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6.00 Tonight
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State President's Message

Anzac Day Services well attended

At the Dawn Service on April 25, 1989, the 74th Anniversary of the landing at Gallipoli, His Excellency the Governor, representatives of the Federal and State Governments, Service Chiefs, Civic Leaders, Members of the Diplomatic and Consular Corps and the general public laid wreaths at the State War Memorial where the names of all West Australians, in all conflicts up to and including Vietnam, are perpetuated. It was estimated that between 4/5,000 people were at the service, including a large number of young people.

The Anzac Day march itself was well attended with approximately 6,500 veterans taking part.

The Australian Spirit

It was my pleasure formally to launch the Australian Spirit Project in W.A.

This nationwide RSL/Legacy project aims to heighten young Australians' pride in being Australian through the study of outstanding Australian achievements. This aim has been endorsed by the Prime Minister, Mr Hawke, and the former Leader of the Opposition, Mr Howard.

Our national spirit has developed during the history of this continent and its peoples and is based on courage, endurance, ingenuity and independence of spirit. These characteristics of Australians came of age at Gallipoli and, from the spirit of Gallipoli, the RSL and Legacy were formed with the desire to help other less fortunate members of the ex-service community and the dependants of deceased servicemen and women.

Australia has grown and matured, our horizons have expanded. The contributions to our achievements have come from ordinary Australians — be they native to this land or having their origins in other parts of the world.

Our achievements are many, but so often they are unheralded in our own land and overseas. As a nation, we are proud of the achievements of our sporting men and women. But perhaps too few Australians are aware of the wide range of achievements by Australians from all walks of life in so many fields of endeavour.

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and

* Complement school-based programmes designed to help students learn about Australia, and to promote the study of this diversity of Australian achievements as part of their curriculum in primary and secondary schools.

This project has been designed as an educational tool to supplement existing curricula.

Students may research Australian achievements in the broad categories of:
* Art, craft and culture
* Social science and history
* Literature and music
* Physical education and health
* Science and mathematics and
* Technology and commerce.

Project entry details are contained in the explanatory booklet we have produced: two copies of the booklet and an accompanying poster have been sent to every school in Western Australia.

All students who enter will be awarded a participation certificate.

This is an exciting innovation for the ex-service community, in particular for the RSL and Legacy. If you ask ex-service personnel why they were willing to serve their country in their youth, I suggest the common answer would be to protect the present so as to build for the future. Our young people are the future of Australia. We believe their future, in part, lies in their pride in their country. The Australian Spirit Project aims to heighten their pride.

We look forward to being able to publicly recognise and display the talent and achievements of the young Australians who enter this project.

I ask all sub-branches to fully support the project as the Youth of Australia are our greatest asset and are the leaders of tomorrow.

JIM HALL

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War veterans merit our best attention

By DR JOHN F. KNIGHT

Repat patients! Know them? Have a list in your file?

What is your personal attitude?

I am sorry to say that lots of GP's take a grudging view of their repatriation patients, the servicemen from various battle fronts, that are treated at the taxpayers expense now administered by the recently renamed “Department of Veterans’ Affairs”.

Some doctors are outwardly aggressive to these people, claiming they ride the system, bludge, and receive benefits to which, it would seem, they are not altogether entitled.

In fact, a few years ago a doctor actually wrote a book which denigrated the entitlements of war veterans, as well as the government department.

Many younger doctors are simply unaware of what the wars, especially World War II, were all about, and to a lesser extent Korea and Vietnam.

It should be perfectly clear that major military conflicts are terrible events. They are bloody, merciless, un-ending.

Guys, vast numbers in their late teens, were “called-up” — in other words forced into service to save their country from possible invasion and take-over by a foreign power.

It is my belief that no benefit, however large, is adequate remuneration for these men and women.

There are many of us who just escaped military service due to age — 18 years was the age of recruitment — but were old enough to witness and appreciate the horrors of the day.

The 1939-45 era was a terrible one. Restrictions, rationing, general discomfort for many was the norm, but this paled into insignificance when compared to the horrors that vast numbers of servicemen and women underwent.

Stories regularly filtered back which clearly established some of the miseries endured.

There is no doubt that the risk of exposure of any one individual to danger and possible death, torture, captivity, imprisonment, severe penal servitude at the whim of the enemy varied enormously.

But at time of recruitment, nobody knew what was in store. Many never left Australian shores, and probably were holed up at the Showground (then a military camp), and saw virtually no active service.

On the other hand, large numbers were transported away to foreign fields. Many went to Britain as RAAF personnel, and linked with British crews, to fly over Europe. Many were shot down. Unlucky ones died. More fortunate ones were captured, and imprisoned for years, often up to four or five. Some were released, to be later stripped of what was left by our then “friends” the Russians.

Others eked out the horrors of the Northern African desert, “The Rats of Tobruk”. There are still a few around, but their numbers are fast dwindling.
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Many of those who were saved were then shipped off to New Guinea and the Pacific, to be thrown against an even more tenacious and formidable foe, the Japanese.

Now ironically, they are our trade allies, but then it was a live or die mission.

The Japanese were very close to Australia, and plans had been made to hive off the northern part of Australia as a trade off.

More horror stories of bombings, merciless conditions, torture, regularly occurred. Invasions, mass murder, bloodshed — on all sides.

Eventually it was all over. But the bodies of many service personnel were never to be the same again, as most doctors treating ex-soldiers should know.

But in the interim, the picture has become blurred. Vast numbers have since died, often prematurely, as a direct result of the harsh treatment they received in POW camps, or the strain of fighting overseas.

Memorial Wall at Karrakatta

**Correction**

On good authority, we published an item on Page 31 of the Autumn issue of the Listening Post about niches and plaques being available for deceased ex-service people at Karrakatta Cemetery.

The office of the Australian War Graves and the Karrakatta Cemetery have had hundreds of enquiries from our readers and they have asked us to publish a correction to our previous article.

**NICHE WALL VC7 AT KARRAKATTA**

The office of Australian War Graves is responsible for this wall and only deceased ex-service persons who were:

a) winners of the Victoria Cross, or
b) totally and permanently incapacitated (TPI) or
c) who died as a result of a war-caused disability, are eligible to have a niche and a plaque in this wall. Costs are met by the Office of Australian War Graves.

**OTHER NICHE WALLS AT KARRAKATTA AND FREMANTLE**

The relatives of any deceased ex-service person can ask the Office of Australian War Graves (PO Box 21, Woden, ACT, 2606) for permission to place an appropriate service badge on a plaque of commemoration. The office needs to be shown that the person concerned was indeed an ex-service person.

In these cases, all costs are met by the relatives of the deceased or his/her estate.

All further enquiries to the Office of Australian War Graves please.

Editor

PATRICIA BALFE

As time progresses, the picture is becoming increasingly blurred. So is the attitude of the carers, both in the political as well as medical fields.

Were it not for the selfless dedication of the service people, as well as the military clout of the United States forces, it is highly likely we would be under total Japanese domination today.

As trade partners they are fine (but tough). As our captors, I believe it would be intolerable.

Whatever benefit is meted out to veterans of any of the wars, in my opinion this is token reward for the efforts they made.

Nothing can repay them in full. Never begrudge what you can offer.

We owe them.

*Dr Knight is a General Practitioner and President of the Ku-ring-gai District Medical Association. Reprinted from "NSW Doctor".*

Admissions to Hollywood

The Medical Superintendent of the Repatriation General Hospital Hollywood is often asked to admit male or female Veterans who do not have any specific eligibility for treatment at Repatriation expense.

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- Patients can be admitted to Hollywood Hospital from the general or civilian community if the appropriate beds and treatment facilities are available beyond the needs of entitled Repatriation patients.
- Non entitled male or female veterans are given priority for admission in the community patient group.
- Treatment is normally provided under Medicare unless the patient elects to be treated privately.
- Private treatment does not imply a private room and as these facilities are very limited they are usually required for cases of medical necessity.

If you are a non entitled Veteran requiring hospitalisation at any time and you would like to be admitted to Hollywood Hospital you should initially consult your local Doctor. He in turn will approach the admitting Medical Officer at the Hospital regarding admission. However, it must be emphasised that admission can only be approved where there are both appropriate beds and appropriate facilities available to treat your particular condition at the time admission is required.

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Sir Edward "Weary" Dunlop, Australia's most revered hero, has added a powerful voice to the popular call for a new-look national service for young Australian men and women.

In giving the Sir Wallace Kyle Memorial Oration in Perth, Sir Edward saw national service as providing a new direction for demoralised youth as well as providing a trained reserve to support Australia's miniscule 35,000-strong army.

Although his speech had been prepared well in advance, his views were remarkably similar to those of Major Pratt and many of those who responded to his "Hotline" comments in The Australian the week before.

Sir Edward's address was largely ignored by the Australian media. But it was not so with the overflow audience of some 700 who gave the 82-year-old surgeon, a veteran of Greece, Crete, Tobruk and 3½ years of inspired leadership in Japanese prison camps, a standing ovation as he entered the WA University's Octagon Theatre.

Among them were survivors of the Burma-Thailand railway who had called Sir Edward "King of the River" (Kwai) 47 years before. Said one: "He led us out of the jungle then. Perhaps he can do it again."

Sir Edward, the successor to the Duke of Edinburgh in delivering an annual oration sponsored by the University and the Rotary Club of WA on the theme "Service Before Self", warned that Australia would be entering a century likely to be the most difficult in the history of mankind.

"The skin of civilisation remains thin," he said.

Sir Edward said today's youth had been softened by the easy affluence of post-war prosperity. Grave problems had followed a foolish encouragement of social individualism. Homeless children were living on the streets. Lawlessness and disorder were increasing. Serious assault, rape, robbery and fraud per capita had more than doubled in the ten years to 1987. Larceny, vehicular theft and burglary had increased by 60 per cent.

"What T.S. Eliot termed 'a profound solicitude for men (and women) unborn' demands a better deal for our children", he said.

Sir Edward was concerned that there was not even the offer of voluntary national service for young men and women.

Even on this basis much could be achieved, with expense at least partially offset by activity directed to vital national needs.

"The cost would surely be an investment not only in our youth but in our future", he said.

Sir Edward's idea of national service training was one that would be long on self-discipline and short on parade-ground routine. It would offer an alternative to the negative thrills of drugs, alcohol and crime by appealing to the sense of adventure in young people with abseiling, canoeing, trekking, skiing and other activities.

Technological training needed for a modern army could benefit the future worker, and the workforce. Breakdown of racial distrust between new and old Australians would be encouraged by teamwork at work and play. Aborigines, in mixed units, could contribute by helping with their knowledge of the land and the development of outback survival techniques. Mobile units could be made available at short notice to help during recurrent disasters.

Sir Edward said that those who had weathered the perils of the past and those qualified to assess future dangers had grave doubts as to whether Australia was safe with its present defence facilities and an almost total lack of a pre-trained reserve.

There had been two distinct, if dramatic, warnings. Sir James Killen, a former Defence Minister, had questioned, perhaps humorously, the ability of our defence forces to defend Botany Bay on a sunny Saturday afternoon.

Closer to hand, Brigadier Ted Serong, an experienced, tough soldier, had warned that the country was now so vulnerable that an isolated city such as Perth could be captured by a foreign invader with as few as 600 troops and that certainly 3,000 men could do the job comfortably.

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Sir Edward said he recalled the "awful realism" of Prime Minister John Curtin's address in 1942 that he had heard of a clandestine radio in a Japanese prison camp in Java. Addressed largely to our American Allies, it revealed that not only was Australia unable to take part in a counter offensive, but indeed was lacking in the essentials for its own defence.

There was to follow what had been termed "Australia's Perilous Year" and the tight-run events with a peak of crisis in the Coral Sea Battle.

Sir Edward said that he had recently taken part in a ceremony at the Shrine of Remembrance in Melbourne which paid a belated tribute to those who had served in Vietnam. At the same time HMS Ark Royal, denied docking facilities because she was presumed to have atomic potential, was standing out in the bay in bad weather.

"What a denial of hospitality to British sailors who had sailed across half the earth to greet the bicentenary of our long association with its shared perils", he said.

"How short the memories of some Australian who resent the presence of base installations of our defence maintained by the USA, and who would deny entrance to our ports of ships with atomic potential.

"I wonder what that fine leader, John Curtin, would think of all that?"

Sir Edward said Australia had rightly awakened to a sense of independent responsibility and reaction to its Asian pacific geography. But it should also try to retain and strengthen the ties of blood relationship and those forged during times of shared peril.

In Hawke, we had another national leader reared on West Australian soil who was the heir to the Curtin tradition.

"Do we have political leaders with Curtin's honesty, dedication and courage?" he asked.

Summary by: Keith Flanagan, Darlington

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NATIONAL MILITARY SERVICE

Your views are wanted

State President, Jim Hall, has asked all State Branches and their members to express their views on the controversial subject of National Service. Our State Defence Committee believes there should be provision for non-military community service for objectors.

Here is the text of the letter from RSL National Headquarters:

"It is proposed that the RSL National Defence Committee examine in some detail the introduction of a National Service Training Scheme.

No Government proposes such a scheme because, despite the opinion polls giving majority support, the opposing minority of some 20% is enough to lose an election.

However, if one is able to establish the cost of the various youth training schemes, State and Federal, as well as savings on unemployment benefits (the dole), it may be possible to dismiss the non-adoption of National Service Training, on cost grounds.

Migrant support schemes also incur costs, part of which may be able to be directed to funding National Service training.

The transformation of national sub-groups into elements of a multi-cultural society is the keystone to the successful embracing of all migrants, new and old, into an homogenous multicultural nation.

That national service training would help enormously in the creation of a homogenous Australia has never been seriously questioned.

While a 100% National Service Training Scheme would be the ideal, its practicability is in doubt, requiring the induction and training of some 80,000 fit young men (out of 120,000) per year, and this, of course, does not include the involvement of women in a scheme.

It has never been asserted that, because previous National Service Training Schemes have not had 100% cover, they have been ineffective. In fact, it is believed that a percentage scheme, from the social point-of-view, can achieve an overall national unifying effect.

Would State Branches please consider this matter and provide comments for consideration by the National Defence Committee.

State Branches are also providing the costs of the various youth schemes funded by their State Governments, or by the Commonwealth Government in their States, with the aim of providing some basic substance in support of the introduction of a National Service Training Scheme of, say, 90 or 120 days.

The National Defence Adviser has suggested that females have been excluded from consideration so far for no reason other than numbers. The Defence Committee believes that a civilian training structure would have to be constructed, using such assets as may be available from existing youth schemes.

When replies are received from all State Branches, the National Defence Committee will be able to start putting together a paper."

IAN GOLLINGS
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Shilling Saved from the Sea

If everyone does have a guardian angel then Keith Shilling's worked overtime on the 6th April, 1945.

On an RAAF mission to harass and destroy Imperial Japanese forces retreating from Timor, Keith Shilling proved that it is not only cats that have nine lives.

After his Liberator had been shot down in the Arafura Sea, he spent a hair-raising afternoon escaping death and avoiding capture before reaching the safety of Darwin.

In one fateful afternoon Warrant Officer Keith Shilling, an RAAF Wireless Operator with 24 Squadron, had two aircraft destroyed under him and a third attacked.

First his B-24 Liberator was shot down in flames by a Japanese fighter, forcing him to parachute into the sea. Then he was fired on by a passing enemy cruiser and nearly run down by its accompanying destroyer.

Picked up by a RAAF Catalina, this in turn was also set on fire by a fighter. Diving overboard Keith was retrieved by a second Catalina which, although also attacked, managed to carry him safely back to Darwin.

A special strike force of twenty Mitchells and nine Liberators had been especially assembled by the RAAF on 6th April, 1945 to attack the Japanese cruiser ISUZU (5700 tons) and four smaller vessels evacuating troops from Koepang in Timor. The ships had first been detected two days earlier by an allied submarine, then shadowed by our Catalinas at night and Mosquitos by day.

The Australian Liberators, which had departed Fenton (110kms south of Darwin) at 5am, made their first run at 12,000 feet over the ships at 10am. A second followed ten minutes later. Moderate anti-aircraft fire was experienced by the bombers which were in elements of three.

During the first run a level attack from the ten o'clock position was made by an OSCAR (Nakajima fighter). The pilot pressed home the attack, breaking the formation, and closed to within twenty feet of Flight Lieutenant Court. It was obvious that he was experienced and determined. There was no apparent damage to his fighter as it broke away.

Shortly after the fighter attack, Flight Lieutenant McDonald's Liberator (A72-81) lost height by approximately 50 feet, but still held formation. Smoke was issuing from the cockpit. The bombs were jettisoned and the nose wheel compartment opened. Two members were seen to parachute from this exit. Three jumped from the bomb bay.

The bomber immediately went up at a steep angle and appeared to reach the stall. Flames were sighted coming from the nose wheel compartment and forward bomb bays. Then the aircraft turned over on the port wing and plunged vertically towards the sea, losing about 6000 feet.

 Recovering from the dive A72-81 again went into the very steep climb, stalled on the port wing and dived at 45 degrees towards the cruiser below. A few seconds later it exploded.

Meanwhile, on the second pass over the ships, another fighter made a head on attack from slightly below and broke away beneath Flight Lieutenant Ford's Liberator (A72-77), which sustained hits in No. 3 engine. Return strikes were observed on the OSCAR and survivors later claimed A72-77 shot him down.

No. 3 engine then caught alight and flames burst out from the nose wheel compartment. Shortly afterwards the starboard wing caught fire and Ford motioned to Warrant Officer Vickers, the second pilot, to abandon the bomber. The back hatch was jettisoned and five members jumped. Ford kept the aircraft steady, then the Liberator rolled over and crashed into the sea, with the captain still at the controls.

Keith Shilling, sole survivor of the first Liberator flown by Flight Lieutenant McDonald, later recorded his account of that afternoon as he recovered from shock and second degree burns to his back at the RAAF's No. 1 Medical Receiving Station, Darwin: "At about 0505 hours on the 6th April, 1945, Flight Lieutenant S.L. McDonald in Liberator A72-81 took off from Fenton Strip to attack a Japanese cruiser and escort vessel reported in the vicinity of Soemba Island. I was first wireless operator in this aircraft.

"The convoy was sighted at 0930 hours, 20 miles east of Soemba Island. Squadron Leader J.G. White, 21 Squadron, was formation leader with Flight Lieutenant Court as number two and Flight Lieutenant S.L. McDonald as number three. We went into attack formation with our flight as the third element.

"On the first bombing run, at approximately 13,000 feet, two enemy fighters attacked from 10 o'clock level in line astern, closing to within 50 feet and breaking away underneath. Cannon shells burst under the flight deck in the vicinity of the nose wheel and the auxiliary power unit. Fire broke out immediately and spread very rapidly. It was the first enemy fighter that got us. No hits were seen on the enemy.

"The engineer (Sgt. W.J. Wignell) used the fire extinguisher which proved to be absolutely useless. The fire drove him into the bomb bays and I didn't see him again.

"The captain ordered the crew to bail out. The second pilot (Flying Officer K.R. Brown) escaped through the bomb bays. I followed about thirty seconds later. Two minutes later another member jumped. He did not appear to have a parachute.
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"I went out the bomb bays head first, counted six, and pulled the release cord. The parachute opened immediately and I was pulled up with a terrific jerk. It took me about twelve minutes to come down during which time I counted six members parachuting from Flight Lieutenant E.V. Ford’s A-72-77. An additional member appeared to drop without a parachute.

"A72-77 disintegrated about 3000 feet above the sea. It did not explode. A72-77 exploded on impact with the water. Enemy fighters did not attack parachutists.

"I was using an American-type observer parachute with no quick release on the harness. I started to release the harness at 3000 feet. Of five clips two were still to be released when I hit the water.

"On hitting the water the American lifejacket (Mae West) kept me afloat while the remaining two clips were undone. My legs were entangled in the shroud lines and I had to cut away the lines with a bowie knife. I jettisoned my revolver and equipment on account of weight.

"Although I had seen someone land about 50 yards away heavy seas prevented me seeing him. The seas were running at about 4½ feet. I then endeavoured to swim towards where I estimated the other members to be. I never say any member of my crew again.

"About 30 minutes later the enemy cruise came within 100 yards of me. She was heavily laden with troops, and equipment under tarpaulins was clearly visible. A machine gun opened fire at the position I had been making for. I deflated my "Mae West" and sank. At this time the bullets hit the water within six feet of me. The cruiser then passed on.

"Some fifteen minutes later an escort vessel of 1000-2000 tons passed within a hundred yards of me. This vessel was also laden with troops and equipment. The only armament I noticed was either four or six twin Bofors and numerous machine guns.

"This vessel continued on for five minutes, turned, and came directly towards me, passing close enough for the bow wave to throw me sideways. I could hear voices from the deck. No attempt was made to pick me up or shoot me.

"Some minutes later a Zero passed overhead low and appeared to be looking for survivors. I deflated my Mae West again and sank to avoid detection.

"Ten minutes later seven Liberators circled low and after some five minutes dropped me a K-type dinghy which landed 50 yards away. Later I reached the dinghy and found the CO2 bottle had broken off and half the air had escaped. I plugged up the hole with one hand and hung onto the dinghy with the other. While doing this a Catalina arrived.

"Twenty minutes later the Catalina taxied close enough to pick me up. Sgt. W.W. Sayer from Flt. Lt. Ford’s crew was aboard having been picked up earlier. I was exhausted and cold. I had swallowed a lot of salt water. We taxied around and picked up Warrant Officer C.G. Vickers, also from Flt. Lt. Ford’s crew.

"The Catalina took off, landing again to pick up another survivor, whom I believe to be Flight Sgt. I. Faichnie. He was completely exhausted and was being pulled in over the gun blisters when the Catalina was attacked by a Zero from 12 o’clock. The aircraft caught fire immediately and sank three minutes later. No member of the crew or survivors were hit.

"I had undressed, as ordered, and was going to be in a bunk in the waist, then had been called forward for the landing and was in the navigator’s position when the attack was made. The order was given to bail out and I made my way aft. One the way a fuel line burst above me pouring blazing petrol on to my back. This was extinguished by Sgt. Sayer who smothered the flames with a sleeping bag. I escaped out the port blister, naked, and with no Mae West.

"I do not remember much for a few minutes and when I regained by faculties I was being kept afloat by two members of the Catalina crew, Flt. Lt. Bulma, Captain, and Flight Sgt. Scholes, Engineer. These two men had to let me go after 15 minutes owing to their Mae Wests coming undone. Flying Officer Becke helped me for the next forty-five minutes. Through the fortitude of these men I was saved from drowing.

"A few minutes after the Catalina was hit, the air-sea rescue Liberator dropped two large dinghies and one supply canister. They landed 600 yards away. After an hour’s struggle, nine of us reached the dinghy. One crew member and Flight Sgt Faichnie were floating some distance away, still alive. We secured the second dinghy and supply canister and set off towards the other two, whom we never saw again.

"Another Catalina was directed to us by the Liberator. It landed after half-an-hour’s battle with heavy seas and wind. We were eventually picked up. One dinghy was cut in half by the port wing float. As the last survivor clambered aboard an IRVING (twin engine Nakajima fighter) was sighted making for us.

"The enemy made his first attack as we were taking off, and scored no hits. Our return fire did no visible damage to him. A running fight ensued for twenty minutes. The attacks ceased and we headed for Darwin, reaching there about 2230 hours."

The night following the attack one of the smaller vessels in the convoy was sunk by a submarine. An identical fate was shared by the cruiser ISUZU the next day.

Keith Shilling, now of Dianella in Western Australia, gave valuable assistance in the compilation of this story. In post war years he became a senior master (Manual Arts), retiring in 1983 to enjoy, as he puts it, "the life that was given to me so long ago, and which I appreciate so much".

Acknowledgements to David Vincent, the author and publisher of CATALINA CHRONICAL. Bob Piper.
We are most concerned that the proposed integration of RGH Hollywood with the State hospital system in July, 1995 may not be in the best interests of veterans, particularly as the number of veterans requiring special treatment at that time will still be high.

And we will have to be convinced that the arrangements proposed by the Integration, particularly with respect to priority of access and quality of health care provided, will be as good as that currently provided by RGH Hollywood. Until these doubts are resolved, we will not support the proposed Integration.

PETITION

Enclosed with this issue of Listening Post is a cut-out Petition form. We urge all members to obtain the necessary signatures to complete the form. Photo copies may be made to provide more signatures. Do NOT write on the back of the form or it becomes invalid.

Completed forms are to be posted to the State Secretary, RSL, GPO Box C128, Perth 6001 — or send via your Sub Branch Secretary — by August 15, 1989.

I want your support in this.

JIM HALL
State President

COVER STORY:

A PAGE IN HISTORY

The high opinion of No. 1 Squadron, Australian Flying Corps, held by the High Command in Palestine in 1918 was expressed in a significant fashion. When, in August, one of the giant new Handley-Page bombers arrived in Palestine — the only one of its type then in the East — it was allotted to the Australian Squadron. The pilot who flew it was Captain Ross Smith and he subsequently stated that it was largely because of the experience gained in piloting this aircraft that he was induced a year later to embark upon the first flight from England to Australia.

With its wing span of 100 feet, speed of 95 miles per hour and carrying three machine guns, it was, by the standards of its day, a formidable fighting machine.

Employed mainly for night bombing, one of its subsidiary tasks was to move the petrol and spares needed by the fighter aircraft detached to assist the Arabs under Colonel T. E. Lawrence during the last few weeks of the war in this theatre.

In one of his books Lawrence described his journey with the Emir Feisal to Um el Surab to see the aircraft arrive. They were delayed and, while still some distance from the landing field, a single Arab approached, running swiftly. He altered his course to pass near them and yelled as he went by that he had seen the biggest aeroplane in the world.

At Um el Surab they found the Handley-Page standing majestically on the improvised airfield. Around the big aircraft was a circle of admiring and excited Arabs saying, Lawrence recorded, "Indeed and at last they have sent us THE aeroplane of which these things were foals." "These things" were the Australian fighter aircraft parked nearby.

The incident is illustrated in the picture reproduced on the cover. It was painted from a description given by Ross Smith to the artist who served in Palestine.

By A.W.M.
From "As You Were"
PETITION
REPATRIATION GENERAL HOSPITALS

To the Honourable the Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives in Parliament Assembled. The humble petition of undersigned citizens of Australia respectfully showeth:

Repatriation General Hospitals have been of inestimable value to eligible repatriation beneficiaries for many years, and the transfer or integration into the respective State Health Systems of the facilities available at the Repatriation General Hospitals would be a retrograde step, the decision to transfer or integrate Repatriation General Hospitals into the respective State Health Systems would not be in the best interests of Australian War Veterans, War Widows or their dependants. Your Petitioners therefore humbly pray that the Government will reverse its decision to transfer or integrate Repatriation General Hospitals into the State Health Systems.

And your petitioners as in duty bound will every pray.
HOW TO PREVENT SPINAL INJURIES WITHOUT REALLY TRYING

Severe injury to the spinal cord, that is paraplegia and quadriplegia, is the most devastating of human disabilities. Every year in Australia approximately 400 people sustain a spinal cord injury which usually mean a life confined to a wheelchair. Two Western Australians suffered spinal cord injury in the Vietnam War. The causes of spinal cord injury are motor vehicle accidents (60%), falls (15%), diving and watersport accidents (9%), sporting accidents eg rugby, trampolining, horse-riding (3%), farming and industrial accidents (4%), aircraft crashes (1%), suicide attempts (2%) and other accidents (6%).

The age group most at risk is between 15 and 25 constituting 34.5% of spinal cord injuries. Males are a high risk group comprising 85% of spinal injured patients. Country people (45%) are highly represented in spinal cord injury hospital admissions which is disproportionate to their population.

Motor vehicle accidents are the leading cause of spinal cord injuries. Seat belts, properly installed, worn and adjusted, significantly reduce the chance of a spinal cord injury being sustained by the driver or passenger. At least 44% of spinal cord injured persons were not wearing seat belts in car accidents. Drinking and driving increases the chance of having an accident. A study at Royal North Shore Hospital, Sydney recommends motorcyclists wear full-face rather than open-face helmets for better protection of the spine. Cyclists should wear stack hats to protect the head and spine.

Common causes of spinal cord injury are falls which occur at building and demolition sites, factories, mines, farms and homes. To prevent spinal cord injuries, industrial workers should wear hardhats. Ladders and scaffolding should be secured. Older people should use handrails on stairs and in bathrooms.

Diving is a frequent, and often preventable, cause of spinal cord injury. Often the influence of alcohol can be attributed to the cause of the accident. The depth of the water must be checked before diving, surfing or waterskiing.

Sports such as trampolining, rugby, football, horse-riding and gymnastics have a greater possibility of causing a spinal cord injury than other sports. Coaches should educate athletes on the possibility of a spinal cord injury and methods to prevent it, eg playing by the rules, training regularly, exercising neck muscles and wearing protective gear.

In 1983 Sir George Bedbrook, the then Senior Spinal Surgeon at the Royal Perth Rehabilitation Hospital established the Prevention of Spinal Injuries programme to reduce the incidence of spinal cord injuries through education and health promotion. The programme is funded until the end of the year by the Medical Research Fund of Western Australia which was founded by Mr Ralph Sarich. The financial cost of spinal cord injury in 1987 was estimated to be approximately $150,000,000. More important than financial costs are the human costs of spinal cord injury. At present there is no cure for spinal cord injury; therefore, prevention is the only answer.

Janet Hocken
Project Officer
Prevention of Spinal Injuries Programme
Thorburn House
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Selby Street, Shenton Park 6008.

Indian Ocean Defence Strategy

What an interesting and controversial publication is the 'Listening Post'! The Autumn 1989 edition was positively brimming with topical, contentious and personal opinion. Congratulations!

It was brought to my attention that on page 17, “Indian Ocean Strategy — The True Perspective” I am accused (along with Brigadier Dacre) of being ‘naive’. ‘ill-informed’, of ‘reciprocal arrogance’ and, by implication, of being untruthful; all on the one page. Is this a record?

I have no wish to take issue with Lieutenant Colonel Ken Currion on the major issues relating to Indian Defence Force strengths nor on Indian domestic or foreign policies. I had my 15 minutes to make my points at the United Service Institute Seminar on 22 September 1988, when I was the reluctant speaker on the segment on 'India'. I say "reluctant" because Colonels Currion and Mehta had both declined invitations to be the guest speaker covering 'India' on that occasion. Both had pleaded lack of up to date knowledge. Subsequent critiques by Ken Currion would seem to belie his earlier modesty. My own reluctance was reinforced by open-heart surgery on 1 September.

(Because I believe the Summer 'Listening Post' report on the USI Seminar did not fully reflect my original address, I have included a copy of the notes from which I spoke. I hope you will find the space to publish these. I was quite pleased with them, and I believe they show less basis for some of Ken
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The trio marched across several fairways, through groups of competing players to the Brigade Commander who stopped at the next tee to take tea. Our hosts advised we should not go on until he had finished; we meekly did as we were bid. One of our British Sergeants roared with laughter at the whole performance and reckoned it was the most eccentric behaviour by a Brigadier since I had plunged, fully suited, into our Cantonement swimming pool to do an inaugural length when formally opening the new facility. Nevertheless, subsequent explanations by our hosts indicated the anger and frustration they felt that the offer of the use of their club facilities to the Military had resulted in a virtual takover and flouting of the normal rules and conventions. This is only one of many similar examples I could give.

At no time was any such arrogance directed at me personally; it was all towards the civilian population. So much for my 'Reciprocal Arrogance'.

I do take issue on the title of Ken Currion's article "— the True Perspective". It may be semantics but I contend that by definition there can be no "True" perspective. A 'perspective' is surely that which is perceived from the standpoint of the viewer. I unashamedly took an 'Australian' perspective for my talk.

In conclusion, it should be remembered I was allocated only 15 minutes to cover a vast subject. I seem to have made some impact in that short time for the ripples are still lapping at the 'Listening Post' more than eight months later! I have a great love for India, respect her culture and great history, and have more friends on the Sub-Continent than in most other parts of the world. However, I am now an Australian and my prime commitment at the USI Seminar was to make an objective assessment of India as a rapidly changing factor in our region, changes of vital interest to all Australians. I had hoped to make some of them aware of the possible implications. It would seem to me that, with Ken Currion's invaluable assistance, I have been moderately successful in that aim.

'ABLE' DACRE

Following is the text of the 15-minute talk given by Brigadier 'Able' Dacre at the United Service Institute Seminar on 22 September 1988, the Seminar being on "The increasing influence of the Indian Ocean region". Other speakers were Professor Frank Broeze, Air Marshal Norman Walsh, Professor Peter Reeves and the keynote address by Vice Admiral David Leach.

My own personal association with India began in 1945 when I joined the Indian Army. One of the more memorable occasions in my life occurred at 10.30 am on 15 August 1947.

I had arrived at the outskirts of New Delhi after a five-day rail journey from Assam. I was a subaltern in command of a train containing 500 Indian soldiers and a host of stores and vehicles.

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to 1976, wide unrest throughout India led to
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observations. First is the patient, inexorable gobbling-up of bits
of territory she has wanted to acquire; Goa,
Pondicherry, Kashmir, (Sri Lanka!) whilst resisting
firece the granting of any form of autonomy to
Sikhs, Tamils, Nagas, Gurkhas, Bengalis, etc. In this
context one must bear in mind that India is a prime
mover in the non-aligned movement and of the
Zones of Peace concept. These factors must be

backtracked, changing the positions of all the
relevant points to ensure we got to the selected
dismarkation point. It was a moment of such
dpower and absolute control as I have seldom
experienced since!

Several days later having moved through carnage
I never wish to witness again we played a losing part
in attempting to prevent Muslim slaughtering
Hindu, and vice versa, and Sikhs killing all who were
not of their faith. We then participated in the sad
break-up of the greatest volunteer army the world
had ever known.

The history of India over the past 41 years since
then has been quite remarkable. Despite a series of
wars against Pakistan (both East and West), several
major border clashes with China and internal
security problems of very serious proportions, the
country has remained cohesive and committed to a
very vigorous form of multi-party democracy.

This vu-foil shows the current economic and
demographic factors relating to India. It is a story of
success — and all achieved without Mr Paul
Keating! In 1987 it is estimated the overall Defence
Budget accounted for 15% of the GDP.

I have watched with interest the development of
the economy, leading to its own space programme,
nuclear and heavy industries, though it is only fair to
add that much of that development has hardly
touched the lives of millions in the rural economy;
yet India is now a nett exporter of food.

The situation of the Armed Forces as a stabilising
yet impartial force behind the Maharajah-like
Nehru/Gandhi dynasty has given me cause for
some concern. During my time in Nepal from 1974
to 1976, wide unrest throughout India led to a major
error of judgement by Mrs Indira Gandhi.

Following the imposition of draconian emergency
measures, the Armed Forces were granted
swingeing powers of which they took full
advantage. We saw them assume a degree of
arrogance quite foreign to the traditions they had so
enthusiastically inherited. We discovered how
abhorrent this was to the civilian population. The
Armed Forces were not particularly well paid and
that period gave the politicians and wealthy classes
cause for much concern.

The Indian Armed Forces are extremely large and
powerful. Admiral Leach will be speaking at length
of their Navy and its potential. India has
undoubtedly required large Land and Air Forces
which could cope simultaneously with attacks by
both China and Pakistan and put down widespread
internal unrest. But can the same rationale be
applied to their growing Navy? This vu-foil would
indicate they have achieved that capacity with some
to spare. Earlier this year India successfully trusted
the 'Prithvi' multiple warhead surface-to-surface
missile with a 250km range.

I am going to conclude my all-too-brief review of
this enormous subject with two separate yet related
observations.

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A blast from the past

The tragic happening aboard the USS 'Iowa', in which 47 sailors lost their lives when a 16 inch gun back-fired, triggered my memory back to a somewhat similar occurrence that indirectly touched the Royal Australian Navy. It was in the early thirties. I just can't recall the exact year, but it wasn't long after we took delivery of the two County class cruisers, 'Australia' and 'Canberra'.

Britain had built several of these 10,000 ton heavy cruisers, among them, HMSs 'Devonshire', 'Shropshire', 'London' and 'Kent'. Their main armaments were eight 8 inch guns housed in four turrets. During gunnery exercises, a turret in 'Devonshire' had a backfire which wiped out the turret's crew. There were several explanations forthcoming but seemingly no real cause was found. The one that found most credence was that none of the crew in the turret had watched the gun's recoil so, when one fired, they heard and felt the attendant noise and movement and wrongly assumed that both guns had fired. This meant that, for some reason, the cordite charge did not fire when the trigger was pulled, and burning residue, left behind by the previous firing, ignited the new charge; as the breech was opened to receive the new charge, the cordite exploded backwards. I was not a 'guts and gaiters' bod, so there may have been a better explanation.

All the data available after a lengthy enquiry in Britain was sent to all County class cruisers with a request for any additional guesses as to the cause.

In those halcyon days, the RAN used to leave Sydney during the winter and make for the warmer climates of Hervey Bay, the Barrier Reef and even a voyage right round Australia. However, this year our rendezvous was Hervey Bay. The main purpose of this visit was to undertake a very thorough investigation into 8 inch turret procedures.

We had two of the most brilliant Gunnery officers the RAN had ever had: Lt Cdr J.A. Collins, later Vice Admiral Sir John Collins, and Lt Cdr Joe Burnett who later, as captain of HMAS Sydney, was lost with his ship off the W.A. coast. These two, with a full turret's crew, worked from 8am to 4pm every day for nearly four weeks, going through the manual, making up all kinds of emergencies that could arise in turret drill and noting everything precisely. Eventually they came up with a whole new manual for these turrets. This was accepted by the Royal Navy and became the standard for those weapons. Perhaps some of the oldtimers among you may remember all this.

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National Defence — RSL alarmed

"RSL members throughout Australia are voicing their increasing alarm about the state of the nation's defences", says National Secretary lan Gollings. "Reports that the RAAF is continuing to lose pilots despite the $70,000 retention bonus, indicate that something is drastically wrong."

The Government's March 1987 Defence White Paper, emphasised the key role to be played by the RAAF. Releasing it, Minister for Defence Beazley said "To be self-reliant the Australian Defence Force must be able to mount operations to defeat hostile forces in our area of direct military interest. To do that we must have forces able to track and target adversaries and be able to mount sea and air operations throughout the area". The RSL doubts the ability of the RAAF to sustain air operations over such an extended area for even a limited duration. "That the high level of resignations is continuing is even more alarming when members of the Defence Force soon expect to hear the Government's response to the Cross Committee report on Personnel Wastage in the ADF, due next week", lan Gollings added.

"Despite high expectations that the Government will come up with some concrete measures to reduce wastage rates, last week's Economic Statement, which cut the reality of Defence funding, heightened the concern held widely throughout the community that Defence is a low priority item for the Government".

"Any Commonwealth government has a constitutional obligation to provide for an adequate defence capability and the RSL seriously doubts whether Australia's defence capability is funded to a level adequate to meet credible defence contingencies, as well as maintaining peace-keeping forces in Namibia and possibly in Cambodia".

The sad outcome of the Coalition 1976 Defence White Paper, which foundered through a lack of funding, now seems to be the inevitable fate for the Hawke Government's 1987 Defence White Paper. National Secretary, lan Gollings added, "If the Government has abandoned its defence objectives the Australian public has a right to know why".

REUNIONS

2/7th Australian General Hospital

The above unit will celebrate the 50th anniversary of formation in July, 1990. Depending on response, the Association anticipates holding a dinner at that time in Melbourne. If any former members would like to participate, would they please contact the Secretary for further information:— Mr N.F. Tuggett, 51 O'Shannessy Street, Nunawading, Victoria 3131 — Phone (03) 874 3254.

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Papuan Infantry Battalion

Members of the Papuan and New Guinea Infantry Battalions Association are endeavouring to trace ex-members of the Papuan Infantry Battalion, 1, 2 and 3 New Guinea Infantry Battalions and the Pacific Islands Regiment. The reason is to renew wartime friendships and advise of a reunion in June 1990 to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the formation of the Papuan Infantry Battalion, the first member Battalion of the Pacific Islands Regiment.

Three members who come to mind are Paul Smith, Mick Russell of Perth and Dick Reilly of Kalgoorlie.

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The venue for this operation was the Beaufort International Hotel who put together an excellent display exhibit of historical memorabilia, including aircraft parts, in their foyer, to the delight of visitors and townspeople.

The 34 personnel who bussed 3,000 kms from Adelaide visited the mining town of Coober Pedy, did some sightseeing at Alice Springs, took a dip in the thermal pool at Mataranka and enjoyed refreshments at Katherine. Other ex-members from all over Australia made their own way to Darwin.

During the well-organised programme the party visited the Adelaide River Way Cemetery to pay tribute to fallen comrades of RAAF Station, Darwin, and attended a barbecue at Coomalie Creek, the Squadron's home base from November 1942 to December 1944. At these important places Squadron plaques were dedicated. Additionally, visits were made to Kakadu National Park, Darwin War Museum, the Aviation Museum and the Darwin Cup Race meeting, and enjoyable hospitality was provided by the Officers' Mess, RAAF, Darwin.

A special wreath laying and memorial service was held at the Darwin Cenotaph during our visit.

The Squadron farewell dinner was held on August 4 at the Beaufort Hotel attended by our members, friends and distinguished guests. It was a happy finale to a week of great excitement, nostalgia and good friendship which, after 46 years, will be remembered by all.

31 Squadron was equipped with English made Beaufighters armed with 4 x 20mm Hispano Cannon and six 7.7mm machine guns. The navigator had a single free-mounted 7.7mm machine gun.

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I intend to pass on the spirit of Anzac down through generations of my family.

Yours sincerely,

KERSTINE JANSSON
77 Ainsworth Street, Geraldton 6530

Anzac Day in Scotland

Dear Editor,

I thought that you may be interested to know that Anzac Day is commemorated in Scotland. For years I have been trying to find out if and where it was. A short time ago I picked up the newsletter of the Royal British Legion, Scotland, and discovered it listed in their Diary of Events. After many enquiries and arrangements, I managed to attend. As a total paraplegic, unable to transfer to a mini-bus, permission was sought to drive my own car into the castle, over the drawbridge, under the portcullis, then up and over the cobbles, under another arch and park it between two ancient cannons at the back of the War Memorial. The Castle Staff was very helpful in getting me over yet more cobbles and up the steps into the memorial. The Castle War Memorial was built after World War I and lists the names and regiments of all Scotsmen lost in the wars.

The service was conducted by a well-known Edinburgh minister and the Gallipoli Association was represented by a retired gentleman, Mr Haire, who is one hundred years of age and fought at Gallipoli with the Cheshire Regiment. Three Gallipoli veterans were present. The Last post and Reveille were played outside by one of the buglers which was instilled in them during their school life. It seems to me that the Education Department of today should be encouraged, or better, should be directed, to give greater emphasis on making the young understand the birthright of Australians, whatever their origin.

I hope that this is of interest to some of your readers. The programme of the service is enclosed and I added the names of the representatives of each organisation.

Yours faithfully,

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Students' Contribution

Dear Editor,

As Anzac Day this year fell on a day during school holidays and few schools did much to educate the young in a feeling of national pride, it is refreshing to learn of the efforts of the Carine Senior High School Student Council.

Every year since 1986, students from Carine have donated flowers which are then distributed around the memorial plaques in Kings Park on April 25. This year they raised funds to purchase flowers and to meet the cost of bus hire for more than 30 students who gave up their free time to undertake this duty.

The State Council of the Naval Association of Australia, the Naval Association of Australia, Perth Sub-section and our members, the HMAS Warramunga Veterans’ Association, WA Branch, are forwarding a donation in acknowledgement of their efforts.

All ex-servicemen and women must be deeply concerned at the lack of respect for those who gave their lives so that we could live in freedom. The same men and women have a strong feeling of national pride which was instilled in them during their school life. I believe that the Carine students need congratulating on their initiative and an article in your publication could help to show that they have the fullest support and gratitude of ex-service personnel.

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Lieutenant Henty-Greer, RNVR & X5

Dear Editor,

Many people who read "The Mystery of X5" by Frank Walker and Pam Mellor, or the review in "The Listening Post" by Vic Jeffery, have asked my opinion. That is to say, was Royal Navy Midget Submarine X5 successful in attacking the German battleship Tirpitz or not?

It would seem, even after years of research and exploration of Kaa Fjord, that nobody knows. Certainly, I do not know. "What then," I am asked, "is your opinion?" The most informative answer I can give is to say what I do know of Henty. He and I were in the first batch of volunteers for what Admiralty then, mid-1942, described as 'Special and Hazardous Service'. We trained in the same group in western Scottish waters. The essential attitude was one of highest secrecy. For an attack against Tirpitz to have any chance of success, surprise was essential.

Henty, as the book tells, had been a cameraman on film production and worked under Alexander Korda's direction. He spoke frequently of this and clearly had a high concentration of "Show Biz" in his character. The attack on Tirpitz was first intended to be made in the Spring of 1943 but several difficulties were encountered, as one would expect in developing a new weapon to attack a target so remote and well defended. One of the difficulties was in net cutting, carried out by divers released from the submerged X craft. Henty and I were taken off other working-up duties, given an X craft and instructed to work at net cutting until we had mastered it. Several divers had just previously been drowned during net cutting practice.

We worked quite hard at this assignment. Henty had plenty of flair for any task with a touch of drama and excitement. On the other hand, I had been trained as an Engineer at the University of WA and could make a close and deliberate study of the technical factors involved. When we were ready for our first trial run, Henty had helped himself to a set of diving equipment and was to be the first to go through the escape compartment of the X craft and tackle the net, into which she had been manoeuvred at 30 feet depth. He had been in the compartment a minute or so when his actions became strange so I took over, pumped the compartment empty, opened the door and switched his breathing from oxygen to air. He was in some distress because, we later found, he had taken a set which was not complete, lacking the chemical which removes carbon dioxide.

Mine was the next attempt. I went carefully and methodically through the technique which we had agreed on and, within twelve minutes, the first no-hitches net penetration was complete. We repeated this until we were sure we had the right method, reported to the Commander. Submarines and moved on to other preparations for the big attack. Henty said that after the war, when he was back making films, I would work as his technician!

On operation "Source" (Tirpitz attack), I was held in reserve to relieve any Commanding Officer, First Lieutenant or diver who might drop out. As it happened, the diver in X9 suffered a disability and I took his place. In X9, I served with First Lieutenant Joe Brooks, RN and Engine Room Artificer, Vernon Coles, RN, now my closest friends.

Of the awards given for the attack on Tirpitz my fellow officers and ratings from 12th and 14th Submarine flotillas considered that Admiralty had acted consistently with its policy and that a fair decision was made. Further, that Henty's family had always shown a close interest in his progress, as on the occasion when the fleet was in final stages of preparation for operation "Source", and members of the family resided for a period in a hotel in the north of Scotland, close to the prohibited access exercise area. That was considered to be unacceptable, and now it would be better if the repeated efforts to have an award for Henty were discontinued.

Of Honours and Awards generally, it is nice if one is received but it if is not received, well — everybody can't get the top award. We were all doing our best to disable Tirpitz. She was disabled. Two men were awarded the Victoria Cross. I am sure that all of us who were at sea on that operation share the satisfaction of the achievements and the recognition of that achievement. Two men carried the highest award and a good thing too. It reflects some credit on everybody.

MAX SHEAN

Family service record

Dear Editor,

In a telephone conversation with the Army Barracks in Melbourne, I was told that the RSL in Victoria had an article in their paper endeavouring to establish a record for the biggest serving family during the war.

They told me that the response was nine brothers, the largest ever.

That is NOT correct, as I had ten brothers, four in the Army, four in the Airforce, and three in the Navy — that makes eleven blood brothers, which I believe is a record. The eleven returned and all belonged to the Masonic Lodge. Another world record!

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Author, Author!

J.A. Wilson, of Mandurah, has sent us this poem, which he found in an old newspaper cutting. It was written under the nom-de-plume ‘RAAF’. Does anyone know who wrote it?

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Will we come at the crossroads on the way
Of a dusty road on Tarakan?
To a scene in the scheme of the war’s mad plan.

There are soldiers there in a little square
Who will breathe no more of the dust-filled air
On the trails they died, by the road they rest
With the foreign soil on each manly chest.

On the crosses which mark the arid mounds
Are the tales of courage which knew no bounds
Killed in action and died of wounds
But the wasted lives are the war’s worst ruins.

You will see their mates at the gravesides stand
Quietly, slouch hats held in hand
And you may grieve as they will, too
For the hopes and the dreams which will not come true.

In death these men have simple needs
No separate tracks for different creeds
For the shoulders which never were cold in life
Are together in death as they were in strife.

You may gaze at the flag which hangs from the mast
To honour the men who were staunch to the last
And fancy you hear a quiet voice say:
AUSTRALIA MY COUNTRY, will you repay

Will you warm my heart, give daily bread
To the hungry mouths which once were fed?
Through the sweat and the toil of the fallen men
Who sleep by the road on Tarakan.

And when you return by the dusty road
You may bear your share of the Sacred load
With a pride whose flame ignited them
Will burn to the sound of the last Amen.

G.J. Taylor

The Vietnam Veterans Sub-branch is anxious to make contact with a Mr Geoffrey John Taylor who would now be in his 60s; he was in the Airforce and in the occupation of Japan after World War II. Anyone with any information on Mr Taylor is asked to contact:

Mr Donald Greer
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Phone (09) 362 1379

T.B. Stanley

Mr Cameron Simpson of 5 Craigie Road, Mt Martin, Victoria 3934 is looking for information on a Thomas Brooke Stanley who was awarded a DCM during service with 10 Light Horse in WWI. He was apparently a member of Katanning RSL but we have no records for that early period.

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74TH ANNIVERSARY OF ANZAC DAY — PERTH

Once again this year, more than 60 members of the AWA.S Association joined the ranks to march on Anzac Day. It was with great pride that they took their place besides the members of all branches of the services to pay homage to comrades who did not return. The spirit of Anzac Day not only honours lost comrades, it also re-unites ex-serving personnel on that one day of the year when they can renew old friendships and enrich their lives by the reliving of old memories and strengthening the bonds of mateship.

This year, with only nine of the original Gallipoli veterans left, it was refreshing to see the younger men from the more recent campaigns on parade. It is in the hands of these younger men that the spirit and dedication of Anzac Day will be upheld. It is not in the glorification of Anzac Day, but in the sincere honouring of our forces that our fallen comrades will be remembered.

SUB-BRANCH NEWS

BELLEVUE

BLACKBOY HILL COMMEMORATIVE PARK COMPLETED

With a recent injection of funds from the Shire of Mundaring and the developers of the Blackboy Hill Housing Project, developmental work on the historic site — the training camp of soldiers of the 1st AIF — has taken a major step towards completion.

The ellipses, stone work and retaining walls have been refurbished and all ceremonial areas brick paved. New retaining walls, with garden beds and steps, have been landscaped into the overall concept of the commemoration and a tastefully designed information centre has been constructed at the car park entrance.

The work was completed just in time for the 1989 Sunset Service. Among the many visitors who expressed delight at the project was Mr Tudor Lee of Bicton Sub-Branch; he recalled that, at the age of six (in 1915), he visited his father at Blackboy. His father was a drill instructor posted to the camp to train soldiers who were to be sent overseas as reinforcement troops to the many depleted units.

The Sunset Service was well-attended by members of the public and well supported by Scouts and Guides of the Dianella Scout Group who stood vigil until the completion of the Dawn Service.

Blackboy Hill is fast becoming a tourist attraction in the hills and, with its recent improvements, it is hoped that it will be visited by people from all walks of life who can pause and reflect on the association this site had in developing the spirit of Anzac.

BELLEVUE members were pleasantly surprised when they were joined by a contingent of Polish Ex-Servicemen, Army Reserve soldiers and a company of School Cadets for their annual march through Bellevue.

Leading the march, Sub-Branch President Alan Rivers was followed by troops from 10 Transport Squadron RACT (a member of the newly-formed 13 Brigade), ex-service personnel, and the school cadet unit which was recently formed under the sponsorship of this Sub-Branch. The parade of more than 150 people was well received by a large crowd waiting at the Bellevue RSL Club for the Memorial Service and Address.

Highlights of the service were the short address and poem given by a student from the Greenmount Primary School, and the excellent rendition of the Last Post and Reveille given by Chelsea Edwards, a Year 8 student at Swan View Senior High School.

Following the service and march past, the traditional Anzac Day hospitality followed where old and young "diggers" exchanged many stories of their experiences.

Mr & Mrs Tudor Lee inspect the new information centre at Blackboy Hill.

ANZAC SERVICE FOR SCHOOLS

With Anzac Day falling during the school holidays, local schools elected to conduct their Commemorative Service on the last day of school term, Friday 14 April, 1989. The earlier date certainly did not limit the importance of the ceremony which was attended by approximately 600 people.

Wearing a sprig of rosemary on Anzac Day has come into significance as a sign of remembrance. The origin of this custom is a mystery. It was a question asked by a spectator and, as we had no answer, I endeavoured to find out but was unsuccessful.

Grown extensively in the Mediterranean area, rosemary was mentioned in William Shakespeare's 'Hamlet', (Act 4) when Ophelia said: "There's rosemary, that's for remembrance". As William Shakespeare lived from 1564-1616 it shows that rosemary, that's for remembrance". As William Shakespeare lived from 1564-1616 it shows that

If the Gallipoli men adopted the custom from the English and wore the rosemary that was flourishing is not known. But, regardless of its origin, wearing rosemary on Anzac Day will remain with us as a symbol of remembrance: 'Lest We Forget'.

EDIE ARNOLD (KERR)
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Mr and Mrs Tudor Lee inspect the new information centre at Blachboy Hill.

During the service, which emphasised the spirit of Anzac being passed from generation to generation, children were reminded of their duties as citizens in a rapidly changing world and invited to acknowledge the heritage and sacrifices made in the past by ordinary men and women.

The wreath laying ceremony provided a touching moment when Year One children each placed a single flower at the Commemoration Ellipses. This was their acknowledgement of gratitude for those sacrifices.

BILL GAYNOR

DARLING RANGE

KALAMUNDA ANZAC COMMEMORATION ADDRESS — 23rd APRIL 1989

Today is St George's Day which is very appropriate because St George is not only the patron saint of England but also the patron saint of soldiers and boy scouts. St George was martyred at the end of the third century in Palestine, supposedly for refusing the renounce his Christian faith at a time of persecution from pre-Christian Rome. He is generally credited as the slayer of the dragon which represents his fight against evil.

The red cross of St George on a white background has been a symbol of the Crusades and was adopted for England by Edward III in about 1348. In more recent times, the cross of St George was adopted as the emblem of the 8th Army under which the Australian 7th and 9th Divisions fought.

We could do with St George today, because we are threatened by more than one dragon. Our nation is rent by evil. We have been infiltrated and subverted by crooks. We are remembering those who died in the service of their country. They died in the belief that they were fighting for good causes: causes for which St George would have fought. For loyalty — for fair-play — for decency — for basic freedoms of religion, of speech, and freedom from fear and persecution.

The RSL has always stood for these ideals. We have a record of mateship, of campaigning for a fair-go for those in need, of supporting — in a practical way — those in need. 25% of welfare cases dealt with by the RSL are for non-members. And we have a right to be heard because we fought, and some of us were wounded, and some died for these beliefs. And I have to tell you that we — as an organisation — are deeply worried.

We are worried about the policy of so-called multi-culturalism. We are strongly in favour of a fair go and total equality for all migrants to this country regardless of race, colour or creed. But we do NOT think that migrants should be encouraged to maintain separate and non-Australian ways and traditions. We believe that people come here to become Australians — and that Australians they should become. We do not want to import the enmities and feuds of Europe and Asia. We do not want to have foreign enclaves with foreign loyalties being given official sanction. And that is a general view of the RSL membership which embraces people of all political parties, religions and creeds — except Communists.

And, in expressing that belief, I believe I am representing, on behalf of the RSL, a general feeling in the community. The fact is that nearly 80 percent of our population still finds its family traditions in England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales. We are what they call an Anglo-Celtic community. We welcome those who come to join us, and we welcome the diversity of life that people of many races and creeds inject into our community. But we do NOT want to be swamped with foreigners or overrun by people alien to our basic traditions. If we had wanted that we could have surrendered 50 years ago.

We are remembering those who died for their country. They did not die to create a nation governed by crooked politicians, dubious judges, untrustworthy police, self-seeking tax-dodging corrupt businessmen or Trade Union bullies. Everyone who supports or condones any of these people is a traitor to the ideals for which we fought.

The RSL represents a cross-section of the ordinary working Australian populace — and we believe there should be another crusade — a crusade amongst all decent people to root out the crooks, to expose the criminals and to clean up our national life. I know it goes against the grain of every digger to dob in his mates but these people are NOT our mates. They are other people’s mates — their
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little mates, if you remember. They are not on our side. They are the enemy, the fifth column that is undermining our country. So today, I make this plea to you here. Let us honour our dead who we remember today, by pledging ourselves to ressurect the cross of St George — The Crusader's Cross — to work together again — so that they will NOT have died in vain.

JOHN HARPER-NELSON
President

GASCOYNE

1989 is showing an increase in membership but, unfortunately, not in meeting attendances.

The Dawn Service, conducted by the Carnarvon Section of the Naval Association of Australia, was well attended as was the 11 o'clock service with the Navy and Army well represented. The march past salute was taken by Lt Bruce Elliott, Commanding Officer HMAS 'Geraldton'.

After the service there was an enjoyable get-together of ex servicemen and women and their friends at TS 'Gascoyne'. Many thanks to 'mine host' Jack Henneberry of the Carnarvon Hotel Motel for providing a good drop of the brew. (Jack served as forward hand with the 55 Water Transport).

I also thank everyone else who helped organise and participate in the day's activities. Special thanks are extended to the Pilbara Regiment E troop, the Naval Association, Naval Cadets, Scouts and Guides.

Once again, I appeal to members to support their Sub-Branch by attending monthly meetings.

F. CASSIDY
President

The Gascoyne Sub Branch is very fortunate to have an honorary Chaplain, the Reverend Peter McArthur, who is resident clergyman of the Church in Carnarvon. At all times he makes himself readily available to conduct services, assist with the many and varied programmes such as ANZAC Day, and the annual service at the Cairn for those men who lost their lives aboard HMAS 'Sydney' in the action against the German Raider 'Kormoran' on 19 November 1941, off the Carnarvon coast. (This involves a trip of 60km north to officiate at the actual site).

Consequently, it was a simple and unanimous decision when it was suggested that the board of the Carnarvon-Gascoyne Memorial Theatre Fund (Inc.) donate a stained glass leadlight panel to the Anglican Church, replacing one that was damaged by vandals earlier in the year. The cost, complete with an almost invisible vandal-proof screen on the outside, was $1400, and we believe this was good value in return for services rendered beyond the call of duty. We are very proud of this achievement; Gascoyne can add yet another laurel to its bouquet of success stories.

In 1948, two of Carnarvon's ex-veterans stood guarantee for the sum of £4,250 to enable the purchase of the Swansea Theatre and adjacent shops as a permanent memorial to those men and women who gave their lives for King and country.

After a very humble beginning, the Carnarvon-Gascoyne Memorial Theatre Fund (Inc.) became a stable and recognised commercial undertaking. From the resulting profit a block of five flats was purchased (refurbished complete with en suites at a cost of $68,000), a further five were completed the following year, recently ten more were purchased, five are under construction, and ten more promised — a total of 35 with a nominal value of $1.75 million. The emphasis is on care for the aged and infirm with special recognition of ex-service personnel. A chemotherapy hot pool is about to be constructed to assist people suffering from arthritic and rheumatic complaints who chose to retire here.

In conclusion, if the writer makes the decision, we will acquire the shortly-to-be-vacated Post Office abutting our commercial complex, and we will have the best RSL clubrooms in W. A. as well as a substantial area adjacent to develop our already highly successful commercial operation.

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ALPHA & OMEGA: the first and last letters of the first Greek alphabet, which stand for Jesus, the First and Last; Revelation 1, vs 8, 21, vs 6.

The window was designed and made by Creative Stained Glass Designers of Mt. Lawley, Perth.

Designer: Chris Rumble.
Sub-Branch News cont.

RETURNED EX-SERVICEWOMEN

Our numbers are increasing steadily and our meetings are well attended. 1988 was the 40th anniversary of our Sub-Branch; this was celebrated with a very successful luncheon at the beginning of the bicentennial year. A morning tea at the Royal Perth Yacht Club, together with the luncheon, enabled us to make a donation to the War Memorial Restoration Fund of $1,000.

Members helped in RSL Week activities and donated a prize for the poster competition. We laid wreaths at various ceremonies throughout the year, attended Memorial services and the Dedication of Combined Ex-ServiceWomens' seats and Returned Soldiers' gift of railing to the War Memorial in King's Park.

We were runners-up for the Newdegate Cup and awarded a Membership Pennant at Congress. Representatives attended Association luncheons and ex-serviceWomens' bowls and golf days and fashion parades while a sale of work raised funds.

We were sad to lose three of our members — Mrs Sheila Kenworthy, Mrs Edna Broomhead and Peg Hall (one of our foundation members) during the year. Peggy had been responsible for many years for organising the vehicular transport for the Veterans attending the Anzac Parade.

Our quarterly magazine "Light Diet" is widely distributed and enjoyed by ex-serviceWomens both here and in the Eastern States.

During the year we combined with the Blinded Soldiers of St Dunstans, W.A. and Partially Blinded Soldiers' Association and arranged three bus trips under the Joint Venture Scheme. The meetings and outings generate companionship amongst our members, and we would welcome any ex-serviceWomens wishing to join our Sub-Branch.

SUE THOMAS
President.

BUNBURY

Anzac Day 89 proved to be one of our best ever and this was due in no small way to the efforts of co-ordinator Clarrie Castledine who, again, left no "turn unstoned" in order to get everything right. (Must have a Public Service background — or was it the Navy!)

When Curley Tremble decided that he had to form veterans in five ranks for the dawn service the stage was set for a big day all round.

Two Army Landrovers and a mini bus were utilised this year enabling more to participate in the parade and rest their legs at the same time. So don't forget next year, if you don't feel up to marching just contact us beforehand and we will look after you. Who knows — we might need a 'Unimog' which, for the benefit of older members, just about equates with a Studebaker 6x6.

Our guest of honour this year was Percy Goring, a 94-year-old Gallipoli veteran who, in his address, told us of the Gallipoli Legion and how the passing years were affecting the members. Percy's presence and words were very well received by the very large crowd in attendance at the Memorial Service.

Our 1989 Annual Dinner to be held at the Lord Forrest Hotel will be a function not to be missed; the event will be well past before this edition is delivered.

Our office is open 9-12 daily so, when in town, drop in and see what's going on. Our welfare consultants are always pleased to help and would appreciate assistance from anyone who can give an hour of their time.

We're off to do battle at State Congress again in June, making your voice heard on issues needing attention, especially in the area of welfare. We alone can't change any rules but we can certainly get responsible people thinking about changing them. Our lobby for a regional D.V.A. office is still unrelenting and as strong as ever.

Membership is looking good and I hope to be able to report that our 1989 target of 450 paid-up members has been reached by the next edition. Don't forget those meetings on the third Wednesday of each month at the hall in Spencer Street.

ALF MAINSTONE
Membership Officer.

COCKBURN

1989 has been a very eventful year with the completion of the hall renovations, an increase in membership and a general feeling of well-being among the members. We look forward to another successful year.

Anzac Day has come and gone, but we started off well by having, in addition to 45 members and their partners, 125 pupils and 40 teachers and parents of the South Coogee Primary School to a service on the 14 April. After the service, afternoon tea was served and the children escorted into our meeting room where artefacts were displayed.

Our service on Anzac Day went off very well with 209 people attending. Veterans and their partners were later entertained by the Deputy Mayor of the City of Cockburn, Ray Lees, who is also our patron. We then returned to the hall for lunch (lots of army stew) and entertainment.

In order to celebrate 70 years of continuous community service by the RSL in the City of Cockburn, we intend holding a Commemorative Service at the Memorial Hall, Rockingham Road, Hamilton Hill at 2.00pm on 19 August, 1989.

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Our records show that this branch of the RSL was formed between 12 and 19 August, 1919 with the first president Mr P. Hawkes and first secretary, Mr W. Dodd. In order to ensure a successful day we need the descendants of the pioneers to attend. An invitation is issued to you to join us. To help identification, a list of past presidents and secretaries is attached.

W.L. HAGAN O.A.M., J.P.
Hon. Sec.

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DENMARK

Yes, we are alive and well and growing gradually with a membership of between 50 and 60 people. We are working together well and playing our part within the community.

At the AGM we re-elected Frank McCarthy president, Bill Shakespeare senior vice president, Bob Maloney junior vice president; Bob Cooper was re-elected secretary and treasurer, Willie Barry membership officer and Mark Scammell public relations officer with four social committee walters: Bob Cooper, Bill Shakespeare, Bob Maloney and Guy Howitt.

Anzac Day saw an excellent turnout. In spite of schools being on holiday, students in the band were strong in number as well as playing-power! At 10.50am, as we were forming up, rain started to fall and I thought we were for it! Prayers went up and it stopped, and the day turned into one of beauty and pleasure. It was good to see the youngsters in strength and great to have a good roll-up of members and to see in the march with us scouts, guides, brownies, Fire Brigade, two jeeps for the not-so-active and lady members. Our local police boys were a great help; we couldn't manage without them.

There was a ceremony at the Memorial and congratulations go to those who have worked so hard to make the Memorial and garden so attractive. A special word of appreciation is extended to two students in the band for their excellent rendering of the Last Post and Reveille. At the service at the Civic Centre, a stirring and sincere address by president Frank McCarthy reminded us all of the true meaning behind our ceremony and the day's events. Over 100 people were present.

Many then went to the CWA rooms for a most enjoyable lunch. We could not manage without the work and effort put in by our ladies. God bless them.

MARK SCAMMELL
PR Officer

SCARBOROUGH

We are still attracting new and former members: at our last meeting there was an attendance of 67. (If this keeps up we will have to move to another part of the Bowling Club! Since we have been at the Doubleview Bowling Club our attendance figures have steadily increased.)

We were pleased by the turn-out to hear our new Liaison Officer, David Orr, a retired RAN officer, give a talk on the recent conference he attended in Melbourne on Defence ('or lack of it') and Communications in respect to shipping lanes. The point made is whether Australia is treating this area with the respect that it deserves.

Doug Piggot gave an indignant report on a seminar he attended in connection with the suggestion that the Repatriation Hospital Hollywood (and other States' Repatriation Hospitals) be taken over by the State Governments and absorbed into various district hospitals where veterans would be treated, instead of a central hospital as Hollywood is now. The fact that most specialists operate in the metropolitan area doesn't seem to have been considered. The scheme met with general disapproval by the members who are much against the Federal powers trying to shed their promises and responsibilities to war veterans — promises which were made years ago and kept without fail until now.

So now is the time for RSL members to pull together and stand firm to show that we are not to be ignored. It won't be done without a fight.

As the Stirling Council may be doing some roadwork alterations, there is talk of moving the RSL War Memorial from its present position in St Brigid's Terrace. There are a couple of alternatives: one is to move the memorial to the north-east corner of the Doubleview Bowling Club at the corner of Shearn Crescent and Millcrest Street. This would require few alterations, and the memorial would still be in the prominent position it should have.

Mrs Joy Reid gave her welfare report as usual.

The Scarborough Anzac Day service was held in the afternoon with an attendance of over 100. The service was conducted by Mrs Nora Kelynack with branch president Bob White reading the address.
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The organ was played by Mrs Fay Denny, and the Last Post was sounded in a clear, unflagging tone by a young lady from the City of Perth band. Afternoon tea and a late barbecue were enjoyed in the Doubleview Bowling Clubhouse with music rendered by Mary and the star attraction the 'Melody Makers'.

JIM HUGILL

OSBORNE PARK

At the AGM on 8 March, office bearers for 1989/90 were elected as follows:— president: W.F. Sullivan, snr vice president: Harold Shackleton, jnr vice president: Stan Evil, secretary/Treasurer: Fred Guelfi. We much appreciate Fred continuing for a further term — his 13th year in succession. Harold Shackleton also volunteered to act as minute secretary for the third time.

Since the last publication of Listening Post, the external walls of the memorial hall have at last been painted, giving the hall a new lease of life: it was very satisfying to have this work completed in time for our Anzac Day barbecue-breakfast.

The Anzac Eve service at the War Veterans' Home in Mt Lawley on Sunday 23 April was well attended. After the sudden arrival of continuous rain, the service had to be conducted inside. It was indeed a great honour to represent the sub branch at such an important function.

The renewed interest among our members in recent months is most encouraging and having a lot more members attending monthly meetings is very gratifying to your office bearers. We have also had a few transfers from other sub branches and a couple of new members joining, which is very satisfying.

With regret it was Vale for one of our elderly members — Stan Collins on 31 March; as president, I attended Stan's funeral.

This sub branch celebrated its 70th year on 14 April last. A suggestion has been made that we have an official dinner, or something similar, to celebrate the anniversary. If any members has any suggestions we would like to hear them. Whilst we don't claim to be the oldest sub branch in the State, it is an important milestone and it would be fair to say that there would be only a few other sub branches that have existed as a continuous and active branch for as long.

Just a reminder of our meeting nights: every second Wednesday of each month at our hall at the corner of Main and Cape Streets, Osborne Park at 2000 hours. See you all there.

BILL SULLIVAN
349 2797

BEDFORD—MORLEY PARK

The AGM on 13 February 1989, was attended by 51 members with five apologies. Jack Dorrington was re-elected as president, Terry Penhale secretary and Bill Jack as treasurer for this year.

1988 was a successful year with a membership of 171 compared to 134 the previous year. We could have another membership pennant to adorn our club room.

Poppy Day collection of $2,700 was a record for our branch; thanks go to the willing members and the ladies from the Women's Auxiliary for their help.

Scholarships were awarded to students at Lockridge, John Forrest and Morley Senior High Schools.

The social committee is once again planning the year's activities, and our social afternoons are held on the third Tuesday of every month at 1.00pm. Senior citizens are cordially invited to join us.

Owing to the school holidays our Anzac Day service with the students of Lockridge Senior High School could not be held.

Our Anzac Day service, on April 23, was held in the Memorial Hall, attended by a large crowd of members with their families and friends. Channel 9 band provided the music and we thank band members for their support. 1st Yokine Scout Group carried out the duties of raising the flags during the service. This too was very much appreciated by us all.

At the time of writing our genial president is in hospital; all members and friends wish him a speedy recovery.

The sub-branch and Women's Auxiliary meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month at 7.30pm.

J.E. DORRINGTON

GERALDTON

JAPANESE MEMORIAL OPPOSITION

Our sub-branch has expressed its strong support for the stand by National President Alf Garland against the proposed Japanese Memorial in Sydney Harbour in memory of the midget-submarine pilots of World War II.

We recall that a similar Memorial to sailors of the German ship 'Kormoran' was strongly rejected by the people of Carnarvon, and by the League, a few years ago. News of the encounter between the German raider and HMAS 'Sydney' in November 1941 only became known when some of the crew of the 'Kormoran' were found later. There were no survivors from the 'Sydney'.

In our letter to Brigadier Garland, we extended congratulations on his stand against the opinion and degrading remarks about the RSL expressed by Gough Whitlam concerning culturalism and racism. The sub-branch declared: "We want one nation under one flag".

We also advised the National President that we look forward to some positive action in restoring Service and War Widow pension entitlements that had gradually been eroded under the Veterans' Affairs Entitlements Act 1986 over the last few years.

SENIORS' INITIATIVE GRANT

The Minister for the Aged, Mrs Kay Hallahan, told our March meeting that we had been successful in our application for a Seniors' Initiative Fund grant.
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Senior vice-president Derek Andrews reported that a framed, coloured photo of HMAS 'Yarra II' had been presented to the sub-branch by the Yarra Association. It recognised the sub-branch's association with the Memorial established at TS 'Morrow' in memory of those who lost their lives when Yarra II was sunk south of Java in March 1942.

Sub-branch president Tom Cream welcomed new members, Joe Fairley ex-Royal Navy and Jim Jones ex RAAF, at recent meetings.

PRO Peter Barden reported that he had completed the submission for the Colonel Collett competition which our sub-branch has won 22 times as the outstanding country sub-branch. Last year Geraldton was runner-up to Bunbury.

RETIRING COMMODORE

A man who had a close liaison with us during his four years as naval Officer Commanding Western Australia, Commodore Malcolm Baird, is to retire in August.

Commodore Baird told our May meeting that the Navy greatly valued the continued interest and support it received as it developed the facilities in WA necessary to sustain Australia's defence.

Tom Cream presented Senior Vice-president Derek Andrews with a plaque featuring the colour-patch of Tom's World War II unit, the Second/Second Pioneer Battalion. The plaque will join others in the Recreation Room of Birdwood House.

The sub-branch balance sheet presented by secretary Allan Ellis, during treasurer John Spendlove’s absence in Melbourne, showed that a street appeal raised $1,094 for the Regional War Veterans' Home. This was second only to the record amount of $1,113 raised last year.

We will be represented by Tom Cream, Derek Andrews and Allan Ellis at State Congress in Perth on June 16-18.

John Spendlove will be able to represent other northern sub-branches as a Regional Country Vice-President.

PETER BARDEN

MANNING

We now have 145 financial members and four unfinancial members. There are 265,000 members of the RSL in 1500 sub-branches across Australia. The average attendance at the monthly meetings is 24. A pleasing aspect is the interest shown in the well-being of other people and the desire to help each other — a closing ranks or 'Esprit de Corps'. During the year we gained new members including some Vietnam veterans. Encouragement must be given to induct more of the younger ex-service personnel to bolster the numbers in the League. The stronger we are, the more political clout that is at our disposal.

During the year it was vale to J. Murrihy, C. Walker, S. Simmons, P. Hearne (secretary 1965-67), R. Turner (treasurer at the time of his death). At the monthly meeting after their deaths, the Ode is dedicated to these former members.

On October 5 our oldest member Jim Westbrook celebrated his 102nd birthday and was visited by members of the branch. Jim served in WWI and WWII.

The 72nd Annual State Congress, held at the Lord Forrest Hotel in Bunbury, was a tremendous success for which the league and Bunbury sub-branch deserve hearty congratulations.

Liaison officer John Surridge has visited us and is always ready and willing to help. Under the guidance of Harold Mundy the Amelioration Committee has provided many loads of firewood to those in need during the winter months and assisted with cleaning up backyards for people who are in poor health. The helpers were Bob Doherty, Vic Bartlett, Vic Loffman, Bob Noble, Brian Buck, George Battye, Harold Mundy. (Some of this work did remind members of time spent in the jungles of WEKAK).

The newspaper collection, under the control of George Battye, has raised $1482.00 less cartage of $355.00. Thank you George.

The Widow's luncheon, on December 5 at the Raffles Hotel, was enjoyed by the 22 who were in attendance. One lady thanked the Amelioration Committee for this thoughtful gesture.

NEW DISTRICT WAR MEMORIAL

A joint committee from the four sub-branches in the area (Manning, South Perth, Como, Kensington) was successful in obtaining finance from the Australian Bicentennial Authority and the City of South Perth Council — $8000 from each party. This monument is situated in a garden setting in council grounds and the location is considered more central for all sub-branches. The Unveiling and Dedication Service was conducted on Sunday 27 March at 2.00pm. Those in attendance were our political representatives Mr K. Beazley, Minister for Defence, Mr W. Grayden, MLA (both made donations to the Memorial Fund), State President Mr J. Hall, Mr R. Nyman, the Mayor Mr J.G. Burnett and several councillors, representatives of the three armed forces, sub-branches and members of the general public. On April 25 the Inaugural Anzac Service was conducted and was most impressive. In future, Anzac Services will be carried out at this venue for the local residents.

ANZAC DAY

At mid-morning on Anzac Day we gathered at the home of Anne and Tom Dawson. This convivial get-together is always enjoyable. When the floral tribute was presented to Anne, she protested, saying it was not necessary as it gave her much pleasure to arrange such a function. Anne was then gently told that this presentation would continue, as all members considered the event to be of social significance and will always be well supported. Warm and sincere thanks to you both.
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The Annual Diggers Cup between the Manning Memorial Bowling Club and the sub-branch was held on Sunday 24 April (due to bowling club commitments). The organisers, Jack Davies, Tom Dawson, Laurie Tapper and Bob Noble are to be congratulated for their efforts. The sub-branch came second in the bowling contest. Probably in the encounter of this year, the branch will be victorious. We are indebted to the ladies who provided the tasty hot dishes and other culinary treats. Reg Axford must get a mention for his untiring efforts in the co-ordination of the many bowling competitions that he has to arrange.

POPPY DAY

I express my thanks and gratitude for the magnificent response, time and effort that was contributed by the Manning Sub-branch who raised the record amount of just under $3700, which is something that we should all be proud of. All monies raised will be reserved for welfare purposes for ex-servicemen and women by either the League or branches generally.

ESSAY COMPETITION

This was conducted, as in other years, among the three primary schools in the area. The subject of the competition was: — "How can I be a good citizen?". Their quality of the entries was excellent, and the three judges, Elsie Davies, Bob Gardiner and Bruce Naughton had to ponder over them until the ultimate winners were selected: Mharvie Zayeo of St Pius X, Josephine Stanczyk of Koonawarra and Michelle Gillespie of Manning. Many thanks to the judging panel.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Thanks to Bob Noble, Bob Doherty, Clarrie Gilbert and Frank Ryan who always provide us with refreshments at the conclusion of meetings. The catering for the Christmas meeting was excellent.

CHRISTMAS BBQ

A novel innovation was that this was held at the Manning Hall. The evening was fine and warm and festivities were held outdoors with the hall available in the event of rain.

A special thank you goes to Mrs Lee Noble who took over as secretary, helping considerably to make the administration of the branch more manageable. On the death of the treasurer Ron Turner, Ron Jefferson took over this difficult and responsible position.

With reluctance and regret I have received the resignations of secretary, Bob Gardiner and treasurer Doug Sexton. Both have contributed much to the branch, and their past services will always be appreciated.

In conclusion, accolades go to the committee for the way they have contributed to make the branch efficient and of benefit to the local community. It has been my pleasure to be associated with you all.

W.E. McGHIE
President

PORT HEDLAND

We now have a new home! This long sought for acquisition has been a plank in the RSL’s objectives for many, many years but could not be justified as the small number of members in the area prior to the iron ore boom in the mid-60s did not warrant having our own premises. Even now the cost of erecting a building for use on one or two occasions monthly is not viable.

When it was learned that the Naval Reserve Cadet Unit was having accommodation problems (there are now 60 naval cadets enrolled) and that the Mt Newman Mining Company had a building available which they were prepared to transport free of charge to assist the unit, the idea of a shared facility was proposed. This idea was enthusiastically endorsed by members and, under an agreement with the cadet unit T.S. "Pilbara", the building was purchased and sited within their grounds where it provides much needed office and classroom space.

The fully airconditioned building contains two enclosed meeting/classrooms, two offices, a canteen, library, a large reception area, storeroom and bar area: "The Bert Madigan Club" named in honour of our late president. Since the building came into active use the RSL Women’s Auxiliary, the Naval Association and other kindred groups have started meeting there. All of these, plus the cadet unit, contribute to the upkeep and maintenance of the building which is seen as a significant contribution to the youth of our community and an asset to the town.

A formal opening dinner dance took place on April 8 when a commemorative plaque was unveiled by the Commanding Officer, the Pilbara Regiment, Lt. Col. P.L. Schmitt.

Meetings are now held at 1600 hours on the second Sunday of each month after which members, their wives and friends gather for a barbecue on the lawns overlooking the Yacht Club basin.

Any RSL member travelling through is warmly invited to join us and to share our pride in our new home and its contribution to the community and town of Port Hedland.

P.J. BLINKINSOPP
President

NORTH BEACH

Meetings continue to be well patronised, with an average attendance in excess of 40 and an increase in total membership over the past year.

The second year of scholarship awards saw 21 applications processed, with applicants interviewed and dual awards of $500 each made to Cathleen Jeffcoat, studying for a Bachelor of Music degree at the Conservatorium, and Sascha Kenneagh, beginning a Media Studies course at Curtin University with a career in journalism her ultimate goal.

Plans are already under way for the Annual Dinner to be held on Wednesday, 22 November with the same band and caterers as last year.

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Member Ron Tomlinson has offered to make a military badge and insignia board for our trophy and bookcase. To date the response has been underwhelming and Ron asks members to dig badges out of hiding and allow them to be seen — and their memories shared by others.

Arrangements are under way for two additional social events for members: a luncheon at Mulberry Farm, Caversham on Friday 23 June, and a tour of the Alcoa Mining Site at Jarrahdale on Wednesday 20 September.

On Anzac Day 130 members, partners and North Beach Bowling Club members got together for the annual bowls competition for the perpetual ‘Ten Hat’ Trophy. An excellent afternoon of bowling was enjoyed by all. Despite strong competition, the North Beach bowlers again proved they were just a little too strong and retained the ‘Hat’ for another twelve months. All enjoyed the BBQ and sing-along which followed.

J. OVERSBY
Hon. Secretary

MILLEN

Congratulations to those branches who have "bitten the bullet" and initiated renovations and, in some cases, built new halls to replace the ageing ones. All these branches seem to have succeeded in increasing their membership and most have become involved in community activities with the help of younger and more active members who are attracted to the RSL by better facilities.

Here at Millen, some of us would like to see a more substantial building for our activities with ‘RSL Memorial Hall’ or perhaps ‘RSL Community Hall’ on the front thereby fixing a permanent RSL presence in Victoria Park for many years to come. But... we do need more active members to get it rolling! More members like the late Norm Clarke who is sadly missed. Still on the subject of Norm, we hope to have his portrait in the hall as a permanent reminder of a member who worked continuously for the branch right up to the day of his death.

Anzac Eve was attended by a gathering of members and their families at 7.30pm. President Len Turner recited the Ode and our patron, Dr Geoff Gallup, gave the address. The service, which was arranged by the Salvation Army, was attended by scouts of Victoria Park troop, also some guides and brownies. The participation of these fine young Australians in our ceremony was very heart-warming to the older people.

At 2pm on Anzac Day, we were treated to a friendly invasion of visitors from near and far with many members of our own branch who haven't been seen for a while. Welcome back! It was unfortunate that the branch was not able to provide refreshments free-of-charge but our incoming finance is from retirees with limited resources. However, the charge of $2.00 admission and a tarpaulin muster for the second keg received no obvious disagreement. Jim Gale and Neil (potential social member) also carried out a very successful series of ‘chook’ raffles so, hopefully we'll break even on the day.

Among our more active people, I'd like to mention some special ones. Tex Ladner for hall maintenance; Alby and Marlene Pereira for maintaining the condition of the inside of the hall and kitchen; Roy Shaw and wife and Effie Bevis (our lady member) for providing sandwiches and other goodies thus preventing us from becoming undernourished.

Millen now meets on the second Tuesday in the month at 2pm and Ladies Day and general get-togethers are held on the second Sunday in each month at 2pm in the Camberwell Street Hall. Visitors are given a special welcome as are potential social members. For further information please ring 451 3764.

JACK MATTHEWS
Hon. Secretary

YOKINE-JOONDANNA

We again experienced the hospitality of the Yokine Bowling Club in allowing us to challenge them to our annual sub-branch vs bowling club lawn bowls competition. Around 170 attended the competition and both ladies' and mens' competitions were held. The result, as per past years, was a draw. Our thanks to Keith Alberthsen and his team for their splendid work in organising the day and also to Bill Clark for allowing us to use the bowling club for this enjoyable event.

The special significance of Anzac Day was taken up by the 11-year-old children at Coolbinia Primary School. During the term, their teacher, Clive Hamilton, had outlined to them the story of Gallipoli and the meaning of Anzac Day. At his request, they had produced a selection of poems describing the landings at Gallipoli and these were displayed at the Yokine Bowling Club on Anzac Day. An example of the high standard set by the children in their poems is best described by the poem written by Rory O'Kane:

AUSTRALIAN ANZACS

Australian men went to war,
Some never made it to the shore,
The ones that made it to the land,
Dug for cover in the sand.

As bullets zipped through the air,
Men were dying everywhere.
Rotting bodies lay on the ground,
Flies and decay all around.

The remainder tried to climb higher,
But were pinned down by hails of gunfire.
When it was time to retreat,
They headed back to the fleet.
The ANZAC's fought and died,
We remember that with pride.
But let's never ignore,
The horror and pain of war.

Just a reminder to members that the next meeting will be at the Yokine Bowling Club on Sunday 16 July 1989 at 9am. Hope to see you all there.

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The spirit of Anzac is alive and glowing in the Cannington District. A record 900 marchers took part in the Anzac Day parade and several hundred attended the service and wreath-laying ceremony at the War Memorial on the corner of Manning Road and Albany Highway.

The parade, led by the Canning City brass band, included marshals and chaplain, a defence forces wreath-laying party, the Canning district sub-branch of the RSL, the Riverton branch of the RSL, the Wild Geese, the TS Canning RAN, the 52nd Regional Cadet Unit Training Corps, the pipe band of the Fremantle Sailing Club, No. 13 Flight RAAF Air Training Corps, No 1 Flight RAAF Air Training Corps, school wreath laying parties, the TS Canning Drum Corps and guides and scouts from the Cannington district. In charge of the parade was Lt. Col. Bob Hill (RL), a Military Cross winner and president of our sub-branch.

Among the dignitaries who attended were politicians George Gear (representing the Federal Government), Graham Kierath (representing the Federal Opposition), Judith Watson (representing the State Government) and Canning City Mayor, Stuart Clark.

Among ex-servicemen who helped make Anzac Day so memorable were Bert Neil, Sid Lawrence, Charlie Boag, Alf Faulds, Hugh Sorley, John Hillier, Jack Castle, Joe Sheppard and Peter Eales.

Social members who came to the fore when things go busy included Jeanette Chadwick, Ruby Wright, Marilyn Mayo, Kay Ker, Robin Walshe, Doreen Jones, Irene Hodgson, Anite Sampey, Eileen Hill and George Galdies and his excellent team of barmen.

Our social calendar is now printed and is available in the club. Our newly-formed Ladies’ Auxiliary should ensure that all functions are successful.

Popular membership officer Bob Dunne has been signing up new members and ensuring that all are made welcome. Doug Proctor has had a busy time decorating the walls of the sub-branch with memorabilia. Many thanks to Peter Eales and Jack Hodgson for their donations of new flags and Sam and David Sampey, John Hillier and Bert Neil for their donations.

Syd Lawrence and Bert Neil recently received “Certificates of Service” from president Bob Hill who paid glowing tributes to their outstanding service.

D. SMITH
Hon. Secretary

At the Cockburn Auxiliary meeting I had the pleasure of presenting Mrs Gwen Mortimore with a Life Membership and, on March 14, I attended the Bedford Morley Auxiliary’s meeting and was able to help them on several rules they were not acquainted with. Good luck in the future ladies. You are doing a sterling job! Mrs Taylor and her husband attended the service held at the Air Force Association, Bullcreek, on Sunday April 2 and, on Sunday April 23, I attended the service at the War Veteran’s Home and placed a wreath on behalf of the Auxiliary. Mrs Jolley placed a wreath at the Dawn Service on Anzac Day while I attended the service on the Esplanade.

I take this opportunity to thank the State President of the League, Mr Jim Hall, for his advice and help, Mr Gibbs and his staff for their assistance and my State Executive members and all Auxiliaries and sub-branches for their continued support during the year.

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Anzac Day has once again been a very busy time for us all, as I'm sure it was for other Auxiliaries. Catering for over 100 at the Dawn Service and 400 for the luncheon meant we all had our running shoes on, but it makes us very proud to be able to help our men on this special day.

Our membership is still on the increase this year with several new members joining us. We have already been kept busy with catering jobs and different functions, such as the D.V.A. Seminar and the 10th Lighthorse Reunion.

With the tiling of the toilets, plus new curtains, our hall renovations are almost completed.

One of our life members, Jeanie McGlashen, was presented with a silver platter from the ladies for her dedicated service of 26 years to this Auxiliary; let us hope we can all follow Jeanie’s example in the years to come.

We are looking forward to seeing most of you at the State Conference coming up in May.

Until next time, God bless.

JUDY PAULETTE

Secretary

Bunbury Women’s Auxiliary

BOOK REVIEWS

How to trace your military ancestors

by Ron Montague

144pp, Illustrated $14.95 paperback ISBN 086806 341 X;
$29.95 hardback ISBN 0 86806 3401

Do you have a soldier in the family? Most families do. From the mass recruitment drives of two world wars, right back to the Rum Corps, the unpaid volunteers assembled after the Crimean War, and the days when a career in the military was a favoured choice of the aspiring young gentlemen, wars and military service have touched the lives of millions.

Ron Montague served 12 years with the British Army before settling in Australia. After service in World War II, he was sent to Africa, Italy and India where he witnessed many ceremonies that were part of the granting of independence. The author of “Dress and Insignia” he is a member of the Military Historical Society of Australia.

Family historians will be pleased to discover that there are usually more records available for forebears in the armed forces than civilians. Among the records available are records and returns of service, pay lists and muster rolls, casualty returns and pension records.

In the past few years, there has been widespread popular interest in Australian history and genealogy. Local libraries report that over half their reference enquiries relate to these interests. The research itself can be quite painstaking and confusing and Ron Montague not only shows you how to trace your military ancestors, but provides a background Introduction to the phases of military history in Australia and New Zealand, and explains what records are available and why they are so complex.

The book is in four parts:

Part 1 - General overview since European Settlement.

Part 2 - The Imperial (British) records, constabulary and troop movements during 1788-1870.


Part 4 - Military memorabilia from Waterloo to Vietnam and, in addition, has a most informative series of appendices to assist the would-be do-it-yourselfer.

This is an excellent, concise history, and can be recommended to all who enjoy dipping into the byways of the past.

JOHN HARPER-NELSON

Your Retirement —

The Australian Retirement Guide

Published by Rutland Cowling-Smith Association 192pp $9.95 r.r.p.

In her foreword to this excellent new book Lady Sonia McMahon sums things up pretty succinctly with the phrase “Never in Australia’s history has there been such a time for a fruitful, fulfilling and exciting retirement”.


Each section is prefaced by an expert in that particular field — David Koch, who regularly comments on financial matters for the Macquarie Radio Network, summarises the Finance and Investment section, while John Dart, who is chief executive of the Australian Federation of Travel Agents, makes some important points in his piece introducing Holidays, Travel and Leisure. Dr James Wright, who we all know from his many and regular television, radio and press contributions, prefaced Health, Nutrition and Welfare, and Dr Ron Silberberg, national executive director of the Housing Industry Association writes knowledgeably and authoritatively, as one would expect — the preface to Stylish Living in Retirement.

‘Finance’ gives advise on the need for a financial adviser, the best way to roll over your 'super', how to choose the right approved deposit fund and much else. All good and thought-provoking.

‘Holidays, Travel and Leisure’ contains articles on holiday destinations, both within Australia and abroad. This reviewer was particularly entranced by
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the piece on India, as it brought back many wonderful memories of a not-too-distant two-month trip around that magic sub-continent. The article is entitled ‘Mystical land of contrasts’ which really sums up that fascinating country.

‘Stylish Living in Retirement’ is covered by an article guiding you on your choice of a retirement property, should you choose to move from your present home, and another piece on the importance of well-thought-out design as far as retirement villages are concerned. The section is brought to an end with articles on legislation and on the different forms of tenure as they impinge on retirement villages.

“Your Retirement” is lavishly illustrated and the layout is quite beautiful — a coffee table book, in fact.

How better to end this review but to quote once more from Lady McMahon’s foreword: ‘I am delighted to recommend this book to such a significant and important group of people, who are about to embark on what I hope will be an exciting new venture, and who wish to enhance the quality and purpose of this new life’.

“Your Retirement — The Australian Retirement Guide” is available from newsagents throughout Australia.

Courtesy: Rutland Cowling-Smith

Letters cont.

Saved from the scrap heap

Dear Editor,

A recent visit to a local salvage yard by Bellevue RSL Secretary Jock Barrington saved a piece of military history from being processed into scrap metal. He found a large memorial plaque cast with the following wording:

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Obviously, the two men were employees of Felton, Grimwade and Bickford Ltd, a local importing and manufacturing company that ceased to operate many years ago.

The practice of employers honouring fallen servicemen was quite common in the past, and one can recall Honour Rolls taking pride of place in business houses and retail stores throughout the country.

Concerning the plaque, Bellevue RSL will see it does not reach the scrap merchants, and, if any group or association feel they have claim to it, we would be pleased to place it in their care.

Vale

ERICA ROBIN

Soon after completing her basic training at the Royal Adelaide Hospital in 1925, Erica Robin went overseas to Ceylon where she nursed in a British hospital until the outbreak of war in 1939 when she joined the Queen Alexandra’s Royal Naval Nursing Service and was posted to the British Naval Base in Trincomalee. (This was one of the prime targets of the Japanese when they attempted to invade Ceylon in 1942 but were repulsed).

For the duration of the war and until 1956, Miss Robin remained in the Colombo area until she returned to live in Western Australia when she joined the staff of a private hospital that specialised in the care of psychiatric patients. Erica found great satisfaction in nursing and continued until her retirement which, unfortunately, was marred by ill health; this prevented her from joining in many of the sub-branch activities. She died in hospital on 15 January 1989, aged 87 years.

A memorial book has been placed in the library of the War Veteran’s Home in her honour.

VICTORIA HOBBBS

MARGARET ELIZABETH (PEG) ROSE

Peg Rose, a member of one of the State’s pioneer families, was born in W.A. and attended Presbyterian Ladies College. She trained as a nurse at the Royal Prince Alfred Hospital, Camperdown, NSW, obtained her obstetric certificate at the Women’s Hospital, Crown Street, Sydney and later qualified as an Infant Health Nurse.

In 1942, Peg joined the Australian Army Nursing Service. She was posted to the 2/6th AGH and saw service in Australia and Borneo.

After the war Sister Rose went to London and worked at the Great Ormond Street Hospital for Sick Children. Returning to Western Australia she was appointed Charge Sister of the private ward of the Perth Children’s Hospital (now PMH).

After gaining her diploma in Nursing Administration, Peg Rose was seconded to the Perth Chest Hospital for specialised study, subsequently joining the staff when it became the Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital and a general training school for nurses. Her name became synonymous with the ‘Gairdner’ where, with her great friend Olive Anstey, she remained until retirement.

She was one of a generation of nurses whose efforts resulted in establishing the Nurses’ Memorial Centre in Kings Park Road; as honorary secretary for many years, her expertise proved invaluable, and she was given distinguished honorary membership.

Sadly Peg became totally incapacitated and died in the Hollywood Village Hospital. The large number of her colleagues at her funeral on 7 March demonstrated the high esteem in which she was held.

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