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State President’s Message

The fight for the retention of the Repatriation Hospitals and for them to remain under the Department of Veterans’ Affairs is still on, and is fully supported by all State branches of the Returned Services League and the National Executive in Canberra. In Canberra there is a Unit and Kindred Associations meeting held regularly in conjunction with the National Executive of the RSL. In the main all Unit and Kindred Associations fully support the League’s stand. However RSL National Headquarters in Canberra received a letter from the Federal President of the Australian Federation of Totally and Permanently Incapacitated Ex-Servicemen and Women dated 20 September 1989 disassociating itself from the League’s stand.

The Directors of the TPI Association have directed that I write to inform you that the Federation had, prior to the August meeting of the Kindred Organisations Committee, informed the Minister for Veterans’ Affairs of its acceptance of the inevitability of hospital integration.

In the absence of official representation at the August KOC meeting, it (the Federation) wishes to disassociate itself both with the decisions taken at, and papers distributed following, that KOC meeting which opposed the integration of Repatriation hospitals into the respective State health systems.

RSL War Veterans’ Homes in Mandurah and Mount Lawley

On the 26 January 1990 the Board of the War Veterans’ Home received a letter from the Department of Community Services and Health which reads in part:—

The Minister for Housing and Aged Care, the Hon Peter Staples, has announced that funding of up to $1,555,200 has been allocated to your project to replace the Lonnie, Anderson and Collett wings of the War Veterans’ Home with up to 48 resident and one staff hostel places at Mt Lawley. A further $1,066,500 has been allocated to relocate the balance of places with 40 resident and one staff place in the Mandurah local government area at a site yet to be agreed upon. Certificate of Approval-In-Principle will be sent shortly. These provisional grants have been made available to assist your organisation in the construction of quality accommodation for older people in need of supported accommodation.

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

DATES:
15 June, 1990 — Official Opening (8.00pm)
16 June, 1990 — Working Sessions (9.30am)
17 June, 1990 — Working Sessions (9.30am)
VENUE: Gallipoli Room, Anzac House.

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

NOMINATIONS: Rule 28. All nominations for the position of President, Vice-Presidents (2) and Committeeemen (9 required), shall be made by a Sub-branch at a properly constituted meeting; shall be in writing and close with the State Secretary by Friday, 27 April, 1990 and all Sub-branches shall receive notification of all nominations received not less than one (1) month before the opening of Congress.

All nominees must be financial members of the State Branch and must signify their willingness to accept office.

All candidates for office in the League, whether paid or honorary, shall when nominated, declare themselves in full accord with the principles of the League.

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

LEAGUE TRUSTEES: League Trustees elected in 1987 for three years are: Messrs P. Pearson, CMG, OBE, JP; K. Broadhurst, FRAIA, ARIBA; R.N. Stone, AM, JP.

AGENDA ITEMS: All agenda items for State Congress must be accompanied by preamble for each item, be in writing and close with the State Secretary on 6 April, 1990. (Please submit Agenda items as soon as possible).

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

The following are suggested as appropriate headings for Agenda items:

(a) Immigration (i) Remembrance
(b) Defence (Poppy) Day
(c) Repatriation (j) Membership
(d) Listening Post (k) Anzac House
(e) Defence Service (l) Anzac Club
Homes (m) Constitution
(f) State War Memorial (National, State)
(g) Anzac Day (n) Administration
(h) War Veterans Homes

DELEGATE ENTITLEMENT: One delegate per 75 financial members, part thereof, and based on membership figures, as at 31 December 1989 with a limit of six (6) delegates per Sub-branch.

An accredited delegate may be extended to allow one delegate to represent more than one Sub-branch.

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

Delegates and proxy delegates to the Congress must be nominated on the official form, and in the hands of the State Secretary by 1 June, 1990. Late nominations will not be accepted.

CONGRESS LEVY: To be advised.

ANNUAL TROPHY COMPETITION: Entries for consideration in the various Trophy competitions should be submitted to the State Secretary no later than 27 April, 1990.

It has been pleasing to receive more entries over the last couple of years and all Sub-branches with small membership have equal opportunity with larger Sub-branches as this is taken into account on a proportionate basis.
New South Wales was the host state in January for the 23rd National RSL Bowls Carnival. Over 400 bowlers from around Australia, including 29 from WA, converged on Sydney for friendly competition for the Jack Hamilton VC, the Dr Sidney Krantz and the Sir Arthur Lee Trophies.

The Carnival was preceded by a wreath laying service at the War Memorial in Hyde Park where bowlers assembled to pay their respects to former comrades in arms who had paid the supreme sacrifice.

Congratulations go to Victoria for winning the Jack Hamilton VC Trophy and to NSW as victors in the Dr Sidney Krantz competition. Keenness was the byword in the Sir Arthur Lee National Fours, and the final was a keenly-fought game with NSW defeating Queensland comfortably.

One must make mention of the grand effort put up by the WA team of Jim McCall (Skip), Wally Butler, Franz Fuchsbichler and Doug Crombie who won all five games but had to lower their colour in the quarter final.

In compiling this report I am grateful to the Bowls President of WA, Max O'Loughlin, who assisted me.

NATIONAL PRESIDENT FOR 1991
Following the finals of all games and the presentation of trophies at the St George Club, the installation of the new National President, Max O'Loughlin, and the new National Secretary, Ted Philp, (both from WA) took place.

The next carnival will be held here at the end of the year. All bowlers intending to play are requested to contact the National Secretary as early as possible. Full information on the Carnival will be given in later editions of the Listening Post.

In conclusion — full marks to the contingent from WA for the manner in which they represented us.

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MILITIA OR "CHOCO" BATTALIONS ON THE KOKODA TRAIL

May I assist your correspondent (Jeff Sewell of Kewdale) to the Summer 1989 issue, who suggests "That an article or story be written in the 'Listening Post' about Militia Infantry Battalions which first met the Japanese advance over the Kokoda Trail in 1942 before the arrival of an AIF Division from the Middle East conflict."

The Militia Units in New Guinea when the Japanese first landed were the 30th Brigade (39th, 49th and 53rd Battalions) and the 14th Brigade (3rd, 36th and 55th Battalions). Infantrymen of the 39th Battalion were the first Australians to engage with the enemy on the Kokoda Trail.

The question "How or why were they stationed on the trail?" will become evident later.

In answer to further questions: the age group of men in the Militia Battalions would be 18 to 19, being conscripted at 18 though not allowed to enlist in the AIF for overseas service until 19. (New Guinea was then an Australian Territory). Most of the Officers and NCOs were from Citizen Military Forces who, in peacetime, had trained at drill halls throughout Australia. Also there were a number of permanent soldiers and some officers made available from AIF units. In New Guinea, when given the opportunity, many of the conscripts, though still under 19, transferred to the AIF, but continued with their units throughout the various campaigns.

Training, and particularly jungle training, was very limited, partly due to the heavy commitment for working parties unloading ships in Port Moresby. The adjustment to jungle conditions was quick: for self preservation, if for no other reason.

The early troops were sent to New Guinea with heavy service dress uniforms and unsuitable equipment and without proper tropical clothes or mosquito nets. It was many weeks before quinine was issued as a preventative against Malaria: "Atebrin" did not appear for some months later. By early 1943, in some units, all of the personnel were infected with malaria.

Although initially our troops were poorly equipped, this was rectified before they saw action; however, only light weapons were carried in the early encounters due to the long treks over the most difficult terrain to reach their objective. It was not possible to get heavy support weapons within range of the enemy until late September 1942, when 25-pounders (14th Australian Field Regiment) were brought to Owens Corner and were able to lob shells over the heads of our troops to blast Japanese positions which, by then, had advanced to Ioribaiwa Ridge.

"Chocos" proceeded to serve their country with distinction and a brand of heroism typical of Australian soldiers in other campaigns and other international conflicts.

I could not agree with the suggestion that "officers left in a hurry or deserted from the action on the trail". "It must be understood that, when skirmishes occurred, the opposing forces usually left the poorly-defined trails to take advantage of any cover the location provided. In horrific conditions on narrow mountain ridges, through almost impenetrable rain forests with continual rain, fog and mist and sometimes in darkness, communications were near impossible.

Many groups, and sometimes wounded individuals, became separated, lost their sense of direction and did very well to find their way back to make contact with our own troops. Some took up to six weeks and survived only by eating native fruits, berries, etc. In such harsh surroundings, it would not have been from choice that any person would have left the (somewhat doubtful) security of a main group.

Despite any controversial reaction this may cause, it is fair to say there was some rubbing of the so-called "Chocolate Soldiers" (Chocos), by members of the AIF — mainly in Australia (not where the action was) and mainly from those who were ill-informed. Possibly because the media could not name specific units in action (for security reasons), the efforts of the Militia Battalions were given little publicity and their efforts not fully recognised.

ERIC STALLARD NX. 129539
36th Australian Infantry Battalion

Mr Stallard's article will be continued in future issues. — Ed.
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Insurance Programme Honours 75th Anniversary of Anzac Day

The Official Life Insurance Programme of the RSL, Prime Life 50+, is once again being made available to members and their spouses between the ages of 50 and 75.

In addition, this year's invitation offers members who apply, an exclusive gift to commemorate the 75th Anniversary of ANZAC Day.

Oceanic Life, Underwriter of the Prime Life 50+ Programme, has commissioned a unique, limited edition lapel badge featuring “The Man with the Donkey” — an image which has long symbolised the courage and compassion of the ANZAC forces at Gallipoli and the first ANZAC Day, 25 April 1915.

Invitations to enrol in the Programme will be delivered by post this month, and all RSL members and spouses aged 50 to 75 are guaranteed to be accepted.

In addition, the RSL has made special arrangements so that your cover takes effect as soon as your enrolment is received by Oceanic, but your premium payments do not begin until 1 May 1990.

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ALIPPO PINE

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We dedicate the Listening Post cover of this ANZAC issue to Mr John M. McCleery DCM, Australia’s oldest surviving ANZAC veteran and the RSL’s oldest member.

Born on 25 April 1887 in Sydney, Mr McCleery enlisted in September 1914 and had his 28th birthday on the day of the landing at ANZAC Cove. He won his Distinguished Conduct Medal in the early days of the campaign, was wounded in the shoulder and sent back to Australia on 25 May 1915. He lives in a Perth retirement village, proud of his grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Mr McCleery will be part of the Gallipoli contingent that will leave Australia on 20 April. Travelling by VIP RAAF aircraft with him will be four other ANZAC veterans, Messrs W.D. Bevis of Wembley, A.W. Brooks of Bayswater, J.H. Norris of Floreat Park and L.F. Hall of Scarborough.

Mrs A. Furze of Doubleview will represent War Widows, and Junior Legatee Miss N. Byles of Busselton will represent the children of Western Australia.

The contingent will include Navy personnel aboard HMAS Tobruk, an RAN submarine, a frigate and possibly HMAS Stalwart.

A staff of medical personnel and carers will look after the needs of the veterans on what promises to be a most memorable 75th Anniversary of the landing at ANZAC Cove.

PATRICIA BALFE
Editor
Commonwealth Department of Veterans’ Affairs

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The sights and sounds of past battles featured in the dedication ceremony for the National Memorial to the Australian Army. The Memorial joins a number of others along the length of the ANZAC Parade in Canberra commemorating Servicemen and women.

Paraded at the ceremony were 34 Standards, Guidons, Colours and Banners of the Australian Army and the RSL, many carrying battle honours which span more than 100 years of service in many parts of the world. They came from Regular Army and Army Reserve Corps and Regiments from around Australia, and from the Australian Cadet Corps.

The Memorial is the work of Western Australian sculptor Joan Walsh-Smith. Initial design and planning was by the National Capital Planning Authority (formerly the National Capital Development Commission).

It comprises two 4.6 metre statues of Diggers on patrol, set against a backdrop of seven stone pillars. The pillars represent the seven major overseas campaigns in which Australian soldiers have fought and died—Sudan, Boer War, World War I, World War II, Korea, Malaya and South Vietnam.

Soldiers and nurses dressed in the uniforms of the various conflicts, detachments from all the Corps of today's Army, and a Royal Guard of Honour provided by the Royal Military College of Australia took part in the ceremony, during which a 21-gun salute was fired.

The heroes and those who supported the fighting man and his family over the years were not forgotten in the arrangements.

Victoria Cross winners Sir Roden Cutler (World War II) and Mr Keith Payne (Vietnam) attended the ceremony, while the Red Cross, Salvation Army, Legacy and War Widows' Guild were also represented on the official guest list.

LIEUTENANT COLONEL IAN EDWARDSON, Directorate of Public Relations, Department of Defence, Canberra.
At the start of World War II, Richard Haynes Utting, of Peppermint Grove, volunteered for service as a Lieutenant in the Royal Australian Navy Volunteer Reserve (RANVR).

War had started half a world away in a militaristic Europe, a long way from the peaceful suburbs of Perth, WA.

Lieutenant Utting was promptly posted to the Royal Navy in England which was fighting a losing battle against German U boats striving to sink merchant ships and thereby close off England's lifelines.

After participating in the defence of the UK, Lieutenant Utting sailed for Iceland as Navigating Officer of a British Destroyer operating to the Russian port of Archangel, far to the north of the Arctic Circle.

The Royal Navy was escorting large convoys of Allied Merchant ships carrying vital war supplies to the Russian armies who were desperately holding back the German panzers from the heartland of Russia.

The British convoy route was from Iceland to Archangel. The Navy crews had to face bitterly cold Arctic weather conditions as well as continuous attacks from German U boats, torpedo boats and Stuka divebombers. Heavy casualties were suffered by the Navy crews and the merchant seamen who manned the freightships. One convoy was completely wiped out by a determined German attack. Despite this setback, Churchill ordered that the convoys should continue.

After two years' service on the Russian front, Lieutenant Utting was transferred to the Ceramic. In mid-Atlantic at 2000 hours on 6 December 1942, three torpedoes struck. The crew took to the lifeboats.

As darkness fell, a fierce gale engulfed the lifeboats which were swamped. The U boat surfaced. One survivor was dragged on board the U boat with a boathook. This sole survivor spent the remainder of the war in a German POW camp. His report written on his repatriation to England at the war's end is a sad story. It must be assumed that the ship's crew perished in the stormy waves of the Atlantic Ocean.

Richard Utting who was 27 years old left a wife, Beryl, and two very young children, Judith and Jenny. Also a father, mother, five brothers and a sister.

This is a sad day for Richard's family. However, they are pleased that after 47 years the Russian Government has, by the award of this decoration for heroism, recognised the gallant services rendered to Russia and the Allied victory by Lieutenant Richard Utting and the 46 other heroes who are remembered here today.

Sadly, later in the war which had engulfed the whole world, Richard's youngest brother, Able Seaman Peter Septimus Utting was killed in action on HMAS Australia. In 1944 the flagship of the Royal Australian Navy, Australia, was in the van of the American invasion fleet of Lingayen Gulf, in the Philippines. The Japanese air force fiercely attacked the Allied invasion fleet. During the battle a Kamikaze aircraft struck Australia amidships crippling the cruiser and inflicting many casualties among the crew. Peter Septimus Utting who was manning a 4-inch AA gun was severely wounded and died of his wounds later on the same day. He was just 21 years old.

"They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old. Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun, and in the morning, we will remember them."

Written by John Utting in sad memory of his brothers, for the ceremony of the award to Richard's wife Beryl, of the Russian Commemorative Medal. 47 medals were awarded to Australian veterans by the Russian Ambassador to Australia at Anzac House, Perth, on 23 November 1989.

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Australian soldiers serving in Iran with the United Nations have taken time out from their peacekeeping duties to pay tribute to their brothers in arms who died in the Middle East during World War I.

Three Australians are among the 188 war dead buried in the Hamadan Military Cemetery in Tehran, where the soldiers of the United Nations Iran-Iraq Military Observer Group (UNIIMOG) held their remembrance service.

The three World War I graves are those of: 1180 Sergeant W. Davis, DCM, MM, 17th Battalion, AIF, died July 7, 1918; 1427 Sergeant C. Olson, 29th Battalion, AIF, died September 6, 1918; and 7675 Sergeant C.F. Alien, 1st Australian and New Zealand Wireless Signal Squadron, Australian Engineers, died August 5, 1918.

War Graves Office records show that Sergeant Alien, from Mosman, NSW, died of enteric fever and that Sergeant Olson, from Footscray, Vic, was struck down by malaria. Central Army Records Office state that Sergeant Davis, Camden Haven, NSW, died of cholera.

Both Sergeants Davis and Olson are listed as being members of "Dunsterforce".

This force, of about 670 Australian, British, Canadian, and South African volunteers, was raised in early 1918 and led by Major General L.C. Dunsterville.

Its task was to organise Russian and other local resistance against invasion by the Germans and the Turks in Persia and Mesopotamia after the collapse of the Russian Caucasus Army.

Sergeant Allen served in Mesopotamia with the Wireless Signal Squadron.

The Australian and New Zealand Signals units there, though frequently under fire, lost no life through enemy action.

Disease and heatstroke however caused the death of two officers and 18 other ranks.

During the remembrance service, led by Lieutenant Colonel Gary Stone, the UNIIMOG soldiers also paid special tribute to Captain Peter McCarthy, a friend of many present, who was killed on United Nations Service in Lebanon in January 1988.

The horror of war, and its tragic cost in lives, is very apparent to the men in UNIIMOG as they patrol daily through devastated towns in the midst of two armies still confronting each other along a fragile ceasefire line.

The 15 Australians in Iran comprise the third consecutive contingent to serve with the UN Observer Group.

LIEUTENANT COLONEL IAN EDWARDSON
Directorate of Public Relations
Department of Defence
Canberra.

Commander of the UNIMOG Australian Contingent, Lieutenant Colonel Gary Stone, left, of Reid, Canberra, and Mr Robert Newton, First Secretary (Political), Australian Embassy Tehran, prepare to lay a wreath on the memorial in the Tehran cemetery as Australian soldiers of the contingent stand in silent tribute.
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Part 2

This is part two of Peter Firkins’ Blamey Oration. Further parts of his address will appear in future issues of the Listening Post.
EDITOR

General Sir Brudenell White

General Sir Brudenell White was the architect of raising the first AIF. He had prepared mobilisation plans prior to the outbreak of war on 4 August 1914 and by 24 October 36 transports were assembling in King George’s Sound, Albany, to carry the 1st Australian Infantry Division, three regiments of Light Horse and supporting troops totalling 20,000 men to the war front. It was a stupendous exhibition of leadership and organisation from a standing start.

White was born in the small Victorian town of Saint Arnaud in 1876, the seventh child of Irishman John White, a former officer in the Rifle Brigade, and his wife, Mysie who represented the finest of Australian pioneering stock.

Six feet three inches tall, John White possessed all the better characteristics of the “country gentleman”; good looks, high ideals, aristocratic bearing, and expert horsemanship. His wife was the personification of the gentle, deeply religious Irishwoman, and together they raised a large and loving family. This devoted family background had a profound effect on all the children, but particularly on the son whom they named Cyril Brudenell Bingham White. His doting parents could hardly have anticipated the illustrious career that lay ahead of him, nor that he would be described by his great contemporary, General Sir John Monash, as “far and away the ablest soldier Australia has ever turned out”.

The White family moved from Victoria to Queensland where they experienced all the vicissitudes of early Australian country life, from great wealth to comparative poverty. But whatever their circumstances, they were always surrounded by animals, particularly horses and dogs. Brudenell White later recorded that he was “practically brought up on horseback.”

He was educated at various schools in Brisbane, but with his father’s fortunes on the ebb became a clerk with the Australian Joint Stock Bank at the age of 15.

Determined that his future should not suffer because of this, he began to study law in his spare time, with the intention of qualifying as a barrister.

He became disenchanted with banking very early in his career, and he drove himself to study late at night and again in the early morning, before riding to the bank on horseback.

Soon, fate took a guiding hand. An older bank official, Richard Dowse, was adjutant of the Queensland Volunteer Rifles, and he invited young White to a weekend exercise. This experience, as White wrote long afterwards, “gave me my first idea of soldiering.”

But the law remained his paramount ambition, and he continued to study it for another three long years, until the bank transferred him to Gympie and he came under the influence of two other men who were also keen citizen soldiers. One was Captain C.B. Steele, commander of the Wide Bay Infantry Regiment, and White made the decision that was to influence his life profoundly when, in 1897, he was commissioned as a junior officer in the Regiment.

In the same year, he was transferred by the bank to Charters Towers, but the opportunity soon arose for him to escape the chains of banking. Applications were called for the appointment of officers to the Queensland Permanent Artillery. He had only three weeks to prepare for the examinations that normally required 12 months study. He told his mother there just wasn’t time for him to cover the syllabus, but she encouraged him to try. With coaching from his old headmaster, Major A.J. Boyd, and Captain J.J. Byron of the Permanent Artillery, he sat for the examination and passed top of the list. From then on, his career never flagged.

The various Colonies were about to have their permanent forces integrated into the Commonwealth defence forces, so he was an officer of the Queensland Permanent Artillery for a very short period before becoming a member of the Australian Army. In 1902 he went to South Africa as a subaltern in the Commonwealth Horse and fought in the final stages of the war with the mobile columns under Major-General Ian Hamilton.

During the voyage home, more than 1000 time-expired Australian troops staged an open mutiny. White was ship’s adjutant and managed to pacify the men’s grievances, which probably were fairly justified, but the incident tested his qualities of leadership.

Shortly after returning to Australia he was appointed ADC to General Hutton, whose soldierly and gentlemanly qualities had a profound influence on the character of the Australian forces and on the officers who served under him. Late in life, White recalled that “Curly” Hutton was “one of the finest and greatest soldiers I have ever known.”

In 1905, White married and was selected to be the first Australian officer to attend the British Staff College. With his wife and baby daughter, he spent 1906-7 at Camberley. Here he met two British Army officers who were to render distinguished service with the 1st AIF: Duncan Glasford, a Scottish officer who transferred to the AIF and played a gallant role during the first days on Gallipoli, and was later killed in action as a brigadier at the Somme battle in 1916, and John Gellibrand, a
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Tasmanian, who was destined to command the 3rd Australian Division and become one of Australia’s great leaders.

While he was at Camberley, White attracted the favourable attention of its Commandant, Brigadier Henry Wilson; later to be Chief of the Imperial General Staff during the latter period of the first World War. Wilson once told him, “If there are any more like you in Australia, young man, send them over here. We can do with them.”

White finished the course at Camberley with great distinction. Wilson’s final report on him stated in part: “With a lack of soldiering experience as compared with his companions, his results have been eminently satisfactory and he promises to be an excellent staff officer.”

The War Office communicated with the Defence Department in Melbourne, suggesting that White should be appointed “General Staff Officer, third grade, at headquarters with pay of 500 pounds per annum.” His next three years were spent training and lecturing to regular British Army divisions stationed in Great Britain and Ireland.

White was recalled to Australia in 1911 to assist in the implementation of the Kitchener scheme, and appointed to one of the key positions in the Australian Army, as Director of Military Operations and Chief Assistant to the Chief of the General Staff Brigadier J.M. Gordon, but suffered a drop in rank from colonel to major.

His new appointment gave him the opportunity of living with troops in camp again. He was a most strenuous advocate of the “part-time army” principle, and his enthusiasm for Australia’s citizen soldiers was a significant feature of his military career. At Gallipoli he told the official Australian war historian, Dr. C.F.W. Bean, “With the cadet drills we have, if every part of the time is properly used on essentials, and with, say, ten days continuous camp for the men, we can produce troops fit to be sent abroad like the Australians at Gallipoli.”

Besides his responsibility for supervising the training of Australia’s citizen army, during these years he also saw Australia’s need for a blueprint, not only for mobilisation, but also for the despatch of an expeditionary force in case of war between Britain and Germany. White had drawn up a plan for mobilisation, but successive Ministers for Defence rejected his proposals to plan for the despatch of a substantial contingent to aid Britain at short notice.

However, a compromise was reached as a result of an approach by General Godley, who had been lent to New Zealand by the British Army, backed up by General Gordon, Chief of the Australian Staff. In 1912 they suggested to the Australian Minister for Defence, Senator G.F. Pearce, that a joint Australian and New Zealand plan should be adopted in case either country was invaded. At a subsequent meeting it was agreed that the proportion should be based on the number of troops which each country had sent to the South African War, so that the proposed division would consist of 12,000 Australians and 6,000 New Zealanders.

When Gavril Princep fired the shot that sparked off Europe’s powder-keg, it was soon apparent that Britain would be drawn into the war. On 1 August, Major White, Colonel V.C.M. Sellheim, the Adjutant General, and the Secretary of the Naval Board attended a Cabinet meeting, to discuss what aid Australia could offer to Britain.

Prime Minister Cook asked White if Australia had any plan for the despatch of forces overseas. He guaranteed that a force of 12,000 men could be raised and despatched in six weeks. But, as Canada had offered 30,000 men, the Prime Minister enquired if a force of 20,000 men could be organised in the same time. White replied that there was a very fair chance of the additional men being enlisted, armed and dispatched within six weeks, and as a result of these assurances Cook authorised the offer of 20,000 men.

When war was declared on 4 August 1914, General Bridges was selected to lead the Australian division and White was promoted to lieutenant-colonel and appointed its Chief of Staff.

White’s service under Bridges was the beginning of his role as Chief of Staff to a succession of Australian field commanders, each of whom he served with distinction, loyalty and self-effacement. He admired Bridge’s great intellect, judgment, and honesty, and found his death to be a grievous loss.

White was responsible for drawing up the plans for the withdrawal of the troops from Anzac and Suvla sectors on Gallipoli which was described by the British Official History as a “model of precision and clear thinking, the proof of his brilliant planning being that 80,000 men were withdrawn in two nights for the loss of six men wounded.”

When, after much political pressure, it was decided that an Australian should be appointed as leader of the Australian Corps in France to succeed General Birdwood, the choice lay between two outstanding soldiers — White and Sir John Monash. In the event, Monash was selected, but there is no doubt that White would have been a fitting appointment to lead the finest Corps on the Western Front. It should be added that Lt-General Sir Talbot Hobbs was also considered but, although well qualified to command any other Corps on the Western Front, was considered too gentlemanly to deal with the demands of the British High Command.

White had enormous responsibilities in France as Birdwood’s Chief of Staff, and when the war ended he returned to Australia to become Chief of the General Staff until his retirement in 1923. During this phase of his career he prepared a plan for a citizen army that was “real and not a sham”. His programme called for the training of all Australian
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Youths and their allocation to specific units in the event of mobilisation. But the enormous casualties of World War 1 had developed a war weariness in the public, and his plans were shelved.

On leaving the Army he was appointed by Prime Minister Bruce to chair a commission which had been formed to re-organise the Public Service. He bought a farm in 1926 which, with his wife and son, he developed until 1939 when he retired permanently to the land.

However, with the outbreak of the second World War, he was recalled as Chief of the General Staff again.

The mobilisation plans he drew up for the 1st AIF were used for the raising of the 2nd AIF as was the charter prepared for service of the AIF overseas. This established four principles which, in short, guaranteed the independence of the AIF as an Australian force under its own commander subject only to the control of the Australian Government.

He was promoted to the rank of full General but died tragically on 3 March 1940 in a disastrous air accident at Canberra in company with three Federal Government Ministers, including the Minister for Army, and so Australia prematurely lost a great man and an outstanding military leader.

A message of thanks and good wishes for Christmas ... members of the Australian Electoral Commission who recently served as Election Supervisors with the United Nations Transition Assistance Group, Namibia, pack a Christmas hamper for the Australian soldiers serving with the peacekeeping force. The hamper is a gift from the Supervisors in recognition of the support and hospitality they received from the soldiers during the recent election. Pictured from front centre left, clockwise are: Elizabeth Thurbon, Brian Reaby, Peta Dawson, Rick Williams, Kathy Leslie, Trevor Wilson and Dezma Young.
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"Wot the 'ell — how many more times d'you want me to say how it started?" But Moth Dawson, the editor of this bobsworth of tripe was adamant. Heatedly he exclaimed "You've got to do it now!" —which sounds as familiar as an old war song. So here goes, but it gives me the pip, as I will have to guard as much as possible against the use of the pronoun "I".

Seventeen months ago, or to give it the right date, June 1927, the editor of "The Natal Mercury", Moth Kingston Russell, held a conversation with me (which was very good of him!) about the tragedy of forgetfulness amongst comrades of the war. He's here goes, but it gives me the pip, as an expression to a wonderful memory. (which was very good of him!) about the tragedy of Remembrance. Very of the Moths, (One Shell hole to prop it up somewhere, cock my legs up on the table — if the wife isn't looking — and admire my noble effort!)

When I finished this "Forgetfulness" cartoon, I stared at it for a while to see if it could be improved in any way. Suddenly, for no reason at all, the idea of an Order of Tin Hats came into my upper storey. Just a hunch — or a fluke.

"Order of Tin Hats", I said to myself, "that would be OTH, to use the initial letters; pity I cannot coin a word out of it!" So, as I have done on other occasions, I ran through the alphabet, until I came to "M". I was still staring at the cartoon while I was thinking. The word "Forgetfulness" and the letter "M" gave me the sudden idea, "'ell! I sang out to the wife — eh — wife, here's a damn fine idea, Memorable Order of Tin Hats!"

It took several meetings to start it, as the bounders were expressing the spirit of the Moths quite early on by taking up time telling war yarns. We decided to run it as a non-charitable idea — also non-political and non-religious. All we were after was to revive the Army and Navy's wartime spirit of comradeship.

1. Mutual Help — not charity — in the Shellhole. (One Shellhole I know of has got jobs for eight of its members who were up against it).

2. Sound Memory — when each Shellhole meets, it makes a break in the evening's fun, the lights are put out, the candle lit on the tin hat — just as it was in 1914-18 — and the boys solemnly but smartly sing our anthem, "Old Soldiers Never Die, They Simply Fade Away". This is instead of the embarrassing one-minute silence, standing in Memory of Fallen Comrades. Coupled with Fallen Comrades is all those comrades still suffering from the war. Before the candle is blown out and the usual lights put on, the Shellhole unitedly sings the chorus of "Tipperary". Once a year, at Armistice time, the Shellholes unite in a Soldiers' Concert.

We decided on no "officialism". The head of the Order and of each Dugout (District) should be known as "Old Bill". And that's where I fell in it. I tried hard to bring Colonel Molyneux in for that post. But nothing doing! "It's your idea", they said, "so you're Old Bill!" Well, I'm resigned to it now. I try to make speeches when called upon, but talk more like a wet hen than Old Bill!

When all details were finalised Mr Russell said, "Go and get 50 tin hats made, about the size of a sixpence!" "Wot the 'ell!" I thought, but managed to get them. They cost about eight quid, because we had to have a "die" made. Mr Russell and I agreed to go fifty-fifty on the eight pounds indebtedness if the idea didn't go. It went all right! The 50 hats and certificates went within an hour of their arrival in Mercury Lane. And so it has gone on.

Today we are close on the 16,000 mark. In fact we are over that, if we take in propaganda. We have our own GHQ Orderly Room (Office) now. And to give an idea of what it has grown to, the Honorary Secretary, Moth Tony Andrews, has answered to date well over 3,000 letters. That's apart from all other organisation work. He and your humble work every lunch hour, with lunch in one hand and work in the other. He works nearly every night, too. I'll get the bird when he reads this — but no matter! I feel that although to him it's a labour of love — it nevertheless should be recorded here. There isn't a man breathing who doesn't like to know his work is appreciated. It's only fair and square.

Now you know how it all started. There are very many others who have done Trojan work in promoting the Order, notably our Bert! (Moth constable). But I trust — in fact I know — that they'll understand if I put all their names in this bit I would never be finished!

Finally chaps, I make no great claim to starting the Moths. I feel I just presented an idea. And I stand today where I was when it first started. "If the boys don't like the idea — well, they don't like it!" And that's all there is to it.

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An expedition is now on the way to cross the interior of Dutch New Guinea. It is led by Mr Walter Goodfellow, a well known British ornithologist; other members of the party are Mr A.F.R. Wollaston, recently medical officer to the Ruwenzori Expedition, Captain C.G. Rawlings and Dr Eric Marshall, who accompanied Sir E. Shackleton on his dash to the South Pole. The region to be explored is new and entirely unknown, and the difficulties of access to it are tremendous — so tremendous, in fact, that they have driven back several intrepid men who have already made the attempt. It is assuredly not through want of courage that New Guinea still remains to civilised nations the one completely unread page of the earth’s manuscript, and it is the object of this expedition to open this closed page and to reveal to the waiting world the mystery of what is written there.

There are several reasons why this new ground is so hard to break. To get the necessary carriers is an exceedingly difficult task. The coast natives will not carry; coax them, badger them, even bribe them though one may, they will still remain obdurate. They have a great fear of the inland mountain tribes who have a somewhat ferocious reputation, and certainly lead an utterly savage life. With the exception of canoes for the streams, man is the only means of transport, and not many miles from the coast one has to cut one’s way through dense forest.

Another drawback is the difficulty of the native language, of which there are many, the dialect of one village often differing entirely from that of the next. At the mouth of the Mimetika, where it is probable this expedition will land, the country is very damp and swampy for miles round. From here one sees during the north-west monsoon looming out of the purple distance, when the atmosphere is clear, the wondrous snowy peaks of the Charles Louis range, and the sight in its splendid majesty is altogether enthralling.

The natives of this place and those of the more remote interior afford a wonderfully interesting study of primitive man — unspoiled by outside contact or influence. They are just nature’s children, who love their land and love not the intrusion of the white stranger, of whom they have a great fear. This perhaps accounts for their extreme hostility to Europeans. Peace is an unknown quantity in their lives, which are spent in constant warfare one with another. Restless and unashamed, they roam, and their customs are extremely revolting. But low as these men are in the scale of humanity, they are infinitely preferable to the natives of the few coast settlements who have been influenced by the Arabs and Chinese. These are intolerable. “Having spent several years in New Guinea, I was struck (writes A.S. Pratt, in the “Graphic”) by the difference in the two types, the one civilised and the other quite the reverse.”

New Guinea is the largest island in the world after Australia, and is the richest ornithologically on the earth, and while it is more than probable that the interior is the home of many Paradise birds as yet unknown to science, it is unquestionably the habitat of many other natural history treasures which have yet to surprise and enrich the world.


WHERE ENMITY IS UNIVERSAL

A NATIVE HOUSE IN DUTCH NEW GUINEA

The picture represents a native house in the Central Arfak Mountains, Dutch New Guinea. The old traditions of blood feuds are strong here, and every man’s hand is against his neighbor. At night the main entrance of these houses is closed with immense balks of timber for fear of attack by the inhabitants of the next house, perhaps only a few hundred yards away. At this elevation —3600 feet — the natives sleep over fires at night on account of the cold.

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A whaling industry was established in Bather's Bay in 1837 and whale oil became one of the colony's first export commodities. As the bay was ringed by cliffs, a tunnel was required to ease movement of goods between the waterfront and High Street. In June 1837 the Perth Gazette reported: "A proposal has been made to the Government by the Fremantle Whaling Company...to carry out a breakwater, in order to afford a facility to shipping of 150 tons to discharge cargo. The condition required by the company on the part of the Government is, that a tunnel should be cut from the jetty through the rock under the Jail communicating with High-street."

Later in June the Colonial Secretary informed the Fremantle Whaling Company that the Governor had approved construction of the tunnel and agreed to provide prisoner labour if work commenced within three or four months. Henry Willey Reveley, the colony's civil engineer, established a route for the tunnel; work commenced early in August 1837 and was completed in January 1838. The company was granted a seven year lease and could levy a toll on goods moved through the tunnel.

The eastern entrance of the tunnel was framed by steps leading from High Street to the Round House. The two landings each had flights running down towards the street but these were removed when the steps were modified in the mid 1960s to make way for a railway line.

Philip Snell-Chauncey surveyed the headland in 1844 and recorded the dimensions of the tunnel in his field book. Because the western entrance was angled, the northern wall (66.78 metres) was longer than the southern one (63.56 metres). The tunnel was 18 links (3.62 metres) wide and 14 feet (4.27 metres) high. The headland was quarried in the nineteenth century, shortening the tunnel to its present length of 46 metres. Quarrying provided stone for buildings on and around the headland and for land reclamation.

The whaler's tunnel continued to be used for access after the company closed their operations in 1850. It was even suggested, in the Inquirer, in 1850, that if gates were fitted to the tunnel entrances and "sentinels" stood guard, it would be "the safest, least expensive, and soonest prepared place for the anticipated convicts". Needless to say the first convicts arrived in June 1850, but were not locked in the tunnel.

In 1905 a power house was built on Point Marquis by the Fremantle Municipal Tramways and Electric Lighting Board to provide electricity for trams and lighting. The facade of Car Barn, where trams were housed, has been preserved as part of Marina Village opposite the Round House. Cables were laid through the tunnel to carry electricity from the Power House to the Car Barn and along High Street. The tunnel was again used for services in 1916 when sewerage and water pipes were laid between the foreshore and High Street. The cables were removed after the closure of the Power House in 1919, and sewerage and water pipes were disconnected when a new railway line was laid at the foot of the Round House steps in the mid 1960s.

After Fort Arthur's Head was established (1905-06) a spur tunnel was dug from the back of the quarters to the whaler's tunnel. This was probably an escape route for army personnel if attacked by an enemy.

By 1930 both ends of the tunnel had been barricated with sheets of galvanised iron and the area was run down. The Royal Western Australian Historical Society embarked on a campaign to restore the Round House and beautify its surroundings. In 1937 the State Government, Fremantle Harbour Trust, Railways Department and Fremantle Council agreed to fund the work. Gates were ordered for either end of the tunnel, from the Cyclone Fence Company in May 1938 and, once installed, were kept locked.

When major conservation work was undertaken on the Round House in 1975-76, the whaler's tunnel was sprayed with concrete to strengthen it. Although much of its surface was covered, remnants of natural stone and brick lining can still be seen.

Archaeological investigations of the tunnel in 1988 revealed the service trenches and the original floor, part of which had been exposed. The tunnel was re-opened to the public and again provides a link between High Street and the foreshore.

Part of the breakwater built by the Fremantle Whaling Company in 1837 has been uncovered and can be seen at the northern end of the beach.

David S. Wood
September 1988

This information sheet was compiled from reports by Debby Cramer and David Wood. The reports are available for inspection at the Fremantle Library.

Courtesy: Fremantle City Council.
INTERLUDE IN BOSTON

En route to England to commission H.M.A.S. Shropshire we crossed America by train. We found U.S.S. Fargo, the American Naval barracks in Boston to be beyond our wildest dreams. Food was such as we'd never tasted before, leave almost unlimited, comfortable quarters, and in Boston itself, the kindest of citizens, who went out of their way to make our stay worthwhile.

Fargo itself was on a tram route out of the city. Wide and much used roads ran each side. One thing that always filled us with amazement was Fargo's ceremony of hoisting the flag every morning at 0800 hrs. The barracks had a very large brass band, complete with enormous sousaphones, double and single basses, glockenspiels, and every other instrument in between. At 0755 every day, the band filed through the main doors and took up their position in the middle of the carriageway. In doing so, they blocked off all traffic — trams, trucks, cars, the whole lot came to a complete standstill.

We could never understand it. Almost as far as the eye could see were lines of stationary traffic. They played music up to a minute before 0800, then right on the dot, although where they got the exact time from we never found out, the strains of "The Star-spangled Banner" burst upon the morning air. Tram passengers stood to attention, those in cars sat quite still, those on foot stood to attention, hands on hearts.

The band always went into "open order" on reaching the street, played the anthem, then reverted to "closed order" to march off back into the barracks. Only then could the traffic begin to move. It seemed so strange to us, that such a large amount of traffic should be forced to a standstill every day, in a salute to patriotism, but we found that Americans as a whole are very patriotic.

Fargo had the largest undercover sports complex we had ever seen. It held six basketball courts, several boxing rings, gymnasiums with every type of equipment, and a swimming pool. I was watching a game of basketball one day when an officer came and asked if I would score the game. I told him I'd never seen the game played before, so he said "Don't they play it in your country?" I said "No, Sir only the girls." In fact, before the war, there were only about six men's teams in Australia, most of them in Hobart.

The officer could hardly believe his ears, he must have thought that Australia was a very backward country indeed.

He would not have been far wrong, in Boston us "Arzies" saw quite a few things we'd never thought existed, like iced drinking water fountains on every floor of the barracks, a cafeteria messhall that provided 5000 meals in an hour with air-conditioning throughout. All the department stores in the shopping district were a godsend. It was bitterly cold outdoors, so we ducked into the stores to get warm. A policeman on point duty at a big city intersection blew his whistle every time he changed the flow of traffic. At the same time he yelled all sorts of things at every motorist as they passed. He was worth going a long way to see and hear. These things and many more besides, made our interlude in Boston something to remember all our lives.

PHIL JAY ex RAN

HOME

By W.X.29805
Pte W. Primrose (deceased)

I sit and dream in a tropical heat,
And curse the mossies, crickets and tinned meat,
I dream of my home that I left long ago,
Of my mother, father, and friends I know.

I dream of pleasures and comforts I miss,
Of a sweet pleasant face I love to kiss,
A sweet understanding mother ever so dear,
Who cares and looks after you year after year,
Who never complains once in that long time,
Of the worries and hardships of the long climb.

I dream of my pal, the best you'll ever get,
And that is my father, the best cobber yet,
I'd give up all I possess to be out of this heat,
Even unto my last ounce of fresh killed meat,
To lean on a bar, and toast with a pot,
To that pal of mine, the best I've got.

I used to complain of a cold frosty morn,
Of having to get out of bed just after dawn,
I now lay tossing all night with the heat,
And by morning feel tired, sore and dead beat,
I'll give you a tip if you're thinking to roam,
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The 50th Anniversary reunion of the formation of the Royal Canadian Air Force (Women's Division) will be held in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada from 14-16 June 1991. All wartime Air Women are invited to attend. Details may be obtained from Viviane J. Dutton, President, Manitoba Ex-RCAF (WO) 6-1 Laval Drive, Winnipeg, MB R3T 2X8, Canada.

IAN GOLLINGS
National Secretary

WRAAF Association (WA) Branch

Our interstate reunion will be held on the weekend of 7-8 October, 1991 at AFA, Bull Creek. All ex-WRAAF and members still serving are invited. For further information contact: Eileen Southern, 31 Larrissa Road, Willetton, WA 6155. Telephone (09) 457 8628.

No. 4 Army Co-op Squadron, RAAF

A reunion to celebrate the passing of 50 years since the reforming of No. 4 Squadron, (later No. 4 Tac/R Sqn.) will be held at Queanbeyan, NSW, near Canberra, on 12-14 October 1990.

The Squadron was placed on a Cadre basis in March 1919, after its return from France where it served with distinction. It was formed at Point Cook on 16 October 1916.

No. 4 Squadron was reformed at Richmond on 17 June 1940. During WWII it served as an Army Co-operation squadron (later Tac/R) continuously with Australian and American ground forces from Buna and Borneo.

Please contact:
Mal Lackey, President, 2/52 Chuter Avenue, Ramsgate, 2217 Phone (02) 529 3037, or Paul Muir, Secretary, 35 Simmat Avenue, Condell Park, 2200 Phone (02) 790 1361.

2/7 Aust Inf Bn

Members who served with this battalion will be marching in the parade on Anzac Day. Several well-known members from Eastern States are expected to visit for the occasion.

A sincere invitation is made to 2/5 Bn, 2/6 Bn and other 17 Brigade veterans to join in behind the 2/7 Bn banner.

Enquiries to 387 6732 or 339 2182
V. SPRIGG
(WA Representative)

Long Tan Day 1990

The Vietnam Veterans along with Tom Price Sub-branch are holding a reunion/get-together over the Weekend of 17-19 August 1990 at Tom Price.

Vietnam Veterans, RSL members, familly and friends will be most welcome. For more information please contact: Kerry Smith Ex 1 COY RAASC South Vietnam 66-67, P.O. Box 131, Tom Price, WA 6751.

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Letters To The Editor

Foreign ownership
Dear Editor,

In view of so much comment regarding foreign investments — particularly Japanese — “taking over” and buying into many industries, hotels, motels, businesses and land etc., it is time we urged all governments and politicians to act and put a stop to it before it is too late: restrict all foreign investments to 40% (the media TV and radio is 20%) and make sure that Australians will retain our country’s assets. How would these foreigners feel if we did the same to them?

There is a Japanese-Australian link operating very efficiently in Australia today with one very active sub-committee here in Belmont; they have a “sister-city” relationship with Adachi Japan. They have completed one Japanese Garden Lake outside the Council Building and the proposal is to have it named “Adachi”. The Town Clerk has indicated that five sites have been selected and yet another Japanese Garden is to be built — they say proposed? There are many residents of Belmont, ex-servicemen and women, POWs and dependants, not to mention many fine young Australians, who totally oppose this. A concerned group has petitioned against such insulting proposals, but this Japanese-Australian Committee chose to ignore us.

BERT DEAN Ex-AIF
Belmont Branch

1989 Remembrance Day
Dear Editor,

When on duty at the State War Memorial in my capacity as a Sub-Warden, I witnessed the ignominious behaviour of the Channel 9 cameraman who walked from one side of the State War Memorial to the other during the two minutes’ silence.

This act of complete disrespect for the solemnity of the occasion was quickly noted by Parade Marshall Percy White, DCM, who reprimanded the offender in no uncertain manner.

A similar incident happened in 1988 on 11 November — again a Channel 9 cameraman — and a complaint was lodged by telephone to the Manager of Channel 9.

Perhaps guidelines should be laid down so that the desecration of the services at our State War Memorial will not happen in future.

BERT POLLOCK
Highgate Branch

Korea Medal found
Dear Editor,

I attended last year’s ANZAC Day Parade with my dad and grandpa and afterwards I found a Korea medal on the road in St George’s Terrace.

I am sure the loser, who must be a returned serviceman, would like to have his medal back.

I live at 15 Queen Street, Maylands and my phone number is 272 8979. I am 10 years old.

MARCEL DU BUISSON

Great reunion
Dear Editor,

Last January my wife and I had the privilege of attending the 13th Brigade 28th Battalion reunion held at the Raffles Hotel, Canning Bridge. It was the first time that I have been to one of these functions but I am sure, with the grace of God, it will not be the last.

It was great to see so many old faces again; although I haven’t seen these oldtimers since I left the army in 1945, names came back so vividly. Many faces have changed with the ravages of time and many have passed away but the comradeship that was forged in those grim days was very evident in our leisure time over a few frothy ales.

To all 28th Battalion men who missed this, I hope to see you at next year’s reunion. To the organisers — and the caterers — I take this opportunity to congratulate you on such a very successful day. To all, my wife Frances and I say thank you.

Yours sincerely,

BOB DHUE
28th Battalion

Volunteers wanted
Dear Editor,

The Association is aware that a large number of our members in country regions are incapacitated in nursing homes, hospitals or their own homes. It would be greatly appreciated if any TPIs or War Widows would be able to volunteer their services as Hospital Convenors. If any country member is able to assist, please write to me at TPI headquarters.

Yours faithfully,

BILL DEDMAN
Secretary,
TPI Memorial Estate
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Letters cont.

Milne Bay Forces

Dear Editor,

I have read about the men who are compiling a book on Milne Bay Forces and wish I had seen it sooner as I have a story to tell.

It starts in the Middle East as I was 11th reinforcement for the 28th Battalion. We were camped at Mugazi, November 1941, with the 2/32nd and 2/48th. The 2/28th had come out of Tobruk and were camped at Garzi, awaiting reinforcements, early in 1942. A Captain Gregory came to our camp and asked for all personnel who had butcher's experience to report to the orderly room. He told us he was forming a Butchers' Unit, to be the 2/1st Butchery.

It is history how we came home with the 2/16th Battalion and all other troops — 13 boats in all — from Bombay. Arriving in Fremantle on 15 March 1942, our Butchers' Unit numbered about 150 from Western Australia, South Australia, Victoria and Queensland, and slaughtermen from Alligator River and other places.

We went on to Adelaide, where we were billeted privately for about four weeks, before going to Charters Towers. We took over the slaughterhouse in the town, and there was a big freezing-works where we kept the cattle and sheep that we slaughtered. There were numbers of troops camped there, and we supplied them with fresh meat.

In November 1942 our captain selected 30 of us, under Warrant Officer Vic Thomas from Victoria, Sergeant Jackson from Mackay and Corporal Wolfe from WA, and 27 others, all butchers and slaughtermen, together with Sergeant Townsend, meat inspector from the Midland Abattoirs. We set sail for Milne Bay on the old Islander that used to ply up and down the coast and around to Darwin, arriving to the tune of rain and mud and made camp about 10 miles from Gilli Gilli Wharf. Gradually we made stockyards and a slaughterhouse. A corporal from Harvey, WA, and I checked on the horses the pack transport had left behind because they were too light for them, so we used them for stockhorses.

What a job!

The cattle in the area — half Zebu, half Australian — didn't like to be driven anywhere. We killed 25 every time and would get only 20: the rest usually had TB. Because of the humidity the hides could not be cured, so they had to be buried.

In 1943, we shifted camp to about a mile from the 2/1st Field Bakery; our new slaughter yards were more modern, and our camp was good with a games room and a cook-house. I got a generator and Voltage regulator, switches and globes from the wrecked cars, wire from the Signal Unit, an old clutch plate, and made a pulley and set it all up in the cool-room engine-room, fitted the clutch-plate pulley onto the axle of the diesel engine, set the generator to the floor, and ran the wires to the cook-house, the games room and our tents across the road. It all worked fine.

We had a pump and a shower at the yards from the river nearby; clear water was no problem. We also built a couple of stables from coconut logs for our horses. Our only problem was to build a couple of stables for our horses. Our only problem was to have some getting used to.

Our boss, WO Thomas, asked if I wanted chaff and oats and shoes for the horses, and I agreed. We were getting 1,000 sheep a month from Australia and had to kill them quickly because of footrot. We had to bury the skin with the offal — full wools, quarter wools and shorn. It was a terrible waste and I wrote to Elders about them before the war, and dead wool was bringing a good price, but they never answered. I could have gone back and dug them up.

The chaff, oats, bran, shoes and nails arrived. There must have been 20 tons of chaff and oats, and five cwt of shoes and nails.

I was also looking after the rest of the horses —about 20 — all different shapes and sizes. I let the Yanks have them at weekends and gave them shoes and nails. As they went past our camp, they would throw a bag of cigarettes and call out "Ted the Drover".

We also shot and cleaned wild pigs, which the Yanks bought from us. The droving took its toll on me — wet one minute, dry the next, then wet again.

I caught malaria as well as tinea and was sent back to the mainland, as doctors would not take responsibility after three weeks. But blamey flew in for half a day and said it was all right for troops to stay. Pity he did not stop a couple of months.

I will never forget seeing Milne Bay again from the ship as I went back in 1945 and, once more, I was wet, dry, wet! But it was not for long, as the war with the Japs was over and I came home to good old Australia. I have never heard from anyone who was with us over there.

G.F. DONOHUE WX15400
2nd/1st Field Butchery Company

Korean War Memorial

Dear Editor,

The following is an extract from the report of a recent trip to the USA, undertaken on behalf of the VVJLP by Denis Dillon and myself.

Though the National Korean War Memorial Project in Washington DC is virtually unknown in Australia, its design is so unique that I feel sure it will become one of the best-known and most moving memorials of its kind in the world, and I would be happy to address any gathering of Korean War veterans to explain the project to them.

KOREAN MEMORIAL

The first meeting in Washington, in a building adjoining the Capitol, was with Lieutenant-Colonel John Kenneth, a veteran of the Korean War, who has been appointed to a full-time position raising funds for the proposed National Korean War Memorial.

Lt-Col Kenneth was typical of the veterans we met in the US in his admiration for the Australians with whom he served. He has a thorough knowledge of
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the Battle of Kapyong, at which the 3rd Battalion, Royal Australian Regiment (3RAR), won the US Presidential Citation.

As a result of this meeting, we have been able to address meetings of Korean War veterans in Perth and provide them with information about this new tribute to their efforts and the sacrifice of their brothers.

The monument will occupy a 5.5-acre site in the area known as Ash Woods, directly across the Reflecting Pool from the Vietnam Veterans Memorial on the Capitol Mall. It will depict the life-size, ghostly figures of 38 soldiers walking in platoon formation along a road representing the beginning and end of the 1950-53 Korean conflict.

Borders by a curving hedge on one side and a line of trees on the other, the ghost platoon walks along a granite lane towards a marble plaza symbolising the war's end. An American flag brings up the rear. A stream of water will flow under the feet of the soldiers, though visitors will be able to walk safely among them.

Of the anticipated US $6 million cost, 3.2 million already has been raised.

There is no doubt that this Memorial, when completed, will be as moving to veterans of the Korean War as "The Wall" is to Vietnam veterans.

LACHLAN IRVINE
Secretary
Vietnam Veterans Job Link Program

Dad's Army

Dear Editor,

They called it Dad's Army when they formed the Homeguard in the UK early in the war — but not many people know that a large part of the strength was made up of teenagers, as young people are known today.

Before my stint in the Regular Army, I can remember, whilst working on a farm in Henfield, Sussex, volunteering for the 4th Royal Sussex Battalion of the Homeguard. This was in 1942, and although only 15 years of age at the time (I said I was 16), I was accepted with no questions asked.

The equipment issued was fatigue battle-dress, tin hat, service respirator, webbing boots and a.303 Lee Enfield rifle with 20 rounds of ammunition.

Drill and instruction were carried out in the village hall with rifle and grenade practice on a range at a place called Chantconbury, where I recall, one young lad at a practice session, put his head up instead of down and got a shrapnel dent in his new tin hat and a rollicking from the Sergeant-Major for his trouble.

Up until 1944 guard duties of all kinds, including those on-shot-down enemy aircraft, assistance to regular army searchlight and anti-aircraft gun crews, prisoner-of-war escorts in addition to one's civilian employment were among the services supplied by the Homeguard both young and old, and not without some casualties, but with the Defence Medal to their credit.

Yours faithfully,

C. STREETER
41 Slab Gully Road
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Nationalisation

Dear Editor,

A letter to the Prime Minister regarding the nationalisation of migrants and refugees brought his reply, dated 13 June last, in which the highlights were:

1. Proficiency in English language was to be of high priority.
2. Preference is given to those who reach such proficiency.
3. The Government provides the Adult Migrant Education Program.
4. English as a second language program in schools.

I have not received a reply, as yet, to my question: "how many people took advantage of the Federal Government's call to migrants and refugees to take out Australian naturalisation before the end of the drive which concluded on 31 August last?"

From heresy, I understand that the figure was a little over 1 in 8.

Also would you note that Nos 1, 8, 21, 453 HQ Squadrons, who served in South East Asia, will hold a National Reunion in Melbourne over the last weekend in July, to mark the 50th anniversary of their departure to that theatre of war. The National Secretary of the Sembawang Association is Bert Gridley BEM, 75 Donne Street, West Coburg 3058.

H. GRIDLEY BEM

"Normandy" Composition

Dear Editor,

At the request of the members of the Normandy Veterans Association (Branch 66), members of the Royal Military College of Music composed a march entitled "Normandy" to honour our fallen comrades.

I received a copy of the score from the UK and, by kind permission of Brigadier R.W. Fisher, AM, ADC, the band of the 5th Military District, ably conducted by Capt B.E. Underwood, played and recorded the march on tape for our Association. The band was introduced to the score of the music just prior to 9am, yet by 9.30am, they were playing and recording "Normandy" as if it were their own regimental march.

I wish all ex-service personnel of WA to know that we have the most professional band in Australia and on behalf of the NVA I extend to them our appreciation and heartfelt thanks.

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Plover Force members

I am now trying to trace any "Plover Force" members who may be living in WA and would be glad if they would contact me. Most of them were captured and we didn't hear from them again.
R. Brockie
67 The Right
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BELLEVUE

ARMY CADET UNIT

Twelve months ago the Sub-branch resolved to sponsor the formation of an Army Regional Cadet Unit for the Midland-Hills area. A group of enthusiastic cadet officers sought and were granted approval to form a Company of Cadets under the direction and control of the Wanneroo Cadet Unit.

Following a period of growth and successful operation, application was made for the establishment of an independent unit. Formal approval has now been received from the Army for the formation of 503 Regional Cadet Unit.

The Unit has been established to serve the Midland-Hills District; the Bellevue Sub-branch, in association with parent support groups, will sponsor the cadets, and the new Perth Logistic Battalion will undertake fostering duties.

The Unit will have an establishment of eight officers and 90 cadets and will parade on Wednesday nights at Swan View Senior High School. True to the district, their colours will be black and white. Lt Ballentyne will become the foundation OC and under the terms of the establishment the cadets will be issued with uniforms, equipment, training stores and funding for attendance at an annual camp.

The Sub-branch is proud to be associated with the Cadet Unit and delighted at the growth over the year. Furthermore, we like our investment in the future of our country.

SCHOOL AWARDS

The Sub-branch continued with its practice of presenting local schools with book awards to acknowledge the contribution school children make to our community. The League's Code of Citizenship is used as the basis of the award and, on the occasion of the presentation, emphasis is made on the commitment the League has to future generations.

Last December, awards were made at school graduation ceremonies at Midvale, Greenmount, Bellevue, Koolangkia and St Anthony's primary schools.

ANZAC DAY 1990

Services will be held at:
BLACKBOY HILL — Thursday 12 April 1990 — Schoolchildren's Service commence 1.30 pm;
Tuesday 24 April 1990 — Sunset Service commence 5.30 pm; Wednesday 25 April 1990 — Dawn Service commence 6.00 am.
BELLEVUE — Wednesday 25 April 1990 — March and Service commence 11.45 am.

CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION

For many years the Shire of Mundaring has assisted the Bellevue Sub-branch in its activities at Blackboy Hill. This assistance has come from the allocation of manpower and financial grants through the Blackboy Hill Commemorative Site Advisory Committee.

At the 1989 Remembrance Day Service at Blackboy, the Shire President, Dr Russell Waugh, was presented with the League's Certificate of Appreciation in recognition of services given. In the presentation address, Sub-branch President Alan Rivers expressed the hope that the support would continue as there was much yet to be accomplished to make the site a worthy commemoration to those who passed through the World War I training camp once located on the site.

In accepting the Certificate, Dr Waugh pledged the Shire's continued involvement in the development of one of the most important historical sites in the Shire.
BLACKBOY INFORMATION CENTRE OPENS
The inaugural Remembrance Day Service at Blackboy Hill last November provided an opportunity for the official opening of the new Information Centre at the Blackboy Hill Commemorative Site. The Centre was commissioned late in 1988 by the Shire of Mundaring and the Site’s Advisory Committee, with funding coming substantially from local real estate developers, Markham and Heath.

It had long been recognised that, in the overall development of the former World War I Training Camp site, some tourist information would be essential to highlight the significance of the site; Mr Heath, whose company is undertaking development of the site, offered a generous donation to enhance the work already completed.

The Information Centre was designed by Ean McDonald, the architect of the original concept, and its structures compliment the existing ellipses. Research for facts and photographs was undertaken by Bill Gaynor and Ean McDonald, and display boards provide visitors with an interesting and informative record of the site’s significance in local military history.

Local schoolchildren from Greenmount and St Anthony’s primary schools were on hand at the end of the Remembrance Day Service to witness Dr Russell Waugh, Mundaring Shire President, officially acknowledge the donation and open the Centre. A further step was taken with the naming of the road leading to the site. The selection of the name was the subject of a competition among the children and the name Remembrance Grove was well received by all in attendance. To recognise the efforts of the children and the schools, Dr Waugh presented the school captains with books for their school libraries.

It is pleasing to note the interest that has been shown in the development at Blackboy. Not only are local groups contributing to its growth but the wider community is also becoming involved. Recently a group from Wanneroo Sub-branch visited the site in force and planted several trees. This is a most welcome gesture which the Committee hopes will be repeated by other interested groups in the future.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP TO HAROLD KLOPPER, BEM
Long-time member of the RSL, Harold Klopper, BEM, was recently honoured by being made a Life Member of the League. At the December meeting of the Bellevue Sub-branch, Harold was presented with the badge and certificate by the League’s Senior Vice-President, Mr Doug Bruce.

Harold richly deserves the award, as he has served the League and its members in many ways for years. In recent times, he was treasurer of our Sub-branch for 15 years and the chairman — and driving force — behind the development of the Blackboy Hill Commemorative Site.

Service to community organisations has been a major part of Harold’s life. As a former Mundaring Shire councillor — and Deputy President — he worked for the local community, but he is probably

A visitor from Wanneroo admires a newly planted tree on Blackboy Hill.

Harold Klopper, BEM receives his Certificate from Mr Doug Bruce.
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better known locally for his work with the Red Cross, Royal Agricultural Society and district Agricultural Groups. The acknowledgement of his achievements in these areas has resulted in his being awarded no less than eight life memberships and numerous Certificates of Appreciation.

Although an octogenarian, Harold claims there is much more life left in him and he intends to keep his current programme of activities going. Behind every man is a driving force and, in Harold's case, his wife Ruth actively supports his endeavours and shares pride in his achievements.

**GERALDTON**

**ANZAC DAY ARRANGEMENTS**

As ANZAC Day 1990 will be the 75th Anniversary of the Gallipoli landing, we have made special arrangements for this year's observance.

The RAN, the RAAF and the Army will be taking part in the proceedings by providing personnel for the Firing Party, the Cenotaph Guard and the Saluting Dais.

An essay competition on "The Traditions of ANZAC Day" will again be held among schools in the City of Geraldton and the Shire of Greenough. Last year's winners were Sonia Watts of Stella Maris College and Martine Amm of Rangelway Primary School.

Len Hall gave notice that he would move at the AGM for the resending of a 1959 motion, and any applicable motions, that excluded a chaplain from officiating at the ANZAC commemoration service at Geraldton.

A complaint had been received from the Sub-branch Chaplain — the Reverend Peter Nelson of the Missions to Seamen. He said the Order of Service for ANZAC Day included two hymns, prayers for the Queen and Remembrance, along with other procedures. This was used at Dongara and Northampton, with the prayers led by himself as a Naval Chaplain at Dongara and by the Reverend R. Molyneux, an Army Service Chaplain, in Northampton.

However, Regional Country Vice-President John Spendlove advised that the State Senior Vice-President officiated for the prayer section at the Perth ceremony.

It was decided to form an Ex-Services Club, based in Birdwood House, with the idea of creating added interest in the RSL. Officers will be elected at the AGM.

Bill Cunningham set the ball rolling in a tarpaulin muster for the RSL National Appeal for Newcastle earthquake victims by donating $20.

Vietnam veteran Bob Bandy was presented with his RSL badge by President Tom Cream, amid acclamation from his colleagues.

Yetna resident James R. Croasdale provided the Sub-branch with a tape recording of his composition "Raise the Flag", stating "that with circumstances ever-changing in Australia, including foreign ownership, this composition may one day be handy."

A tape recording of all bugle calls was presented to President Tom Cream by Jack Terry.

**SPIRIT OF GIVING**

There was never a better example of the spirit of giving than that which occurred at Geraldton in association with Remembrance Day 1989.

RSL stalwarts Nancy and Chas Peacock were distributing Remembrance poppies at the Tarcoola Shopping Centre on the street appeal day, Friday, when a little boy asked, "What are the poppies for?" When told that the money from the sale of poppies helped to look after old soldiers, the youngster put some coins in the collection tin and walked away, proudly displaying his Remembrance poppy.

A short time later the boy, who apparently lived not far from the shopping centre, returned with an additional contribution — the contents of his money-box. Placing the coins in the collection tin, the youngster commented, "The old soldiers need it more than me".

Poppy Day in Geraldton last year resulted in a record collection of more than $3,000.

Men and women from the Army Reserve took part in the 1989 Remembrance Day ceremony together with RSL members and the City Band.

The big crowd included a man who lost both legs in Vietnam, Minister for Sport and Recreation, Graham Edwards, and an octogenarian who was wearing three Remembrance poppies including one that is 67 years old.

This 84-year-old English migrant from Manchester, Mrs Betty Barstow, obtained the 1922 Remembrance poppy at Glossop, in Derbyshire, a few years after her father and three brothers served in the British Army during World War I.

The sprightly octogenarian commented, "As long as I live I shall be here on this day and also on ANZAC Day."

A guard of men and women from Training Ship Morrow officiated at the memorial at the War Cemetery at Utakarra on Sunday 12 November for the annual pilgrimage to that cemetery.

White crosses with Remembrance poppies attached were placed on the graves of the 83 servicemen who were accidentally killed or died when serving in the Geraldton area during World War II. Twenty-two airmen were killed in four separate accidents near Geraldton's three wartime airfields in 1943.

President Tom Cream led the wreath-laying ceremony that involved several kindred organisations and he also recited "The Ode".

Remembrance poppies were also placed on the graves of servicemen and ex-servicemen in the adjoining general cemetery.

**DIGGERS' LUNCHEON**

Many were the stories told when old soldiers gathered at Birdwood House on Sunday 12 November for the Diggers' Luncheon. This takes
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One of the “gems” among the stories related by World War II veterans was that told by George Currie who was serving with the 6th Division Signallers in the Western Desert in Africa when they came upon a big sign in the middle of the road. It read “Melbourne Bitter — Bloody good for the tonsils but bloody hard to get!” George has a photo of the sign among his World War II memorabilia.

President Tom Cream thanked the Women’s Auxiliary for again hosting the luncheon, which followed the pilgrimage to the War Cemetery.

LAW AND ORDER

Geraldton Mayor Faye Simpson referred to law and order when speaking at the 1990 Australia Day Flag-Raising Ceremony conducted by our Sub-branch.

Saying the subject had become a national issue, the mayor expressed the opinion that the drive to enforce our laws and encourage our youth to respect people and their property begins in the home. “The time has come for all citizens to combine their efforts and apply pressure to our law makers and enforcers to support the community in making our nation a safe and pleasant place in which to live,” she declared. “It is time for all of us to build on the start made by Arthur Phillip on 26 January 1788, and create a better Australia for us all.”

Mayor Simpson reiterated the desire she expressed at last year’s ceremony to see a general observance of Australia Day on 26 January, irrespective of the day of the week on which it fell.

She said there had been many people who had made a personal sacrifice to ensure that Australia was developed to provide a future for the next generation. It was appropriate that the RSL, Army and associated forces were organisers of this Flag-Raising Ceremony, as so many had given their lives for our nation. Mayor Simpson said it was time that the average citizen took a turn and made a sacrifice in a combined effort to ensure Australia was a safe place in which to live.

Three Australian Flags were raised in front of the Civic Centre by City Freeman Bill Cunningham, 1990 Australia Day Citizen Mrs Billee Shepheard, and Junior Mayor Phillip Rowell. They were flanked by RSL and Scout personnel during the ceremony, which also included the firing of a volley of three rounds by an Army Reserve Guard led by Warrant Officer David Grey.

RSL personnel helping with the ceremony included Senior Vice-President Derek Andrews as MC; Secretary Allan Ellis; and Flag Presenters Nancy Peacock, Chas Peacock and Pam Burgess.

A barbecue followed at Birdwood House, with entertainment by Mrs Marion Fathers and her musical group.

PETER BARDEN
P.R.O.

NORTHAM

Every year Northam has a large Agricultural Show when this Sub-branch donates a trophy in the horse show section. Our trophy, named the “Hugo Throssell” trophy after Northam’s World War I VC winner, was won this year by two young people from York in the “Save and Rescue” junior race. It was presented by our member, Mr D. Goldsmith.

We are expecting a visit to Northam for a reunion of the 2/16th next May for which our Women’s Auxiliary will be catering; more news of this later.

On the occasion of our 50th anniversary, we were presented with an old-style badge (1920) by the widow of Mr J. Johnston. The badge is now in our meeting-room, along with the accompanying letter from Mrs Johnston, in a display case kindly made by our member, Mr D. Christmass.

We are presently negotiating with our local librarian to put on permanent display some memorabilia we have gathered over the years. Instead of having these articles hidden away in our cupboards, they will be on view to the public which, we hope, will encourage an interest in the RSL.

Our meetings have been well attended during the year, and we have two lady members, one of whom is our secretary, but unfortunately she will be leaving soon to live in Mandurah.

Our local Railway Institute has recently given us an honour board with a magnificent marble surround. The board honours the Northam and districts men who served in World War I.

We had a very successful poppy day appeal, greatly helped by our Women’s Auxiliary. Our Remembrance Day service too, was well attended, with wreaths being laid by many of the local organisations. We were delighted to see children present, and to observe that the head boy and girl from Northam Senior High School laid a wreath. They looked delightful in their school uniforms. One of our members, Mr F. Freind (who is 80 years of age) played the bugle for us at the ceremony — with a little help from a friend.

Our December meeting was followed by a Christmas party. After an enjoyable buffet meal, members and wives, plus the Auxiliary, were entertained by Mr K. Gordon on his accordion, and we had a good old-fashioned “sing-along”.

May we take this opportunity to wish all RSL members a happy, healthy and peaceful 1990.

MRS AUDRY PETTY
Secretary

UPPER SWAN

As we enter our 70th year as a Sub-branch, I thought it time that we got into print.

With 32 loyal and dedicated members, we can still boast an average of 15 members at monthly meetings, with many coming from as far afield as Alfred Cove and North Beach.

Our 70th birthday comes up on 3 July and we aim to have a celebration luncheon on 1 July. An invitation is extended to ex-members to attend the

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function: a similar luncheon took place during 1988 and was very successful.

During 1989 we had two bus tours. One was a mystery tour in and around Toodyay, and the other was to Dwellingup with a ride on the Hotham Valley scenic railway. We can thoroughly recommend the Dwellingup tour, with a side visit to a nearby goat farm.

Unfortunately it is very hard to recruit new members in the Swan Valley, and most of our past members have moved to the suburbs. However, we still are on the lookout for new members, particularly from the younger set.

During the past few years we have increased our income by holding lamington drives, which are very successful, and growing a hay crop on a member's paddock. Monies from these two ventures, in the main, go to the War Veterans' Home, which is our main support scheme. We have, over many years, donated to the Home 25 lb (around 12 kg) of Swan Valley dried fruits for their Christmas puddings; we have continued this to the present year.

Our Sub-Branch continues, with thanks to our "young" President Terry Bates and our always-on-holidays Treasurer, Glyn Thomas. Our thanks also go to our very hard-working hospital visitor, Fred Wing, who is an inspiration, as a tireless worker, to each and every one of us.

In conclusion I trust that one of our "older" members, Hughie de Burgh, gets to read this contribution from the Sub-branch and notes that at long last the Secretary has made a contribution to the Listening Post.

D. CRUDEN
Secretary

CITY OF PERTH

SECRETARY HONOURED

At the annual dinner of the City of Perth Sub-branch the Secretary, David McClelland, was honoured by being presented with Life Membership of the League.

Dave's service was with the RAN, where he served on a number of ships, a common thing with the Navy. Prior to joining the City of Perth Sub-branch, he was a member of the Elwood Sub-branch in Victoria.

Since joining City of Perth he has been an inspiration to all members. His ability to work with the different committees and his expertise in finance have made him an invaluable member. Since becoming secretary after a period as Vice-President, and despite being a member of the work force, he has made himself available at all times to carry out his duties in a manner characteristic of previous secretaries.

In addition to his Sub-branch duties, David served for a period on the State Executive, where again his main interests — membership and the social well-being of members — were of vital importance. His assistance with film shows and tea dances was readily accepted.

The annual dinner was one of the most successful ever organised. Despite the large attendance, there was not one note of dissent at the table service, the quality and quantity of food and the excellent bar service. Congratulations and thanks are extended to all staff at the Anzac Club, where the dinner was held.

M.C. (Mike) HALL JP
President

DENMARK

We ended last year's activities with a most successful dinner in November — a good roll-up with a good meal and good company welcoming our visitors.

Now we look to the 1990s. We can expect some changes, no doubt in personnel as well as calendar commitments. Our members are keen and most rally-when approached. We are a "community conscious" branch and try to help the local people as well as our own members.

During the holiday season this year I have noted the numbers of people visiting the town as well as some locals. With joy I have seen them sitting in our little garden of remembrance around the War Memorial. A lot of work has gone into the garden, and the result of regular tender loving care is bearing visible fruit. Perhaps some of these good folk give thought to the reason behind the Memorial, even though they appear to be just sitting and enjoying their sandwiches.

We send our fraternal (and maternal) greetings to members in other branches throughout the State.

MARK SCAMMELL

NORTH BEACH

The annual dinner held on 22 November was enjoyed by 105 members and guests. A highlight of the evening was a mini recital by Cathleen Jeffcoat, one of last year's winners of the Sub-branch scholarships, who displayed her virtuosity on piano and violin. Music for dancing throughout the evening was provided by member Col Lynch's trio.

The Sub-branch will enter a team in the forthcoming Indoor Bowls Competition to be held at Anzac House. With the high number of bowlers in the Sub-branch, it is expected that the team will do well.

Stalwart member Frank Kent was presented with Life Membership at the December meeting by State Committeeman J. McTavish.

Merv Hall will continue as President for the coming year, with Lindsay Bennett Senior Vice-President; Ralph Hancock, Junior VP; Frank Heath, Treasurer; and Joe Oversby, Secretary.

Attendance at meetings average 39 for the quarter (no meeting in January), and the President reported a nett gain of six members for the year.

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BELMONT

1989 was another successful year for membership and at the end of the year we had 293 members. So far this year the subscriptions have been coming in early and we have enrolled many new members. If this trend continues, our membership for 1990 should reach at least 300.

Our new President is Harold Haines, who was our Secretary for 30 years. Harold has seen the Branch grow enormously over those years and it is largely through Harold’s efforts that we now have the facilities of which we are all proud.

In December the annual awards from the Branch were presented to students at the Graduation Ceremonies at Kewdale and Belmont Senior High Schools. A presentation of $250 is made to each school for a Year 10 student who is continuing on to further education. The money is to assist in the purchasing of books etc., required in Year 11.

Also in December the annual trophies were presented during the awards presentation parade of the Air Training Corps, Belmont. These trophies are presented to the most improved cadet in each Flight. It is a pleasure to attend these occasions and see so many young people who obviously take pride in being a cadet, many of whom enlist in the regular Defence Force as soon as they are old enough.

Congratulations must go to the training staff of the ATC, without whom this would not be possible, and to the parents who attend and support both their children and the ATC.

Cabarets are held on the fourth Saturday of each month at our hall at 22 Leake Street, Belmont, and an invitation is extended to members of other Sub-branches to come along and join with us on these evenings and enjoy the facilities of the club.

Best wishes for 1990 to all Sub-branches.

D. BALCOMBE

SCARBOROUGH

Over 100 members of the Sub-branch and Bowling Club attended the funeral, at Karrakatta, of George Hanlan, an original and popular member of the Sub-branch.

The Scarborugh RSL Bowls team, headed by Dudley Docking, did well in the RSL Triples, and several of the players went to Sydney for the RSL Nationals.

Syd Lewis and his wife attended the Remembrance Day Service at the War Veterans’ Home, and Alan Hogan was at the Bomber Command Service at King’s Park Memorial and the dinner which followed. Mrs Joy Reed, of the Welfare Committee, is now enjoying good health again.

It is with regret that we have had to accept the resignation, for private reasons, of our long-established Secretary, Howard Grafton — although he will still be around.

A very successful anniversary dinner was attended by our liaison officer, Commodore David Orr, and his wife and Stirling City Councillor, Joe Camilleri, and colleagues. Speeches were short and to the point. The dinner was ably and clearly compered by Bill Aiken, to the satisfaction of those of us whose hearing is not the best and who, therefore, sometimes find meetings hard to follow.

During the dinner, a shield in recognition of his long and tireless work as Hon Secretary was presented to Howard Grafton by Commodore Orr on behalf of the Sub-branch. His act will be a hard one to follow, as was acknowledged by the new Secretary, Ron Elms. (Ron’s address is 4 Maybud Road, Duncraig, phone 447 1813).

At the last meeting, a tabled motion was passed that $1000 be donated to the RSL State Headquarters’ Welfare and Counselling fund, a department that is doing an excellent job for members as they get older and become perhaps less able to deal with the complex world in which we live.

A committee meeting was held to consider this year’s social calendar. A bus trip to Alcoa, with lunch at Pinjarra, should prove to be an interesting excursion.

Treasurer John Maxwell read out a statement on the past year’s financial transactions regarding income and expenditure, and showed that we are in a healthy position. The Poppy Day campaign this year was very successful.

It is surprising to discover the number of members, unable to attend branch meetings, who look forward to reading the “Listening Post” to keep themselves up-to-date with what goes on in the RSL. As age starts to weary us and our intellectual powers lose their sharpness, it is essential that we know we have an organisation like the RSL behind us. Unfortunately, these days, we often have to stand in remembrance of departed members. But new members are being welcomed at every meeting and we often find old mates as well as new friends to talk to afterwards at our supper sessions.

JIM HUGILL

KARRIDALE-AUGUSTA

The Karridale-Augusta Sub-branch has produced a book containing the names and service details of all past and present members of the Sub-branch, the information being contained in loose-leaf form in a leather-bound cover. It is proposed to lodge this book with the local museum and have it available for inspection by any interested party.

Although we believe we have been in touch with all past members or their relatives, it could be that some have been missed. If any past member or relative reading this has not been contacted, would you please advise me.

A.C. GINN
Honorary Secretary

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

At our December AGM, President Keith Ross, Vice-President Wally Holding, Junior Vice-President George Jamieson and Publicity Officer Bill Tate elected not to nominate for office.

Ted Davie is our new President, with John Ralph as Vice-President and George Lloyd as Junior Vice-President. Fortunately, Secretary Keith Dhu and Treasurer Peter Nilson again offered their services.

Keith Ross, together with his able and willing officers, worked hard and long to see the Sub-branch prosper and mark up such notable achievements as the new hall and retirement village.

STATE PRESIDENT'S VISIT

The State President attended our monthly meeting on 5 January and gave us a detailed briefing on an article that appeared in the local press about a decision to build a War Veterans' Hostel in Mandurah. The background and full explanation given by the State President clarified the otherwise somewhat obscure local information.

VISIT BY DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS

To afford the advantage of more personal contact, officers from the Department now visit our hall twice monthly on the first and third Friday mornings between 9.00 am and 11.00 am. It is up to all ex-servicemen and women and their families to take advantage of this facility. The Department has mentioned the considerable cost and effort involved and unless it can be shown that there is sufficient interest, there is always the chance the service could be cut back.

T.A. MILLS

 Residents of the Mandurah RSL Retirement Village.

BEDFORD—MORLEY

The progress of our Sub-Branch over the past years indicates that members and their wives are at an age where they are eager for comradeship that they could not contemplate when they were younger and busy bringing up children.

I have been fortunate to have had Senior and Junior Vice-Presidents in Len Bates and Ernie Polglaze, Terry Penhall as Secretary and Bill Jack as Treasurer. They have been of great assistance to me.

A capable and energetic social committee led by Denis Wall as Chairman and Ted Pennington as Secretary have organised social events during the year, contributing to our strength as a Sub-branch. Additionally, our members are whole-hearted in their support of all projects, and this, together with the help provided by the Women's Auxiliary, has made my term as President very easy.

Craig Schofield (Morley SHS), Tanya Whittle (John Forrest SHS), Nicole Thomas (Lockridge SHS) and their parents were invited to our December meeting to receive their prizes. I was honoured to be able to present these truly Australian young citizens with their scholarships and believe that all members and their wives were impressed with the thanks given by the students. One of the great touching moments in 1989 was the speech given by Miss Tracy Knighton, and we were pleased to see it in the Summer edition of "The Listening Post".

At the end of my term as President, I sincerely thank all members and their ladies and the Executive for the devotion it has shown to reviving the Bedford-Morley Sub-Branch.

I believe that we of the RSL should become a tighter unit and publish our views, both disapproving and approving of all projects effecting our country. In closing I thank the Mayor and Councillors of the City of Bayswater, and Junior Vice-President of the RSL and his wife for their help and guidance.

J.E. DORRINGTON

OSBORNE PARK

This year takes us all into a very important decade which will see considerable and large-scale changes to our lifestyle and, most importantly, to the RSL. The all-important question, of course, is the future membership of the League: a problem which is going to confront every sub-branch throughout the nation. It is imperative that every endeavour is made to encourage the serving personnel of our armed forces to join our ranks, as this is where the future of the League stands. Unless something positive is done within the next 12 to 18 months, we could see a drastic reduction in membership numbers, so it is now up to each and every one of us to promote the benefits that will encourage serving personnel to join the League.

Mention was made in the last issue of "The Listening Post" that one of our members is a World War I veteran who made application for selection to
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Osborne Park cont.

to attend the 75th commemoration service at Gallipoli on ANZAC Day. Member Bill Bevis received the wonderful news just prior to Christmas, advising that his application had been successful. Congratulations, Bill! All members at Osborne Park wish you well for your journey — and, of course, good wishes to the other WA veterans who will be going with you. We sincerely trust that the trip is successful, that all veterans who have been chosen right across Australia enjoy this important occasion, and that everyone returns safely and in good health.

ANZAC Day is, of course, the next important date that is fast approaching and, in keeping with past years, the Osborne Park Sub-branch will again conduct a service at the City of Stirling memorials in conjunction with the Vietnam Veterans. This has always been a very moving ceremony, and we extend invitations to any ex-service personnel, whether members of the RSL or not, to join us at the Service. We assemble at the car park of the City of Stirling offices in Hertha Road, moving off with a short march down to the memorials at 7.30 am. Hope to see as many as possible at this service.

A reminder about our monthly meetings which are now scheduled to start at 7.30 pm; the meeting night remains the second Wednesday of each month.

BILL SULLIVAN
349 2979

MILLEN

At our AGM in January, Len Turner was nominated, and accepted, as our President a position he has capably filled over many years. Congratulations, Len, for a job well done.

Jack Mathews, who has done a sterling job as secretary, declined to continue in the position this year; I was then nominated, and accepted the office.

1989 was a good year, with membership growing steadily, thanks to the efforts of our members. Attendance at monthly meetings, which are held on the second Tuesday of each month at 2 pm in our hall, are increasing since the change from the Tuesday evening. The new time seems more convenient to members.

Our hall has just enjoyed a face-lift, which included a thorough internal paint job, new ceilings in hall and kitchen, new kitchen lino, new curtains all round, and the installation of new chairs. Many thanks must go to the core of energetic volunteers, who so willingly assisted.

Our next project is to upgrade the exterior of the hall, which apart from time, involves considerable costs.

Commencing 24 February we will hold monthly old-time dances and hope that, as well as providing entertainment they will boost funds for the above project.

Our Sunday social afternoons, in the hall on the second Sunday of each month, are still proving very popular and provide a good afternoon’s entertainment with music and dancing.

HARRY CARTER
Secretary.

CANNING DISTRICTS

(See also Canning Districts — Victoria Park Sub Branch)

Our main news is the amalgamation, as of 1 January 1990, with the Victoria Park Sub-branch and the purchase of the block adjoining our clubrooms which will give us plenty of room for expansion in the future.

President Bob Hill welcomes all Victoria Park members and hopes that our excellent facilities will be enjoyed by members, and their families, who are advised that the AGM will be held at 11 am on Sunday 4 February 1990, as the Canning Districts—Victoria Park Sub-Branch.

Bob Hill expresses his thanks to the following members: Bert Neil for his expertise and support; Hugh Sorley for his hard-working efforts on the Committee and bar; Peter Eales, our Treasurer, for his management of Sub-branch finances; Bob Dunne for his excellent job as Membership Officer; Robin Walshe and her Ladies’ Social Committee; and Graham Chadwick and his hard-working and friendly Bar Committee. Many thanks to Property Member John Hillier and Librarian Clarrie Hayes. Our ANZAC Day parade success was helped by the efforts of Sid Lawrence, Norm Semmens, Charlie Boag and Alf Faulds. Bob also thanks all other members who contributed to a very successful year.

The Reverend Jack Wilson was presented with a Certificate of Service recently. Jack has conducted our services on ANZAC Day and Remembrance Day for many years and has been a hard-working and popular member.

We recently held a very successful games night with the Mills Park Bowling Club and are looking forward to visiting their club next year. Other well-supported functions have included a barbecue, quiz night and dance night. Members are urged to check the notice-board for dates of future functions.

D. SMITH
Honorary Secretary

CANNING DISTRICT—VICTORIA PARK

Canning Districts President, Bob Hill, and Victoria Park President, Les Gillam, are proud to announce the amalgamation of the sub-branches as of 1 January, and it was with great pleasure that Les presented Bert Squire with his RSL Life Membership. Bert has been a hard-working and popular member of Victoria Park Sub-branch for many years.

By the time this appears in print, the social calendar for 1990 will have been issued. There are many activities planned, so all members are urged to collect the calendar from any member of the Committee.

Last ANZAC Day saw a very large turnout for our march. Members are reminded that the parade
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Canning District/Vic Park cont.

assembles at the old Canning offices at the corner of George Street and Albany Highway. Full details will be on the notice-board.

Once again our Christmas function was an outstanding evening. Our Ladies’ Social committee ensured that all present had a memorable evening.

The 1989 programme of improvements and renovations went according to schedule and, with the purchase of the block alongside our Sub-branch, 1990 will see our expansion plan commencing. This will ensure that our already excellent facilities will continue to improve to meet our fast-growing membership.

Bob Hill has already thanked members who have contributed so much to the Sub-branches during 1989. On behalf of all members, I would like to thank Bob and Les Gillam for their wonderful efforts.

D. SMITH
Honorary Secretary

WOMEN’S AUXILIARY

The last three months have been particularly busy ones.

During November we helped prepare tins for Poppy Day, several executive members were guests of Auxiliaries at Melbourne Cup luncheons, there were visits to Cockburn and Narrogin Auxiliaries and to early Christmas functions held by the War Widows’ Guild, the Returned Ex-Servicewomen, and Mandurah and Cockburn Sub-branches and Auxiliaries. We were also represented at Cunderdin Auxiliary’s birthday luncheon and at Bedford-Morley and Rivervale-Carlisle AGMs, and at December festivities arranged by the War Veterans’ Home, Northam and Bunbury Auxiliaries, Bedford-Morley Sub-branch, the Returned Sisters, and the Nollamara-North Perth and Rivervale-Carlisle Auxiliaries/Sub-branches.

I attended the Remembrance Day service at the War Veterans’ Home, laid a wreath at the State War Memorial on November 11, and attended the Commemorative Ceremony at Council House on Australia Day.

Christmas cheer parcels were given to War Veterans’ Homes residents and to ex-servicemen and women in the Repatriation Hospital at Hollywood.

Thanks go to everyone who sent in toys and money for the children’s Christmas appeal. Thanks are also extended to State executive members who helped with the postcoding for the League’s annual subscription notices and to all Auxiliaries, Sub-branches and kindred organisations for kind hospitality during 1989.

May I remind all Auxiliaries to send in Conference agenda items — as soon as possible. This year we have a major project — you will be notified in your next circular.

ALLISON CAYLEY
State President

BUNBURY

Some of the ladies got together and took Mrs Cayley to lunch when she visited us during her holidays in Busselton.

Remembrance Day was a great success and the RSL “Thank You” get-together at the hall was also well attended by people who have helped us during the year. It was great to be able to meet those whom we rarely get to see, as most contact is by phone or pen.

The childrens’ Christmas party was held on the foreshore of the Collie River at Eaton. Many parents joined in the games. Santa arrived in his boat and distributed presents to the delight of all, and it was sometimes hard to distinguish who were the parents and who were the children.

Cake stalls, raffles, a sundowner and a gambling night have kept us on our toes, but the most successful of last year’s functions was our Christmas dinner at the Admiral Motor Inn. Everyone had a marvellous time and our guest of honour, State Vice President and Representative Mrs Taylor, was amazed when one of the three good fairies presented her with a Christmas gift. All ladies had to take part in telling a tale or singing a song, making the night one of complete fellowship and relaxation after all our worthwhile efforts during the year.

Now, as the New Year begins and the hard work starts again, we look forward to meeting all our friends and the challenges ahead.

JUDY PAULETTE
Secretary

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BOOK REVIEWS

THE HUMAN FACTOR
by Joan J. Smith, published by Dr Francis G. Smith, 36 Vincent Street, Nedlands, WA.
Price $14.95 includes postage.

The ATS (Auxiliary Territorial Service) was known as the Cinderella of the women’s services in Britain for the first couple of years of the war. Then as Joan Smith recounts, Cinderella blossomed!

To start with, there are the usual set-pieces — the recruit who sleeps in her underwear, the squash bashing, “Any complaints?” at meals, and the sergeant with the heart of gold, but when Private Bardwell, as she then was, starts her training as a cypher operator, we follow her adventures with increasing interest.

She was posted to SHAEF, and described the excitement of D-Day. She went with SHAEF to Versailles, where she mentions the preparations for possible evacuation during the Battle of the Bulge and also speaks of Montgomery’s abrasive manner upsetting high-ranking Americans. She tells of her first flight in the old war-horse, a DC3 and of seeing a famous profile, Capt David Niven.

Running through the book, there is the human factor, denied by her instructor, but coming out in her sympathetic portrait of the French general’s family, who took her into their home — quite a privilege and, one suspects, was partly because she spoke good French. It comes out again in an amusing account of her demobilisation, and the difference between trying to scrounge flights from the RAF and the US Air Force. One is glad when the biggest human factor of all occurs; she is finally reunited with her gunner fiance, who spent the war in Eritrea and Tobruk.

Mrs Smith writes well; there is an excellent description of a terrifying bus journey with buzz bombs falling all around, and a charming picture of Christmas Eve in Versailles. Unlike many war books, there are no chips on the shoulder; she admits to having wanted rank, and most of the ATS officers are kind and understanding. What a pleasure, too, to see correct spelling and punctuation — but one would expect it from a high grade cypher operator!

BARBARA HARPER-NELSON

THE ROAD TO PREVELLY
by Geoffrey Edwards. The book costs $9.95 and is available from all main newsagents or Geoffrey Edwards, Blue Gums, corner 11th Road and Forrest Road, Armadale, who will sign it, but an extra $2 is required to cover postage. Phone (09) 497 1136.

This is a delightful little book which I greatly enjoyed reading.

It is a story of hardship, family devotion, courage and success.

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The author, Geoffrey Edwards, came to Western Australia in 1923 as a young boy, his parents being migrants for the Group Settlement Scheme.

The family was allocated land at Wellard, and thus began a life of great hardship from which his parents emerged rather better than most of the other settlers because they had the good fortune to have some modest private means which most of the others did not.

Geoffrey Edwards left home in his early teens to look for work and finished up on the Goldfields where he found employment with the Cremorne Dairy, with whom he spent several happy years until the outbreak of World War II.

He was among the first to enlist and joined the 2/11 Infantry Battalion, sailing overseas with the 6th Division in November 1939.

In the following two years he saw a considerable amount of service, firstly with the 6th Division’s successful Libyan campaign which saw it annihilate the Italian Army with the capture of Bardia, Tobruk, Derna and Benghazi. Then followed the disastrous Greek and Crete campaigns where he finished up as a prisoner of war.

However, with another Western Australian soldier, Edwards escaped from the POW camp on Crete and after much help from the local people they found themselves in the care of the monks at Preveli where, with about another 200 escaped prisoners, they played at cat and mouse games with the Germans.

After some months in these circumstances, he escaped from Crete with 70 others by a British submarine which picked them up one night and returned the men to Egypt.

He duly returned to Australia where he married the girl he had met on leave in Sydney prior to going overseas, and in a tribute to his mother and his wife Edwards says he has been more than fortunate with the women in his life.

After the war they took up a beautiful piece of land at Margaret River and successfully developed the Prevelly Caravan Park which, following much hard work, he eventually sold.

As a tribute to the help given to Australian, New Zealand and British soldiers by the monks at Preveli Monastery in Crete, Geoffrey Edwards built a chapel on the hillside of his Margaret River property overlooking the ocean very similar to the setting in Crete.

The architecture and fittings of the chapel are in keeping with that found in Crete.

The chapel was officially opened in May 1978 by Archbishop Stylianos, head of the Greek Orthodox Church in Australia, and the proceeds of the book go towards maintenance of the chapel and the monastery on Crete.

In addition, the trustees have established a scholarship fund for students from Hanea, Rethymnon and Heraklion, which is where the three great actions were fought on Crete by the British forces.

PETER FIRKINS
Book Reviews cont.

IN WHICH WE SERVED

by Val Waldron, 159 pages, $12.50
Produced by WordsWork Express Pty Ltd. Copies are available by telephoning Perth 350 5311

Mrs Waldron served in the Australian Women's Army Service (AWAS) for nearly four years during World War II. Her book tells the story of a small group of Perth girls who joined to become signallers. She recounts how they travelled across the Nullarbor to do their rookies and signals training at Ivanhoe Grammar School, in Melbourne, and about their time at a signals station in the Darling Range until their final posting in May 1945 to Lae, in Papua New Guinea.

Above all it tells the story that most servicemen and women know so well: how a small group of strangers from different backgrounds develop a mutual regard and understanding for each other that makes them as close, or maybe even closer, than family.

Apart from the group's physical hardships, and the joys and heartaches as each falls in love, there was humour. What quirk of fate could put over 300 AWAS signallers in a barracks in Lae called Butibburn Barracks on the Butiburn Road? It certainly beats "WRANery" and "WAAAFery"!

The foreword to "In Which We Served" was written by Major Jean Wood, one of the four AWAS Officers at Ivanhoe Signals Training School. After commending Val Waldron she says "May her book encourage ex-servicewomen in their fields of the Service to write their stories too".

Congratulations to Mrs Waldron on a most interesting book. It was so good, I read it in two nights.

PATRICIA BALFE
WAAAF

Vale

LILLIAN ANNIE MUMME
WFX 24623

Lillian Mumme was well experienced in nursing when she joined the AANS in early 1942. On completion of training in Government Hospitals she had held senior nursing posts in country hospitals of WA.

Her first Army appointment was to the 110th AGH at Hollywood, then recently opened, but she was re-posted to the 8th CCS based in Mullewa with a section at "Newmarracarra", a station property adjacent to Army Headquarters.

The fall of Singapore and the bombing of Darwin and Broome had brought the war closer. Large concentrations of troops were sent to the north of the State with supporting medical services which required all available medical personnel to staff three casualty clearing stations, eight camp hospitals and three large general hospitals at Merredin, Northam and Hollywood. The CCS treated and evacuated the sick by ambulance train to the larger establishments.

In 1944, with the Army deployed on the Eastern Seaboard, the CCSs were withdrawn and their nursing personnel sent to other units — Lillian was going to the 2/4th AGH Queensland. She went to Labuan with that unit, returning with it at the cessation of hostilities.

After discharge in 1946, she returned to the Eastern States and civilian nursing before retiring to Mandurah in WA. She moved to the metropolitan area when cardiac surgery necessitated greater accessibility to specialist care. Lillian died in RPH on 20 November 1989 following further surgery.

A memorial book is in the library of War Veterans' Home in her memory.

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