated Blackforce under the command of Brigadier Blackburn who had been promoted to fill this position.

In the invasion of Java, Blackforce fought the only action against the Japanese forces where they held them up for 36 hours at Leuwiliang in a sharp engagement that imposed heavy casualties on the enemy.

Whilst the Dutch Navy and Air Force fought with great valour, that Army had drawn their arms without a fight, much to the bitterness of the Australians.

The Battalion was re-formed in Australia from reinforcements and original members who, for various reasons, were not sent to Java.

Although fully reformed and manned by mid-1942, it was not until the end of 1944 that they were sent to New Guinea to fight as infantry in the Aitape-Wewak Campaign until the end of the war.

This is a very good unit history written in great detail and would be of major interest to retired members.

Reviewed by: PETER FIRKINS.

Vale

DEATH OF WARTIME DIRECTOR WAAAF

Miss Clare Stevenson AM, MBE

Miss Stevenson was born at Wangaratta, Victoria, in 1899. After completing her education at Melbourne University, she was one of the first women executives in the Berlei Company of Australia.

After spending four years with the company in London, she returned to Australia prior to the outbreak of World War II and, in 1941, was approached by Air Marshal Sir Charles Burnett, then Chief of Air Staff, and asked to establish and head the Women's Auxiliary Australian Air Force.

In March 1941 the WAAAF began enlistment and, by the war's end more than 27,000 women had been trained in over 80 Air Force establishments. The WAAAF was the first of the women's non-combatant services and it was Group Officer Stevenson who, until March 1943, was the Women's Auxiliary Australian Air Force. In March 1941 the WAAAF began enlistments and by the end of the war more than 27,000 women had been trained in over 80 Air Force establishments.

The WAAAF was the first of the women's non-combatant services and it was Group Officer Stevenson until March 1943 to achieve for women the same deferred pay and repatriation benefits that applied to men.

After the war Miss Stevenson returned to Berlei until 1960 when she started a busy retirement, again concerned for others, with such organisations as the Association of British Women, National Association of Women, the WAAAF and various ANZAC organisations in Australia.

The WAAAF died at prematurity but October 6, 1981, was remembered at the WAAAF's Thanksgiving Service for Miss Stevenson, who was buried in the Great Hall of Sydney University on November 2, 1981. Let us Remember.

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