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However, if you have the expertise and time to be of assistance to the League in other ways, please write to me with your personal details and where you could help. This information will be compiled into a 'Volunteer Register' and you could be called to assist when needed.

RSL WAR VETERANS' HOMES
Included in this issue of the Listening Post there is an insert setting out the future development of Mt Lawley and Mandurah. Your support in this project is vital if we are to succeed. Unfortunately we cannot delay this project any longer as the allocation of funds from the Commonwealth Government must be used by December 1991 and completed by June 1992. As you can see, without your support this project would be impossible. At today's costs the proposed replacement of accommodation for 48 residents at Mt Lawley is estimated as approximately $2,184,000 and the proposed Mandurah Hostel, excluding land, $2,142,200. Overall $4,326,200 approximately, leaving the RSL with the task of funding half the total expenditure.

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There are many 50th anniversaries this year. In March I was proud to attend the National WAAAF reunion in Melbourne and hear the Chief of Air Staff praise our wartime efforts so that, today, 15% of the RAAF are women. He praised the book "WAAAF In Wartime Australia" by Joyce Thomson which gives the historical and political background to the formation of the WAAAF and relates how the politicians suddenly found that, despite their prejudices, they had 29,000 cheap workers—two-thirds of the pay for the equivalent male rank and less than that if you were under 21! I cannot remember any of us complaining except when the women munition workers went on strike for equal pay and got it!

State President Jim Hall is to commence a "Volunteer Register" at Anzac House. Throughout the year there are various tasks that need to be completed at Anzac House which add cost to our budget. We know of many retired members or friends of the RSL who may be willing to donate their time by assisting with these tasks; the register will name those who can be called upon from time to time.

All applications should be addressed to:
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Volunteer Register
RSL WA Branch
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Did you see the WRANS march on Anzac Day in Perth as part of their 50th Anniversary? Nearly 400 of them, so smart in their white blouses and navy jackets, marching behind their State banners. In November the AWAS and AAMWS will celebrate their 50th. Few people know until they read the WAAAF history the problems the Director/WAAAF overcame with the Cabinet and the Air Board. Her successes were enjoyed without the same conflict by the later Womens' Services.

The big events in 1992 will be the anniversaries of the bombings of Darwin, Broome, Townsville and the Kokoda Trail and Papuah campaigns.

PAT BALFE

Oceanic Life has introduced a new Official Life Insurance Programme for members and their spouses under the age of 50.

In recent years, some members under the age of 50 have requested a programme designed for their needs, similar to our plan for members between 50 and 75. In response, Oceanic Life has created the RSL Term Life Plan.

This plan provides the substantial protection members have been seeking at an exceptional, low price.

Full details on page 2 of this publication. You and your spouse, if between the ages of 20 and 49, are both eligible to apply. Once your application has been accepted, you will receive a policy by mail, which you can then review, without risk or obligation, in the privacy of your home. No salesperson will call.

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The RSL is proud to be able to take this valuable and much-requested service to our members. In designing this new programme, Oceanic Life continues to show support and commitment to meeting the needs of RSL members. We urge our eligible members to carefully consider this exclusive new plan.
THE HOLDING WAR
Part 2
Eric Stallard and Ward Curedale

Kanga Force, after long months of hard ration existence, was not in shape to meet and repel a determined enemy frontal attack. In the seven months of its existence, the force had achieved much more than guard duty. The air was still reasonably free of the original 700 soldiers in Wau could proudly claim to have inflicted heavy casualties on an enemy force of over 2,500 strong. They had destroyed enemy equipment and burned the Lads and Salamaua were even more for attacks against transport planes supplying Mililani and Airfield troops fighting in the bitter contested Papuan campaign.

Troops of the 3rd Division's 17th Brigade began to arrive at Wau in relief of Kanga Force during mid-January. As the weather permitted, the build up continued. By January 10, the relieving force totalled 28 officers and 655 other ranks. The commander of the 17th Brigade had at this time no knowledge of a projected Japanese thrust against Wau. The peace was soon shattered. The commander of the 17th Brigade had at this time no knowledge of a projected Japanese thrust against Wau. The peace was soon shattered. Patrols started to detect unusual Japanese troop movements. There were signs of groups of enemy troops moving on tracks where none had been previously evident. The picture was to become very clear when enemy on one side, several hundred strong, were detected moving towards Wau.

On January 27, the main body of the 2/7th Battalion began to arrive at Wau airstrip. By noon, the day two officers and 200 other ranks of this Unit had disembarked, the airfield was deserted. By the end of January, the enemy had achieved fronts on the airfield. The main attack on Wau then began. Two Squadrons of the 2/15th Field Regiment arrived by afternoon. The next day, the 2/15th Field Regiment arrived by afternoon. On the day of arrival, 614 men had reached. In the dark hours of the morning of January 30, the enemy made the main attack on Wau airfield. The attack was repulsed. Two Squadrons of the 2/15th Field Regiment arrived by afternoon. The next day, the 2/15th Field Regiment arrived by afternoon. On the day of arrival, 614 men had reached. In the dark hours of the morning of January 30, the enemy made the main attack on Wau airfield. This was repulsed. Two Squadrons of the 2/15th Field Regiment arrived by afternoon. This attack was to be the last attempt by the enemy to take new ground in Mandated New Guinea. Captured enemy documents later confirmed that 3,500 soldiers arrived from Lae, on any route they could find, with two companies to clear the airfield. Wau and to drive the Australian defenders from the area.

The Allied preparations for an offensive were suspected by the Japanese, who demonstrated their suspicions by ordering a series of heavy air raids. One particularly heavy air strike on Wau on March 9 killed and wounded many Australians. Heavy strikes were also carried out against Dobodura, Pollock Harbour, Dau Bay and Port Moresby. Some of these attacks destroyed Allied aircraft on the ground, and damaged merchant shipping. Allied fighter planes took a heavy toll of the air attackers. The enemy planes came back again and again, but it was all too late for the Japanese. The important battles for New Guinea and the Solomons islands had been fought and won in the Papuan and Guadalcanal campaigns, only delaying operations were to come.

April was to mark the anniversary of the first year of the existence of the Japanese in the South West Pacific Area. One year before, the enemy was at the height of success, and the Allies in a low trough of confidence, but the influence of the Allied air power on sea and land battles had altered the equation. The initiative was now clearly with the forces of General MacArthur. In New Guinea, the Allied troops now held firmly the approaches to Salamaua except by overland from the north, and even this route was under the surveillance of strategically located observation posts and from the air by Allied planes. Salamaua was not a great prize in the overall Allied strategy for the recovery of New Guinea, but it was in play to take. Carefully calculated pressure against this enemy base was intended to be used to lure enemy troops from Lae, a more important and safer base for later Allied use.

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To illustrate the wastage of Japanese strength, which occurred in the battle defense of the Salamaua area, one only has to study the reinforcements brought into the area in April and May of 1943. The survivors of the Bismarck Sea Battle were used there, together with 1,000 troops of the 37th, 115th and 116th Battalions, 300 men of the 115th Regiment, 250 gunners of the 114th Artillery Regiment, 150 sappers from the 5th Regiment, and about 200 other troops. By the end of May, two complete units, two battalions, the 86th and 102nd, as well as the 114th, opposed the Australian 3rd Division. Added to this must be the unknown numbers of enemy troops ferried in by submarine, at 40 per trip, and those brought in by barge from Cape Gloucester (in southern New Britain).

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A decision was made by General MacArthur as early as May 7, that New Guinea Force was to capture Lae, Salamaua, Finschhafen and Madang. The Japanese inadvertently were to help the Australians carry out this task by their obsession with the security of Salamaua as vital for the defense of the Huon Peninsula. They were wrong, and MacArthur was preparing to show them why they were in error. The topographical feature shown as the Huon Peninsula, which was the real Allied objective, is about 100 kilometres long and juts into the Solomon Sea.

The town of Lae is situated at the base of the Peninsula in the Huon Gulf. The Markham River runs by the town from the northwest, along a valley behind the Finisterre Range. A further great river, the Ramu, rises in the same basic area as the headwaters of the Markham and flows north wards to empty into the sea, through swampy low-lying land north of Mubo and opposite Vulcan Island. The Finisterre Range itself is a tangled mass of generally impenetrable jungle, with peaks rising to over 4,100 metres, which some experienced New Guineans insist is worse than that of the Owen Stanley Range.

The code word for the next move forward by MacArthur's forces was to be "Cartwheel". Two landings were to be made, one on New Georgia in the Solomon Islands and the second at Nassau Bay, which is situated 23 kilometres south of Salamaua. The plan was for the newly formed 1/162nd Battalion of the United States 41st Division to establish a beachhead at the Bay. The Australian participation in "Cartwheel" was to capture a feature known as Bobdubi Ridge. This task was allotted to the Australian 3rd Division. The 58/59th Militia Battalion was to attack and capture the ridge while the 24th Militia Battalion and the 2/3 Independent Company were to support the landing operation and harass selected enemy positions in the area. Allied Intelligence had estimated that the Japanese strength in the Lae/Salamaua battle area was over 7,000 in all. Of these enemy troops, 2,000 were at Mubo, 400 at Ramu, and 300 at Nassau Bay.

The Australian and American attacks were basically successful, although there were some aberrations. The defending Japanese helped the American invading force by executing poor leadership, and, initially, showed a lack of willingness to fight. It was ironic that both the Japanese division commander and the American leader of the landing operations were relieved of their respective commands. The landing was very successful, however, so that the Commander of the Japanese 51st Division was immediately ordered to re-fortify Salamaua. There was now to be the 111/168th Battalion and two battalions of the 132nd Regiment with auxiliary troops, to defend Salamaua. This was precisely the objective of the landing—the drawing of enemy troops forward from Lae.

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The Minister for Veterans' Affairs, Ben Humphreys, is discussing long term residential care with Professor Gary Andrews, Director of the Centre for Ageing Studies, Flinders University, South Australia, at Parliament House, Canberra.

I would advise all persons who have or are appealing for a review of their OVA decision to ensure they have all relevant further evidence, in support of their claim as soon as possible, either on their own behalf or through their advocate so that a letter of request for hearing date can be sent to the VRB.

Apparently steps are being taken now to dismiss those cases currently over two years old.

Anyone who has any queries should contact their advocate or the Veterans' Review Board as soon as possible.

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**CONCERN OVER OVERSEAS WARTIME ACCOUNTS**

Veterans and their families should be aware of a new rule about how to claim money left in bank accounts during the World War II. The newly formed Veterans' Affairs Board (VAB) has decided that:

1. Bank accounts belonging to some deceased veterans are to be donated to veterans organisations.
2. Court-appointed receivers in Canada are automatically considered to be Bank of Canada after 10 years.
3. Information on those dormant accounts can be obtained from:
   - Mr. General Paper
   - Unclaimed Bank Accounts
   - Bank of Canada
   - Court-appointed receivers in Canada

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**THE NAVAL ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA**

**Voyager Compensation Claims**

Dear Editor,

Recently while visiting the West for the Annual State Conference of the West Australian Section of the Naval Association, I was given a copy of your very newsy magazine (Autumn 1991, Vol. 14 No. 1) which contained an article on page 70 outlining the Government's sorry record regarding this disaster.

The enclosed information containing the Minister's reply to our correspondence, which shows that the Government isn't going to change its attitude, is forwarded for the information of your readers.

Yours sincerely,

Cmdr P.J. Burn RAN Rtd
Hon Federal Secretary

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Dear Minister,

The failure of the Government to confirm that the recent High Court decision in favour of Mr Verwayen will flow onto the other claimants, as expressed in the Canberra Times article of 6 November, gives the Naval Association much cause for concern.

Would the Minister give the Association an urgent assurance that the Government will act with compassion, acknowledge that the High Court decision should apply to other claimants?

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Voyager Claims

Dear Commander Burn,

Thank you for your letter of 9 November 1990 concerning the implications of the High Court decision on the Voyager case and your comments regarding other claims by survivors of HMAS Voyager.

I am sure you will appreciate that, because I am not aware of the full particulars of your case, I am unable to comment on the matters that are of interest to you in the Voyager case.

However, as I understand the situation, the initiative in pursuing the remaining claims lies with the claimants themselves, and the application of the Voyager decision to particular cases must be a matter for the courts to decide.

Yours sincerely,

Gordon Bilney

CHANGES TO THE DEFENCE SERVICE HOMES SCHEME

On 8 January 1987 the Veterans' Affairs Legislation Amendment Act 1986 received Royal Assent which brought about significant changes to the DSH scheme.

Many ageing Veterans and war widows and widowers serving or former members of the Defence Force will benefit from these changes.

The major changes are:
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Yours sincerely,

(Mrs) ISOBEL E. McKAY

A citizen's appreciation of an Anzac Dawn Service

On a cool day, with orange-black clouds moving slowly across the sky, we arose from our warm bed and made our way from the house. The roads were quiet and our powerful car soon covered the distance. Closer to the city we were joined by others, some with country numberplates.

At the top of Mt Eliza, police officers with reflective armbands were directing traffic away from King's Park. Lights shone brightly from city buildings. A chilly thought on this solemn morning.

At seven o'clock a kookaburra laughed, just quietly, as the still sugar gums, planted in memory of the fallen, trembled like sentinels on either side of the road. Snapshots of conversation were around us as people hurried past.

As we turned into the gateway and walked a few metres, the lights from a car following outlined the tall sugar gums, planted in memory of the fallen. The air was crisp as we slowly wound our way among unfamiliar ground. We walked along the quiet streets of the village, the solemnity of the occasion clearly evident.

Then a bugle sounded. We bowed our heads in quiet prayer, starting when two minutes later a shot rang out and again the bugle was heard.

The crowd became quieter as all finally showed to a stop. Palm trees with reds, with yellow buses were evident against the sky. Venus shone clearly through the grey.

Two lovers kissed nearby, she snuggled to him. A man and child stood side by side, their eyes looking into the distance.

At six o'clock a kookaburra laughed, just softly, as the still sugar gums, planted in memory of the fallen, trembled like sentinels on either side of the road. Snapshots of conversation were around us as people hurried past.

At six-twenty I felt I could stand no more, so turned around to divert my thoughts. I saw frightened birds flying clumsily across the crowd, to be seen no more.

Then a bugle sounded. We bowed our heads in quiet prayer, starting when two minutes later a shot rang out, and again the bugle was heard.

It was daylight now. We turned around at the traffic lights, as it weakened. All wandered off reluctantly to return after the shared experience.

We found our car parked illegally on the median strip "just this once", and "just this once" we had made the effort to attend the dawn service at King's Park.

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New Naval Commander for West Australia Area

Commodore Peter Briggs AM RAN, Naval Officer Commanding West Australia Area.

Commodore Peter Briggs AM RAN, assumed command of the West Australia Area on January 4 as the Naval Officer Commanding. He replaces Commodore Graham Stubington AM ADC RAN who has been posted to Canberra on promotion to Rear Admiral in the position of Assistant Chief of Naval Staff - Personnel.

Aged 45, Commodore Briggs has the distinction of being the youngest officer to be posted to this position.

After commencing training at the Royal Australian Naval College in 1961, Commodore Briggs graduated in 1964 and was awarded The Memorial Sword as the top Midshipman of his year. Following training at The Britannia Royal Naval College, Dartmouth, and warfare training with the Royal Navy, Commodore Briggs joined the RAN's fledgling submarine service.

On completion of submarine training he was awarded the Max Horton prize as the top graduate and served as the Torpedo Officer of HMS Otter.

After standing by HMAS Ovens during building at Greenock in Scotland he served as the Navigation Officer during her work up and return to Australia. This appointment was followed by service as a Year Officer at the RAN's Naval College, the Sonar Officer and Executive Officer of HMAS Oxley, prior to completing the Royal Navy's Submarine Commanding Officers Qualifying Course in 1975.

Command of HMAS Otway and HMAS Oxley was interspersed with the Royal Navy Staff Course at Greenwich. Promoted Commander in 1980, he served as the Director, Submarine Warfare Systems Centre during its formation, accomplishing the introduction of a new combat system, shore simulator and software support centre for the RAN's submarine force. On completion of this appointment he was promoted Captain and admitted as a member of the Order of Australia (AM). He attended the Joint Services Staff College, Canberra prior to taking up command of the RAN Submarine Squadron and HMAS Pluribus in 1987.

After two years as the Director of Submarine Warfare at Navy Office, Canberra, Commodore Briggs was promoted to Commodore in 1985 and attended the Indian National Defence College during 1986.

Commodore Briggs' appointment as Naval Officer Commanding, Western Australia is his first posting to this state. He is accompanied by his Norwegian wife, Brit, unfortunately their son and daughter will only be occasional visitors due to university commitments. Both are keen social tennis players. He also plays squash and bridge, is an embryonic golfer, a keen angler and yachtsman.
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Souvenir copies of documents that had their origin in World War II have been donated to the RSL War Museum at Birdwood House.

Gerry Lewis of Cawdor Street, who joined the RAF in Manchester in March 1939 and was captured in Java in 1942, made the documents available. They include a letter dropped from a Japanese aircraft on Singapore on 10 February, 1942, in which the high Commander of the Nippon Army ordered his British counterpart to surrendi the whole force in Malaya.

They also include General Wavell's Last Order at Singapore dated 15 February, 1942, in which he says in part: “The forward troops continue to hold their ground but the essentials of war have run short.”

Also of interest is the official translation of leaflets dropped at Changi by Liberator aircraft on 28 August, 1945, which says in part: “The whole of the Japanese army, navy and air forces have surrendered to the United Nations.”

Gerry Lewis, whom many people will know as a dancing teacher, was released in August 1945 in Sumatra after working for 18 months on the railway through Sumatra among 7,000 POWs.

Gerry got out of Singapore two days before it fell and joined the American Air Force in Java.

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Victory on the Kokoda Trail

By F2L Soldier, former 12/2/16th Battalion

In August-September of 1942 — Australia's perilous year — when a rampaging Japanese army marched to New Guinea, an historic battle was raging on the Kokoda Trail, high in the towering Owen Stanley Mountains of Papua. The attackers were the Japanese South Seas Force which included 13,000 combat troops under Major General Tomitaro Horii, and an Australian force of less than 2,000 led by Brigadier Arnold William Potts of Kojonup, WA. The prize was Port Moresby.

The Australian force comprised the 21st Brigade of the AIF and the 39th Militia Battalion, though only three of those battalions were available at any time.

The Japanese force was reduced in importance, demoralised and defeated by the 21st Brigade on a mountain range at Finschhafen, only 35 miles from Port Moresby. Thus they had bought time for fresh brigades to be brought forward from Australia to pursue the exhausted remnants of Horii's force back across the mountains.

The devoted men of 21st Brigade faced against the four times enemy, not only in Australia itself but in New Guinea, with naval support and against the four times larger enemy, not only in Australia but also in New Guinea. But the outnumbered and outgunned men of these battalions, commanded and inspired by Brigadier Potts, by skillful and dedicated implementation of his tactical plan of manoeuvre and stingy rear guard actions, but thought and out-fought the larger Japanese.

The 21st Brigade formed part of the Seventh Division of the Second AIF — the "Silent Seventh" to many Australians. The battalions of the Brigade were the 2/14th, 2/16th, and 2/27th, raised in Victoria, Western Australia, and South Australia respectively. They faced on their way to the impenetrable mountains of the First World War the plenitude of the old battles with whom they assumed. Many of these were sons or nephews of Anzac veterans. All three Battalions had fought with distinction in the Middle East and, reinforced later by men from other States, were in to win more battles. In their final reduction of the Japanese fortress of Gona in the Ramu Valley, where they made the break-through on the supposedly impregnable Shaggy Ridge, and at Bena-Bena in Buna, in campaigns other than that on the Kokoda Trail the three Battalions were cast in the role of 'Silent Seventh' — a role which, in all our wars, earned Australians the title of "the World's finest assault troops", but on the Kokoda Trail Brigadier Potts' men were to prove mightily, many were to die nobly, in defending the plans of a powerful aggressor to capture Port Moresby, New Guinea — Australia. Their victory adds value to the traditions of Australian Arms. It was their finest hour.

The veterans of those three battalions of 21st Brigade hold celebrations in their respective states to mark the 50th anniversary of the raising of the Brigade for the second AIF in 1940, and it is fitting that, besides their families, their countrymen should be reminded of the great and historic battles fought for their country by their husbands, fathers and grandfathers in that perilous year when Australia — for the first time in her history — faced mortal danger. It is fitting that younger generations should be reminded of what manner of men were those — and what price they paid on their victory on the Kokoda Trail of which Sir Frank Longley Norris — Director of Medical Services 7th Division — has written:

"Time and man and the jungle will obliterate this line of battle, but forever will live the memory of every man who has passed this way, ghosts of glorious men that have gone, gone for beyond the Kokoda Trail."

The Japanese force was reduced to impotence, and the enemy designs on New Guinea. The Australian force comprised his 21st Brigade of the AIF sailed to Port Moresby. The prize was Port Moresby.

As the Japanese had also shown interest in the Buna-Samarra-Stanley area on the north coast of Papua, it was decided to secure this area by forcing the 3rd Australian Battalion. Due to difficult conditions, this battalion had to move overland initially, secure the airstrip at Kokoda, and move elements to the Buna area. It was generally thought unlikely that an enemy advance in this area would eventuate.

Meanwhile, in July, Lieutenant General Hyakutake, commander of the Japanese Southwest Army, committed Major General Tomitaro Horii's South Seas Force to the capture of Port Moresby across the Owen Stanley Mountains. Also, as the Eastern end of a pincer movement, a Japanese force of 1900 to 2000 with naval support was to secure Milne Bay. The latter force apparently surprised in its attempt to secure Milne Bay, as an Allied force was already present at Milne Bay.

Victory on the Kokoda Trail.
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resigned with heavy loss after a ten-day battle fought while the 21st Brigade was embroiled with General Horii's regiments on the Kokoda Trail.

For the Kokoda venture General Horii's force included:

146th Infantry Regiment - 3 Battalions
41st Infantry Regiment - 3 Battalions
15th Independent Engineer Regiment
Detachment of 25th Mountain Artillery - 2 Mountain guns.

Survival tropes with mines and grenades.

The 1st Battalion of 144th Regiment, led by Lt. Colonel Tsukamoto, was the advance guard of Horii's force and landed near Gona about 21 July, 1942, and was opposed in its advance toward Kokoda by troops of the 39th Battalion. The 39th, of which less than half had crossed the mountains at that stage, fought a number of delaying actions but was forced back to Deniki. In the evening of the 21st, Owen Stneys. There he trained the remainder of the battalion and prepared to make a stand. The 39th was fighting with great spirit.

Owen Stanley's were to be re-supplied at Lake Myola on the crest of the range where supplies were to be built up by air drop. They had from 24 to 36 hours to prepare for the attack and the time was spent in collecting ammunition, checking weapons, sharpening bayonets, writing home and putting personal equipment in order.

The 2/14th Battalion set out from Ilu on 18 August, followed by the 2/16th a day later, after an enforced delay at Myola with the intention to be air-dropped. The leading company of the 2/14th Battalion arrived at the airfield on the morning of 26 August, and took over from a company of the 39th which was coming under heavy pressure from the enemy which had the morning been reinforced by the 3rd Battalion of the 144th Regiment. These two fresh Japanese battalions passed through their 2nd Battalion and clashed back up the 32nd Infantry and the 33rd Infantry Battalion. The last named battalion, which had been in Port Moresby since early 1942, occupied large expanses of the valley and, accordingly insufficiently trained or prepared, had set out for Kokoda before the arrival of the 2/14th.

The leading troops of the 2/14th Battalion found the ground, 39th and the disorganized 33rd Battalions under heavy and sustained pressure from Horii's three Battalions. The Australian Brigade Commander accordingly was forced to commit the reserves of the 2/14th as it arrived to assist the 39th which was in grave danger.

During the period 26-28 August the 2/14th and the gallant 39th, which had chosen to stay and fight with the 2/14th, inflicted heavy casualties - at considerable cost to themselves - and was they had the situation under control. As a Japanese officer admitted to his diary, "The enemy is gradually being outflanked but his resistance is stubborn and our casualties great. The outcome of the battle is difficult to foresee".

At midday on 18 August the leading company of the 2/16th Battalion reached Brigadier Potts' Headquarters at Alola. The company was despatched across the Eora Creek gorge to high ground around the village of Alola where part of the 3rd Battalion had previously reports enemy patrols. The second company of the 2/16th followed an hour later. These companies had the aim of pushing down the Myola-Rabaul track to Kokoda where they could. However, they found a strong force of enemy entrenched at Alola. (This was the 2nd Battalion of the 144th Regiment whose role was to outflank Alola). The 2/16th companies attacked strongly on 29 and 30 August, but although they inflicted proportionately greater casualties on the enemy did not succeed in outflanking them.

On 29 August the remaining three companies of the 2/16th Battalion reached Alola and the Brigade Commander planned to employ two of them in an attack upon the right flank of the Japanese entrenched with the 2/14th and 39th, while maintaining the two company 2/16th attack on the Japanese holding Abuari. To support this elaborate plan available specialist platoons of the 2/16th.

However, the arrival of the last elements of the 2/16th Battalion coincided with the arrival of two more Japanese battalions to the Alola area. Now Brigadier Potts' force of less than two battalions on the western (Ilu) side of the Eora Creek gorge was faced by at least four Japanese battalions (supported by artillery and engineers) while the equivalent of 25 companies on the eastern (Abuari) side faced the entrenched 2nd Battalion of the Japanese 144th Regiment.

By the afternoon of 30 August the Japanese, disregarding very heavy casualties estimated at about 1,000 - had caused the brigade to retreat to move back about a mile and were threatening Brigade Headquarters.

It was quite clear that the heavily outnumbered and outgunned Australians could not hold the objectives of recapturing Kokoda. It was also clear that, if the Australians attempted to hold Alola-Abuari, the enemy had sufficient forces to clear them while his main body could advance unhindered upon Port Moresby, Potts knew there was no possibility of support the 2/16th Battalion was released from National Reserve in Port Moresby and that this was an unlikely to occur in the outcome of the concurrent battle at Milne Bay remained unclear. The Brigade Commander was
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determined that he would at all times maintain his
force between the Japanese and their key objectives.
He knew — and General Horii accepted — that the
only feasible approach to Port Moresby was by the
Kokoda Trail, the centre of which was the key.

Brigadier Potts had the initiative in deciding to
break off the Korowa engagement and move all
his troops south of Aitape and fight whatever
rearguard actions were necessary to delay the
Japanese and force them to deploy, at the same time
shortening his own precarious Line of
Communications while expanding the enemy's. His
troops, who were inferior by the Japanese,
were quickly adapting to the new kinds of jungle warfare.

Potts had confidence that they would as quickly
adapt to the tactics of standing, fighting, then
shifting away only when in imminent danger of
encirclement, leaving the ground where the
Japanese had already been released. He planned to
release the 3rd on 6 September, followed by
the 2/14th and 2/16th Battalions in turn to impose
checks upon the Japanese — at the same time inflicting all possible
casualties on them. Although these Australians
could not match the numbers nor fire-power of the
Japanese, their healthy contempt for their enemy, and the skill and
capacity they demonstrated in every engagement
emphasised their man-to-man superiority.

With the 2/14th and 2/16th leapfrogging, strong
rearguard actions were fought against Port Creek
and Templeton's Crossing high in the Owen
Stanleys. These were costly for the Japanese in
men, but in effect, they had no reserves to
reinforce them. By vigorous patrolling from these
rear-guard positions, the Australians harassed and
delayed any attempt by the Japanese to
outflank them. Their skillful withdrawal of the defeated
Japanese into line and rear, and get his men
moving to regain contact.

A major test for both sides took place on a
prominent spur just south of Efogi on 8 September,
this feature is variously called Mission Ridge,
Brigade Hill and Butcher's Hill Here, for the first
time Brigadier Potts had the 2/27th Battalion which
had been held back at Port Moresby until the
situation at Milne Bay had been resolved. The South
Australians, glad to be back in action with their sister
battalion, with a total strength of little more than two
hundred men, brought their battle to a close soon
after dawn hours, had established itself across the track
from the Japanese, who were advancing toward them
along the trackless jungle with the wounded before it
and some wounded of its own and the other battalions (mostly
under-strength) had established itself across the track
between Brigade Headquarters and the Battalion.

At very high cost to both Australians and Japanese, the 2/14th and 2/16th
Battalions with great determination fought their way out of the trap and saved the Brigade Headquarters;
but the 2/27th Battalion, surrounded, without any
supply of ammunition and the other battalions (mostly
casualties), was unable to reach the agreed
point at Menari before the rest of the
Battalion moved to a more suitable position on
the Maguli Range. The 2/27th Battalion, after fighting
its way to Menari, was trapped but was able to
survive the Japanese fire and reach the 2/14th and 2/16th
Battalions on 9 September, now with six battalions at his disposal
and conscious that the Japanese defeat at Milne
Bay on 8 September had not left the responsibility to seize Port
Moresby — Potts made detailed plans to destroy the
Japanese force between the Japanese and their key objective.

While Japanese fighting patrols harassed the 2/14th Brigade, the Japanese, with his
heavy personnel and tank moves, continued to
support his efforts to destroy the 2/27th, which were launched at the same time on the three
battalions. The 2/14th and 2/16th Battalions stood
against these attacks while human-wave attacks
against the 2/27th positions further down the spur
were thrown back and again with enemy
casualties numbering in hundreds. The 2/27th gave
no ground.

However, on this days, Potts was able to
outflank the Australians when Brigade Headquarters, on the
northern slopes of Mission Ridge, commenced firing from the
outflanking force referred to which, in the pre-dawn hours, had established itself across the track
between Brigade Headquarters and the Battalions.

The 2/14th and 2/16th Battalions — again alone
— held the advancing Japanese on the Magic
Range, inflicting serious casualties on an enemy
who was growing more cautious — especially since
its significant losses at Efogi.

The capacity of 2/14th Brigade to exploit shifts in
enemy positions and to impose severe delay and inflict
grievous casualties on the Japanese, whose
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KOKODA TRAIL... (Cont.)

companies, and ordered a withdrawal to Toribaiva Ridge which they were to hold until relieved by a fresh AIF Brigade arriving from Australia.

The indomitable but weary soldiers of the brothers-in-arms 2/14th and 2/16th Battalions held Toribaiva Ridge from 12 to 15 September, against despairing Japanese attacks and almost constant mortar and artillery fire. They were still holding when relieved by the three fresh Battalions of the 25th Brigade on 18 September. When the remnants of these two proud Battalions handed over their posts to the 25th Brigade the 2/14th mustered 101 men and the 2/16th 149.

After leaving Brigade, Potts and his men had gladly accepted the challenge of a much larger Japanese force (which was supported by mountain purr-ling machine guns, mortars, and engineers) and, within the few hours, proved themselves more than a match - man for man - for their enemies. They found that the Japanese soldiers in the ranks were brave and tenacious but likely to retreat if hotly pressed - especially with the arrival of the adaptable Australians - soldiers fighting for their homeland - quickly established a mastery of jungle warfare and proved that mastery in every succeeding encounter. They had exploded the myth of Japanese invincibility and had added more lustre to the tradition of Australian Arms. That, deep in the green wood, the 2/14th Brigade was to inflict on the two Japanese regiments a defeat of such resounding significance is a measure of the excellence of the three battalions and the leadership and inspiration of Brigadier Arnold Potts.

THE COST

Disregarding prisoners of war - in 21st Brigade's case very few - 21st Brigade's battle casualties of 456 during the 20 days' campaign were very much heavier than those of 8th Division in the withdrawal from Greece, or of 5th Division in the withdrawal from Benghazi and defence of Tobruk. Japanese sources put 7,000 Japanese losses over 20 days, much higher than 21st Brigade, a tribute to the military prowess of Brigadier Potts and his men.

The Brigade also paid a high price in disease and breakdowns in health occasioned by diet deficiencies, disease, physical and mental strain.

As volume 9 of the Australian War Memorial official history observes on page 252: "The men of the 21st Brigade had set an example of gallantry and devotion that the incoming brigades might well follow."

In a congratulatory message to the Brigade after the Owen Stanley campaign, Prime Minister Curtin said "you saved Australia." The merit - indeed the glory - of 21st Brigade's achievement was highlighted on 17 September, when General Blarney, admitted to the Advisory War Council the General had two regiments totalling about 8,000 combat troops in action against Brigadier Potts whose force never exceeded 1,500 men. General

Blarney also stated that 21st Brigade had been inspected by supply problems.

The Battalions of the illustrious Brigade were awarded many battle honours in World War II; none evokes more proud and poignant memories than KOKODA Trail, Isurava, Port Gorge, Templeton's Crossing, Blog-Mereta and Toribaiva. Before history, the names of the eight platoons shall stand guard forever as symbols of victory; brass plates, brass plates - all that is best in our race.

As a war correspondent who was with 21st Brigade on KOKODA Trail wrote: "I was convinced for all time of the dignity and nobility of common man. I felt proud to be of their race and cause."

POSTSCRIPT

Less than a month after handing over their posts at Isurava, about 100 men of each Battalion joined a special force named Chaforce to support the fresh Brigades pursuing Horii's remaining forces back across the Owen Stanley. Chaforce was eventually divided among the three battalions of 25th Brigade and took part in the Brigade's attempts to reduce the Japanese stronghold of Gona. When the Brigade was withdrawn, 21st Brigade's Chaforce companies rejoined their parent Brigade which - on 29 November at less than half strength - took over from the exhausted 25th Brigade and, with the gallant 39th, finally destroyed the Japanese garrison at Gona.

When the Brigade was relieved in January 1943, the weary and emaciated survivors who emerged out of the Owen Stanley campaign numbered less than 100 of whom the 2/14th mustered only 42. They had earned, then and their laurels.

F.H. SUBLET
former C.O. 2/16th Battalion.

THE LAST POST

Their marching days are over now,
Their fighting days are done,
Their fighting days are done...

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REUNIONS

1939-1945 WAAF

A luncheon will be held on Saturday, 21 September, 1991 at the AFA Club, Bullcreek. It is hoped that all girls who came as war brides or emigrated will come along and enjoy the fellowship of girls who saw similar service to you. Further details from:

(MRS) CYNTHIA LYALL,
2/6 Gerald Street,
Como WA 6152.
Tel: (09) 450 6141.

‘N’ CLASS DESTROYER ASSOCIATION

The 15th national reunion will be held in Perth, from 27 September to 3 October, 1991. Members of the newly-formed WA branch are anxious to hear from any ‘N’ Class personnel who have not yet joined the Association. Please contact president: Peter Rumble on 448 6639 or secretary Dorothy Higgins on 332 5723.

WIRELESS SECTION

6th Aust. Heavy Wireless Section “50 Years On”. A reunion will be held in Perth in May/June. Tentative date of the Luncheon, as guests of the Mayor, City of Bayswater, is Wednesday, 20 November, 1991.

Please contact: Norm Brewer on 237 5832, Glenn Sadler on 341 2555, or Jim Bonnichsen on 381 2435 (1412 Second Street, Black Rock, Vic. 3193).

50 YEAR COMMEMORATION TRIP BACK TO THE KOKODA TRACK

Possibly July or August, 1992.

No walking tours of the track for our age-group.

The tour would probably include Guerino, then Port Moresby and other places of interest, including Bomana War Cemetery, Owen’s Corner, by air to Kokoda, then by road to Kokoda, Sogeri, Sanananda, Port Moresby, etc. Tours to Milne Bay and Rabaul, etc., for those with other interests in the PNG area.

Frank Taylor (Australian Army Reserve) is assisting in the organisation. Frank is Operations Supervisor of the W.A. Police Emergency Operations Unit and is an acknowledged historian of the Papuan campaign and, in recent years, has taken six walking tours over the track. Frank is very experienced and most familiar with local Papuan conditions and has good relations with PNG Government officials, defence forces, National Parks, trek operators, native guides and local communities.

We are seeking signs of interest at this stage, in order that the most suitable arrangements may be considered and will be seeking Government insurance (but don’t count on that).

Costs could be attractive [it is a non-profit scheme by the organisers] and will be subject to interest generated in WA and other States.

If you are even mildly interested at this stage, please contact Eric Stallard on (09) 339 6361 or at 14/6 Coolgardie Avenue, East Fremantle, WA 6155, or Frank Taylor, (09) 222 1137 (work), (09) 446 6006 (home) 7 Laga Court, Stirling, WA 6021.

We urgently need some ideas of how many are interested if we are to get this moving. Time is running out!

ERIC M. STALLARD.

ANZAC DAY PARADE

This year the 28th Brigade marched for the first time on parade, led by a Cub Leader daughter and her two young Cubs to assist with our colours.

We had about 14 on parade. With one or two new faces that I didn’t see at the reunion in January, I didn’t stay after the march but I did hear that a few of the lads were gathering to fight a rearguard action.

We are looking forward to the reunion in Kalgoorlie in August. So far, the response has been good. Westrail will organise a coach for us if we can fill it, or two coaches if required. There will be many joining us at Northam.

So come on, fellows, have a few days in Kalgoorlie with us! For further news, contact Phil Wilkerson on 330 7263, or myself (George Dhue) on 330 6272.

DARWIN HEAVY ANTI-AIRCRAFT 14th AND 2nd BTY ASSOCIATION

In February this year, the annual reunion of the above Artillery Batteries was held in Sydney. Thanks to an invitation from Doug Vose and Dick Tiedemann, I was able to attend.

During the course of the evening plans for the reunion to be held in Darwin in February, 1992 (the 50th anniversary of the first bombing raid) were discussed. An advance party has been to Darwin in order to have talks with the Darwin City Council and the organisers of the National Campaign for a Commemoration Event. At the moment plans are well advanced, and the expectation is for some 50,000 visitors to the Territory in 1992.

The planning by the 14th and 2nd Heavy A.A. Batteries is also well advanced. Accommodation has been reserved at the Atrium Hotel for 50 twin-share rooms and also for “nostalgia” tours.

We have been asked to try and contact ex-gunnedners who served in the above units, or their close relatives, regardless of whether they are interested or not in a return to Darwin for the reunion. I will try to send individual requests to Bill Longden, Robin Dean and Jeff Stevenson for any of their old mates to contact them.
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RAAF RADAR FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS NATIONAL PROJECT COMMITTEE (NPC)

On 23 March 1942 the 1st Air Warning RAAF Radar Station designed and built in Australia went into service at Darwin, Australia. It had been working only a short time when at 11.30 that day the radar screen showed a group of aircraft 84 miles (135km) east of Darwin, approaching at a speed of 245 miles per hour (394km/hour) at a height of 12,000 feet (3658 metres) to 14,000 feet (4267 metres). A squadron of American Air Force Kitty hawks took off and intercepted the enemy about 20 miles (32km) from Darwin. One enemy bomber was shot down and the radar screen gave indications of retreating scattered aircraft.

This was the first occasion on which an RAAF Radar Station caused the warning and interception of enemy aircraft.

The Air Warning Radar concerned was one of the first three to be designed and built in Australia by a group of companies from the Radio, Electrical and Engineering industries. The companies involved were The Gramophone Company (later EMI), AWA Valve Company, PMG (now Telecom Australia) Research Department and Workshops, the Physics Department of CSIRO, the Engineering Department and Workshops of the NSW Railways and the Radio School at RAAF Williams, Laverton, Bendigo.

The proposed five-day programme for the national celebration is in the formative stage only, but the NPC recognises the need to assist in its planning. Including World War II and present-serving RAAF personnel, it is estimated that the NPC could include Bendigo in their travel plans for March 1992.

Mr Alex Culvenor of Newstead said, "The NPC envisages day visits to Ballarat, Echuca and RAAF Williams, together with, of course, visits to places of interest in and around Bendigo." A memorial service will be held on Sunday, 22 March 1992, the actual 50th anniversary date.

Mr Culvenor commented that the NPC was seeking maximum RAAF involvement for it is their anniversary celebration. In view of the NPC's wishes, Bendigo is seen by the NPC as a most pleasant city with appropriate facilities, not too painful a distance from Brisbane and Perth, and, of course, relatively close to Canberra, Melbourne and Hobart.

In addition, the NPC anticipates that ex-RAAF radar personnel and families will assemble in Bendigo from 21 to 25 March 1992.

For further information, all ex-gunnery may contact me at my home address. Those requiring a written answer please enclose a stamped addressed envelope.

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3rd BATTALION, THE ROYAL AUSTRALIAN REGIMENT

The Third Battalion, the Royal Australian Regiment, will hold its 50th anniversary reunion at Holdsworth Barracks, Ingleburn, NSW from 16 to 20 October 1991. At the same time, the 40th Anniversary of the Catalina Commando, the successful battle for the capture of Feature 317, Maryang-San, will be commemorated. All members and former members of the 3rd Battalion RAN are invited to attend.

Schedule of Events
Friday, 18 October 1991
1600 hrs. "Meet & Greet" at Ingleburn Services Club
Saturday, 19 October 1991
1900 hrs. Resting the Retreat Kapyong Lines
Sunday, 20 October 1991
1100 hrs, farewell BBQ.
1600 hrs, visitors to Holdsworth Unit Lines.

It is expected that the reunion dinner will cost approximately $40. Dress will be informal. B.C. 5.E. Jessell & Tio, "Meals to be worked. Where and how? Friends are welcome to attend.

State Co-Ordinators:
Mr J. Clarke, 8 Lachlan Road, Willetton, W.A. 6155
Ph (09) 467 8921. The Secretary, RAAFA Association, W.A Branch, Mr. K. Trent, 3 Broad Street, Kensington, W.A. 6155.
Mr C.H. Whitbread, Saxes & South-East Asia Forces Assoc., 8 Blockyden Road, St. James, W.A. 6155. Ph. 361 9037.

COMBINED EX-SERVICE & servicewomen's Committee (WA) ANNUAL LUNCHBOX

All Ex-Service and Servicewomen are invited to attend the annual Luncheon at Amra House on Sunday, 18 August, 1991. Pre-lunch drinks in Amra Club, 11.30am - 12.30pm, followed by a sit-down lunch in the Gallop Room. The bar will be open.

Price per ticket: $25 (which includes pre-lunch drinks). Please contact your own Association representative/Seniority for tickets, or Mrs. Moliat 3913 418 (Hon. Secretary).

CECILE HINTON
Secretary

ATTENTION ALL, WARREGO CREW MEMBERS

I know that in Western Australia there aren't too many ex-RAN members who served in HMAS Warrego at any time during her commission. So we have been left in Limbo as to what is happening in the Eastern States regarding news of our old ships and wherever they may be.

I am very pleased to report that, after all these years, a Warrego Association has been registered with the appropriate authorities, and is up and running in Queensland thanks to the efforts of Alan Brown, Doug Leon, Kunga Pitt and many others. Arrangements are being made for a regular newsletter to all members and where there are the necessary numbers, regular meetings will be held.

Arrangements are already in hand for a big roll-up in Darwin next year for the 50th anniversary of the first high-level night raid and many of our old shipmates have indicated they will be present at what promises to be a terrific occasion, backed by the government of the Northern Territory. There is a party booked from Perth, army unit officers, and one American who was aboard the USS William J. M. Preston, the Catalina mothership moored in the Darwin Harbour.

The Association would also like to hear from anyone who served in Warrego; please phone me on 272 5929, or write direct to A.J.N. Brown, 210/3 Yundah St., Sandgate, Old 4017. I am usually at home between 10am each day and weekends. How handy to hearing from old Warregoans here in W.A.

PHIL JAY D. FAN

DARWIN & BROOME REVISITED

19th of February next year will be exactly 50 years since the first bombs were dropped on Australian soil in fact a few days later - 2nd March marks what many will call when Warrego was attacked.

The RAAFA has placed together a very special tour that will cover both Darwin and Broome with some very special commemorations - but never called a "Green Season" trip. But this one will cover through the Top End and Kimberley.

Mrs. Murray, Public Relations Officer representative with the RAAFA has already visited Darwin and Broome and met with local government and the RAAFA. Special arrangements are made for a very "different" and exciting tour are now well in place that include "Commemorative Dinners" and "Civic Receptions".

There are several different "modules" available, including one in which we can fly to Darwin, and then coach back to Broome, flying home after the events in the Kimberley town. That will take up to 10 days. Another option is to go all the way by coach through Kimberley town. That will take up to 18 days.

The "Green Season" is a special tour - and reveals the beauty of Australia at its best when acres and acres will be flowing and the country is rich green. The weather will be warmer but special attention has been given to this, and the itinerary has been much more exposure to the middle part of days. Special concentration has been given to meals and other functions in the "balmier longer evening".

Although the RAAFA have organized this tour it will have general appeal to all service personnel.

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POEM RESPONSE
Dear Editor,

I reply to your correspondent whose letter referred to a poem, written on Crete in 1941. The poem in question was written by my brother, the late Laurie (Bouff) Ryan, at Georgiopulis, Crete, 10 May, 1941. He titled it "The Isle of Doom".

In his war diary, my other brother, Ray (Pay Corps), comments:

"I have met many in different camps who claim to have written this, but Laurie read it to me when he came to Canea before the blitz commenced."

The poem, together with Laurie's other wartime compositions, is included in my book "POW's FRATERNAL", reviewed in the April edition of Listening Post.

A photograph of Laurie in the Sunday Times (7 March, 1982) shows him holding a copy of the poem.

Thank you for your help and for that of other ex-diggers in supplementing my information on the boys. I would be happy to answer any further queries.

Sister M. IMELDA RYAN, RSM

ATCL Ursula House,

Pioneer Court,

18 Barrett Court,

Wembley WA 6014.

Phone: 381 3854.

EDITOR: Thank you members for all the letters which arrived to help Mr Colin Sears (RMB 263, Beverley, WA 6304) with his query. Among them were letters from T.R. Beard (RAE Assoc. WA), A.H. Gray of Leeming, Bill Davis, WX 371 of Carine, Francis Gallagher, WX 19585 of Rossmoyne, E. MacLeod MBE of Booragoon, Don Bruce of Balga, the Esperance Sub-Branch which has a framed copy of the poem on its RSL wall, and Ken Littlejohn of the Bunbury Sub-Branch. The poem appears opposite.

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THANKS

Dear Editor,

I would like to record my thanks and appreciation to your officers who so ably assisted me in obtaining the poem which I considered was related to my service with the 2nd AIF.

I would like to mention in particular Mr Rowbotham, Komrad Johnson and Peter Elsener, who were most polite, dedicated and efficient in the assistance they offered me in respect of my claim.

R. GIBB

THE ISLE OF DOOM

Here I sit on the Isle of Crete
Bludging on my blistered feet!
Little wonder I've the blues
With feet encased in great canoes,
Khaki shorts instead of slacks,
Living like a tribe of blacks
Except that blacks don't sit and brood,
And wait throughout the day for food!

'Twas just a month ago, not more,
We sailed to Greece to win the war,
We marched and groaned beneath our load,
While bombers bombed us off the road
They chased us here, they chased us there,
The blighters chased us everywhere,
And while they dropped their loads of death
We cursed the bloody RAF.

Yet the RAF were there in force
(They left a few at home, of course),
We saw the entire squad one day
When a spitfire spat the other way
And then we heard the wireless news
When portly Winston gave his views
"The RAF" he said "in Greece"
Are fighting hard to bring us peace.

And so we scratched our heads and thought
"This smells distinctly like a rort,
For if in Greece the Airforce be
Then where the flaming hell are we?"

And then at last we met the Hun
At odds of thirty three to one,
And tho' he made it pretty hot
We gave the beggar all we got.

The bullets whizzed - the big gun roared
We howled for ships to get aboard.
At length they came and on we got
And hurried from that cursed spot.

And then they landed us at Crete
And marched us off our bloody feet!

The food was light, the water crook,
I got fed up and slung my hook,
Returned that night full up with wine
And next day copped a ten shilling fine.

My pay book was behind to hell
When pay was paid I said "to hell"
They won't pay me, I'm sure of that
But when next day no rations came
I realised their wily game
For sooner than sit down and die
We spent our rent on food supply.

So now it looks like even betting
A man'll soon become a Cretin
And spend his days in blackest gloom
On Adolph Hitler's Isle of Doom.

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OPERATION MARKET GARDEN

Dear Editor,

I am presently involved with the Army Reserve with OCTU (Officer Cadet Training Unit). We have been assigned to write an essay on the plan developed by Field General Montgomery called Operation Market Garden.

My reason for writing is to see if any RSL member was involved in Operation Market Garden. If so, I would like to contact them to ask questions about Montgomery's plan from their point-of-view.

JASON HAMLING,
12 Whittaker Crescent,
Bull Creek WA 6155.

AUSTRALIAN FLAG

Dear Editor,

It's good to see such heart-warming patriotism surfacing in defence of the Australian National Flag. (Listening Post Autumn 1991). I totally agree with all comments particularly Alan Hutcheson whose comments have a susceptibility to further back. I've always considered such actions to be the first and foremost duty of anyone aspiring and serving politicians. Could I have been wrong?

J.D. MATTHEWS,
Lot 3 Augustini Road,
Gwelup WA 6025.

CHANGI LETTER CARD

Dear Editor,

I would like to know if anyone who was a POW in Changi has one of the letter cards that they gave to prisoners in prison saying that they were alive and well - about six typed lines. All that the POWs were allowed to do was to sign their names, and we were only allowed one to send to our next-of-kin.

I was on Changi 2-44 forest department and sent one to my mother which she later gave to me; unfortunately it was destroyed when the house was burned down.

I would very much like to have a photostat of one of these letter cards just for a record.

C.T. WRIGHT,
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MOTHS

How many MOTH comrades are in WA? Memorable Order Of Tin Hats.

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25 BRIG. SIG SECTION

I attended a reunion of 9 Division Signals a few weeks back and was asked by W. (Bill) Bussell, 4A/36 Beach Street, Balgowlah, NSW 2093, to try to locate those from WA who served with 25 Brigade Sig Section.

If ex-members write to him he assures he will respond promptly. Should the first contact be preferred from Bill Bussell, please phone Stan McKenzie, 195 Clarke Street, Balcatta on (09) 347 21 3821.

2/1ST SURVEY REGIMENT

Ex-members of the 2/1st Survey Regiment (Survey - Flashspotters, and Soundranging Batteries) are asked to contact Jack Coppard, 365 Cambridge Street, Wembley, 6014, telephone 387 6135, with a view to holding a reunion in the near future.

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PROPAGANDA LEAFLETS

Dear Editor,

Arising from a casual contact several years ago, I now correspond with Dr. R. Oakland of 21 Metchley Lane in Harborne, Birmingham, B17 OHT, U.K.

Dr. Oakland is on the staff of Birmingham University and is presently making a study of Aerophilately—pamphlets and propaganda leaflets partially dropped during World War II and subsequent conflicts. His aim is to eventually compile a book on the subject.

He is the principal of the Psywar Society and, as such, was recently invited to Seoul to display pamphlets and address a meeting to mark the 40th anniversary of the Korean War.

Could you assist in collecting of both pamphlets (or photostats) and comments on same? Dr. Oakland would be grateful.

KEITH G. SECOMBE.

MISSING FATHER

I have not seen my father since I was seven, 27 years ago. Though I have tried to find him, I had no information until a friend of the family found some of his old papers, including a letter from the NZ Army dated 11 April, 1958.

The letter was in reply to his request for his official discharge certificate (Number 3662) from NZ Kayforce and medals awarded to him, the Korea medal and United Nations medal with clasp Korea, and was sent to 14 Railway Street, Newmarket, Auckland. There was also a note of his joining the RSL on 18 March, 1963. I don't know if any of this information is relevant, but it may help. The Salvation Army "missing persons" is also trying to assist.

Would any of your members who can supply information on KENNETH GORDON BOULTER, nickname Kiwi, please contact me at the address below. Born 31 December, 1930, served in the NZ Army, discharged 1958. He joined the Australian Army and was discharged about 1965. He has three children, Ben 34, Debbie 33, Bill 30 and has a tattoo of a woman in a bikini on his right forearm. From 1960-63 we lived at Bandiana Army Base, Victoria.

Please, if you can, help find him so that we may tell him that we love him.

MAS DEBBIE GUY (nee Boulter),
1 Quesnel Place,
Joondalup, WA 6027

514 SQN

Dear Editor,

I seek assistance in tracing a crewmate of my late father who served in 514 Sqn, Waterbeach, Cambs in 1944.

My father, Lindsay R. 'Sam' Burford, who was a life member of Enfield RSL, SA died last October in Adelaide. I have been able to contact one member of the crew in Australia, but Reg Orth, the navigator, of Parramatta, NSW (had I known) remains unlocated.

There were three Aussies in the mixed Commonwealth crew of a Lancaster flying with 514 Squadron in July-August 1944. My father was mid-upper gunner. On 13 August, returning from an operation near Breslau, they were attacked by a nightfighter which damaged the engine.

The pilot, a New Zealander named John Lawrie, held the aircraft up even though it was reduced to one engine, had lost its hydraulics and was at low altitude. All the crew escaped and managed to return to England, except Lawrie, who was killed in the crash at Bavegem, Belgium.

I would be happy to hear from anyone who knew John Lawrie, Sam Burford, Reg Orth and the other crewmen who continued service after the crash. Tom Young (a Scot), George Durland and Martin Carter, or those who served with 514 Sqn, particularly in the latter half of 1944.

JOHN BURFORD,
5 Kings Avenue,
Blair Athol S.A. 5084.

IMMAS AUSTRALIA CREW

The National Museum and a Miss Ruth Roberts of New South Wales who are writing a book and compiling the history of HMAS Australia wish to contact as many former crew members as possible and will be publish your information. I have been asked to help.

The names and addresses of Western Australians, in fact any Australians who served in HMAS Australia during World War II, are being recorded. Crew members or members of deceased crew members are thanked in particular to NEWTON ROBERTS, P.O. Box 1226, Bunbury WA 6230.

Lt COL. J.G. HENDRY, MC

I am writing a family history and would be glad of information about my first cousin, Lieutenant Colonel James Gordon Hendry, MC, from those who served with or under him. If you can help, would you please write directly to W.G. MARSHALL, 11/2 Botany Crescent, Tweed Heads NSW 2485.

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There would not be many sub-branches that could claim they sponsor five Anzac Day Services each year. Bellevue is charged with the responsibility of organising such services in association with various community groups. This year - the RSL's 75th anniversary - sub branch members joined with Greenmount Primary School for the annual school children's service, Shire of Mundaring for the Blackboy Hill sunrise and dawn services, Undercliffe Nursing Home for a 'Diggers Service' and organised its own service and march at Bellevue.

The first of the services, the school children's service on Friday 12 April, 1991, received increased support from local schools with the addition of the Mundaring Schools and the new Stratton School in Middle Swan. The locally supported 503 Regional Cadet Unit also paraded at the service and formed a guard.

The Anzac sunset service again took on an impressive atmosphere. In the quiet of evening, some 180 scouts from the Stirling and Mundaring districts gathered to post the night vigil at the ellipses until the dawn service. Scouts and guides from 10 to 60 years of age were present, together with their support groups, ready to keep the vigil on the commemorative site adjacent to the ellipses.

This year the organising group made contact with various ethnic groups and extended an invitation to them to join in the service. It was felt that, in today's society, it would be appropriate to invite people to Australia as their country. The invitation was well received and a warm welcome was extended at the site for Turkish and Asian Associations. Before the wreath laying and ceremonies associated with the service, Bill Gaynor, architect of the site, recounted the early history of the ellipses signifying the rising of the spirit of Anzac passing from generation to generation.

The dawn service, conducted in silence, was well attended and marked the end of the scouts' night vigil. Youth involvement was a feature with the number of scouts increasing to just on 300 members. Official and private wreaths included those from the Shires of Swan and Mundaring, Scout groups, RSL sub branches, parliamentarians and the Turkish and Asian Associations. Worthy of particular mention was Chelsea Edwards who played the Last Post and Reveille with great precision. Chelsea, a student at Swan View High School, has been有所帮助 local Anzac services for the past six years.

Realising that many veterans are unable to attend services through being confined to hospitals and nursing homes, the sub branch and Undercliffe Nursing Home combined to take the Anzac service to the hospitals. All in attendance expressed delight at the short and sincere service which included an address by Sub Branch president, Neville Philp.

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The usual Bellevue hospitality followed with many stories told and acquaintances renewed.

BILL GAYNOR

BOYUP BROOK

VALE JOHN MICHAEL CLANCY

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John Clancy, born on 26 October, 1915, came to Boyup Brook in 1936 where he worked around the district before enlisting in 1940. He was in the Sixth Division Cavalry Regiment and served in the Middle East and Syria, being discharged in 1946.

After returning, and Settlement School at Harvey for six months, he took over Jim and Jackie Branch's farm at Boyup Brook which he farmed until 1970.

In 1942 John married Margaret Doreen White and had six children. He was the control officer for 10 years, a very active member of the Primary School.
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Our hospital visits (welfare) officer, Cliff Joyner has been doing the rounds and advises that W02 members who are hospitalised.

One of our forthcoming activities is a get together of WWII members from the old Victoria Park, Canning District and Welshpool sub-branches.

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DENMARK

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At our AGM, officers were nominated for the vacant posts of President and Junior Vice-President. Mark Scammell, last year's President, unfortunately had to retire due to ill health and now lives in Albany. Dr. Mark W. J. (Mark) Dawson kindly agreed to accept the position of President and Laurie Ward was nominated for the Junior Vice-President post.

We were grateful that Bob Cooper agreed to continue as Secretary, Treasurer and Mark Howitt as Junior Vice-President. He was extended a retiring President during his term, as well done. With some of our "big guns" unable to attend the AGM, such as Frank (Mac) McCarthy, they are always ready for immediate action when needed.

In the past 12 months we have held a number of functions were held including the annual dinner, when visitors and guests came from all the local regions and from both Houses of Parliament, including two from the "house-on-the-hill" in Canberra.

Lady members have attended our monthly meetings over a year ago to extend the invitation to attend the AGM. We hope that other ladies will join us in the future.

GASCOYNE

The new Memorial in front of the town's Civic Centre has been completed and dedicated to Andrew Drummond, a young soldier from Carnarvon who was killed in Vietnam, and to all those who served in Vietnam. About 100 people attended the service, and we were all left with a feeling of purpose towards the local community.

Another reason for members in our branch to remain active is the continued interest in the ANZAC centenary committee.

In response to public demand, the Naval Association Carnarvon Sub-Section, and the Gascoyne HSL Sub-Branch held a meeting which was unanimously agreed to build a wall of remembrance, honouring those who gave their lives for their country when the HMAS Sydney was sunk as a result of the 1941 battle with the German warship Kormoran near Carnarvon WA on 23 November, 1941. For some years now there have been national wide enquiries to list if Carnarvon proposed to commemorate the 50th anniversary of Australia's worst naval tragedy.

The architects have suggested the Sydney's crest as a centrepiece, and we have asked the Lord Mayor of Sydney to donate its signature from the city and its citizens.

In addition we have officially invited Captain Burnett's son, now living in retirement from the army in Sydney, to conduct the official ceremony on 23 November, 1991.

Our degree of success and the response so far has been incredible. The estimated cost of the brick wall and foundations, with brass panels embossed with all the names, is estimated to cost $7,000.00. We seek your support. All donations will be listed and placed in a sealed time capsule to be opened on 23 November, 2041 — the 100th anniversary of the sinking of the Sydney.

Recently we have integrated some of our activities with the people with whom we share our Sub-Branch Centre, the troops from E-Troop, Pilbara Regiment. This has not only increased our membership but has added vitality and a sense of competitiveness.

When the Carnarvon horse do call us on 411.555 for assistance with accommodation or just to talk.

T. DONELLY,
President.

GERALDTON CITY

Giving the 1991 Anzac Day addresses, Sub-Branch President Allan Ellis said it was a delight to be at Birdwood House and observe the wonderful community response.

He said citizens ranging from the young to the elderly had gathered to commemorate the Battle of the Landing, 78 years ago and to pay tribute to the men and women who paid the supreme sacrifice in all wars and to those who served in all areas including in Gallipoli.

Mr Ellis extended best wishes to Bill Cunningham, and George Currie who, as former members of the 2/11th Battalion, would be visiting Perth on May 6 for the 50th anniversary tour of Greece.

Anzac Day speeches were also given by Lucas Bain and Leslie Andrews, captains of Birdwood House Senior High School. Luke said Anzac Day had a special meaning for him because his grandfather was a doctor in World War II and a prisoner-of-war for four years. Lucas — whose father and grandfather served in major wars — said a tribute to the brave Anzacs was to keep Australia from the perils of bloodshed.

Seven-year-old Orrin Clarke was marched in the main parade wearing World War II army medals of his great-grandfather, Ed Clarke, who was a member of the 2/24th Machine Gun Battalion. A POW in Singapore's infamous Changi camp and also in Japan.

Ten-year-old Robert Walton led the dawn parade also wearing World War II army medals of his great-grandfather, Bill Thompson, and also took part in the main parade.

The Scouts maintained an all-night vigil at the Birdwood House Memorial where guard duties were
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Anzac Day 1971, he first officiated as bandmaster for 2/28th veteran Bert Berryman, one of those who escaped from four different POW camps in Germany. Frank and his wife visited England last year for the 50th anniversary of the Battle of Britain. Among the marchers, estimated by Parade Commander Costantino, aged 96, the oldest soldier on parade, was Frank Kruta - he flew in the Czechoslovakian, French, Russian and Royal Air Force of his homeland, Czechoslovakia. However, his elusiveness was likened to that of the Scarlet Pimpernel - he escaped from four different POW camps in Germany, France and his wife joined England last year for the 50th anniversary of the Battle of Britain.

Thirty-six wreaths were laid - by Mayor Faye Simpson, Lieut-Cdr Keith Johnson of NAAAS Geraldton, President Alan Ellis, Auxiliary President Gillian Sharp, and Senior Vice-President Colin Lockyer.

A Prayer of Remembrance was said by Mr Lockyer, and a Prayer for the Australian Defence Forces by Lt-Cdr Johnson.

On his 96th birthday, former St Pat's student Ashley Le Bordyre of the Regular Army in Ingleburn, N.S.W. was given the honour of carrying the Australian Flag at the dawn service. Also for the first time, two women RSL representatives were on the saluting dais, Nancy Peacock and Dorothy Ryamlin, replacing Rob and Peacock, who had the honour of being the oldest soldier on parade, was fought on the allied side during World War II with Italy's Victoria Cross recipient before becoming a POW of the Germans in December 1917.

Laurie Haylen

During our March meeting, members paid a silent tribute to a former colleague, Laurie Haylen, who died on 9 March after a long illness. After serving in the RAAF during World War II, he became an active member of the RSL at Geraldton, where he served the Sub-Branch in a variety of capacities. He also provided community services through the Geraldton Rotary Club and the Ambulance Sub-Centre for which he was a voluntary driver.

Laurie was a storekeeper many years ago near the Queen's Hotel and latter conducted a school bus run. After retiring he lived at the Air Force Memorial Estate at Bullcreek. A private family service was held at Mandurah Crematorium.

Peter Barden.

Mandurah

The people of our city turned out in large numbers on Anzac Day to mark this most solemn and significant date of our national history. The dawn service was well attended with a big proportion of younger people, and at the morning parade and Remembrance Day the excellent display was given by the young people of 304 Regional Cadet Unit. Besides providing an honour guard of arms manned by two members of the Memorial, two officers and 25 cadets marched in the parade.

For the first time, 52 members of the recently-formed Air Force Association marched with us in their own right. This newly-formed group, after a successful initial meeting at which office bearers were appointed, plans to meet on a regular basis at our RSL Hall.

The commemoration service at the memorial was almost ruined when, on the day before, it was discovered some vandals or anti-war activists had badly damaged the memorial. The copper cross, made and affixed by our own members, had been removed and, fortunately, the damage was discovered by the City Council who replaced the cross and carried out repairs. The event caused considerable concern as it could happen again. Next year we probably will arrange to guard the memorial in the 24 hour period it could happen again. We may also approach the City Council for some form of permanent lighting for our memorial.

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Mandurah Sub-Branch continues to flourish and grow with a steady enrolment of new members. Since the granting of the liquor licence, the club type atmosphere has built up, and provided a renewed sense of good fellowship. It can only get better, and we hope to see more of our members shopping in to share these benefits.

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MELVILLE

The Melville Anzac memorial service was conducted at 11.00 am on 21 April, 1991, at the City of Melville Memorial, attended by more than 200 people.

An excellent representation of ex-service units and local organisations participated in the preceding march, which was ably led by the band of the 5th Military District.

The marshal, Lt. Col. Ron Davies (RAE) was at the head of the marchers who represented some 20 units and local groups, comprising the Royal Australian Navy, Royal Australian Artillery, Royal Australian Signal Association, 16th Field Artillery Regiment, Returned Servicemen's Association, Retired Service Women's Association, Australian Legion of Ex-Servicemen and Women, R.A.E.M. Vietnam Association and British Legion.

The 5th RCU provided a live band of models to support the parade and mount flag and general duties, and arranged some participation by scouts and cubs from the Bull Creek scouting group. The salute was taken by

The wreath-laying ceremony which followed the march was introduced by Councillor Ernie Statham, and many splendid contributions were made in memory of deceased ex-service men and women. The first wreath was laid by Councillor Ernie Statham on behalf of Her Worship the Mayor of Melville, followed by wreaths from Mr Peter Shack MP for the Federal electorate of Tangney, Mrs Richard Lewis MLA for Applecross, Mr Alan King on behalf of the Royal Australian Artillery Association and the local branches of the Returned and Services Women's Association and the Returned and Services Men's Association.

The service was led by A. J. Col. Rolls Nyman, President of the Applecross Sub-Branch. Prayers were provided by (Retd) W.O. Stafford and a stirring address was given by Valda, Lady Stanton, who said that the service was a well-attended one and the choir sang a stirring rendition of the National Anthem.

As well as Mr Statham, the following councillors attended the service: Mr Pam Measham, Dr J. H. Guy and Helen A. E. Bagley, M. F. Board, J. N. Papaphotis and C. J. B. Ball.

We express sincere thanks to the band of the 5th Military District and to all who participated in and attended a stirring service under such unpleasant weather conditions. We also thank Don Ingersole for his liaison with Melville City Council in the prior arrangements, and the 50 RCU Cadets for their participation and help with the chairs.

M. A. REYNOLDS

MT LAWLEY/INGLEWOOD

At precisely 0822 the catafalque party began its slow march into position at the four corners of the memorial and stood motionless at the "reverse arms".

Following the wreath laying, a prayer, "Ten" Van Doos, gave the Anzac Day address and prayers, both meaningful messages.

We took upon the Mt Lawley War Memorial very much our own, even though it is part of the City of Stirling Parks Department which, throughout the year, maintains the surrounds and, on the week preceding Anzac Day, gives it special attention for which we are most appreciative.

This year, because of financial constraints, the Army presence was much depleted, but simply a catafalque party of 4-5 from the Perth Logistic Battalion whose smartness in dress and drill left a fitting tribute to the ceremony.

Equally impeccable in timing were our two flag bearers, Ken Milczarek and Frank Turnbull, past presidents.

Once again, the local dignitaries were welcomed in their role as wreath-layers, Rick Charlesworth MHR, Councilor Brian, Mayor of Stirling, Ian Alexander MLA, who was unable to attend, will be pleased to know that his wreath was laid by a very charming lady, Delegates from the six local schools, a small group turned out to represent their schools, and a good one too.

We are grateful to the many neighbouring people who, by their attendance, indicate their interest and support.

P. K. MILLER

President

NORTH BEACH

Meetings continue to be well attended, with an average of 45 members present over the past quarter, two new members have joined us and H. Nichols has been nominated for the City of Stirling Certificate of Service award.
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No scholarship was awarded this year as 90% of the applicants were technically ineligible for the award. The scholarship committee will re-write the criteria for applications to clarify the matter for next year.

General meetings are still being well attended. Meeting night is every second Wednesday of each month (January in recess), commencing at 7.30 p.m.

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Many friends were saddened to hear of Julian's death on 24 February 1991. Born in Kundip, Western Australia in 1891, Julian spent the early part of his life in many places, including Kundip and Borneo. He later worked in the district, and his later working years were spent in business with his brother Jack, who still lives in Hopetoun with his wife and family.

Julian and Jack joined the AIF together, their numbers following each other, and served together with the 2nd Australian Field Construction in Morialta and Borneo.

Alfred attended the funeral service in Hopetoun, the Sub-Branch conducted the graveside ceremony, attended by about 40 members from the Sub-Branch and contributed to its effectiveness. Quite a number of suggestions made at these meetings have been adopted by the Sub-Branch.

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A reminder that meetings are at 8.00 p.m. on the first Tuesday of the month - see you there.

R.A. (SUD) WARREK.

RIVERVALE-CARLISLE

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Although it had been quite a long day, the journey home through the lit-up city from the top of a double-decker bus was quite a sight, not usually noted travelling by car, and an enjoyable day was voted by the members.

Another trip to Chalet Henry in Araluen for Christmas in July was booked for Sunday 21 July but numbers will be limited.

It has been agreed that the sub-branch will sponsor Legacy needs at a cost of $2000.

At the Interstate Bowls Carnival, the Scarborough RSL team of Bob Shepherd, Keith Ireland, Bill Davis and Alan McFarlane did well in the competition involving 188 teams.

Our Department of Veterans Affairs representative, Trevor Halford, is a constant visitor to our meetings and will answer, or at least attempt to find cut answers, to any questions on Veterans Affairs that members may have.


VIEIINAM VETERANS

The Vietnam Veterans' Sub-Branch started the year with its AGM in February. Twelve members participated in the hope that the comradeship would continue its endeavours.

Plans to show a uniformed force at the dedication of the Vietnam memorial in Canberra in 1992 are in progress. This trip plans to include the 1987 parade in Sydney, and Vietnam Australia intends to continue its show of dignity and respect for all veterans.

We are trying to organise travel arrangements; all interested participants should contact the Sub Branch as soon as possible to confirm a booking.

A new WA Vietnam Veterans' Sub-Branch plaque and unifying banner have been commissioned. Orders are now being taken for the plaque which was designed by member Les Anderson and his credit to Les' artistic ability. Funds raised from these sales will go to the Welfare Account. The unifying banner made its debut in this year's Anzac Day parade. A special feature of the parade was WA Vietnam Veteran hats.

The social committee will be meeting shortly to plan functions for this year and we are looking forward to some fun nights out. All members who have not been along for a while should set aside part of their calendar to join in.

The aim of the Sub-Branch in 1991 is to maintain the comradeship established during a very difficult war to support veterans in their time of need. To do this, we seek the aid of those veterans who are not part of the Sub-Branch and will answer, or at least attempt to find cut answers, to any questions on Veterans Affairs that members may have.

The Sub-Branch meets the second Wednesday of each month at 7.30 p.m. at the Milton RSL Hall, Canningvale Street, East Victoria Park. Mark your diary now for the rest of 1991: July 10, August 14, September 11, October 9, November 13, December 11.

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Mrs Southern and I were guests of the Bedford/Morley Auxiliary on 12 February for its AGM and I took the chair during the election of officers.

On 15 March a Presidents and Secretaries' meeting was held in Anzac House and many questions were asked and dealt with. I feel these meetings are most important, as they help Auxiliaries to become more familiar with the new rules that are given out from a Conference.

Cockburn Auxiliary's Fund Raising day on 21 March was well attended and enjoyed by all.

On 21 April, Mrs Sullivan and I attended the pre-Anzac day service at the War Veterans' Home, and I laid a wreath on behalf of all Auxiliaries. On Anzac Day, Mrs Taylor placed the Auxiliary wreath during the dawn service, while I, accompanied by Mrs Barrell, attended the service on the Esplanade.

I am very pleased with the results of our membership drive. It has been most rewarding, as nearly all Auxiliaries have had new members join them during the year.

I take this opportunity to thank State President Mr Jim Hall for all his help and advice, Mr Gibbs and his staff for their assistance, and our State Executive members and all Auxiliaries and Sub-Branches for their continued support. It has been very much appreciated.

ALLISON CAYLEY.

Mandurah

Arrangements for forthcoming events are well in hand and we look forward with enthusiasm to the year's activities.

On Anzac Day, many of our able-bodied ladies will march behind the men and our catering team has arranged for refreshments after the parade. Commencing in May, we will hold monthly "busy bees" followed by lunch and our monthly meeting. These are usually very friendly and productive mornings.

Member Phil Williams will again hold an "At Home" for members in her lovely garden, where we will enjoy a day of comradeship and fun.

AUDREY PETTY

EX-SERVICEWOMEN'S BOWLS DAY

The fifth annual Bowls Day for ex-servicewomen was held at Doubleview Bowling Club on 22 March 1991. The 159 ladies who attended were all members of all services who travelled from far and wide for a great day of bowls followed by an excellent dinner.

The winner of the Perpetual Trophy, donated by the Ex-WRAAF Association, was a team from Cottesloe/Peppermint Grove skippered by Kathy Curtin, with Joan Utley, Jill Palassio and Hazel Backhouse; and the runners-up were Doris Bridges, East Fremantle (Skip), Joy Nolan, Win Rogers and Bett Reudavy, all from Mt Pleasant. The presentation was made by Glory Loughton, president of the ex-WRANS Association.

The individual trophies were presented to the winners by Alice Corry, OA, president of AWAS and patron of WRAAC.

Also present were Joan Dowson MBE, and the presidents of all ex-service women's organisations, and two very capable ladies, Avis Kenny (WRAAF) and Nancy Carlson (WRAAC), ran the raffle.

Our committee takes this opportunity to thank the Doubleview Bowling Club, especially its president Barry Godfrey and secretary Betty Morley for their co-operation throughout the year. Also particular day for the delicious dinner. Organised Mary provided the music for plenty of singing and foot-tapping, especially when war-time favourites were played.

Alice Corry proposed a special toast to all ex-servicewomen celebrating their 50th anniversary and we sang "For We Are June Good Fellows" and "The Old Grey Mare"—very appropriate these days!

I thank my Deputy, Daphne Allison, and the committee for all their assistance during the year, and look forward to next year's event, at East Fremantle Bowling Club on 27th March 1992, will be even bigger and better.

All interested ex-servicewomen bowlers may contact Dorothy Needham (330 3411) or Daphne Allison (335 8117) during January-February, 1992.

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With the Australian Army in Korea 1950-56 by Lt-Col Net/C Smtth, AM. The book is available from the author at “Mostly Unsung”, P.O. Box 30, Gardenia, Victoria, 3185 or post for $27.00 for a card cover and $32.00 for a hard cover, plus $3.00 postage. Bulk orders of five books or more will attract a discount of 20 per cent.

I was with some gratification that I received a copy of Lt-Col Smith’s book on the Australian Army in Korea — “Home by Christmas”. Having read his book “Mostly Unsung”, covering the Malayan Emergency, I was keen to read his account of the war in Korea.

I found the title most apt — General MacArthur having announced on 24 November 1950 his “Home by Christmas” offensive, a most inaccurate prediction.

After a succinct introduction by Fred Kirkland, OAM, JP (Korea and South-East Asia Forces Association), Lt-Col Smith presents a most comprehensive chronological account of the Australian Army’s most considerable part in the Korean conflict, complete with relevant maps. (One needs to know a bit about military symbols to read some of them).

Despite the horrors of the war, the atrocities committed by the enemy and the rigours of a Korean winter, the good old Aussie digger’s sense of humour surfaced now and again. Sometimes grim humour, such as the time when diggers spotted the right arm of an enemy corpse — rigour of a Korean winter. True! I didn’t think to try them out in Malaya with the pigs which they had seen a short time before — a lead into the domestic turmoil that occurs when the main character’s brother returns from the Occupation Force in Japan with a Japanese wife.

Part 3 of this book shows the faces of two brothers, one of whom, as a result of his wartime experiences, could not accept his brother’s wife and the other whose attitude was to affect the lives of the three of them.

This novel, I read as being based on the author’s experiences, contains number of lessons in human resilience, fortitude, restraint and tolerance and is recommended reading.

J.C. McTAVISH

The Silvered Shovel

by Donald Lee

In parts 1 and 2 of the book, Donald Lee seems to have drawn on his own experiences as a prisoner of war of the Japanese to present the reader with a graphic and gripping, if somewhat sober, story of capture, imprisonment, maltreatment, escape, medical system, casualty statistics, campaign, awards and an excellent patrol action report by S RAR.

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J.C. McTAVISH

Middleton V.C.

by Stuart JIV

I was reminded that at the end of World War II, one of the major English newspapers summed up what it considered to have been the finest individual deeds of the war.

Amongst these was the outstanding Victoria Cross awarded to Pilot Officer P.H. Middleton, R.A.F., November 1941 — Page 85
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Although he was in England at the time as a member of the RAAF, I do not remember seeing this particular episode and there never been able to verify whether my information was correct or not.

This, however, does not in any way alter the fact that the exploit which made Middleton famous in the middle of the war, and by which many examples of great courage were shown, was one of the truly heroic ones of 1942–45.

With this in mind, it is indeed a daunting testament to the author's inability to find an Australian publisher for his book, and found it necessary to publish the story himself, for which he should indeed congratulate himself.

It is, though, an appallingly sad reflection on contemporary Australian attitudes that this magnificent story could not be placed in our publishing industry where so much garbage finds its way into the bookshops.

Middleton was born on 22 July 1916 and spent his youth in the central northern country districts of New South Wales, where his father was manager of various farms.

He grew up to a typical product of the Australian country scene in the 1920s and 30s, with rural and reserved nature. This character stick was to stay with him during his life, for he was known to be a loner by some of his friends, yet at the same time he was a thoughtful and kind person. He was, however, good at shooting, tennis and cricket as well as being an above-average student at Dubbo High School.

On leaving school he became a jackaroo, although he seems to have preferred to continue an academic career, which was denied him because of his parents' circumstances.

When World War II was declared, he immediately enlisted in the RAAF and graduated in June 1941 as a pilot from No. 7 Course in Canada, where he gained the assessment of an above-average pilot.

He was posted to the United Kingdom and became a member of No. 149 squadron flying Stirling heavy bombers, with which he progressed through his first tour of operations until about mid-1942, when he was transferred to No. 7 squadron, one of the initial Pathfinder squadrons.

He completed several raids with PFF until 29–29 August 1942, when his crew was detailed for an attack on a target near Hunsingborg, but their B-40 navigation aid became unserviceable, and unexpectedly the weather caused him to be substantially off-course in the target area.

On return to England he made an emergency landing owing to shortage of fuel and was called before Wing Commander Hamish Mahaddie, the squadron commander, to establish why he had failed to find the target.

The blame was attributed to his navigator and Middleton was given the choice of joining with Pathfinder but with a new navigator or returning to his previous squadron. Middleton's sense of loyalty to his crew decided the issue and they returned to No. 149, and with the main stream operations of Bomber Command.

On the night of 20–21 November 1942, they were briefed for their 26th operation - an attack on the Fiat works at Turin, A total of 232 aircraft were detailed for this raid, which required flying over the Swiss Alps, and posed few problems for the Stirlings because of their low maximum altitude while carrying a bomb load.

Middleton also had great difficulty in the respect because of heavy cloud which filled the valleys on the northern slopes of the Alps, with only the mountain peaks protruding through the cloud.

Fortunately he found a way through the Mount Cenis Pass, and, once through, turned towards Turin, which lay only 40 miles away. He reduced altitude to 2000 feet so that he could positively identify the target - he held very strong feelings about avoiding damage to non-military areas - and made three runs over the Fiat works.

On their first run they received a direct hit in the port wing, causing 60% gaping holes, on the third run, when they were about to drop their bombs, a shell struck in the cockpit between the two pilots, seriously wounding Middleton in the face, destroying one eye, and wounding the second pilot in the legs.

Middleton regained consciousness and sent Hyder back to have his wounds attended to, after brief treatment, the latter insisted on returning to the cockpit to help his captain who, despite being in great pain and with one eye lost, refused to leave the cockpit.

They were once again faced with the problems of flying back through the Alps, but notwithstanding their enormous greater problems, they managed to clear the mountains and reach the plains of France.

It is almost impossible to imagine the long, slow, terrifying return flight, which took four hours across France, but Middleton refused to think about the difficulties.

They entered the capital of France, Dijon, on a low run, only another wonderful tribute to Middleton's flying skills. They were again exposed to flak, but Middleton, despite his semi-conscious state, managed to dive from 2000 to 600 feet to escape it.

Middleton crossed the English coast and called his crew out 300 miles and they could survive, but two refused to leave him and together they flew to sea so that he could not incur any civilian casualties.

On 7 February 1943, Middleton's body was washed ashore on Shakespeare Bay at Dover and was given a full military funeral on 5 February. His Victoria Cross was announced on 15 January 1943.
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Air Chief Marshal Harris, the C-in-C Bomber
Command, wrote to Middleton's parents, saying, "I have
read the story many times and have been
informed by our sources that not only is it a story of great
courage but also a mosaic of events and country
life in the 1930s and '40s.

A group of Middletons' relations and other friends sent a
calming, influential letter to his parents, a gesture that
reflected the enormous respect he had earned as a
quiet, unobtrusive member among them.

The book should be read by every school child in
Australia as an inspiration in their own lives, for not
only is it a story of great courage but also a mosaic of
country life in the 1930s and '40s.

Author Chris Coulthard-Clark describes the Battle:
approaching Vietnam
From World War II
through Dien Bien Phu
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Published by W.A. Norrie & Company
The author of this book has researched his subject
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In a volume of 440 pages, the reader is provided
with 34 pages of end notes to the chapters; an
appendix relating to Geneva Declarations and the
American Invasion; a bibliographical index; and a
comprehensive index.

John Gardner, in his text, explains the effect
on the world stage of political maneuvering,
personal egos and interests and the political
maneuvering of any senior military
commander.

Details of the attitude of such world figures as
Roosevelt, Truman, Eisenhower, Churchill, Eden,
Stalin, Acheson, Kennan and Mendes-France will
create a lot of thought in the reader and will
ensure a number of surprises.

While this book should be considered essential
reading for the diplomatic or military historian, it
should be read by all who have a desire to absorb
the sources behind the instability in Indo-China,
during the period covered and the subsequent
conflict in Vietnam.

PETER MURPHY

Action Stations, Coral Sea
The Australian Commander's Story
by Chris Coulthard-Clark
Published by Allen and Unwin, price $22.95

The Battle of the Coral Sea was a series of
direct and other highly-confined naval actions
fought off Australia's north-eastern coast between
June 1942 and 8 May 1942, and was the first action fought off the
Australian side. In which the supporting surface forces did not
actually see or directly engage one another.

Fought, above all, by aircraft, some land-based but
most of them launched from the principal
units of both sides, the Australian Eureka with Shoko, Shokaku and Zuikaku
leading the enemy force.

Author Chris Coulthard-Clark describes the Battle of the Coral Sea as a series of disjuncted and often
densely-confined naval actions fought off the Australian coast.

Many people still believe the popular myth that
there was no battle fought off Australian waters; or
that the second battle of the Coral Sea was fought
off the Australian coast.

On May 1942, the battle that saved Australia's
coast, of course, occurred at Midway. The target of the Japanese
invasion force.

It was universally agreed that a major
victory had been achieved in the Battle of the Coral Sea, but by
whom? The Japanese claimed that an "Anglo-American
force" had been "heavily crushed" in the engagement. The surrender
by the Japanese Imperial Headquarters was that the Allied
force had been effectively destroyed. Two aircraft carriers,
three battleships and one Yorktown-class and two
Saratoga-class aircraft carrier sank, it was claimed, along with
a Japanese cruiser. The loss of 32 smaller ships and 31 aircraft.

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Allied estimates of their success were no less inflated. A month after the battle, official press releases were still claiming more than 16 Japanese ships had sunk and more than 20 damaged during the battle and the attack on Tulagi which preceded it. The public were nonetheless advised that the Japanese remained numerically superior to Allied strength and retained the ability to strike again.

This well-researched book reveals the horrendous errors on both sides. US B-17s bombed the HMAS Australia-led Task Group 17.3 on 7 May and several Japanese pilots, despairing of their position over the sea, sighted an aircraft carrier and switched on their signal and blinker lights as they swung into their approach and landing pattern before attempting to land on the American Yorktown in fading light. An alert US pilot, noticing the strange navigation lights, opened fire and sent the Japs zooming across the flight deck with their lights hurriedly switched off. But only 20 minutes later another three desperate bombers made the same error with one being shot down.

One can only imagine their frustration! After having endured so much to find the American carriers, they had not found their target until after they had discarded their bombs. At one stage the two carrier groups, unknown to each other, were only 70 miles apart. Neither had aerial patrols up and the engagement which surely would have followed was delayed two days.

Superbly handled by Captains Farncomb (HMAS Australia) and Howden (HMAS Hobart), the Australian ships dodged four torpedoes and numerous bombs. HMAS Australia reportedly being completely blitzed out by gigantic columns of water all around her from Japanese high-level bombers, splashes higher than her masthead, obscured for a minute because of the spray.

This book gives a refreshing Australian perspective of the Coral Sea action as opposed to the normal US version. This book is also a remarkable insight into an Australian-born Royal Navy admiral John Crace, his outstanding career, and his bitter disputes with the Australian Naval Board.

The Battle of the Coral Sea was significant inasmuch as it was the first time the Imperial Japanese Navy experienced the failure of a major operation. As history shows, it was not to be the last.

This book will create a great deal of debate. The fact that the Australian ships, under the overall control of the US Navy, saw heavy action in the preliminary part of the battle, then missed the main event — although not by choice of Allied Support Group Commander, Rear Admiral Jack Crace’s strongly-worded reports written aboard the flagship HMAS Australia show — conveys the mistaken impression that it was a battle won solely by US naval forces.

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A WAAF Remembers
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by Winifred Upperton
Published by Access Press. ISBN 0 646735 627. Price $9.70 incl. postage

Historians frequently find that the most difficult thing is to find out what ordinary people did at a particular time. Presidents and Prime Ministers, military leaders and politicians all have their admirers and their public portrayals of moments of power or notoriety. But what of the rest? The great unngt?

Winifred Upperton has provided us with a view from the ranks of Britain's Women's Auxiliary Air Force during World War II. Nothing particularly dramatic or unusually different from the lot of hundreds of other young girls who either joined or were called up to the forces between 1942 and 1946 but it is this very ordinariness that makes this small book important.

The author has described in simple terms her home background in Blitzed Surrey to her transportation to previously unknown world. First it was an adventure to travel to Gloucestershire but later she had the opportunity to be posted to Algiers and Cairo with transit journeys back to the UK via Italy and France.

Details of the drill disciplines and day-to-day routine of a WAAF's life make this a fascinating study nearly 50 years on. Four years in the forces installed in Win Upperton's a sense of purpose and adjustment that she has carried with her all through life. We should be grateful that she has chosen to share it with us.

Copies can be obtained from the author (293 3814).

JOHN HARRPER-NELSON.

The WAAF in Wartime Australia

by Joyce Thomson

This definitive history honours the 50th Anniversary of the Women's Australian Auxiliary Air Force which was formed in 1939.

The creation of the WAAF and indeed the other two women's services during World War II changed the role of Australian women in wartime and, certainly in the case of the Air Force girls, stirred considerable political and public debate in the country.

The establishment of the AWAS and WRANS seem to have been achieved with comparatively little controversy, but the WAAF had the misfortune to encounter a hostile Minister for Air, the Hon. A.S. Drakeford, Department of Air Secretary, Mr M.C. Langslow, and Chief of Air Staff, Air Vice Marshal G. Jones.

In addition many of the senior RAAF permanent officers saw the foundation of the WAAF as another unnecessary intrusion into their lives.

The Chief of Air Staff on the outbreak of war, Air Chief Marshal Sir Charles Burnett, on loan from the RAAF, fought hard to create the WAAF on the same lines as the British Women's Service which had been established in 1939 but for nearly 18 months was frustrated by political and bureaucratic ignorance and incompetence until the Minister of Railways was finally accepted on 15 March 1941.

In the 1920s and 1930s, when civil aviation pioneers were fanning the skies of the world, already group of Australian women became pilots and others interested in aeronautical activities formed four organisations. The Australian Women's Flying Club, the Women's Voluntary National Register, the Women's Emergency Signalling Corps, and the Women's Air Training Corps went to the directly involved in the formation and development of the WAAF; many of the first volunteers having been members of these organisations.

The best women officers were carefully selected, and a very detailed search for an appropriately qualified person in his appointed position of the WAAF resulted in the appointment of Clare Stevenson who had the rare distinction of being both a university graduate and company executive.

Ironically she neither sought nor wanted the position, but was finally persuaded to take it and in doing so earned her hero through the war with enormous character and competence despite the many frustrations she encountered.

The administration of the WAAF was only just starting down when Japan entered the war after which the call for experienced people in operational areas of the WAAF resulted in the appointment of Clare Stevenson who had the rare distinction of being both a university graduate and company executive.

For her memory of those like the WAAF carried on a multitude of roles in a variety of technical, intelligence and non-skilled jobs, releasing thousands of men for active service. Altogether 27,000 women joined the WAAF during World War II. Its peak strength was reached in 1945 with over 18,000 members.

Much to their disappointment however, they were not permitted to serve in operational areas despite many calls from the RAAF in the Northern Territory and New Guinea, and MacArthur's Headquarters when transferred to Manila, who wanted to lose the highly skilled WAAF members in the Allied Intelligence Bureau and the Kana units which intercepted Japanese signals.

This book is well illustrated and is a tribute to the WAAF. It would be of great interest to these who were, although the way detailed account of its activities may deter those not directly involved.

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TED LYNEHAM

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Once he was "Ted the Lyneham", and at another stage, very much behind his back, "Hit the Frog". Sometimes he was much out of favour, as in the just expectation of anyone who takes on the responsibilities of command. Now that he is gone, there will be a big gap in the ranks of those who knew him, expected his substantial presence at the head of the table, and relied on his shrewd and perceptive mind.

We have been associated with Ted for more than 50 years. We knew a little about his early days, a lot about him during the five years he led us as a company and then as a battalion, and something about what he was doing after the war with Legacy and the IA Association.

His was a varied, colourful and full life, a type of person who could sort out a typeface operator, bookkeeper, professional criminal, estate agent, orchardist, farmer, assistant shire clerk, and soldier in an Australian saga of hard times, the great depression, and post-war boom and bust.

He was born at Stawell in Victoria when his mother was running two butcher shops in Perth but died suddenly while opening a third in Geraldton. Ted, the eldest of six children, left school at the age of 14 to help out. He completed an apprenticeship with the Midland Railway Workshops but, with many others, was put off work.

He was one of the unemployed and it was a matter of expectation of anyone who takes on the responsibilities of command. Now that he is gone, there will be a big gap in the ranks of those who knew him, expected his substantial presence at the head of the table, and relied on his shrewd and perceptive mind.

At one time, Ted, under a Government scheme, he cleared land at Hyden, living in what was known as a "Mt Lyell cottage", from the brand on the super bags, that differed with whitewash, formed the walls.

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Ted was introduced to the army during the days of compulsory military training and found his vocation. It offered scope for his organizing and administrative talents and ability to command. By the time he was 20. In 1925, he was already commissioned as an officer.

He continued in the 25th Battalion until the outbreak of war, as a major, he was the Camp Commandant at the Northam Recruit Training Centre. Here he got his acquaintance of "28-Days Lyneham" when he had to cope with some Sixth Division "wild ones" who had jumped ship at Fremantle. Among them was Herb "Nipper" Hardy, the prime suspect in a notorious Sydney murder case. Another hard case didn't like what Ted had to say and punched a hoppicker at him. He spent the next 20 days in the York Gaol.

When "D" Company of the 2/3 Machine Gun Battalion was being formed, Ted dropped me to captain the new company. He had picked his men mainly from the 25th and 30th Light Horse and, already named in the title of the machine gun gun, just up a table in the Perth recruiting centre to make sure none got away. Then he looked over what he had got and those he thought didn't cut it, suddenly disappeared, transferred to another unit, if ever they wanted hand-picked body of men we were it.

In our early days we were ready to believe anything publicly that the bully seed, biscuits and army still were in the past. We had well. Ted knew the rules and how to substitute one allocated ration for another, and the cooks, Jim Bermond, a man-hand-picked, knew just what to do. Sunday dinners of roast ox, or lamb, with green peas were something to write home about. It became just a happy memory when we joined the other companies in South Australia where the cooks, with a patented portable steam cooker, even managed to burn boiled eggs.

We sailed away in a great French liner to fight the Japanese, our former gallant ally, for possession of Borneo. Then we sailed back again to answer the Japanese threat arriving off Borneo. On 15 February 1942, the day Singapore fell, Ted was appointed as the Commandant at the Northam recruit-training camp.

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