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Mr J.A. Oddy, SUB-BRANCH: BEAUMARIS, VIC

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Mr William Crone, SUB-BRANCH: HAMPTON, VIC

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Mr Lanceol Rohrlach, SUB-BRANCH: PT NOARWNGA, SA

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The State President and Executive Members had great pleasure in hosting a reception for the crews of the three RAN ships that were the first despatched to the Gulf, namely HMA Ships Success, Darwin and Brisbane. The reception was held at short notice, with the full support of the Commanding Officer of Stirling. Although they were in port for only a very short time to take on supplies, each ship was represented by 20 members of its crew. On behalf of the WA Branch of the League, I conveyed our best wishes for a safe journey home. As members know, these ships have returned safely and been replaced by Westralia, Adelaide and Sydney.

For the benefit of all members, the National Executive of the League has bestowed on every member serving overseas in the Gulf honorary membership of the League. This was confirmed at the National Executive Meeting in Canberra on 4 December 1990.

Australia Day

Each year an Executive Luncheon is held to celebrate Australia Day; at this year's luncheon it was my pleasant duty on behalf of the Australia Day Council to present five medallions to our Fund-Raising Committee ladies in recognition of the funds they have raised for the War Veterans' Home and the RSL. The Committee has worked together on a voluntary basis and has never missed fulfilling the function for which it was formed. During the past nine years, the Committee has raised in excess of $350,000 nett; which has been divided between the RSL and the War Veterans' Home. Of course, this money could never have been raised if it were not for you— the members of the League—giving support to the annual car raffle. Our congratulations go to the members of the Committee for their dedication and time over the years. The recipients of the medals were: Mesdames Ces Bruce, Vera Hall, Maisey Holder, Gladys Rolfe and Norma Turner.

War Veterans' Homes

At the State Executive Meeting on 6 February 1991, approval was given for the raising of funds to carry out the necessary building and updating of accommodation at the War Veterans' Home, Mt Lawley, as well as the building of a 40-bed hostel at Mandurah. In the near future each member will receive a copy of the plans and a personal letter seeking support for this most important fund-raising exercise.
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Fax: (09) 481 0890.
For the guidance of Sub-branches, the following information refers to the forthcoming Annual State Congress of this State Branch.

DATES:
- 14 June, 1991 — Official Opening (8.00pm)
- 15 June, 1991 — Working Session (9.30am)
- 16 June, 1991 — Working Sessions (9.30am)

VANUE: Gallipoli Room, Anzac House.

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

NOMINATIONS: Rule 28. All nominations for the position of President, Vice-Presidents (2) and Committee men (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, 26 April 1991 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 1990 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 a preamble for each item, be in writing and close with the State Secretary on 5 April 1991 (Please submit Agenda Items as soon as possible).

It is important that Sub-branches carefully discuss any proposed Agenda Items to ensure that they are relevant and 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:

- Immigration
- Defence
- Legislation
- Defence Service Homes
- State War Memorial
- Anzac Day
- War Veterans Homes
- Remembrance Poppy Day
- Membership
- Anzac House
- Anzac Club
- Constitution
- National, State
- Administration

DELEGATE ENTITLEMENT: One delegate per 75 financial members, or part thereof, and based on membership figures as at 31 December 1990 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.

Delegate and proxy delegates to the Congress must be nominated on the official form, and in the hands of the State Secretary by 31 May 1991. 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 not later than 26 April 1991.

It has been pleasing to receive more entries over the last couple of years and all Sub-branches with small memberships have an equal opportunity as the larger Sub-branches as this is taken into account on a proportionate basis.
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Shortly after first light on 19 May 1945, a convoy of 14 ships came under submarine attack as it was moving south between the Canary Islands and the southern tip of Morocco, near Cape Yub, St George. The convoy scattered. Operations Room at 204 Squadron’s land-based Hudsons was sent to USA to convert to Liberators, returned to the Gambia, located on the surface another U-Boat which fought back with its conning tower machine guns and seriously wounded the New Zealander.

Rather than try to return to Base, he came in again at speed and we set off for Port Etienne as fuel was running out. Shortly after midnight my radar operator picked up a blip which could have been the U-Boat, made a perfect bomb drop and sank it.

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One wonders how much public money was contributed to the National Memorial which opened in 1941. In my father’s pocketbook which he carried through World War I there are several mementos which he collected. One is a “brick” purchased towards the cost of an AIF Memorial - maybe the one in Sydney or Melbourne.

There is also an Australian Comforts Fund greeting card with coloured pictures of “The Great Advance” 8 August 1918 and an extract from Australian Corps Order, issue on 7 August 1918: “For the first time in the history of this Corps all five Australian Divisions will tomorrow engage in the largest and most important operation ever undertaken by the Corps.”

85,000 Australians were engaged in the push from Villers-Bretonneux with Canadians on their right and British Divisions on their left on 1 and 2 August in Mont St Quentin and Peronne fell to the Australians in three days, defeating “the flower of the Prussian Guard.” They fought under the Australian flag and contributed to AIF Memorials in honour of mates who would not see them.

How dare a small group of non-service people, who have done very nicely for themselves, set out to change the flag by 2001, the centenary of Federation? How many of us will be around to stop them? We must somehow achieve the retention of the current flag by Act of Parliament, and ensure that the Australian War Memorial does not become a commercial enterprise.

PAT BALFE

Memorial entry fee an insult

The decision of the Council of the Australian War Memorial to charge an admission fee to the exhibition galleries is an insult to all ex-servicemen and women.

The Australian War Memorial is a special place. This is no museum of natural history, of art, of science. Here the nation commemorates the sacrifices and heroism of men and women who sought to secure peace. It is, as the great English historian Sir Kenneth Clark remarked, “Australia’s only national institution.”

The memorial has within its walls the greatest collection in the world of material relating to conflicts from the Sudan to Vietnam. It needs no large sums to augment this. Council cannot justify its decision from comparison with state museums, none of which impose an admission charge.

Is there to be exemption for the few remaining “Diggers” and nurses of World War I, or for the Totally and Permanently Incapacitated, or indeed for those public-spirited Australians who generously donated memorabilia of considerable personal and in many cases, of material value?

Shame on you, council!

N.J. FLANAGAN
Former director of the Australian War Memorial, 1975-82

The above letter was published in the Canberra Times and expresses the feeling of the ex-service community towards the proposed changes to enter the exhibition galleries of the Australian War Memorial. Let us hope that by the time this is printed, the strength of our feeling has been conveyed to members of the Federal Parliament and the Bill is not passed.
Pharmaceutical Benefits for Card Holders

YELLOW CARD
PTEC Holders:
- get RPBS prescriptions (DVA forms)
- don't pay the $2.50 fee
- only pay a gap fee for dearer priced brands

WHITE CARD
STEC Holders:
- get RPBS prescriptions (DVA forms) for accepted disabilities
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RED CARD
SPBC Holders:
- get PBS prescriptions (NHS forms)
- pay a $2.50 fee for each drug
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- should get a Prescription Record Form to keep track of drugs used
- get drugs free after 52 drugs have been recorded in a calendar year

LILAC CARD
DTEC Holders:
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- should get a Prescription Record Form to keep track of drugs used
- get drugs free after 52 drugs have been recorded in a calendar year

Questions and Answers

Who can get drugs from the Repatriation Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme?
Only PTEC (yellow) and, for accepted disabilities, STEC (white) card holders can get RPBS drugs. These are free of charge.

What about war widows and service pensioners?
DTEC (lilac) and SPBC (red) holders get drugs from the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme, but they have to pay the $2.50 fee.

Who pays a patient contribution fee?
Lilac and red card holders pay $2.50 for each drug from 1 November. White card holders also pay for drugs to treat non-accepted disabilities which will be around $15 per drug or $2.50 if they have a PHB or PBC card.

What is meant by the safety net limit?
The safety net limit is the most you need to pay for drugs in a calendar year. This is $130 for lilac and red card holders (and $150 for families). After that you get drugs free of charge.

What is a Prescription Record Form?
A Prescription Record Form helps you keep track of the drugs you have paid for. You can get it from your local pharmacist or Medical Office. Every time you get a drug, write it on the form.

What is meant by the Minimum Pricing Policy?
Where there are different brands of the same drug available you can get the lowest priced brand for your usual fee of $2.50 or $15 for those with SPBC. The extra cost for dearer brands will have to be paid by you from 1 December.

What do you mean by the 'same drug'?
A number of manufacturers may make the same drug using different brand names. Brands of the same drug act in the same way. This is just like having different brands of table salt. The basic ingredients are the same.

How will I pay for my drugs?
Lilac card holders will receive a supplement of $5.00 a fortnight in cash for treatment of their disabilities. White card holders will receive a supplement of $3.00 a fortnight for equivalent per family unit.

For inquiries phone: Metropolitan (09) 425 8424 Country (008) 113 104
Boost for veterans' home development

During 1991, the War Veterans' home at Mount Lawley will be undergoing a major "face-lift" by way of complete re-development of the mens' hostel quarters. Funding for the re-building will be extensive, in the vicinity of $2.5 million, and as the cliché goes, "every bit helps." One "bit" that certainly has helped to open the re-development account is the very generous donation from John Hughes Titan Ford of Melville, who presented a cheque for $1,000 to our State President, and Chairman of the Home's Board of Management, Mr J.P. Hall.

To John Hughes Titan Ford, a heartfelt thank you from the Board of Management and residents of the War Veterans' Home.

DENNIS NELSON
Acting Administrator

Tales of Courage

Alf Sing of Eaton, Bunbury, cheated death twice while a prisoner of the Japanese for three years. The 88-year-old owes his life to American sailors from the submarine USS Sealion. He was rescued after a terrifying sea ordeal in 1944. The Sealion sank the Japanese transport ship Rakuyo Maru, part of a convoy of 2,000 prisoners, including Mr Sing.

Mr Sing believes that former Sealion torpedoman Norm Hunter, who visited him recently, may have been the person who dragged him exhausted out of the sea after he had been floating on some wreckage for nearly six days. He was on the crowded deck of the Rakuyo Maru when the Sealion, part of an American "wolf pack" of submarines, had attacked. About half the convoy was sunk including the two POW ships, sending 1,116 POWs to their deaths.

After the convoy was attacked, the Japanese survivors scrambled into lifeboats and were picked up by their navy while a destroyer escort laid depth charges against the invading submarines. The explosion claimed the lives of many POWs in the water who were already weak from years of Japanese torture.

Mr Sing floated on part of a wooden hatch cover in water thickly coated in oil from a sunken tanker. Without food or water he was close to death before the American submarines returned to the area nearly a week later. "One more day and I might not have been here," Mr Sing said.

The POWs were destined to work in coalfields in Japan and many, including Mr Sing, had already slaved on the notorious Burma railway and other Japanese projects under conditions that killed many prisoners.

Mr Sing was the only West Australian amongst the 54 men picked up by the Sealion.

Mrs Alice Edgar of Mandurah receiving the keys to the Laser Hatch she won in the RSL Raffle drawn on 3 December 1990 from Mr Ian Gray, General Manager of Titan Ford. Mr J. Edgar and Mr Jim Hall, RSL State President, were present and Mr Hall presented Mr Gray with a Certificate of Appreciation for Titan Ford's support of the Raffle.

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Richard Hanna is now 98. He was a member of the 10th Light Horse and remembers the role of a companion unit, the 14th:

"I was in D Troop A squadron and on the day of the charge Lt Jim Lyall and Sgt Ladyman came along with my horse so I could go with them.

"We rode a certain distance and got a good view of the whole event and, though it is years ago, I can still see it all over again.

"The Turks thought it would be a foot attack and had everything set but the sight of horses upset them. We could see the trenches quite clearly. On our right-hand side was a line of horses just in a slow gallop and getting into a straight line. They then had a straight go for the trench, made a good jump and went for the second trench which they also cleared and then went to the third. Here they halted, dismounted and attacked with rifles and bayonets.

"The next line of horsemen jumped the first trench and attacked the second on foot. The third line stopped at the first trench and took charge of that.

"On account of dirt and dust and horses' heels, the Turks were dumbfounded and didn't seem to fight at all. It is a credit to those who worked it all out, and made such a success, and also to those men who rode through it all.

"I feel proud of them for they saved lots of lives that otherwise would have been lost. I can still see it as though it was a short time ago."

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VETERANS' AFFAIRS PRIORITY LIST

The RSL National Veterans' Affairs Committee has established the National Veterans' Affairs Priority List to be composed and submitted to the Department of Veterans' Affairs.

It is to be amended or added to each year.

Below is the list for 1991-92. Should anyone have any items considered suitable for inclusion please submit recommendations to the Veterans' Affairs Committee in Anzac House.

VETERANS' AFFAIRS PRIORITY LIST 1991-92

1. That RGHs be retained under Commonwealth Government control.
2. That long term patients in nursing homes and psychiatric institutions as a result of accepted war disabilities be exempted from charges.
3. That eligibility for the EDA in respect of lifestyle be reduced from rating 6/7 points to rating 5 points and the level of the EDA be equivalent to the TA pension with recipients to receive fringe benefits as for TPI pensioners.
4. That veterans' groups be included among those to receive first priority consideration for Government subsidies for the building and operation of homes for aged and disabled.
5. That the Government eliminate the freeze on war widows service or social security pensions.
6. That improvements be made to Defence Service Homes entitlements including raising the loan to $70,000.
7. That Australian wartime merchant mariners be brought under the VEA (as recommended by the McGirr report) and medical cover be granted to allied war veterans and merchant mariners.
8. That service and aged pensions be raised to 30% of AWE.
9. That the current $550 funeral benefit be increased to a more realistic figure.
10. That war disability pensions including war widows pensions be disregarded as income for assessment of social security pensions and for entitlement to fringe benefits.

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A national memorial to Australians who fought and died in Vietnam was brought a step closer recently when Prime Minister Bob Hawke announced the winning design in Canberra.

A panel of seven assessors chose a design from 88 entries in an open national competition. Sculptor Ken Unsworth AM, and Peter Tonkin of the Australian firm of architects Tonkin Zulaikha Goodhardt collaborated on the winning design.

The memorial, which is being funded by government grants and corporate and public donations, will be erected on the western side of Anzac Parade in the national capital. It will be dedicated to "Vietnam - all those who served, suffered and died 1962-1973.

On the day of the unveiling, Peter Poulton AM, Chairman of the Australian Vietnam Forces National Memorial Committee said: "We are now one step closer to the Vietnam National Memorial becoming a reality."

The story of the memorial project goes back to the Welcome Home Parade for Vietnam veterans in Sydney in 1987. In October that year the Federal Government decided to locate a Vietnam National Memorial in Anzac Parade, Canberra. In May 1988 the Government announced it would offer some financial support for the project.

The first official Vietnam Vietnam Veterans' Day was held in August.

In September the Minister for Veterans' Affairs Mr Ben Humphreys launched television commercials encouraging donations to the memorial project. As well he handed over the first Commonwealth cheque for $17,500.

At this launch Mr Humphreys said: "There has been a resurgence of interest in the Vietnam conflict. This has been demonstrated through the support given to the Welcome Home Parade in Sydney last year, and the response to the first official Vietnam Veterans' Day."

The Minister presented donors' flags at Anzac House in Sydney to representatives of councils and corporate bodies in December. Subsequently Mr Humphreys handed over a cheque for $187,500 taking the Commonwealth's contribution to $200,000.

At these presentations Mr Humphreys said the Vietnam National Memorial in Anzac Parade would join those to the Desert Mounted Corps, Tobruk, the Royal Australian Air Force, the Royal Australian Navy, and the Australian Army. The Atatürk and Australian-Hellenic Memorials were also located in Anzac Parade.

"It has been generally accepted that memorials in Anzac Parade commemorate an arm of defence force, great actions or events in war involving the whole nation and there is no doubt that a memorial to those who served and died in Vietnam is in keeping with this," the Minister said.
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The Army Museum of Western Australia

WA's finest collection of military memorabilia is housed in "Dilborn", a late 19th century building at the corner of Bulwer and Lord Streets, East Perth. Originally the home of Sir William Thorne Loton, a prominent businessman who served in the State Government from 1884 to 1908, "Dilborn" was purchased for the Army in 1952.

The Museum is operated by a Board of Management which represents Western Australian army units and interested ex-service associations. It is responsible for its own financial management and is affiliated with the Western Australian Museum, the Royal Western Australian Historical Society, and the WA Branch of the Military Historical Society.

A fine collection of militaria from colonial times to the end of World War II includes an excellent weapons display, the Colours and Guidons of Western Australian units which were previously displayed at the State War Memorial, the War Nurses Gallery and the Women's Services Gallery.

On display in the main gallery are Victoria Crosses awarded to Private Martin O'Meara and Sergeant Tom Starcevich. Planned is a post-war exhibit covering the Korean conflict, the Malayan emergency, Indonesian confrontation with Malaysia and the Vietnam War, and a United Nations peace-keeping exhibit.

Services provided include access to the library and other materials for bona-fide researchers, and an excellent medal mounting and repair service, including supply of miniature medals and service ribbons. The service was established at the suggestion of the W.A. Branch of the League, Mr. Arthur McGrath, who operates the service, is available on Thursday and Sunday afternoons.

Most of the items on display have been donated by individuals and ex-service organisations, indeed the W.A. Branch of the League has been a major contributor over the years.

The Museum does, on occasions, purchase items significant to our heritage. Recently when a private collector placed a collection of colonial items on the market, the Museum purchased the majority of items significant to W.A.

Currently ways of conserving, and in some instances restoring, these items for exhibition are being investigated. Once this expensive task is completed it will greatly enhance our museum.

While the Board is responsible for all financial aspects of the Museum, funds are raised through the sterling efforts of its Ladies Auxiliary and the profits of the medal-mounting service and donations.

The Museum is open from 1:00pm to 4:30pm on Sundays, but arrangements can be made for group bookings at other times by contacting the Administrator on telephone 328 0586. There is no charge for admission, however donations are gratefully accepted.

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GUNNERS’ DAY 1990

A large assembly of gunners, association members and friends attended the annual Gunners’ Day held in November. The flag of the 2/7 Field Regiment was displayed, and the address, given by Major David Cockram Senior Chaplain 5 MD, was one of the most impressive ever heard on a Gunners’ Day.

Major Cockram’s Address

The gun is one of man’s oldest mechanical devices, with links going back to the 13th Century, and holds a certain fascination for people of all ages. Whenever I see a gun, I too have feelings because my family’s history is so much a part of the Royal Regiment of Australian Artillery. Two of my uncles, with 2/12 Field Regiment, Doug Carroll and Claude (Johno) Johnson, joined mine. My military career as an apprentice blacksmith and finished it as a colonel in 1974. It was in 1941 that my father’s gun was used as a weapon, although he left the Army shortly after my birth. As a soldier with an infantry battalion in Vietnam, I was often in a position to see fire being laid down and held a certain fascination for people of all ages.

The purpose of Australian Field Artillery guns is to provide both offensive and defensive firepower across the battlefield. Guns to a gunner are more than merely firepower. They are a very reason for the gunner’s existence — without them, gunners cannot cut their role.

The Minister for Veterans’ Affairs, Ben Humphreys, said that the necessary amending legislation will be introduced in the autumn sittings.

New War Widowers’ Pensions

Eligibility for repatriation benefits is to be extended to the spouses of Australian servicemen in the Persian Gulf and entitled female veterans of earlier conflicts. The Minister for Veterans’ Affairs, Ben Humphreys, said that the necessary amending legislation will be introduced in the autumn sittings.
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Bowls Presidents of each state and Mr Jim Hall, WA President, laid wreaths at a Kings Park Memorial Service. The Jack Hamilfon VC Trophy was won by NSW—five wins. Dr Sydney Kra'ntz Trophy was won by Victoria—five wins. The Sir Arthur National Fours went to South Australia.

Memorial to the Merchant Navy

Forty-five years after Australian merchant seamen signed off their grey, war-stained merchant ships, the Australian government has unveiled a National War Memorial to honour the nation’s merchant seamen who have no tomb but the oceans of the world.

On October 7 in King’s Park, on the shores of Lake Burley Griffin in Canberra, the Governor General, the Honourable Bill Hayden unveiled the National War Memorial’s central panel, made of black granite and on which is attached the Merchant Navy Badge cast in bronze.

Among the 500 present were scores of bemedalled merchant seamen who had come to pay homage from all over Australia.

The memorial embodies maritime themes that are specifically to the Merchant Navy in wartime.

From the 30,000 British merchant seamen lost in World War I, a ratio of one to four, it is difficult to estimate just how many were Australian. A reliable estimate would place the figure around 4,200 of which were 637 on Australian ships. The remaining men were lost serving on allied vessels. The highest loss of life on the Australian coast occurred on 4 June, 1942 when the 'Iron Crown', hit by a torpedo 4 miles off Gabo Island, sank with the loss of 38 seamen.

While veteran seamen applaud this symbolic expression of remembrance on behalf of their shipmates, full recognition of their services can only be honoured through the granting of full repatriation benefits. Hopefully, these benefits may soon be forthcoming to those of us still on deck thus ensuring that the October unveiling does not become “a pang of remembrance.”

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In 1940, a British Officer arrived in Australia, with specialist staff, to inaugurate a training scheme designed to provide commando-type units for the expanding Australian Army.

By October 1941, the scheme had produced three independent companies. When Japan showed signs of entering the war on the Axis side, training was intensified, and within a few months, eight fully trained units were in the field.

By the time the Pacific war commenced, the Australian units had been located in selected areas around the fringe of Australia, some of them in the Islands (New Caledonia, New Hebrides, the Admiralty and Timor) and one in the Northern Territory.

During April 1941, a decision was made to form a guard unit for location in New Guinea. This small force would eventually be known as "Kanga Force" and as such became one of the most efficient and effective fighting units produced by the Australian Army in World War II.

A small fighting group, comprising a company and a machine gun section of the New Guinea Volunteer Rifles, was mainly located at Wau after the Japanese invasion, to observe enemy activities at Lae and Salamaua. General Blarney perceived the opportunity that this small force presented to reconnoitre the Markham Valley and to carry out limited raid from Wau against Lae and Salamaua.

At Goodenough Island, an elaborate deception plan was put in place to persuade the Japanese that the island was heavily garrisoned. The newly formed 3rd Division was being re-equipped to confront the enemy, and some of its units could be reinforced, reorganised and re-equipped, there being no quick advance into the Mandated Territory of New Guinea.

At this time, early 1943, the total strength of Allied ground troops in New Guinea was 13,483, of these 11,453 were Australian. The 11th Division (7th and 8th Brigades, plus the 2nd Pioneer Battalion) was still in Papua following the successful conclusion of that campaign. The 5th Division (7th and 29th Brigades) was in the Gona-Buna-Wanigela area, and the 9th, 25th and 61st at Milne Bay. The 3rd, 39th and 49th were disbanded and their jungle-trained personnel formed the 5th Militia Brigade, which was now available to be relocated, re-equipped and reorganised for jungle warfare.

The price paid for the Papuan victory was the temporary exhaustion of the battalions which had taken part in that operation. Until these units could be reinforced, reorganised and re-equipped, there could be no quick advance into the Mandated Territory of New Guinea. Even the desert-trained and formidable 8th AIF Division, which was now available, had to be reorganised, re-equipped and retrained for jungle warfare.
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Now only two Brigades of Australian troops were to face the Japanese between Wau and Salamaua. This was in fact the only area of the Pacific theatre of war where ground fighting was actually in physical operation. At Guadalcanal and in Papua, had pulled back for a break in the middle of operations, in Australian Mandated Territory of New Guinea comprised the Eighth Area Army, commanded by Lieutenant General Hatazo Adachi. He had three divisions of his command (20th, 41st and 51st) in New Guinea, under Lieutenant General Hisaaki Ikeda. Ikeda had under his orders up to 400 combat aircraft of various types, including ships’ crews, marooned land. Fortunately for the 3rd Australian Division only a small number, about 500 in all, reached Lae.

The Allied Air Forces were to follow up the action with another severe blow. The celebrated commander of the Combined Imperial Fleet, Admiral Yamamoto, claimed a war in the Solomons as a morale-building inspection tour. The tour, by the arch-boss of the sneak attack on Pearl Harbour, was planned as a ruse to draw the Japanese forces away from their main battle area. This was in fact the only area of the Pacific theatre of war which transport planes could operate to airdrop food and ammunition. The next most suitable area for transport planes was the Valley of the Markham River which is inland from Lae, and both the Allied and Japanese were well aware of this fact.

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16 Course RAAF

June 1991 marks the 50th Anniversary of the intake at Pearce of No. 16 Course, RAAF, Empire Air Training Scheme on 23 June 1941. Trainees were then posted to Pilot, Navigation and Wireless training in August 1941. Ex members who are interested in a reunion please contact Bob Guthrie 384 6664, Steve Hales 332 6574 or Keith Nicholson 384 4627.

11th Battalion AIF 13th Brigade

Ex members and their wives are expected to visit Manjimup on 22 March 1991. People interested in future reunions, please contact Don Angwin, Honorary Secretary, 6 Mt Henry Road, Como WA 6152 telephone 632 6954 or Keith Nicholson 338 4627.

2/7th Australian Infantry Battalion

The 2/7th Infantry Battalion Association will be marching again on Anzac Day and invites 2/5th and 2/6th Battalion and allied unit veterans to join. All 7th Battalion veterans from all campaigns are welcome. Assembly point is south side of St Georges Terrace near Anzac House. Enquiries to 387 6732 or 353 2132.

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Letters To The Editor

Kokoda Correction

Dear Editor,

I have followed Eric Stakelum's "The Kokoda Trace" with much interest but would like to make one correction.

In the Spring 1990 issue of the Listening Post, page 23, he named the units that were at Milne Bay. Among those mentioned was the 2/1 Field Regiment (which would have been 24 guns) in fact the only field artillery there was 9Bty of the above regiment (3 guns). That is a big difference in fire power.

As well as 75 and 76 squadrons the RAAF also had 100 Field Squadron and a flight of Hurricane from 13 Squadron. On 29 August, when it looked as if the enemy might break through to the north, the RAAF units crash against their will were ordered back to Moresby.

On 1 September, all organised resistance ceased on land and as the Japs retreated up the coast, they were getting beyond the extreme range (19,400 yards) of the 25-pounders. Ever ingenious the men transferred to the "heavies".

When the SS Anson was sunk 'A' Troop 9Bty, being about 200 yards plus of the vessel, collected several of the "overs" wounding four of the gun crew.

DOUG PANTON

Senator Vallentine's Letter

Dear Editor,

Ms. Vallentine's name herself to be lamentably ignorant regarding the flag of the world when she criticised our flag.

The Republic of South Africa's flag is a horizontal flag of orange, white and blue with three small flags in the centre; they are the old Orange Free State flag, the 'Blue Lion' or four-colour flag and the British Union Jack. However, that successful multi-cultural state proudly flies its original flag, with the Union Jack in the corner, because that it was formerly under British influence.

These are grown up nations, Senator. Other United States also retain their colonial lines in their flags; Iowa was purchased from France by the United States and has the French Tricolour with the American Eagle. Mississippi and Missouri both honour the French Tricolour, as both were colonised by France.

Arizona displays the colours of Imperial Spain, by which it was once ruled and Arkansas indicates by its emblem that at different times it belonged to Spain, France and the United States. New Mexico also uses the colours of its former ruler, Imperial Spain.

Connecticut recalls with three grape-vines, the three English counties which united to form the state, while Maryland's flag shows the arms of Lord Baltimore, who founded it by Royal Charter.

According to the Senator, the people of Quebec should tear down and burn their flag the "Neufdales". On the contrary, I am sure that they would fight to retain their links with France. Would the Senator please note that this flag is a pre-revolutionary one, so its history goes back hundreds of years.

Now, Scotland's flag is based on the arms which were granted to the province in 1606, a shield displaying the royal emblem of Scotland at the centre of a St Andrew's Cross with its colours reversed. This symbolises the name of the province 'New Scotland'.

New Brunswick, and Prince Edward Island display, on the upper part of their flags, the Lion of England, Ontario, Manitoba and Alberta display the St. George's Cross, and on white which recalls the land with Britain. The flag of British Columbia carries the Union Jack with a crown at the centre, above the symbols for the sun and sea.

The Senator may claim these flags a mere relic. But in 1969 Luna II scattered tiny flaglets over the moon's surface, and in 1969 the United States, planned their flag there. So flags are still relevant. Yet the Senator states that nowadays, young Americans use a Canadian flag rather than their own. Will the Senator now lead a campaign against the American flag?

The Senator says that she is proud to be an Australian but she cannot be selective in her Australianism, anymore than she can be selective about one quarter of our flag. Australia is still a Christian country and I like to be represented by three brave men: St George, whose flag has been a martyr in Palestine during the reign of Constantine (284-337); St Andrew, a martyr in Patrae, Greece, 70 A.D., and St Patrick, the son of a Roman, Calpurnia, who was sold into slavery at the age of seven, three men of dignity. Their crosses form the Union Jack.

As the descendant of two First Fleet convicts, whose son married the daughter of two Second Fleet convicts, I have no problem in coming to terms with our nation's past. I am more concerned with honouring our achievements. Last year Australia was invited to Japan as a group of Australian veterans. Our flag was recognised wherever we went and we were treated with courtesy. Our tour of Korea was particularly memorable; services were arranged so that we could honour our dead throughout the Republic of Korea.

The scene at the United Nations Memorial in Pusan is unforgettable, with the flags of the participating nations flying above the magnificent rose gardens.

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A substantial directional shift is taking place in world agriculture. Farmers facing serious economic pressures, growing public awareness of the use of agricultural chemicals, nutrient loss, fertility decline etc. are desperate for alternatives.

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A feature of interest was the use of flower growing in pest control programmes. The properties ranged from gardens of three acres to intensive vegetable production on 2000 acres. The same basic principles apply on each: various flowers can provide information to assist in suppression of a pest, greatly reducing the need for chemicals.

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and the green mountains ringing behind them. Many of the veterans were moved to tears. Whether in formal ceremonies in Seoul or at quiet services in the former battlefields, the Australian flag, a symbol of dignified memories, was hoisted to the sky. Would the Senator sand-blast these flags away?

But I do not wish to detain my example to Service People alone. My brother-in-law was a medal winner in the 1988 Olympic Games and he says that to see the Australian flag flying during the presentation ceremony was, for him, the outstanding memory of the Games.

During our visits overseas, I have met Canadians who are my home and Americans who are, as always, almost equally proud of their flag; and for this admire them. I have met many of the nations whom the Senator arrow but I admire them. As a matter of fact, Ms Vallentine seemed more interested in the history that lies in an Australian. Perhaps, she will understand the patriotic movement which saw her working toward a cleaner, healthier world and using the taxpayer's money to turn this worthless object?

I admire our flag. It is like our beautiful night sky, rich, dark and shining. Michael De Montaigne wrote in the 16th century:

"What a disgraceful letter. More on the Senator's letter

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Throughout history, war and peace, and now, a country's flag continues to be sacred, representing the people with burning pride. So why does Senator Vallentine refer to the Australian National flag, particularly the Christian Cross (Union Jack), as having no relevance to Australians? She cannot change history! And, if she holds flags and symbols with such contempt — why consider another?

Burning a flag is the ultimate insult to a country and its people. And, minority groups have done just that to Australians. This act can only be considered treason, and should be dealt with accordingly, without fear or favour by this Government.

DESTROY OUR FLAG — DESTROY AND DISINHERIT AUSTRALIANS AND THEIR COUNTRY.

H.A. MURGATROYD (Mrs)

Vote of Thanks

Dear Editor,

About 12 months ago, I wrote to you about supplying information concerning the performance of Army Militia Battalions in the land battles for Papua and New Guinea in the early days of 1942. Thanks to your efforts, this has been done, and through many telephone calls from ex-soldiers who knew more about the subject than I did. All the information was good to read as well as that discussed over the phone. I will certainly retain the League’s journal about the subject for the rest of my life.

From conversations with people who have been born since those fateful years, and due to apathy of others, I consider that the present generation should realise the gigantic effort that was made by the armed forces of that era to prevent the then enemy from taking control of this country.

I was particularly pleased to read about the 9th Militia Battalion and also other units, both AIF and militia that put up such great defense in Papua and New Guinea. Then we went on to the attack to remove the enemy from their well-prepared defensive positions at Buna and Gona.

I have visited the war cemeteries at Lae (New Guinea) and Darren and come away from both with pride and a big touch of sadness. While there I checked the birth and killed-in-action data marked on the graves in many cases the ages ranged from 19 to 30 years, with a good sprinkling of servicemen under age being interred in those war cemeteries.

I conclude by quoting the words of the Last Post:

"At the going down of the sun and in the morning, we shall remember them."

Again I thank you for providing me with the information that I so eagerly sought.

JEFF SEWELL
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Poem on Crete

Dear Editor,

I have been a member of the RSL since 1944 and am a regular reader of "Listening Post", for which you and your committee are to be congratulated.

I am trying to trace the words of a poem published in the "Western Mail" in 1944. It was written by someone living in Katanning or Busselton, who was a member of the 6th Division and served in Greece and Crete. The poem went like this:

"Here we sit on the Isle of Crete bleeding on our blistered feet. Little wonder we've got the blues with our feet encased in big canoes. It was 33 days ago or more we sailed to Greece to win the war. There we met the Hun at odds of thirty three to one. The planes dive, the big guns roared, and we headed for ships to get aboard."

My memory now becomes a bit faulty as the poem continues with affairs on Crete. However, I do remember some passages which were written in grim humour. In one verse, talking about Winston Churchill, who had made a radio statement about support from the RAF, the author said, "if in Crete the Airforce be, where is the bloody hell are we". Further on, probably in the same verse he said, "The RAF came out in force one day when a Spitfire spat the other way."

As you can see the poem is a good example of Aussie humour coming out under desperate conditions. If you trace the poem and publish it, I am sure it will be of interest.

COLIN SEARS

Great day for 28th Battalion

Dear Editor,

This week my wife and I again attended the reunion of my old Battalion the 28th Battalion 13th Brigade at the Raffles Hotel, Canning Bridge. We thought last year was good but this year was even better.

Although the ravages of time have taken their toll on a number of our members, we had greater numbers than last year and the count was close to 200.

The day started at 1030 and finished at 1530. Our hosts at the hotel were wonderful, and I congratulate the caterers on the meal well laid-out and appreciated. This year we had our colour patch on display in the form of a banner, which my good wife took great pride in making and which was greatly appreciated.

To the committees who organise this annual event, once again say thank you for a job well done. With the grace of God we'll be back next year. Any 28th men who haven't attended this day make it a date next year.

As we now have a banner, we are looking for marchers for the Anzac Parade. Come along and make it a day to remember. Volunteers contact Phil Wilkinson on 330 7263 or Cliff Tamblyn on 384 5001. P.L.D. LUE
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Lost Trails

Calling George Groves

Dear Editor,

I am trying to locate a George Henry Groves, born in England, who served with the 6 CAD Springhill around 1954/55. If anyone has any information on him or his last known whereabouts would they please drop me a line.

GERRY TYRRELL
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Names wanted

Dear Editor,

I recently attended the 50th Anniversary Reunion of No. 4 Squadron, RAAF, where I met several old mates whom I had not seen for 46 years. What a wonderful feeling it was — and a thoroughly enjoyable weekend was had by 108 people (including wives) who attended.

Meeting these fellows has given me the desire to contact many more old mates who must be "out there somewhere" — in all States so would anyone who served in the following units please contact me:

- No. 4 Squadron
- No. 5 Squadron
- No. 18 Course (Somers, Ballarat and Evans Head)
- No. 34 Navigators' Course (Mt Gambier)
- No. 6 Navigators' Refresher Course (Mt Gambier)

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Army Postal Service history

Dear Editor,

An ex-member of the Australian Army Postal Service, I am compiling a history of this service during World War II.

Having completed eight years of research, I would like to hear from anyone who has knowledge of or served in the service, or who has unwanted envelopes bearing Field or Army P.O. postmarks.

Conveniently, I would be happy to provide information to people interested in this subject. Army Post Office detail can be forwarded to me, and using x-stamp, self-addressed envelope.

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50th Anniversary Pilgrimage

Dear Editor,

The 50th Anniversary of the loss of HMAS Prince of Wales and HMAS Repulse, which marked the commencement of hostilities in South East Asia during World War II, will be commemorated on 10 December 1991.

Two survivors of the Prince of Wales are organizing a pilgrimage in Singapore 70 years later to pay tribute to their unfortunate shipmates lost in both ships, by holding a commemorative memorial service in the cathedral and at sea over the two wrecks.

They are seeking to contact other survivors and ex-members of the destroyer escorts HMAS Electra, HMAS Express, HMAS Perseus and HMAS Arunta.

Interested persons are asked to contact Mr H.T. Fitzsimmons, 2-5 Aycliff Road, Borehamwood, Herts WD6 4AA, England.

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Sappers Wanted

Dear Editor,

Mr G.L.G. Howarth of "Ger-y-Mor", 15 The Ness, Trearddur Bay, Holyhead, Gwynedd, North Wales, Great Britain, LL65 2UY has asked for help in tracing two former comrades of his late father: Sapper G. Leslie G. Howarth. They are Sappers Douglas Ferguson MM and "Bud" Rawlings, both of the 22nd Company of the Royal Engineers who were interned at Shal'!lshuipo POW camp in Hong Kong in 1941.

Please contact Mr Howarth direct.

IAN GOLLINGS

Australian Hospital Ships

Dear Editor,

Dr Rupert Goodman of 36 9th Avenue, St Lucia CQ 4007 [Ph: 07-5702 127] would be pleased to hear from former members of medical, nursing, and hospital staff or others who possess written or photographic material concerning the Hospital ships "Canberra", "Warrilla", "Dulgey" and "Wangalatta" from World War II and about the "Wuwei", "Karawar" and "Kananga" from World War I.

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HMAS Chinampa

Dear Editor,

Does anyone have a photograph of a ship named HMAS Chinampa? She was acquired by the Navy from the islands during WWII and was based in Darwin.

If anyone can help, I would very much appreciate it.

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Tracing a father

Dear Editor,

For the past 10 years I have been trying to find my father after hearing he may still be alive. I have tried a number of avenues and at first very little has come of them. As that 82 year old Post gooner (I mean auer) I write in the hope that someone may know him, or at least his name, or what has become of him.

His name is Bertram Beel, born 1909; joined the army 9 February 1942 at Tamworth; his no WX90335, Unit 13 Infantry Battalion; served in New Guinea, Mindanao and Australia; discharged 3 July 1946. I am his oldest daughter and have not seen him since I was about six years old.

We were told by our mother he was killed in the war and was not until 10 years ago that we learnt that he was not. Since then I have been trying to find him or to know what has become of him. He was last heard of in the Tamworth district around 1935, so if anyone does know anything about my father; would they please write or telephone me? I would be very grateful.

MRS. DOROTHY WILLIAMS
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Naval Memorabilia

Dear Editor,

My father is Brian Brenton who served in the RAN during World War II and is actively involved in several ex-servicemen's associations. I get a kick out of giving Dad naval memorabilia, particularly those of a philatelic nature. During 1989, the Cocos Islands issued a miniature sheet of stamps commemorating the 75th Anniversary of the sinking of the Emden. I have a postcard of the Sydney but require a postcard of the Emden in order to complete my presentation and am quite willing to negotiate a fair price. Thank you for helping me to obtain this.

J.E. BRENTON
14 DeYoung Road
Craigie WA 6025

Fort Scratchley Military Museum Society

Dear Editor,

This Society has asked us to publicise its intention to commemorate on 8 June 1992 the 50th Anniversary of the engagement from Fort Scratchley of an enemy vessel during World War II. This was the only such engagement by Australian fixed Coastal defences.

This Society is trying to obtain a nominal roll of all personnel who were serving at Fort Scratchley on that date.

Interested persons are asked to contact the society at PO Box 971, Newcastle NSW 2300.

IAN GOLLINGS
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ARMADALE

During 1990 we experienced some memorable occasions - our War Veterans' Day visit from our friends at Lemnos, Anzac Day and Poppy Day but the most memorable was our annual dinner. Our thanks go to the Women's Auxiliary for their assistance in making this such a success.

During the social evening that followed, one of our older members recited a poem he had written that was published by Hesperian Press. The poet, Ron Phillips, was born at Wagin in January 1902, and was Sergeant-Major in the AIF 6th Division; he became a member of the RSL in 1946.

We were so taken with this poem that, with Ron's permission, we would like to share it with you all.

THOSE WERE THE DAYS

I remember the first time I tried it.
I was only a lad of fifteen;
And though she was younger than I was,
She was more poised and serene.
I was easier, yet awkward and backward -
Uncertain of how to proceed;
But a feeling of joy soon possessed me,
The warmth of her hastened the deed.
It was out in the field, I remember.
The evening was scented by hay.
Her body moved gently towards me
As my hands softly did play.

We all wish Ron good health and happiness for the future.
Thus Sub-Branch was pleased to be the recipient of the RSL Newdegate Cup; congratulations to those who were involved.

HARRY FOWLER
Treasurer.

BAYSWATER/MELTHAM

TWENTY ONE YEARS OF YOUTH AWARDS

This Sub Branch held its 21st Youth of the Year Award ceremony on 8th November, 1990. In 1983, the Bayswater City Council joined with the Sub-Branch in providing a Junior Youth of the Year. The Awards are designed to acknowledge positive contributions made either by the youth of the district or in the district. The Junior Award, up to age 15, is for personal achievement in a club, school, church or elsewhere; the Youth of the Year, for ages 15 to 21, recognizes the youth who has contributed to the welfare of others in a group or community.

Left to right, Bayswater Mayor John O'Driscoll, former Councillor, Clare O'Sullivan and RSL president Alan McRitchie. The perpetual shield was offered by the late Tom Maria, Sub-Branch Treasurer for many years.
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J. WAGLAND

BELLEVUE

BELLEVUE HONOURS VETERAN'S 100TH BIRTHDAY

Member Danny Wakeham recently celebrated his 100th birthday with a small gathering of family and friends at the Tuohy Nursing Home in Midland. Looking as lively as ever, Danny was certainly in the mood for the special occasion and was delighted to receive telegrams from Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth; His Excellency, the Governor General, Bill Hayden; His Excellency, the Governor of W.A. Sir Francis Burt; and letters from the Prime Minister, Mr. R.J. Hawke and his wife, Hazel.

A veteran of two World Wars, Danny was born in Hove, England. During World War I he served with the 7th Battalion, Royal Sussex Regiment. His service number was 706. In the 1914-18 campaign in France he was wounded in action and later, upon return to his unit, was awarded the La Croix des Veterandards du Roi Albert Ier (King Albert 1st Veterans' Cross) by the Belgian Government. He migrated to Australia in 1926 and served with the Australian Army during World War II. He joined the RSL in 1932 and has been a member ever since.

To honour his birthday, Bellevue Vice-President, Ken Bevan, presented him with an original Royal Sussex Regiment Badge - one which he says he will long treasure.

From Danny's first marriage he has five children, 16 grandchildren, 24 great-grandchildren and three great, great-grandchildren. Add to this his four children, six grand-children and nine great-grandchildren from his second partnership and you have a very large family.

In reflecting on his past, he sees it as a good life, and revealed his secret of longevity as plenty of whisky, hard work and loving. He is appreciative of the help he has received in his later years and could not speak highly enough of the wonderful care he receives at Tuohy Hospital.

W.E. BAYNOR

BICXTON/PALMYRA

During the latter part of 1990, Honorary Social Membership was granted to widows of deceased members of this Sub-Branch. We welcome these new members and look forward to their continued support.

On a sadder note, three of our longer serving members have moved to Mandurah. Eddie, Joan and John Bateman were tireless workers for the Association, especially in running social events. We wish them all the best and hope that the inscription on the tray presented to them at the Christmas social will remind them of the many friends they knew at the club.

The Annual Dinner held in October was very enjoyable, although we were disappointed by the small attendance. In contrast, the Melbourne Cup Luncheon was once again a great success and thoroughly enjoyed by the large number who participated in the fun and games.

To combat the hot weather, three oscillating fans were purchased for the bar area. Special thanks are extended to Stan Webb for the construction of the brackets and installation of the fans.

In 1991 we hope to increase our numbers and induce more of our members to use the facilities available to them. If you have any suggestions that may assist the Social Committee, please do not hesitate to contact me at the club on 339 5536 at home.

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Sub-Branch News

BULLS BROOK

Our Sub-Branch meets on the first Wednesday of the month, and over the past two years membership has increased impressively. We welcome the young and not so young service personnel from RAAF Base, Pearce, who have joined us. It is heartening to see their enthusiasm and genuine support for the RSL, injecting new life and fresh ideas.

In July, 1990 we lost one of our senior members, Mr J. (Jocko) Johnston (our most reliable member for mailing the “Ode”). A funeral service, with a guard of honour, was held at RAAF Base, Pearce. Chaplain French officiated.

The most important item on our agenda over the past year has been the building of a new wing and entrance to the Memorial Hall. In three town economic times, membership relies on the loyalty of our own socketts, community, supplying manpower and expertise. Donations of building materials, etc. from local businesses, friends and the wider community. After a lot of fun, worry, some setbacks and many “barbies” to thank all the willing hands, all our hard work has been finally realised, as we prepare for the opening of our hall on 24 February.

Last August the Sub-Branch was fortunate to host the 100th anniversary of Mr Steve Peacock, Regional Liaison Officer, from the Department of Veterans’ Affairs. Mr Peacock is available on the second Friday of each month, from 2pm to 4pm at RSL Memorial Hall, Hurd Road, Bullsbrook.

Poppy Day went well; half of our “Poppies” were sold on RAAF Base, Pearce, and the public gave generously.

Throughout the year we had magnificent support from our Women’s Auxiliary. Although small in numbers, these ladies have contributed greatly to our Sub-Branch.

H.A. MURGATROYD, Honorary Secretary

CANNING DISTRICTS — VICTORIA PARK

Last year saw a record turnout for our Anzac Day service and march and members are reminded of the timings for this year.

Dawn Service, 0630 hours at the memorial on the corner of Albany Highway and Harper Street, Victoria Park.

March and Memorial Service, Form up at 0730 hours at Canning Council’s old offices in George Street, Cannington, with the service at the memorial corner of Albany Highway and Manning Road at 0820 hours.

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GUEST OF HONOUR

Our annual dinner was held in the Anzac Club last November. The guest of Honour was former State Secretary, Doug Bruce OAM JP, who was accompanied by his wife Cec. As a former member he spoke in glowing terms of the achievements, especially in welfare, of the Sub-Branch, since its inception in 1915.

It was the first Sub-Branch in Australia, formed prior to the RSL, coming into being in 1915. He said he was proud to have been awarded Life Membership of the League by the Sub-Branch — although he is now a member of Wanneroo.

A record number of members and friends attended the function, and to their kind sentiments we may well have to move to the Bellgrove Room. In accordance with tradition in the Sub-Branch prepared by Doug, the President, Mike Hall spoke of the many hard-working Presidents, Secretaries and other members who have played a leading role over the years, with a special thanks to you, Harry Holder and his wife Malee. Although now in indifferent health, Harry is still keenly interested in the Sub-Branch, many members will remember the years he spent on the State Executive in addition to being a former President, Secretary, Treasurer and Committee Member of the Sub-Branch.

Wishing to extend sincere thanks to the staff of the Anzac Club for the excellent service on the night, and recommend the Club as a venue to any Sub-Branch or Association.

DAVE MCELHANNAN, Secretary

COCKBURN

1990 ended on a very happy note. Poppy Day was extremely successful despite the shortage of sellers. The annual dinner provided a good sight — an excellent atmosphere, a field of high standard, and music from Ron and his organ kept us in a good frame of mind. Many thanks to our Liaison Officer, Harry White, for his support to our Sub-Branch. Many members will remember the years he spent on the State Executive in addition to being a former President, Secretary, Treasurer and Committee Member of the Sub-Branch.

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Children’s Day went off very well. Santa was in good form, presenting the children and ladies with bags of fruit and sweets. Afterwards, the Crown entertained and his, plus drinks, ice cream and sandwiches, left plenty of happy faces.

New Year’s Eve was our best ever. More than 100 people danced on Wally O’Keefe, Wee Willy Winkie and the presentation of the Haggis.

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**Sub-Branch News**

Tom placed that attendance at our meeting still averages more than 20 members, plus up to twenty social members helping with morning teas. The social cheque is still very active on Mondays. The hall is in excellent condition, and the grounds are picture perfect. It is pleasing to see the younger members, both as workers and on the social side. We must encourage more of the young veterans to stay active. The enthusiasm of Major Dean Baker and the E-Branch is a welcome sight, as are the advantages of our indoor bowls, darts and pool. There is also an outside food court, playground with swings, see-saws, etc., and a hall, fully equipped, that members can hire at a very low rate.

We look forward to 1991; it should be another bumper year. Warram community work is ahead of us, with the prospect of perhaps adding a wing to our meeting room. We hope that our veterans (the older, I mean) will hang in there.

Our Women's Auxiliary also needs an injection of young talent. Maybe that could be a project for us. For without that, the RSL would not be the same.

Preparations for the collection on behalf of the Red Cross are in hand so are plans for Anzac Day.

New Year Greetings to all members and branches, and to the staff at Anzac House. Keep up the good work.

WALLY HAGAN,
Hon. Secretary.

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**GASCOYNE**

We have acquired the use of a bright new building where members can relax in comfort after official functions. The present hall is well equipped, that members can hire at a very low rate.

Since the release of the 1991 Anniversary of Anzac Day, the Sub-Branch has kept up the tradition of having the Heart Foundation collecting on the same day. The collection was complimented by a good turn-up on the 19th, followed by food and drink at the new centre.

The monthly meetings have been well attended and lively discussions have ensured there is no lack of interest and have lead to some very progressive decision-making.

Don't forget us. Call in and say hello on your holidays or on that business trip.

TERRY DONNELLY,
President.

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**GERALDTON**

**DEFENCE CONCERN**

It was decided in our January meeting to write to the Prime Minister, Mr. Hawke, regarding the tactical situation under which Indonesian fishermen poach our north-western seas for trochus shell. As they receive $2 per day while in prison, get free air travel home, and are often cases repeat the offence.

The Sub-Branch considers that the actions of these so-called simple fishermen clearly illustrate how vulnerable we would be if a friendly neighbour were to become hostile. Particularly one which has received substantial aid from Australia over the years.

It had been suggested that one practical way of overcoming the problem would be to remove the crew when a boat is apprehended. Sink the boat by fire or gunfire, thereby providing good training for naval patrol vessels. Fly the crew back to Indonesia straight away and deduct the cost of the fines from the aid we give to that country and it Indonesian government will not stop these raids on our trochus shell grounds, then stop all aid until it does.

As this matter is obviously a concern to both federal and Western Australian Governments, Geraldton Sub-Branch suggests an urgent meeting between the appropriate Ministers of both Governments, discussing such aspects as defence, fishing, and foreign aid, and involving such people as Attorney-General, Defence Minister, and a Petty Officer at Training Ship Moruya.

**NEW PRESIDENT**

Our Sub-Branch President, Allan Ellis, is a very busy man in several organisations, and at the January meeting that he would not be seeking re-election, thus necessitating an election at the Annual General Meeting on 11 February. Mr Ellis, an accountant, took the presidency last year after being Secretary for three years. He is also Chairman of the Regional Services Veterans Home Committee and a Petty Officer at Training Ship Moruya.

An approach was made to the RSL for O'Connor Wilson Tuesday, as a result of a motion passed in the council at the December meeting. Mr. Wilson told the January meeting that he would not be seeking re-election, thus necessitating an election at the A.G.M. on 11 February. Mr Ellis, an accountant, took the presidency last year after being Secretary for three years. He is also Chairman of the Regional Services Veterans Home Committee and a Petty Officer at Training Ship Moruya.

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The Poppy Day street appeal resulted in a record collection of $3,367.

Peter Barden, the Sub-Branch PR Officer, was delighted at the proceeds from the generous response which would be equally shared by the Aged Soldiers' and Airmen's Relief Fund and the Sub-Branch Amelioration account. The previous record amount was $3,148, raised last year.

Mr Barden said the Remembrance Day programme was the most successful all-round programme experienced during his 34 years at Geraldton. It began with a pilgrimage to the War Cemetery and the general cemetery, where poppy-bearing white crosses were placed on the graves of servicemen and ex-servicemen. City Bandsmen officiated for "The Last Post" and "Reveille" at the War Cemetery Memorial, where a five-person Guard was provided by Training Ship Morrow, and "The Ode" was recited by our President.

The Remembrance Day public observance was preceded by a march to the old Post Office clock in central Marine Terrace by the Army Reserve, the City Band, Naval Reserve Cadets, Naval Reserve from Fremantle and RSL flag-carriers. City Bandsmen handled "The Last Post" and "Reveille" and "The Ode" was recited by City Freeman Bill Cunningham.

The Diggers' Dinner, an annual gesture by the RSL Women's Auxiliary, resulted in a special toast to President Gillian Sharp and her small band of workers.

Peter Barden also expressed delight at the attendance of three octogenarians—Wally Cleaver, 85; Andy McDonald, 81; and Bill Cunningham, 82.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP

The Sub-Branch has made a successful application for Life Membership of the RSL on behalf of George Frederick Heath, who is now deceased. Fred served in several capacities over the years and had been both Senior Vice-President and Junior Vice-President. We hope that Fred's widow, Barbara, will attend a Sub Branch meeting for presentation of the Life Membership Certificate and the Badge.

A former Tom Price resident, Lester Mills, was welcomed to our December meeting by President Allan Ellis.

At its meeting held on the same night, the RSL Women's Auxiliary allocated a total of $1,000 in donations, including $500 for hospital visiting, $250 for Christmas Cheer, $100 for two Legacy wards and $50 for War Memorial maintenance.

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MANNING

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RSL BOWLS

The RSL Bowls Section activities under the guidance of Captain Reg Axford and Secretary Ted Philp got away to a good start with a well-attended and most enjoyable event between RSL Bowlers and Manning on 6 October. This country trip also started off well with a visit to Bruce Rock by a coach load of RSL Bowlers on 9 October. As we have come to expect, the hospitality and organisation was first class and a credit to all the Bruce Rock people invited — the men for the bowls organisation and the ladies for their excellent catering.

JAMES WESTBROOK

You may have seen the television report on the 104th birthday of our member James Westbrook. If you did you will know that he looked very spry and indeed he showed his skill on the billiard table at Howetworks Retirement Village. Jack Davies and Ted Philp visited Jim on the day to offer congratulations and good wishes on behalf of our Sub-Branch and found him thoroughly enjoying the festivities arranged for him by the staff and his friends at Howetworks. Jim Westbrook is a remarkable man and we are proud to have him as a member of our Sub-Branch. I know you all join me in wishing him many more happy birthdays and continued good health.

MEDAL INFORMATION

In the July issue of the Borehole Bulletin, the magazine of the 2/4th Machine Gun Battalion, Bernie O'Sullivan gave some information about eligibility for the Defence and Efficiency medals. As far as we know, there is no official acknowledgment of the service given, and it is hoped that this will be rectified.

The Defence Medal was awarded to service personnel who served for a continuous period of six months on active service landing or aerial or naval attack at any time after the outbreak of war — September, 1939.

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OSBORNE PARK

A most enjoyable social function in December 1990 with some 60 to 70 members and wives in attendance was held at our Memorial Hall. Everyone who attended voted that it was an excellent show, and sincere thanks go to the social committee in organising the evening.

Another year is now upon us. Certainly the signs of world events and the poor shape of our own country's economy do not offer encouraging news; but we can only hope that everything will improve as the weeks roll by, particularly the events in the Gulf region.
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Sub-Branch News

The Sub-Branch's AGM in March will of course include the election of office bearers. Members are reminded that it is vital to take an interest in the activities of the Sub-Branch and nominate for positions that become vacant. New blood makes a work of difference to any organisation so give it the greater chance to function and make yourself available to help others. Remember also that State Council is fast approaching and we will require these delegates to attend. Nominations are to be forwarded by 31 May to RSL State HQ. It is absolutely essential that the Sub-Branch be represented at this very important occasion by having our full entitlement of delegates. Having been one of the delegates for the past four years I consider it necessary for someone else to step in. It is a most interesting and rewarding experience, that gives a completely different viewpoint on the workings of the RSL in general.

At the formal meeting of the Sub-Branch, nothing has been finalised for the Anzac Day Wreath Laying Ceremony at the City of Stirling Memorials, but it is assumed that it will once again be held this year. Members are advised to watch for an announcement in the Stirling Times as the date approaches.

BILL SULLIVAN, President 349 2797

PORT HEDLAND

The Christmas break proved to be anything but a break for many of our members, who spent every Saturday evening at work on our War Memorial. In the Pilbara summer this is hard work, but happily the memorial is opposite the Esplanade Hotel, so no-one dies of thirst.

The War Memorial project was born from an idea generated by North-West Vietnam Veterans during the return flight from the 'Welcome Home' parade in Sydney, and was joint project with the Sub-Branch. Material for the project has been donated from many sources, but the main structure - four walls in a W-shape are constructed from iron ore rock donated by Hamersley Iron (Tom Price and Dampier), Goldsworthy Mining (Kalgoorlie and Port Hedland), Ross River Iron (Karratha and Port Walcott) and the Mt Newman Mining Co. (Newman and Port Hedland).

The wall is topped by a courtyard with pavers and flagstones and features a 25-pounder artillery piece. Campaigns will be recorded as World War I, World War II, Korea, Malaya, Borneo and Vietnam. A plaque bearing the following will be affixed to the wall: Dedicated to the men and women of the Pilbara for their sacrifice and service in peace and war. The foundation stone commemorates the late Captain Bert Madigan MC, MID, 2/16th Battalion, a former Sub-Branch President for many years.

The dedication ceremony is planned for Long Tan weekend (17-18 August, 1991), when North-West Vietnam Veterans from Broome to Tom Price will gather for a weekend of activities culminating in a march and service on Sunday. All members and Vietnam Veterans are invited to join us for this weekend.

Other Sub-Branch activities have been maintained during the festive season. The club remained open for our weekly Sundowners, a gathering of members and friends who meet from 4.30pm to 6pm each Wednesday to exchange news and views while enjoying the cool evening breeze over the Yacht Club basin. All visiting members are welcome to join us at this time. Contact numbers are: President, h 73 1384, w 73 1420; Secretary, h 73 1385, w 73 1950; Treasurer, h 73 1956.

The Sub-Branch has had a busy year and is looking forward to 1991. Although we have not contributed to the Listening Post for some time, I can assure you that the service to community is still active in the North-West with close social contact maintained between this Sub-Branch and those in Broome, Karratha and Tom Price and with members throughout the region. All of us bid you a very happy new year.

PETER BLENNISOPP, President

RETURNED SISTERS

VALE

In the past three months, the Returned Sisters have recorded the deaths of three former colleagues - Jeanette Elizabeth Brockman (nee Thompson), WFX13014, AANS; Jessie Elizabeth Brockman, WFX32591, AANS; and Letitia Edith Dawson, WFX32650, AANS.

Jean Dawson completed her midwifery training at Government hospitals in the 1930s. She also had experience in mental hospitals and during an industrial dispute at Goodna, she was transferred to the 2/4th AGH at Redbank, Queensland, where she died on 25 November, 1989.

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Following the election of office bearers at the AGM presentations were made to three members. Treasurer Bob Blake, who has served in that capacity for 9 1/2 years and who retired from the position and from the Committee, was presented with a suitably inscribed RSL plaque in recognition of his sterling service. Ten Year Service Awards, in the form of a pewter tankard, were presented to Eric Smith and Len Smith. The 10-Year Service Award was inaugurated in this Sub-Branch in 1990 as a form of recognition of service to the RSL in our local area and so far 12 members have received tankards.

INGOOD GAMES CHAMPIONSHIPS, 1990
The finals of the 1990 Indoor Games Championships were played in the three games which made up this major event. This year, for the first time, members of our Women's Auxiliary were invited to nominate for the Championships, and it was gratifying that one of these ladies played her way into two finals. Shirley Smith, who lives in the Rockingham area and regularly attends our meetings and socials, took second place in the indoor bowls, beating her husband in the final round. In the pool, she was narrowly beaten by the eventual winner, Evan Smith, and Les Ransome defeated Bill Cortes for the Darts Title.

These Championships now in their third year, are run throughout the year following meetings and socials, and owe their success to the organising ability of Senior Vice-President Eric Smith.

FRANK FISHER.

RIVERTVALE-CARLISLE

PRESENTATION OF VIDEOS TO SCHOOLS
An idea originated by Secretary Alan Richardson early in the year came to a successful conclusion on 31 October, 1990, when three high schools and six primary schools in our area were each presented with a copy of the video “Gallipoli - The Anzac Legend” by our President Frank Fisher at a midday luncheon at the RSL Hall. The function was attended by about 40 people, including teachers and students. The videos are to be used in the schools and colleges as a means of promoting an understanding of the Anzac traditions to the younger generations.

ANNUAL DINNER-DANCE
A very successful dinner dance was held in October, attended by 65 members and guests. Included among the guests were representatives from the State Executive, the Women's Auxiliary State Executive, the City of Belmont, the NBU local member for Belmont and friends. The function was attended by about 40 people, including teachers and students. The videos are to be used in the schools and colleges as a means of promoting an understanding of the Anzac traditions to the younger generations.

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GENERAL
In his 1990 report, the President, Bob White, gave thanks to the different people who supported him and the Sub-Branch during the year. He mentioned the five successful social outings, the increase in membership to 316, the four guest speakers, a successful annual anniversary dinner and a generally happy atmosphere.

Peter Sims and Lloyd Adams attended the Cadet Unit of the Scarborough Senior High School, and presented our cheque for $500 to Captain Rolfe of the RCU. Captain Rolfe will talk on the aims and activities of the Cadets at a later meeting.

It was agreed that an Anzac Essay entitled “Anzac Day” be sponsored amongst the local high school and primary school students. Prizes and merit awards are to be awarded to schools and individual students. The RCU could also be included in this 600-word essay competition. The closing date for entries will be 16 May, 1991.

The President thanked all three members who took part in the successful Poppy Day appeal.

There is also a plan to develop the Scarborough War Memorial at the corner of the Doubleview Bowling Club, bordered by Shearn Crescent and Millcrest Avenue, into a memorial. Preparations are in hand by Doug Piggott to site the site, and hopes are high that the memorial at last will be in place by Anzac Day.

FRANK FISHER.

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Perhaps we can celebrate a just and permanent peace in the Middle East by this time. It would be more appropriate to the occasion.

A most successful Anniversary Dinner was held with the guest speaker being Mr. John Surridge, State Executive, and his wife. Mr Surridge gave a short talk on the League and what it is doing.

The “Mystery Trip” was also successful—and what a driver we had! The destination was the Air Force Association Club and Museum of Bull Creek, where we had an enjoyable lunch. A number of members went to the Museum and saw the Tiger Moth, “Matilda”, which was registered for Legacy.

Mrs. Joy Reed of the Welfare Committee gave a report on visits to patients in hospitals, and get well cards sent.

The President and Secretary, with their wives, attended the Shenton Park RSL dedication of a Memorial Plaque, Liaison Officer Peter Sims back on his feet again, together with Bill Aiken and Ron Emslie, visited the Cotter Unit.

The following members were elected to office for the forthcoming year—Sub-Branch President, Bill White; Senior Vice-President, Doug Haggart; Junior Vice-President, Alf Denny; Hon. Treasurer, John Maxwell; Hon. Assistant Treasurer, John Barns; Membership Officer, Ron Kolin; Welfare Committee, Mrs. Joy Reed, D. Barnett, P. Feist.

The Treasurer, John Maxwell, gave a detailed report on the financial side of the Sub-Branch, giving all details to the satisfaction of the members.

Our last meeting was attended by 63 members plus a couple of Eastern States veterans.

Doug Haggart gave details of the RSL National Bowls Competition and Bill Williams gave an account of his visit to the Alice Springs Sub-Branch and its Memorial Museum. Our members certainly do get around!

Another of our well-known members, Bill Aiken, reached his 90th birthday and Allan Hogan is becoming an increasing interest in golfing and his golfing days. We hope to see him able to throw them away soon.

The last meeting closed with a prayer by Mrs. Kellynack for quick and just peace in the Gulf War.

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I’m sure that I speak for all when I say that our support and loyalty go out to all servicemen and women involved in the Gulf conflict. May you all be home safe and sound very soon.

Wanneroo moves into 1991 as strong as ever, and we look forward to bigger and better days ahead. With the support of our members, we can do something that makes things better for all, especially for those who are not fortunate, in health or spirit, than their fellow members, and also for members and families of the ex-service community.

At the Christmas function at the Greenswood Tavern, I was pleased to join the Executive and members in paying tribute to Arthur Nicolson for his outstanding work and contribution to his role as Treasurer. It was a very special Arthur who was worthy of an invitation to attend the function.

I would pass on to all members throughout the State, our best wishes for 1991 and may peace be a part of our daily lives very soon.

NEIL FANCOURT.

Vietnam Veterans

Following is a summary of events for the Sub-Branch in 1990.

The AGM was held in February with the election of President Don Greer, Secretary Les Anderson, Treasurer Barry Burling, Welfare Warren Pearson, Publicity Gloria Bearman and Membership Les Duplay.

Anzac Day was attended with a record number of veterans attending the march and later joining in the Governor and John Bartley's Hotel. A fund-raising function was held at the John Bartley's and proceeds went to Vietnam Veteran Job Links.

In June the Sub Branch had a social evening and members went to a dinner dance which was enjoyed by all.

Long Tan ceremonies were attended at Bunbury and Perth. Warren Pearson and Don Greer and his wife Heather travelled to Bunbury for the ceremony, there were many new faces in the Saturday march through town to the Memorial with 7RAR attending for the first time. Following the march, members attended a function held at the Bunbury RSL, which was catered for excellently by the Women's Auxiliary. Our thanks to the Bunbury RSL and members for their hospitality, not only during the day of the march but also in the evening.

The Support Day was held at Loeppky's Oval in November. Our stall displayed its plaque, security key tags, etc., and all monies raised went to welfare.

During the year, gambling nights were held at the John Bartley's hotel on the first Thursday of the month and were very successful fundraisers. This enabled the Sub-Branch to help veterans in need and make donations to worthy causes.

The Vietnam Veterans' Sub Branch meets at the John Barleycorn hotel on the first Thursday of the month and were very successful fundraisers. This enabled the Sub-Branch to help veterans in need and make donations to worthy causes.

DON GREER.

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He returned to Australia in 1919 and after demobilisation prospered well until 1929 when the depression savaged his family and many others. He was forced to spend much time away from home seeking employment and once again the impact of being separated from his wife and young family is told with great sensitivity. During World War II he returned to the Army and served on garrison duties until his discharge in 1944 which year was over shadowed by the loss of his son whilst on service with the RAAF.

However, despite this he was able to find employment as a Public Servant which lasted for the rest of his working life, providing him with the security that had previously evaded him in his "hard hit for heroes".

He died in 1964 after having been struck by a car outside his home while goingflowers from his garden to a neighbour which seems a tragic fate for a man who had battled the vicissitudes of life and found peace and happiness at the end of it.

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The three editors of the book are themselves graduates from numbers 10 to 13 courses. In the book the sequence of training as laid down by the Scheme is described. The short stories are written by the trainees who became warriors after commencement of initial training at Pearce in the first four months of 1941. Ages between 19 and 25 years these civilian clerks, teachers, farmers etc. subsequently served in the UK/European area, the Middle East or the Australian-Pacific area using their new skills as aircrew to rid the world of the aggressive, evil and inhuman regime in Germany known as National Socialism. The authors believe in having joined the RAAF. They feel that their grandchildren should know why and understand the reasons and philosophy that led them to do so.

The editors have not changed the individual writing styles of the lucky survivors. The outcome is gripping and will bring forgotten names and events back to memory. Such a venture as EATS with its enormous extent could only involve encounters with every human experience, and it did so. This book deals with a whole range of experiences and adds another dimension to historians at war.

The families of Western Australian Airmen who were on Courses 10 to 13 inclusive will want this book for the family history.

JOHN BALFE

POW'S FRATERNAL

Wartime diaries of S/Sgt Raymond Ryan and diaries of Pte Laurence Ryan 2/11th WWII

by Sr M. Inelda Ryan

This book, rather late on the scene, is an honest picture of those days so far off and of the experiences of two brothers, who irremediably always seemed to be close together. It is well told and gives very graphic picture of those days when rumour and truth were so hard to recognise.

The enlistment, the embarkation and departure for foreign parts, all accomplished by the amazing flight to the Middle East; the wonder and novelty which make life so exciting.

We are then transported to Greece and the confusion that reigned. The evacuation to Crete and more confusion. The rumours that flew around each day made it very hard to divide fact from fiction. It is very clear - except for isolated instances - that there was no real leadership in Crete and had there been, the result could have been very different.

Then the capture; the hardships suffered marching to Suda Bay, embarkation and travel to Salonika Camp No. 1. The sickness and ill treatment introduces us to life in a German POW camp. The author has the ability to put you in the picture and make you part of it. The one thing which all POWs suffered and will never forget was the boredom and the bitter and all pervading cold and wet and measures taken to try and beat it. The Russian POWs suffered cruelly, but they need not have; Stalin refused to have anything to do with the Red Cross and said there were no Russian prisoners.

It is interesting to note the great faith the Germans placed in dropping pamphlets to our men, at various stages of the war. They should have known from the nil result of British pamphlets at the beginning of the war, that they were a waste of time.

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CRIME DETECTION — A Century or so late?

It was the correct decision recently not to go ahead with a scientific inquiry into the death of Peer Lord. Much better to let a few more libraries remain open that who really wants to hear the exchange of lights of him shining in places where he really saw shining — and who wants to hear that leaving a mystery undisturbed. We need our mages and our legends!

One mystery of history which has been solved by scientific investigation in our time — or as they say — is that of the death (or murder?) of Napoleon — and the story of the unravelling of this drama makes fascinating reading indeed.

In October 1840, due to the impatience of Napoleon's surviving supporters, King Louis Phillipe of France granted permission for the Emperor's body to be removed from the bleak and windswept island of St. Helena, where it had lain for 19 years and brought back to Paris, where it was interred beneath a huge marble slab in the Invalides. There, it still lies, visited constantly nearly 150 years later by Frenchmen, and tourists from all over the world. There is a lovely story about a lady bunch of fresh roses after the ceremony — but that is not part of this one.

When workers opened the Emperor's grave on St. Helena no medical man was there who could be recognised much later, as maybe the final proof of the manner of his death.

Eight doctors who had attended Napoleon at some time during his final years were present in 1821 at the postmortem performed on the Emperor, at his own request. His Corsican doctor was to perform the autopsy — the seven others — all English — were to observe. It was immediately clear to one of them that the cause of death at the age of 51 was a lack of health, considering the physical stamina and general good health which had served him well through his military campaigns — and much more.

In his will he stated, "I die prematurely...murdered by the English oligarchy and its hired assassins..."

The eight doctors however could not agree on the exact cause of death and four separate but contradictory reports ensued. The one closest to each other contained the word "cancer and so it came to be assumed from 1821 onwards that this was in fact the cause.

Over the succeeding years many people throughout the world refined an interest in Napoleon and collected paintings, diaries, books and things Napoleon owning or left. One of these was a Danish dentist named Sten Forshufvud, who was born around the turn of this century. One of his other hobbies was the study of toxicology. Poisons to you and me!

Forshufvud allowed his mind to explore the theory that Napoleon had died of arsenic poisoning — and demanded that the most likely poison in those days would have been arsenic. He knew that in 1840 such symptoms as he now recognised, would not have been known. He was not over-enthusiastic at his own discovery, being convinced that someone much wiser in the subject than himself would write a further book about the, rather obscure theory. After all, poisons were only his hobby!

When this had not happened four years later, he decided to research this theory himself. Impossible, of course, to seek to exhume the body — but he knew that Napoleon's hair had been shaved off immediately after death and locked away as keepsakes to his friends, staff and entourage.

In 1960 a new method of chemically testing hair was revealed by a Scottish forensic scientist — Dr. Hamilton Smith. One strand of hair was all that was now considered necessary for analysis instead of the previous five grams (however many hairs that may be!).

Forshufvud obtained his strand — eventually — from the editor of Marchand's diary, and it was analysed by Hamilton Smith in Scotland in 1980, the latter having run a due to the identity of the owner of the hair. When he was assured of the equivalence of the test he revealed that through more recent discoveries, he could now, from the hair strands, analyse the intake of arsenic over months — and produce a graph to show his increasing effects. He needed, however, more hair from the same head — but the French source of supply had shut its doors firmly. Rumour spread, and it was becoming clear to the French that it was possible a French or Corsican member of Napoleon's staff might in the end prove to be the owner of the hair.
culprit. When David died impossible! Up until that time one of the seven British doctors had hopefully seemed the most likely villain — that is 'if you accepted the ridiculous theory at all!'

In October 1961 an article in a reputable English scientific periodical detailed Hamilton Smith's story — and within weeks several Napoleonologists had some forward with clumps of his hair — one being Melbourne's Dame Mabel Brookes — a well known collector and historian.

This story could go into detail for ever, but to cut it short — graphs were made from analysis of hair samples of the 'right' and 'wrong' of Napoleon's Paris intake and showed some times when he appeared had from any administration of the poison at all.

From Marchand's diary, graphs were made of the Emperor's healthier periods — and periods of pain and illness. These two graphs were amazingly close to identical.

Again from Marchand's records, actual dates could even be established with reasonable accuracy and by a process of elimination it was worked out who could have been involved — and who could not. It came down in the end to two people — one of them Marchand himself. Marchand was mostly involved with bringing the Emperor his food — and because of the deep suspicion that the British might try to poison Napoleon this had never been carefully checked, and others than the Emperor ate the same food. So Marchand was eliminated Marchand from the possible list.

But the husband of the lady thought to have been Napoleon's mistress on St. Helena (Aibine de Montholon, whose husband was later to be the prime minister) was the emperor's aide and controller of all the Emperor's supplies. Napoleon was known to be a moderate but steady drinker. One particular cask was his favourite and kept solely for his use. Strangely, towards the end when he gave a bottle from his cask to one of his friends — who became quite ill — no one voiced any suspicion!

Because of the failing health of their prisoner, two new English doctors were sent to St. Helena to investigate his condition and after taking at length with Montholon — although never actually seeing their patient — they prepared it, it is thought, as cutler and as well (as an aside) — which we now realise — on top of the constant consumption of small amounts of arsenic over 55 years would not only have brought on a death, but could have been the poison should a post mortem be conducted. Who is dealing as having encouraged them to be prescribed? Why — Count Charles Triton de Montholon — the only officer who had been constantly beside the Emperor during his years of exile. Montholon was known to be related to (and sympathetic with?) French aristocrats seeking the restoration of the Bourbon monarchy. He was Forsythed's villain!

There is much more that could be detailed of intrigue and plot but we leave it there, except for explaining why the perfect preservation of Napoleon's body at revolution should have provided a clue to the way he died. No anatomical body should have survived 10 years interred and buried under the soil. Napoleon, when his body was raised to be moved to France had just as he had done in May 1821. Was this apparent miracle due to the poetic, mythological? It is, after all, well known preserved? Did his body from the grave bear mute testimony to the manner of its murder? And was Forsythed and Hamilton correct in blaming Montholon? We leave it to you to decide if they established a case!!!

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STATE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

At the Bunbury Auxiliary's meeting in November I was pleased to present a Certificate of Service to the President Mrs Leslie Mills during my absence. Mrs Holder attended the War Veterans Home for the Remembrance Day Service and laid a Cross on behalf of all Auxiliaries.

Two Executive members, Mesdames Fisher and Dawe and their husbands, were guests of the Cockburn Sub-Branch annual dinner, and Mrs E. Jolley laid the wreath on behalf of Auxiliaries at the State War Memorial.

With Mesdames Sullivan, Rolfe, and Ranker I attended the Collie Auxiliary's luncheon which was a most enjoyable day. As the War Widows' Guild Christmas luncheon was held on the same day, Vice-President Mesdames Taylor and Barrell attended.

On December 1 Mesdames Sullivan and McPartland were guests of the Rivervale/Carlisle Sub-Branch Christmas Luncheon at Anzac House, and Mrs Sullivan and I attended the Christmas Luncheon of the Nalmarra/ North Perth Auxiliary at the State War Memorial.

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All our AGM in December, our very popular president Mrs Marion Mills was re-elected unopposed. Marion is a true blue worker and inspires us all with her enthusiasm. We have a very good membership which continues to grow and an excellent relationship with our sub-branch. Our catering for sub-branch events is much appreciated.

In the Summer edition of the Listening Post, we advised that our oldest (and life) member, Mrs Kate Muncie was 93 years young. We are now very sad to report that dear Kate passed away on November 4 just before her 94th birthday. Kate had been a very active and interested member of the Auxiliary and was a founder member from 1939. She often entertained us with her sharp wit and will be sadly missed. Many Auxiliary members attended her memorial service at which our president Marion Mills gave a moving appreciative address. We have also recently lost another long serving member, Mrs Julie Barratt, after a long illness.

We have had an excellent year and been able to contribute greatly to our sub-branch. Our meetings are held in the RSL Hall on the fourth Wednesday of every month, and we would be very pleased to welcome any member who is visiting Mandurah.

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JOHN CHAPPELL, MBE, JP.

After a losing battle with cancer, John departed this life on 5 January, aged 92 years.

One would expect that anyone living through nine decades at a period of the world’s history which has seen two World Wars, a score of lesser conflicts, a world depression, and the greatest technological developments the world has ever seen would have an engaging story to tell and indeed, the diverse interests of this gentleman, which covered an extremely wide spectrum and occupied a lively mind until very nearly the end, would fill volumes.

Born in Johannesburg, South Africa, in 1898, John spent his early life in Edinburgh, Scotland, until emigrating to WA in 1918, where he worked as a lawyer. During WWI, he joined the RSL in 1919. His services to the League over many years were acknowledged with the award Life Member. He was President of the Press Sub-Branch in 1940-42 and again in 1969 and State Secretary of the League during 1945-57. John McCleery was instrumental in organising the following appeals: POW Fund $6,000, Food for Britain $6,000, State War Memorial (additions) $20,000, War Veterans’ Home $82,000, VCs trip to England (centenary of inauguration) $8,000.

John was a tireless supporter of the League and one of his many practical contributions to the League is the research and presentation of a display board of Victoria Cross winners which holds a place of honour on a wall in the V.C. room of the Club in Anzac House.

John joined Legacy in 1932; he was Treasurer 1932-38, and served in many different capacities. His longest period of service was in 1947/48 when he was President. His 33 years of service was acknowledged in 1952 by the presentation of a Centenary award. His other interest in Legacy was a book on the history of Legacy, now awaiting publication.

Between wars, John went from law to accountancy and then to the printing trade, serving as Secretary of the Master Printers’ Association from 1930 to 1940. From 1946 until 1957 he was Secretary of the State RSL.

Among his other interests were the Presbyterian Church (Elder), Perth Rotary Club, St Andrew’s Society (President), Judges of the Peace Association (President), and Masonic Lodge. He compiled several histories, e.g., Freemasonry in WA, The Victoria Cross, The Presbyterian Church, The Cameron Highlanders.

In a very active and absorbing career John Chappell was able to devote almost 60 years of dedicated service to Legacy. He leaves four children, twelve grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

We join with his family in mourning his loss.

LEST WE FORGET

JOHN McCLEERY DCM

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HRH The Duke of Kent Patron, DCM League

In memory of late dear Brother John McCleery, DCM, our oldest League member at the age of 103.

As he regularly remembered Anzac Day, his birthday, on which day in 1915 he gained the Distinguished Conduct Medal, so we will always remember him with brotherly affection all our days.

May God rest his soul.

JIM COWLEY, DCM.

President.

The funeral was held at Brown Crematorium, Karrakatta, at 1.45pm on Thursday, 10 January. The service was organised jointly by the Salvation Army and the DCM League. Pall bearers were League members and Alan McNulty (a Vietnam DCM winner) who carried Mr McCleery’s medals on a cushion.

THE OLDEST ANZAC

At Gallipoli, the diggers landed, And fought beneath their countries standard, Bravely onward, to certain death, Went those brave men, of the AIF, To fight with those, who'd gone before, Sergeant John McCleery went ashore, Into the presence of the brave, A sight he carried to the grave.

He landed there, on shores of blood, And uphill struggled, through the mud, By dead and dying mates he passed, When each step he took, might be his last.

He fought against the Turkish foe, Till a shoulder wound, did lay him low, Of bloody conflict, on hill and dale, Our sergeant lived, to tell the tale.

His feats of daring, some medals won, This brave and dashing Aussie son, His duty done, and done so well, Wounded returned, from that foreign field.

He turned twenty eight, upon that day, A real true Anzac, all the way, And yet he lived, three past the ton, His maker called in ninety one.

RIP Sgt John McCleery, 11th Battalion AIF

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VOYAGER DISASTER

So far, the Federal Government has refused to say whether the High Court's decision in the Verwayen case will flow on to other survivors. Until the Federal Government makes a definitive and binding statement on the subject, it is not certain what options might be considered but these appear to be:
(a) To allow all (81) claims to proceed and to seek to settle these;
(b) To again invoke the Statute of Limitations but to offer a settlement of some type in any event; or
(c) To invoke the statute and deny any obligation to pay damages.

One person who, reportedly, has absolutely no doubt about what the Commonwealth should do is Mr J Taylor, the solicitor who represented Mr Verwayen and who believes that the Government is obliged to apply the High Court decision, at least to the 70 survivors he represents. National HQ recently asked Mr Taylor for his comments on the case as it stands at present and he provided the following remarks:

"The Commonwealth is aware that, at the time that it promised that it would not defend cases brought by Voyager survivors, it did so with respect to all Voyager survivors, certainly with respect to those survivors that I am representing who number 70. That promise was made in 1985. The Commonwealth has admitted in its submission through their Queen's Counsel to the Full Court that they did, in fact, make such a promise. I acted on that promise. In addition, it is my understanding of the Commonwealth breaking its promise, all of these survivors that I represent suffered further psychiatric damage, the extent of which varies from one person to another. In all of those circumstances, the Commonwealth cannot rely on any distance in the light of the recent High Court decision.

One would hope that reason will prevail and that the Commonwealth now enters into settlement negotiations. Otherwise, I will take each and every case through the courts and I have no doubt that we will succeed in the light of the High Court decision.

With respect to future cases, with the additional evidence now available, the cases are even stronger and would even satisfy the test required by the dissenting judges in the Verwayen case in order to succeed."

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