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I seize this opportunity to thank most especially RSL members, sub-branches, the general public and the business community of Western Australia for their support over the past 12 months in the re-development of the RSL War Veterans Home at St Alexander Drive Mt Lawley. With Federal Government and Lottery Commission grants, you support has given us confidence and enabled us to complete the Mt Lawley project in late July or early August of this year.

As reported last year, land was purchased at Meadow Springs, Mandurah, for the development of a 40-bed hostel. However, after meeting with the Minister for the Aged in Cabinet, authorisation has now been given to expand the hostel to 66 beds including an administration building which will house office, treatment room, staff quarters, recreation hall and kitchen. The hostel itself will consist of five 10-bedroom houses and one 5-bedroom flat.

Funding for this project has been approved by the Department of Health, Housing and Community Services, and the Mandurah Shire has approved plans for the new building design. The cost of this project is estimated at $3m. However, the Returned and Services League will be required to fund $1m. Again I seek the support of all members, sub-branches, union and kindred organisations and the general public for donations.

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A crowd of more than 7000 gathered at the Cenotaph, Bicentennial Park, Darwin, for the official commemoration service on 19 February 1992, the 50th anniversary of the first of 64 air raids on Darwin.

Scores of letters, personal visits and phone calls received by the organisers of the Northern Territory's 1992 War Service Memorial Year have confirmed the success of the year to date.

The Memorial Year Director, Mr Andrew Coward, said major commemorative events held in Darwin, Batchelor and Katherine in February and March augured extremely well for the rest of the year.

"We had hundreds of veterans, both service and civilian, in Darwin for the events of February 18 and 19, designed to commemorate the start of the Battle of Australia 50 years ago.

"In the weeks following the sunset service and veteran's reception on February 18 and the official commemoration service on February 19 (the 50th anniversary of the first Japanese air attack on Darwin) the tributes started to flood in.

"The main theme of the comments we've had has been praise for the organisers and for the hospitality of Territorians."

A letter from Mr George Warr of Box Hill North, Victoria, sums up the feeling:

"Never before in my 18 years have I been in a city, including my own Melbourne, where I felt the people were really glad to see me," he wrote. "I am glad I came back. When I meet Ed Pether at the Pethers I will refuse to have dinner unless I am guaranteed a 'leave pass' for 18-2-2042."

Many dignitaries also took the time to thank organisations, patron of the Northern Territory's War Service Memorial Year Sir William Knezevich, former Governor-General Sir Zelman Cowan, Senator Jocelyn Newman, Senator Robert Ray, Sir Charles Court, Veterans' Affairs Minister Ben Humphreys, Chief of the General Staff Lieutenant General John Darby and National Party Leader Tim Fischer all wrote congratulatory letters.

Mr Coward said subsequent events in regional centres, organised largely by the communities themselves, were just as successful.

But the Northern Territory's War Service Memorial Year - and its appeal to interstate visitors - does not end there.

All those who served in the Northern Territory theatre during World War II and return to the front line before November 1992 will receive a special VIP veteran identification pin.

Mr Coward said it was important to all Australians "that those who served on the nation's home front were honoured - we are recognising a unique generation, a unique period in Australia's history, and putting the focus on 1942, the most critical year in Australia's modern history," he said.

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The sentiment was echoed by Mr Bill Bryant of Westmead, NSW, a member of the Darwin Infantry Battalion who returned for the commemoration service of February 19.

"I write hoping this ... we can pass on our congratulations to all concerned in the end result of the celebrations - a spectacle Darwin can be proud of," Mr Bryant wrote in the Northern Territory News.

"I would also like, on behalf of the group, to thank all the Darwin people, business and townpeople alike, who opened up their hearts to us and gave us a warm generally reserved for royalty."

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September, Papua New Guinea Month focuses on the close ties between the Top End of Australia and our northern neighbour. In addition, Alice River Festival, the Australian Safari Car Rally, Barrow Creek Races and reunions in McArthur, Darwin, Tennant Creek and Alice Springs.

Heart to Heart Variety Club car rally will end at Battle on the close ties between the Top End of Australia and Australia will host a “Needle to Anchor” weekend in Yulara and a rodeo will be held at Daly Waters.

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Singapore had fallen - then Ambon and other islands.

We didn't have long to wait.

Bernie Slattery (of Perth) and I are having early lunch prior to going on duty. The sirens sound as the first Zeros fly in, followed by a line of six - the aerodrome is crowded with cheering and chatter. The machine-guns chatter excitedly, and the pilots appear nervous. Bernie says: "Hang on a minute, while I duck in and get me tin hat!" But don't consider, even for a split second, waiting outside the Mess in an open area while Bernie gets his helmet.

Fortunately there is a happy ending - or beginning - as Bernie joins me shortly afterwards in the trench, to hear what the Zero pilot had recorded that was captured on tape. The Zeros fly in, machine-guns blazing while the two-zeros DB-48s buzz overhead. The bomb flops and the Zeros take off, leaving a perfect 'V' formation as they go.

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Making sure my tin hat is on tight, I peer out and to the left, I can see a tremendous 'Whoosh!' as lots of things go by. There is a tremendous explosion even though there are great shuddering impacts below, and I know what it is. The Zeros were attacking, but I don't consider, even for a split second, waiting outside the Mess in an open area while Bernie gets his helmet.

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Darwin - February 1942 cont....

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They went up in a bomb explosion in that raid. We of the moon section were fairly well off the staff. Due to the explosions coming from Keppel, Ambon and other islands we had something like 19... from memory I believe our establishment was five. So we were not overworked andished were shortened.

On being told to leave the 'drome we went to a swimming-hole in a nearby creek for a few hours. I would like to support Mr H. Williams, of Australia, who, in a letter to the "West Australian", on 8 March this year, explained the position pretty well. He wrote, for example, that when the dust was being cleaned, the men attempted to blow the air-clear and the sound that came our way was like the gas warning.

We heard this in our trench and in that stinking, dusty atmosphere we unseeded and wore our gas masks. Later there was a report that a gas storage tank in Darwin had gone up and somehow that gas spread the "gas" warning.

We would have been the officer who saw me about the same time coming to the Moon. He ordered me immediately to the home to take up Spotting Duty and stand by the air, which I remained for some hours before resuming normal meal service. The famous "gun" gave me a grand view of the hundreds of civilians with their low flying right back on the Stuart Highway.

A few days after the raid I'm sitting on the steps of our hut about five pm when we see several of our aircraft land and off the staff. The final total was a couple of hundred and we claim they are our boys who have been picked up at Tennant Creek.

That would be those two-week trained, disciplined airmen, armed with not only our boys who were not there and never knew the danger of invasion are now returning to as Australia's 'Sharks'.

How long would they know? I wonder where they'd have done.

As far as the Army is concerned I do not believe that any of them ran away. There may have been orders for dispersal for a short time, possible from officers inexperienced in warfare. If so, it was approved to the meantime.

TOM GRIFFITH 25570 Ex-Sgt RAAF
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Air Defence of Darwin 1942-1944

On 19 February 1942, four of the six Japanese carriers that bombed Pearl Harbour launched another surprise attack. Eighty-one planes were launched against Darwin whose harbour was full of ships. Eight ships were sunk, two were beached and another released and many of the other 33 ships in the harbour were damaged by bombs or machine gun fire. Darwin town and the RAAF aerodrome were also heavily damaged by the raid.

Darwin would have been without any air defence except that 10 Kittyhawks of the 33rd Pursuit Squadron on route to Java had turned back to Darwin. Five of the aircraft landed while the other fell remainder in the air. In command in the air was Lt. Robert G. Oestreicher who spotted Japanese planes diving on the Kittyhawks. He shouted a warning that Zeros were attacking. However three of the Kittyhawks were quickly shot down with two of the pilots being killed. A fourth American aircraft, although wounded, managed to land his damaged aircraft. Lt. Oestreicher was the only pilot who stayed in the air during the raid and was able to shoot down two Japanese planes although only one was still confirmed. The five Kittyhawks that had landed were either destroyed on the ground or were shot down before they were able to regain combat altitude. Two of these pilots, including their Commanding Officer, Major Floyd Pell, were killed. A second raid of 54 bombers two hours later met no resistance in the air. Anti-aircraft guns that day destroyed four Japanese aircraft and probably destroyed another four.

The raids on 19 February were the first two of 64 raids against the Darwin area. Two books, by Douglas Lockwood in 1986 (2) and by Timothy Hall in 1986 (3) have devoted considerable attention to the first two raids. This article attempts to fill the story of the other raids on Darwin that lasted for 21 months. Other towns raided were also mentioned, but main attention is on air defence when firstly American pilots in Kittyhawks and then Australian and British Spitfire pilots met the Japanese in numerous air battles over Darwin. Using information from the Air Force official histories, as well as other sources, an attempt has been made to highlight both Japanese and Australian casualties and air losses. There is no authoritative list of either Allied or Japanese aircraft losses so the accompanying chart is the best estimate from a number of sources.

Darwin and its nearby airfields bore the brunt of Japanese attacks on mainland Australia. However
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The four-year New Guinea campaign of WWII is covered by many pilots recalling shots of ground attacks by US B-25s and 30SQN 'Whispering Death' Beaufighters, WOCDR 'Blackjack' Walker, who led 30SQN in New Guinea, is interviewed, as is Bobby Gibbes, well-known 3SQN fighter pilot who started Gibbes Sepik Airways after the war. His ex-RAAF Norseman utility transport was impressed into RAAF service in 1942 as A44-1 for operation in PNG.

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there were also a number of attacks against Broome, Derby, Port Hedland and Wyndham in Western Australia and against Townsville and Cairns in Queensland. In addition, there were attacks against the small islands of Millingimbi, east of Darwin, and against Horn Island in the Torres Strait. Broome suffered Australia's second worst air raid on 3 March when 70 people were killed and 24 aircraft, including 16 flying boats, were destroyed. Simultaneous to the raid on Broome, eight Japanese fighters hit on 20 March, the same day that Derby suffered its only raid. Wyndham was hit again on 23 March. (4)

The third Japanese raid against Darwin was on 4 March with eight Zeros making the attack. This was followed on 16 March with 14 bombers attacking and on 19 March with 7 bombers attacking. However, Darwin remained without any air defence until the arrival, on 17 March, of the United States 49th Fighter Group flying Kittyhawks. While moving to Darwin, the Fighter Group staged through Horn Island. When the Japanese hit that island on 18 March the Americans intercepted the Japanese force of 17 bombers and fighters and shot down four Zeros and one bomber for the loss of one Kittyhawk. Additional raids against Horn Island met no air resistance but ceased in August 1942 except for one bomber which jettisoned its bombs over the island on 28 June 1943. (5)

The 49th Fighter Group was not up to full strength at Darwin until mid April but the Group achieved its first victory during the Japanese raid of 22 March 1942 in what was the first successful radar controlled interception in Australia. During the period 28 March to 27 April, the Kittyhawks intercepted the Japanese on seven occasions and brought down 31 bombers and fighters. Anti-aircraft guns brought down another two bombers. Eight Kittyhawks were lost and three American pilots were killed. Damage was not extensive although 30,000 gallons of fuel was lost on 2 April. (6)

Second Lieut. Andrew Reynolds shot down his 5th victim over Darwin on 16 June and became the first of two Allied aces in the Darwin area. (6)

The formation of RAAF radio location stations nos. 31, 103 and 109 enhanced the ability of the Kittyhawks to intercept the Japanese raiders. However, in July the Japanese switched to night raids and from 25 July to 22 July and small groups of bombers without escort to attack Darwin. Without infra-red radar these night raids were difficult to intercept. On the afternoon of 30 July, 27 bombers with an escort of 15 to 20 fighters were intercepted by Kittyhawks. Nine Japanese aircraft were confirmed as destroyed with a further ten probably destroyed or damaged. (6)

In late July, three nuisance raids were made against Townsville which was by then the most important air base in Australia. Three Kawanai flying-boats dropped bombs into the harbour on the night of 25/26 July and lone flying-boats returned on the nights of 27/28 and 28/29 July. Further bombs were dropped on both occasions but no damage resulted. Several American Airacobras attempted interception on the latter two occasions and probably hit the flying boat on the second occasion without causing any serious damage. A final raid took place on the Australian east coast on the night of 30 July when a single bomb was dropped near a house at Cairns, injuring a child. (6)
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The Japanese launched their next attack against the Darwin area on 28 August 1942 with a heavy daylight raid against the RAAF airbase at Hughes, 50 kilometres south of Darwin. Fuel and ammunition as well as two aircraft on the ground were destroyed. The Japanese were intercepted by 18 Kittyhawks which achieved their greatest success in bringing down 15 Japanese aircraft without loss. (11) Among the successful American pilots that day was First Lieutenant James B. Morehead who became the second ace in the Darwin area with his fourth and fifth confirmed kills. This was to be the last light of the US 49th Fighter Group in the Darwin area since further seven raids during the remainder of August were minor raids which did not result in any interception. In six months in the Darwin area the US 49th Fighter Group had destroyed 72 Japanese aircraft for the loss of 17 Kittyhawks.

Australian Kittyhawks moved to Darwin to replace the US Kittyhawks. In August No. 77 Squadron RAAF arrived in the area and was followed by No. 75 Squadron RAAF in October. The Japanese changed tactics after the heavy losses in August and abandoned heavy daylight raids for six months. During September, five small raids were made in the last week of the month without causing much damage. The Japanese continued with the same tactics in eastern raids in late October but this time they struck Batchelor, Pell and Cox Peninsula as well as Darwin. Without air-to-air radar the Australian pilots found it almost impossible to intercept these Japanese night raids. In the last week of November, the Japanese launched heavy raids of 12 to 16 bombers against Darwin and Hughes on three nights. The only success of No. 77 Squadron in the Darwin area occurred on 23 November when Wing Commander Cowell shot down a nine-man Betty bomber in the first successful night interception over Australia. (19)

On 2 May 1943, the Japanese again attacked with a force of 20 bombers and 20 Zeros. Spifires intercepted the Japanese and shot down six aircraft and probably destroyed four more as well as damaging others. The Spitfires were shot down and two pilots killed. However, eight Spitfires were forced to land through engine failure or shortage of fuel although five of these aircraft were later recovered. The press obtained the casualty figures which resulted in the press speculation that the Spitfires had not done well against the attacking Japanese. (15) The next raids were against the airstrip on Millingimbi Island east of Darwin. On 9 May, the Japanese returned with 122 men, and three aircraft. Next day, the Japanese were again at sea, but six Spitfires were able to intercept the enemy force and brought down two Zeros and a float plane. However, the Japanese sunk a ship and destroyed two aircraft and damaged three others. The third and last attack on Millingimbi took place on 26 May. The Spitfires destroyed three bombers but two Spitfires were lost, and pilots disappeared into the Arafura Sea. (16)

The Japanese returned to Darwin in strength on 20 June 1943. The Spitfires intercepted the formation of 21 bombers and 21 fighters, shooting down 9 bombers and 5 fighters. Two Spitfire pilots were shot down and killed. (17) This was the most successful encounter by the RAAF over Darwin, during which Wing Commander Caldwell, an ex-officer from the European theatre, shot down his fifth Japanese aircraft. The other two Darwin aces were RAF Squadron Leaders M. Gibbons and R.J. Foster of the No. 54, Squadron RAF. (18) The Japanese again attacked on 28 June with nine bombers and nine fighters. Four fighters were destroyed and two bombers probably destroyed. One Spitfire was destroyed as a result of a forced landing, however the pilot was uninjured. From 30 June the Japanese shifted their main attacks against the US B-17 bomber base at Fenton, about 150 kilometres south of Darwin,Spitfires that day intercepted 27 bombers and 33 fighters and shot down 6 bombers and 2 fighters. Six Spitfires were lost, three due to engine failure, and one Spitfire pilot was killed. On 5 July a similar attack Japanese forces again attacked Fenton. Seven bombers and two fighters were destroyed with another three bombers damaged. Eight Spitfires were destroyed and three pilots killed. A Liberator was destroyed by fire on the ground. (19)
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The raid on 6 July 1942 was the last in strength over the Darwin area. Three raids in August were all night, and resulted in no casualties or damage. The Japanese were not intercepted on any of these raids, but four Japanese reconnaissance aircraft were destroyed in mid-August. August saw the last raids against Broome and Port Hedland. On 7 September a twin-engine aircraft attacked by lighters was intercepted by Spitfire fighters. Five enemy fighters were destroyed and several others damaged for the loss of three Spitfires, with one pilot killed. Both raids in September were against Fenton but involved no casualties or aircraft losses. In the early morning of 12 November 1943, nine Spitfires stopped an aircraft raiding Darwin and Fenton. With the help of searchlights two bombers were shot down by Spitfires. This was the 64th and final raid on Darwin.

The Battle of Australia – Darwin 1942

Our week in Darwin – from 16 to 23 February – was the culmination of three years of preparation, practice, and saving the wherewithal to pay for it. But I'm sure that every veteran who attended felt it was very worthwhile as it turned out to be one of the best-planned and best-executed commemorations that any of us had ever attended. At the reception were a number of survivors of USS Houston and three of its shipmates. I hadn't seen for many, many years. At the local copper mine, I was aboard HMAS Peary, a Pennsylvania-class oiler, which was built in 1944. It was a very pleasant gathering, and I enjoyed being with shipmates I hadn't seen for many years.

On the Tuesday three patrol boats took us on a tour of the harbour. I was aboard HMAS Obatini, another was Dubbo, and I can't remember the name of the third boat. The Navy certainly did us proud right through the whole week.

Later that day we attended the Casualty Service and Memorial Exposition at Centennial Park where we were welcomed by the Lord Mayor. The final address was given by the Chief Minister of the Northern Territory, and the principal address was by Sir William Keys, AC, GCMG, GCVO, QC, DCL.

The ceremony ended in true territorial fashion – an issue of free beer – which was highly appreciated by the large crowd. Credit must be given to members of the St John Ambulance; they moved through the large crowds with ice-cold water, making sure that the veterans did not suffer unduly in the trying humidity. The daily paper carried warnings to veterans: don't try to do too much and keep out of the sun.

The next morning, 19 February, we assembled at the Centotaph for the Battle of Australia Day Commemoration. After the official wreath-laying, the main address was given by Sir Zeman Cowan, AK, GCVO, QC, DCL.
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Every veteran who returned to Darwin received a very nice stickpin, carrying the emblem of the Centenary Year and the names of those who were entitled to discounts in various stores.

As well as the official program, there were organised tours to visit gun emplacements, airfields, the army and science museums, the Yenema Bay gun (now a museum), as well as Kakadu National Park, Howard Springs, Katherine and the Adelaide River War Cemetery.

The organising committee, known as "Frontline", published a couple of miniature newspapers outlining the program and carrying short accounts from local veterans about their experiences, etc. As well, veterans were asked to provide the State Archives office with any mementos, photos or articles relating to individual experiences. They copied tapes that had been made for EJR during the bicentennial year competition "Yarnspinners" and photo-copied "Once In a Lifetime" (my story of the first raid on Darwin) for their records.

Following articles in the papers, a great deal of discussion was engendered among the veterans regarding the actions of the then government in not allowing the full story of the first raid on Darwin to be fully told. Their reason: "They didn't want to cause a panic among the populace". In other words, they didn't fancy the people of Australia could cope with a possible Japanese attack. Their decision was incomprehensible. After all, hadn't we proved in two World Wars and the Second World War that Australian troops were second to none — a reputation they still hold today.

An analogy! When Germany razed Coventry, the British Government didn't try to hide what had been done but gave it full publicity by the people replied that they would build more planes, more guns, more ships and more tanks to wipe Germany off the map.

Our government obviously didn't have the same faith in the Australian people. The consensus of opinion was that if they had been told the full story, the people would have supported the war effort much more than they did.

Some of the best memories of my trip to Darwin include talking with the three survivors of USS Peary, the ship that was blown in half during the raid with the loss of most of its personnel. Peary had already been with us on the convoy we ran to take part in the commemoration and to unveil a plaque to the gallant ship.

"Dallas", "Mel" and "Sam" had come down from the States to take part in the commemoration and to unveil a plaque to the gallant ship. Sam, or "Uncle Sam" as they called him, was a very sick man, but nothing would deter him from doing what he had promised that way.

The morning we were leaving, I was spending a few minutes with Mel and Dallas when the latter called to the phone. He came back to tell us that Uncle Sam had died at 7 a.m. that morning. The news saddened us all, so our adieux became rather subdued. As account of Sam's death, and his photo, were in the "West Australian" 20 February. That photo will occupy a very special place in my scrapbook.

I twice asked HMNS Coonawarrna, the naval base in Darwin, at the invitation of Bill McBride who is known to many RSL members as the naval photographer attached to HMAS for many years before going to Darwin.

The whole week up, there was a credit to the committee responsible. I have mentioned the work done by the St John Ambulance, but two other great organisations made valuable contributions: the Red Cross and Salvation Army. And, on arrival at all the re-union personnel, I sincerely thank the Navy for looking after us so well.

The Northern Territory Government, the City of Darwin and the Darwin RSL also deserve our praise and thanks for their hospitality during that memorable week. I am sure that all veterans and their wives echo the sentiments I have expressed.

The RSL Veterans Commemoration Week Normie Rowe (Vietnam) and Pat Balfe, Mary Williams and Diane Brown (ALLIANS 1984) Photo: Courtesy The Northern Territory News.

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A Gunner's return

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On arrival in Darwin the members of the group were all given a small insignia to wear to show they were VIP's who had been in Darwin when the town suffered extensive bombing raids. In addition, official commemorative medals, of which a limited number were struck, were made available to ex-service personnel to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the Battle of Australia.

The people of Darwin were very hospitable; they helped the ex-servicemen in every way possible, driving them through their city and suburbs, inviting them to their homes and introducing them to various clubs in the area. The ex-servicemen were asked to speak to students at various schools about the role played by A/A Gunners in Darwin 50 years earlier. As well, some members flew to Melville Island to speak to the people there and exchange experiences, and various organisations recorded visitors' memories while many were interviewed by historians, archivists and the local media.

On the 19th, the day of the 50th Anniversary, a crowd of some 7,000 people assembled at Bicentennial Park to commemorate the Battle of Australia. Thousands sat, crouched or stood in the heat and high humidity around the Cenotaph fanning themselves; they were given cold drinks and cold towels by members of Cadet Units, Girl Guides, Scouts and other youth organisations during a very moving ceremony. Next to the Cenotaph, on a Wall of Remembrance, together with other Naval and Army Units, a plaque of the 14th and 2nd Battery Gunners was viewed by many.

During the rest of the week, the gunners visited many of the old gun sites in the area. Assistance was given to the members of the 2nd A/A Battery by the staff of the Northern Territory Lands and Surveys department, providing them with detailed maps and surveys carried out by army units during the war. These pinpointed various defence positions around the city and during daylight these places were easily recognisable.

On Saturday, 22 February more than 120 ex-servicemen from both units assembled at Darwin's Albermarle Hotel for the reunion dinner. I have been fortunate to attend the other annual reunions in Sydney and while they have been very good, this reunion outshone them all. Everyone who attended had a most enjoyable time meeting up with old friends of some 50 years or more and recalling memories and stories of other days.

During the dinner, we discussed having a reunion in WA of the 2nd Battery members so they may again meet those West Australians who were unable to return to Darwin.

On Anzac Day this year, I marched with my Unit in Sydney when the 14th and 2nd Heavy Anti-Aircraft Batteries (Darwin) were given the honour by other A/A Corps Units to lead them in the parade through the city.

Hugh Buggy, Chief Censor of the Australian Censorship during the war, and author of the book Pacific Victory, wrote of the gunners of those Batteries who experienced their initial action on 19 February, 1942:

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AWAS on Darwin tour

Ronnie Beach, Alma Buckingham, Joan Sharp, June Dearle, Enver Shaen and Betty Gadsby were among a 28-member group representing the Heavy Anti-Aircraft units who went to Darwin for the 50th anniversary commemorative service.

En route to Darwin, their 23-day bus trip had stopovers at Geraldton, Carnarvon, Karratha and Broome.

After inspecting Katherine, the group stopped at the Adelaide River cemetery to attend a service of remembrance for the people who were killed during the bombing of Darwin before they travelled on to their destination.

On February 15, they attended a Sunset Memorial Service under the following city were present at the Commemoration Service which was attended by ex-service personnel from all over the world. It was very moving and would have brought back a host of varied memories for so many of the people who were there.

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These included Bagot Hospital; Bellminah Hospital and War Cemetery; Daly Waters Civil Cemetery; Darwin Public Cemetery; Gove War Cemetery; Hughes Cemetery, Darwin; Katherine Civil and War Cemetery; Larrimah War Cemetery; Milngimbi War Cemetery; Mt. Isa Cemetery, Queensland; just over the border, where No. 74 Camp Hospital was set up; South Goulburn Island Mission Cemetery; and Truscott War Cemetery.

Adelaide River War Cemetery was taken over by the Commission in September 1947. It adjoins the civil cemetery in which are buried nine Post Office workers who were killed as a result of a direct hit by Japanese bombers and 54 civilians (including 31 Aborigines) killed in subsequent actions of the war.

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Born at Murrumbeena, Victoria on 3 February 1945, Air Commodore Smith was educated at Melbourne High School. He entered the Royal Australian Air Force Academy on 22 January 1962 as an air cadet and, on graduation in December 1965, was appointed to a commission in the Technical Branch, with the rank of flying officer. He subsequently completed a Bachelor of Aeronautical Engineering at the University of Sydney.

From January 1967 to March 1968, Air Commodore Smith underwent pilot training on No 64 Pilot Course, where he flew Wirraways and then Vampire jet aircraft. In March 1968, he was posted to No 1 (Fighter) Operational Conversion Unit at Williamtown, NSW, converting to the BA-27 Sabre and Dassault Mirage III aircraft. From January 1970 to December 1971 he completed an operational tour flying Mirage III aircraft with No 3 Squadron in Butterworth, Malaysia.

Air Commodore Smith returned to engineering duties as Officer-in-Charge of Maintenance Control Section No 462 Squadron, RAAF Base Amberley, Queensland, and then the F4E Phantom aircraft. He was promoted to squadron leader in January 1975 and appointed Senior Engineering Officer of No 77 Squadron, RAAF Base Williamtown.

From January 1975 to December 1976, Air Commodore Smith attended No 30 RAAF Staff College. He was then posted to staff duties in the Directorate of Aircraft Engineering, Headquarters Support Command, Canberra, with responsibility for fighter airframe policy. He was promoted to wing commander on 1 January 1978.

In January 1979, Air Commodore Smith was appointed Senior Engineering Officer RAAF London. He returned to Australia in December 1981 to a staff appointment in the Directorate of Aircraft Engineering, Headquarters Support Command, Melbourne, where he supervised aircraft airframe engineering and maintenance. In January 1984, he was granted acting group captain rank and appointed Staff Officer Projects, HSSC. He was promoted substantively in July 1984 and, in January 1986, became Staff Officer Aircraft Engineering, HSSC.

In January 1987, Air Commodore Smith was appointed Commanding Officer No 481 Squadron, Williamtown, and became the first Officer Commanding No 481 Wing during subsequent reorganisation of Air Command. From January 1987 to January 1989, he oversaw the introduction and development of Intermediate Level Maintenance for the F/A-18 Hornet aircraft.

Air Commodore Smith returned to Canberra and Air Force Office in January 1989 to the appointment of Director Technical Plans, Air Force. In June 1989, he became Director of Personnel Officers — Air Force. He was promoted to air commodore in February 1992 and took up his current post as Officer Commanding RAAF Pearce and Air Officer Western Australia on 9 February 1992.

To date, he has 1,600 flying hours on various service aircraft, 1,050 hours of which were in front-line fighter aircraft.

In the 1977 New Year Honours List, Air Commodore Smith was made a Member of the Order of the British Empire has also been awarded the Defence Force Service Medal with Second Clasp, and the National Medal.

Air Commodore Smith and his wife Maria have two children; a son aged 21 and a daughter aged 18.

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WHY AUSTRALIA NEEDS A DEFENCE FORCE

by Air Commodore Norman Ashworth

A few months ago I was chatting with a group of senior high school students when the subject got around to defence. After telling a couple of “war stories”, the discussion got a little more serious when I was asked: “But, why does Australia need to have a defence force when we are not at war?” I was about to answer this with a strongly-worded burst about duty and loyalty to ones country and how if we didn’t bother to defend ourselves someone would come and take it away from us. But, I stopped myself just in time. Here was a serious, and valid, question that deserved a reasoned answer. Instead of trying to push the “loyalty and devotion” line down their throats, maybe I should try to convince this group of intelligent and receptive, but still unworldly, young people by logical argument why Australia needs a defence force. But, how do you put the case for a defence force without giving the impression that anyone who dares question such a need should be put on trial for treason? Well, here’s how I tried to tackle the problem.

Let me try to answer the question of why Australia needs a defence force by pointing out that almost every country in the world has a defence force of some kind or other. All have an army, most have an air force, and many also have a navy. The only countries that do not have a defence force are a few small, mostly poor, island states. Most of the countries in the world, fortunately, are not at war, and the majority seem to be at least in the immediate future and in so far as it might involve them directly, as being “unlikely”. Yet, they still maintain quite large defence forces.

Now, the cost of having a defence force is considerable. Defence does not come cheaply, and most countries defend anything from one to nearly all, or more, of their national income on building and maintaining a defence force. My point here is that all of these countries would not spend this money if they didn’t think it was necessary.

For some countries, the reason for having a defence force is obvious. Take for example Israel, being surrounded as they are by hostile states who believe it would not even exist. The only way it can survive is by having a strong military force. This has paid off, but then again the state of Israel, and its people, are still unknown and independent.

There are a few countries in the world that have armed forces not for defence, but for aggression. Those countries, all of whose associates is a threat to their neighbours, who in turn seek to defend themselves by maintaining armed forces of their own. Also, many countries live in a situation of mutual dislike and distrust with their neighbours. Their history is a history of rivalry and war that has in Arm led to each believing that it must maintain a defence force to match that of its neighbour. Yet other countries need a defence force for internal security. Due to the nature of the government or of internal racial divisions there are a number of countries that, aside, can only be held together by military force.

Australia for its part is a lucky country. We do not have aggressive neighbours, nor do we have a history of war or major conflict with our neighbours. Also, we have not relied on a defence force for internal security. Yet, like many other countries, in a similar situation, we still feel the need to maintain a defence force. Why? The answer here is uncertainty, uncertainty as to the future. While we may not face any immediate threat today, we may not be able to see anything obvious on the horizon, can we be sure that such a state of affairs will endured?

How we need to prove to ask ourselves: what would be the implications of not having a defence force? Firstly, you need to understand that a country that does not have any form of defence force can be easily taken over by such a small military force. By having a modest defence force we thereby force a potential aggressor to spend considerably greater effort, and take a much greater risk, should he wish to occupy our country. Secondly, to build up a defence force is nothing is a very difficult task, and one that would take a considerable time.

Nor should we think of defence only in terms of someone invading and occupying the country. Military force can be used against or short of outright invasion. It can be used, for example, to force us to make some economic, trade or political concessions. Normally, the only way to counter military force is to use military force that comes from having one’s own defence force.

Finally, Australia and I am sure would like to remain, a responsible member of the world community, ready to play its part in helping to resolve aggression in other lands, as we did during the recent Gulf War, and are doing in Cambodia. This task alone requires that we maintain some form of defence force.

How then, you may ask, did this group of young adults accept my argument? Well, all I can say is that they thanked me, and told me that they would go away and think some more about defence. To me this result was most satisfying. Most importantly they agreed to think about defence. After all, what we are talking about is the defence of their country, and in any case, if Australia is invaded, God forbid, in once again to go to war, it is they who will have to put their lives on the line to defend this land of ours.

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Broome 3 March 1942: Day of Infamy

Broome was raided four times by the Japanese but the first raid on 3 March was the most devastating.

At an impressive Anniversary Service on the town beach to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of that raid, the Broome Primary School choir sang "Whispering Hope", Father Chris Saunders offered prayers on behalf of all denominations and Corporal Andrew Ireland RAAF played "Amazing Grace" on the bagpipes. At the time of the attack, Mr Ireland was aboard a Qantas flying-boat and had entertained refugees moored in Roebuck Bay with his music. Mr Ron Johnston, President of the Shire of Broome, described the raid that had taken place and unveiled a commemorative plaque. Wreaths were then placed by many service and civilian organisations and the "Last Post" and the two-minutes silence were followed by a flypast of four aircraft from No 2 Flying Training School at Pearce. Mr Bevin Trouchet, immediate past president of Broome Sub-Branch, recited the Ode and all concluded the commemoration by singing the National Anthem.

Fifty years ago nine Japanese zeros strafed and destroyed 15 Allied flying-boats in Roebuck bay and seven land planes on Broome airstrip. As the Zeros left for home, they encountered a KNILM Douglas DC3 piloted by Capt Smirnoff and carrying, in addition to its crew, five Dutch pilots, a Dutch pilot's wife with her 18-month-old baby, and a package of demands destined for the Commonwealth Bank in Sydney. The Zeros shot up the DC3, strafing and wounding the occupants after it had crash-landed on the beach at Carnot Bay.

A conservative estimate says 100 people were killed on 3 March 1942; at least 32 US servicemen were killed, five members of RAF Squadron 205 died, and an official Dutch report dated 25 March 1942 lists the names of 48 Dutch nationals. How many bodies were trapped in the burning flying-boats, how many wounded drowned or were taken by sharks or washed into the mangroves will never be known. In a special section of the Karrakatta War Cemetery, the graves of 25 Dutch personnel killed in the raid are cared for by the Australian Government.

The full story of the Japanese raid on 3 March 1942 is newly-told by Mervyn W. Prime in a soft-covered book entitled "Broome's One-Day War". It is available from the Shire of Broome, Broome, WA 6725, price $5 plus $2 postage.

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WARTIME SALVAGE OPERATION AT BROOME

PART 1

By Arthur Roberts

Number 17 Repair and Salvage Unit comprising an officer and 14 men formed at Pearce and left Coolgardie on 3 December 1942 to salvage aircraft which had been beached at Broome Harbour, the aerodrome and Carnarvon Bay by the Japanese on 3 March 1942.

The Dutch B.C.8 aircraft at Carnarvon Bay bore the registration number PK.AFV and had been carrying a consignment of diamonds loaded at Bandoeng by the Japanese. The diamonds were to have been deposited for safe-keeping at the Bandoeng bank.

Mr Arthur Roberts of Denmark, WA, was a member of 17 RSU. He kept a detailed diary of the salvage operation, now published for the first time.

15.12.42 Broome. We are now just on the edge of Streeter and the scrub and trees are thicker and a deeper green, and there is a different kind of bird life. We shoot a scrub turkey – a real big bird.

Yesterday we stopped near La Grange, at about 30 miles an hour. We tell the natives we are here to get water and they rush over from the settlement to give us water. We hope with a bit of luck to reach Broome by midday.

We stop now with petrol trouble on the Chevrolet and after getting the trucks washed we have lunch. The aircraft at Broome, or what we saw of them, are not in good shape. We leave them there and are they good!

We are now right out of the sheep-country and into bush country and we are on the outskirts of the town. We have a number of military chaps. We have two pots of squash and lemon and buy eight loaves of bread at 10 pence a loaf from a Chinese baker and then go home to bed.

At 8.30 am on the 16th we leave Broome for Beagle Bay after collecting a basketful of mangoes, and they are good! Also our bananas from Carnarvon are getting ripe. We had some just now and they were delicious.

At eight o'clock Sgt Bowler, Bill Ansell and I go up to the aerodrome for instructions.

At night we arrive at Thangoo Station at 10.45 and stop for a wash and clean-up at the Nine-Mile Well and arrive at Broome at 3 o'clock. We have two pots of squash and lemon and buy eight loaves of bread at 10 pence a loaf from a Chinese baker and then go home to bed.

At 10 o'clock we stop at Goldwire Well. This is a beautiful freshwater well, situated about 50 miles from La Grange, in a huge flat of pepper barks, or cockatoo, as it is called here. The well gets its name from some people who stopped here in the early days and were attacked by natives. Their grave is just a little way from the well. After leaving the well, you come out on a big expanse of salt marsh, where there are many dead cattle from the last big drought. Death in the midst of plenty!
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As some of them have discovered several calluses on their legs. We are off again at 1.15 pm. A bit of excitement has just occurred. They have been running the Chev with the handbrake on and she has started to smoke and burn. However, we put her out with the fire extinguisher. This truck is carrying all our petrol (6 drums) so it would have been a serious loss apart from the value of the vehicle. Charlie, our driver, said, "My goodness, we fired her, and are pushing on to see if we can find a place to carry all our petrol so it would have been a serious loss." We were nearly had to walk to Broome! which, coming from our hungry state, seemed a serious loss, apart from the value of conserving the oil.

Last night we went down to the Chev at Carnot Bay. The Chev has finally given up the ghost. There is plenty of petrol for the Bedford built in the truck. We have left the Chev and the trailer behind with some friends who are on the lookout.

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After seeing the church we go across to the carpenters' and woodworkers' shop, where they prepare the timber for all the buildings and furnish all the furniture, all from local woods. The furniture is built up with stone to make a pool. Somehow it managed to survive. We take some photos and will try to get some. A flat tyre on the Chev has held us up for about a quarter of an hour, and while waiting, Charlie has had his hair close-shaven and looks all the world like Friar Tuck. He says he will be able to sneak into the Mission at the bay and they will make him a monk, so then he can have his pick of the ladies. Charlie has travelled most of the way in his singlet and underpants, sometimes only in the latter. At one place where we stopped the petrol out for a drink and found himself surrounded by laughing Aboriginal girls.

At last it's 9.30 am and we have arrived at the Mission - a green oasis in the surrounding bushland. Here there is a pretty church and, it seems, hundreds of Aboriginal children who are welcoming us joyfully.

I have just been up to the Mission church. It is a beautiful piece of work and ingenuity, built entirely by the Brothers and Aborigines. It is built of timbers and painted white inside and out, with a belfry at the north end and a spire at the south. The ceiling is made entirely of tamarind tree, but you would never know it. Around the walls there is a bushfire ash so we can't get on the floor.

Eight o'clock. The Chev and trailer have just come up to the camp. It seems the carpenters and woodworkers were round the road and saw the huge Chev bearing down on him and his eyes nearly popped out. He lived for the rest in a dance of a hurry.

17.12.42 4.00 am.

After leaving camp we seemed to be getting along pretty well but the going is very heavy, with falling of second-gear work. It's now 9.10 am - three hours since we started and we still have not reached Beagle Bay, which is supposed to be about 40 miles from the last camp. A flat tyre on the Chev has held us up for about a quarter of an hour, and while waiting, Charlie has had his hair close-shaven and looks all the world like Friar Tuck. He says he will be able to sneak into the Mission at the bay and they will make him a monk, so then he can have his pick of the ladies. Charlie has travelled most of the way in his singlet and underpants, sometimes only in the latter. At one place where we stopped the petrol out for a drink and found himself surrounded by laughing Aboriginal girls.

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PART 1

We haven't much time now to look around the place, but on our return we have been invited to stay 3 days, so we will be able to see more than.

It is now one o'clock and we are on our way again to Carnot Bay where the Douglas aircraft we are to salvage is situated. It is about 30 miles from the Mission across some very bad salt-marsh country which is affected by the tide and fall of the tide, although this part of the country is about 6 miles from the coast. The water does not come over the ground but keeps up from below.

We have with us a military warrant officer, who is stationed at the Mission to keep an eye on the Brothers, who are Germans. We also have a native tracker to show us the way.

At two o'clock we have our first mishap when the Chev and trailer get stuck in the sand. We hitch the Bedford onto them and are now on our way again.

Casualty No. 2. The Bedford is stuck fast in the mangrove swamp resting on the differential. By dint of much labour and with the help of the winch on the Chev the Bedford is got away and are now on our way again.

We have decided to abandon the trailer for the time being and now notice that the front Bedford is down to the axle. Having unloaded her, we look back to find the other Bedford down again. The driver of the Chev has decided to tighten his load and try to get off the mud. We have encountered ingesting the Chev into some scrub on the edge of the swamp and the No. 1 Bedford is just about through, also, but as it is now quite dark we are going to leave the other truck in the swamp for the night. We have just finished tea and Bill Ansell and I are going back to sleep in the truck in the swamp in case any Aborigines try to steal the goods.

I am now having a bath in a bucket of water cut in the mud of the marsh and Bill is dancing around in the mud, giving an exhibition of a broken-down chorus girl. They say if you stay long enough in this climate you go nuts, or as they put it, 'troppo'.

It is quite dark now and so we can't write any more tonight, as this is an extremely awkward nut to eat without getting sticky all over. We have just been visited by a steel and a calf and I will probably wake up with a cow licking my face.

Here endeth the 17th of December, a very eventful day. To be continued.

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Josephine Maxted (right) with Glenda Humes and Hilary Blurt on, daughters of Capt. Saunders.

In September 1991, National Headquarters in Canberra launched the RSL Captain Reg Saunders Memorial Scholarship in Substance Abuse Studies. This Australia-wide scholarship is for tertiary students of Aboriginal or Torres Island background. The inaugural winner was recently announced and it was awarded to a West Australian, Ms Josephine Maxted, who is currently studying for her Bachelor of Social Work at Curtin University.

Josephine is well aware of the problems of substance abuse in the Aboriginal community. At the presentation on 24 April 1992 at Anzac House, Josephine informed the gathering that the scholarship is an appeal to the community to continue their study so that in turn, can become involved in helping the Aboriginal community in overcoming the problems associated with substance abuse.

Mr Len Keynes, the co-ordinator in WA, stated that Capt. Reg Saunders was the first Aboriginal commissioned officer in the Australian Army. After serving with distinction in the 6th Division in the Middle East and New Guinea in World War II he graduated from Officer Training School at Portsea. In Korea he was promoted to Captain and became Officer-In-Command of 'C' Company, the 3rd Battalion Royal Australian Regiment. This Battalion won the United Nations presidential citation for the Battle of Kapyong. In 1987 Reg was awarded the MBE and finally passed away in 1989.

Amongst the people attending the presentation were representatives from the WA Government, ATSIC, WA Alcohol and Drug Authority, as well as members of Josephine Maxted's family and friends, members of the State Executive, veterans who served with Reg Saunders in Korea and special guests Glenda Humes and Hilary Blurtion, daughters of Reg Saunders.

Lient-General John M. Sanderson

Secretary-General Boutros Boutros-Ghali has announced the appointment of Lieutenant-General John M. Sanderson of Australia as the Commander of the military component of the United Nations Transitional Authority in Cambodia (UNTAC) established by the Security Council on 28 February 1992.

General Sanderson, who has served in a variety of posts in the armed forces of his country, is a graduate of the Royal Military College, Duntroon (1961), Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology (1964), the Australian Staff College (1972), the Australian Joint Services Staff College (1981) and the United States Army War College (1986).

His principal staff assignments have included Military Assistant to the Chief of the General Staff and Director of Army Plans. He has been an instructor at several military establishments including the Royal School of Military Engineering and the British Army Staff College where he specialised in counter revolutionary warfare and peacekeeping operations.

His senior appointments include Chief of Staff of the Army's Land Command and Commander of the 1st Brigade during which time he was also the Airborne Force Commander.

A construction and military engineer by training, General Sanderson has extensive experience in South East Asia including operational services in East Malaysia and South Vietnam where he was involved in mine clearance and reconstruction of war damaged infrastructure in the southern provinces.

General Sanderson was born in Geraldton in 1940. He is married with three adult children.
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PATRICIA BALFE
EDITOR
To the Honourable the Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives assembled in Parliament.

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2. We believe that the current flag has served Australia well and will continue to do so in the future and represents a true manifestation of the nation's history.

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SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA — 1943
THE CAPTURE OF LAE: PART 2

By Ward Cunedale & Eric Stallard

The latest available Australian Intelligence reports (October 1943) estimated that there were up to 7,800 Japanese troops in the Peninsula area of the Buna-Gona sector. Up to 7,200 additional enemy troops had been drawn east by the "Salamaua magnet", but these could be expected to fall back to Lae when the 5th Militia Division moved seriously on Salamaua.

From September, Japanese planes from Wewak, north-west of the mouth of the Sepik River, and from Cape Gloucester, in New Britain, became active, but Blamey had his answer. Task Tali and Bena strips had in the meantime become front line bases for fighter squadrons and when called upon, these fighters could be over the front line troops in minutes.

On September 3, troops of the landing force were informed of their respective roles in the projected assault. Maps were issued by Intelligence to Officers and senior NCOs and lectures were given on theheiten of the Huon Peninsula. By early morning, September 4 the invasion convoy was heading north-west from Milne.

Soon after dawn the following morning, the landing beaches were identified and under bombardment from naval ships. Before the shelling ceased, landing craft were on their way to shore. By 6.30 am troops of the 2/4th Battalion had landed, followed in quick succession by men of the 2/15th and 2/17th Battalions. The troops quickly moved inland from the beaches following the misleads made at Caligoli to their designated first day objectives. Within 30 minutes 4,500 troops were ashore, with artillery and engineering equipment.

The first enemy counter-attack arrived in the form of an air strike. Nine and a half hours after the landing, the advance, which had been a success, was under attack from the air. At dawn on September 4 the invasion convoy was heading north-west from Milne.

When the landing was reported to the Japanese 8th Army Commander, Ijat, General Immamura, he ordered an air attack by 80 aircraft from New Britain. The flights of enemy aircraft were detected and 48 Longhorn Lightning fighters ordered up from the Task Force to intercept the raiders. Twenty-three enemy aircraft were shot down with the loss of only two Lightnings. The overall casualties from enemy air attacks on the beaches totalled 110, of these 94 were killed.

On September 5, the advance towards Lae commenced, without real ground opposition but a party of 140 enemy had been detected moving east. An alarm was immediately sounded on the beaches but no enemy counter-attack occurred that day.

The weather, which had so far favoured the landing troops, had also allowed the enemy to plan counter-attacks. Mid morning next day, the Japanese attacked the 2/17th Battalion, which suffered 16 casualties before the enemy withdrew. By September 7, the 24th and 26th Brigades were well on their way towards Lae.

The Japanese commander in Lae, after conveying the news of the landing to the Army Headquarter at Rabaul, began establishing defensive positions along selected river banks east of Lae. One of these defensive points was at the Buna River. Orders were issued by 7th Division Headquarters for the 26th Brigade to secure crossings over the Buna River from its entry to the sea and northwards. There had been some quite severe counter-attacks mounted against the 2/28th and 2/17th Battalions, which were involved. On several of these occasions, the enemy announced the strikes by ridiculous bugle calls, reminiscent of Hollywood versions of American Civil War cavalry charges. The 26th Brigade was grateful to the Japanese for the warnings of these attacks.

The 24th Brigade, on orders from Major-General Wootten, assumed responsibility for the coastal advance, while the 28th moved inland. There had been more enemy aircraft attacks on the beachhead, but these were still mainly eastward. About this time, however, Australian thought came to the idea of forward patrols west. The advance of the 28th Brigade led to the crossing of the river, which had taken place before dawn.

In spite of the appraisal of the river's condition, patrols were maintained on September 8 for the Buna (24th and 28th) to proceed with crossings. Heavy rain, which had influenced the river's volume, also began to make movement difficult. The two lead battalions, 2/24th and 2/28th, continued to advance westwards to the river. The 2/28th reached the river in the afternoon of September 8 and perceived Japanese activity on the west bank. This led to the conclusion that the crossing would be...
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opposed, but the real opposition, it was realised, would still come from the river.

The Busu in flood was to be a formidable obstacle to the 2/28th Battalion. Just short of its mouth, the river was about 600 metres wide and flowing through a delta of several channels. In the widest channel, the current was moving at a speed of up to 12 knots and by Casualties was up to 8 metres deep. Wading would be both difficult and dangerous. The 2/28th upstream had come to the same conclusion; its estimate of the river's speed was up to 1.3 knots, but the depth in that area varied from 30 centimetres to over three metres. Further Japanese troops were seen by the 2/24th on the west bank a little north of their proposed crossing.

The West Australian 2/28th was the first battalion to be specifically ordered to make the crossing by the dawn of September 9. The first attempt, which was abandoned, resulted in two casualties by enemy gunfire (one died). Strong swimmers, it was estimated, without clothes or weapons, may have been able to reach the west bank, but unarmed and naked, they would have been easy prey for the waiting Japanese. After dawn, two more attempts, in section and platoon strength, were tried, but both were unsuccessful.

Meanwhile, the western bank was being bombarded by mortar and artillery fire. The 2/28th Battalion was to try again on September 10 and local orders were issued for the troops to walk "bank to bank". On the previous night, the 2/28th had found where Japanese patrols had crossed during fine weather, and the troops used that site to wade the river under cover of heavy artillery fire directed at suspected enemy positions. The troops stepped directly into swirling waters. It was an incredible crossing; many were swept away by the current, which devoured weapons and equipment alike. The more fortunate were washed toward the west bank, where they were able to grasp overhanging boughs and vegetation.

In spite of the problems, the lines of troops neverfaltered. The 2/28th Battalion's war diary was to provide the report on the events which led up to the capture of Quebec from the French by the great General Wolfe, almost 200 years before (12 and 13 September 1759). The 2/28th had completely surprised the Japanese who, like the French under General Montcalm, had considered the condition and ferocity of the river more than adequate defence.

In consequence of the Japanese assessment of the situation, all their effective defence was concentrated in the delta area. By the time the enemy recovered, the 2/28th troops were over the river and hidden by the high western bank.

The Battalion had turned a formidable obstacle into an ally, but had paid a high price for success. Thirty men had been carried toward the sea and did not make the crossing; of these 13 were unfortunately drowned. By early morning company commanders had reorganized scattered platoons and occupied a strong bridgehead. The cost of the crossing included 25 per cent of the Battalion's automatic weapons, 80 rifles, much ammunition and signal equipment.

The 9th Division was once more seen at its best. The troops were like General Wolfe's men on the Plains of Abraham, "looking for the whites of enemy eyes" before striking at Lae. To be continued

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I am enclosing a poem and photo of a painting both done by my son Ben Drake. He received a prize for the painting in the Young Writers’ Competition in 1980 conducted by W.A. Newspapers when he was 17 and in Year 12 at school.

He is now 19, attends University and serves in the Army Reserve based at Leederville.

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Murderous mud,
Consisting the landscape with every shed
Now the smoke clears, visibility
“Excellent, Field Marshal”.

Talk is scarce.
The trench is a chapel,
Everyone talks with quiet reverence.
To be on the side of God, now, a more important than “King and Country”.

The question not why they should die,
Rather, why they should not if their comrades do.

Green are the fields of the Somme.
Hope and prosperity are the farmers who till her.
The fields reflecting this good omen.
Healthy green covers the earth and all war’s victims.

(MRS) G. DRAKE
3 Beach St, Bicton 6157 Ph: 339 6737
EO: Photo of painting is on cover of this edition.

Dear Editor,

I enclose $15 for my Listening Post subscription and would like to thank the editor and everybody who helps put the journal out. I enjoy reading every word and always look forward to receiving it. Being an ex-serviceman myself, it is greatly appreciated, and is also a credit to all the people who write in with articles and stories.

I send my regards to everybody who belongs to the PSL in WA, and acknowledge their great work they do for ex-service men and women.

W.F. DOUGLAS
11 Dennis Court, Mooroolbark Vic 3138

Dear Editor,

The guide to answering 36 questions in the “Lifestyle Report” in the Autumn “Listening Post” was long overdue and is a valuable guide to the trained social worker, nurse, welfare officer, minister of religion and other people skilled in welfare work such as Sub Branch claims’ officers, but I feel that it over-simplifies a complex problem.

I do not believe that it is possible for any of the above helpers to do justice to the completion of the Report without at least a working knowledge of the “Guide to the Assessment of Rates of Veterans’ Pensions” commonly known as GARP which can be purchased at the Commonwealth Bookshop. This booklet is just a part of the Veteran’s Entitlement Act 1938 being incorporated by subsection 29(9) of that Act.

Once again at the risk of over-simplification of GARP, the Impairment Tables endeavour to turn mathematics, an exact science, into a point-scoring exercise resulting in an exact but complex mathematical tables. This is then followed by the Rating of Lifestyle effects section which converts the four key components of a veteran’s lifestyle, i.e. medical, personal relationships, employment and recreational activities into an exact point-scoring exercise. Both Impairment Tables and Lifestyle Ratings are then amalgamated into a graphic table for conversion to general Rate Pension assessment. This is then used by the Determining Officer to arrive at the pension rate to be awarded.

There is very little flexibility in the table once this stage is reached and all these mathematical assessments are accepted under the Act as legal proof by the Veterans’ Review Board and the Administrative Appeals Tribunal.

The point I am working around to is that it is necessary for a helper or an advocate to have a copy of GARP along with him as an essential reference when helping a claimant complete this Lifestyle Report. The Report must be completed truthfully, but it becomes a matter of semantics and mathematical assessments are accepted under the Act as legal proof by the Veterans’ Review Board and the Administrative Appeals Tribunal.

I hope that I have proved my point: that for the claimant to obtain a maximum benefit from the Lifestyle Report, it is essential that it be completed...
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Letters cont.

Dear Editor,

I have recently been made aware of several successful claims on the Repatriation system for entitlement to Disability Pensions, as an outcome of acceptance of the probability that dementia's Alzheimer's Disease is service-related.

There must be others in the ex-service community who may wish to test an entitlement.

The advantage from a successful claim is a pre-exempted disability pension, maybe as high as $13,250 per annum, and possibly an attendant's allowance.

While claims are not cut and dried, I am aware of at least three successful applications and I possess documentation which may assist in first determining whether a claim stands a chance of success and secondly in preparing a claim.

I do not have the time or expertise for hands-on involvement in particular cases, but I am willing to help anyone who may have the time and inclination to become involved.

FORD CAMPBELL
PO Postoste 9226

Dear Editor,

Congratulations on publishing the article entitled 'The Flag: Symbol of our National Identity'. It is just what is needed to make our people think about what they are.

I don't know how we came to have green and yellow for our national colours, but certainly never voted for them during my 65 years. As far as I am concerned, dark blue and white—the colours of our national flag—are the national colours. Waltzing Matilda, our national song, should have been the music for the national anthem.

Mr Keating and Mr Dawkins talk of one nation, but introducing a republic and a new flag is a sure way of dividing our people. However, we must take the threat seriously and be prepared for the worst, or all is lost.

That is why it has been suggested that if the government or a majority of the people wish to remove the Union Jack, then we should make as little change as possible to the flag that has served us so well. So, what if we replace the Union Jack with the star of the Federation and leave it at that?

However, let us be united in getting an end to this controversy which divides our nation.

JOHN SCRIMMONTERE 1OXX4238
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Editor: Current RSL policy is "no change" to the flag.

Dear Editor,

Through the Listening Post, I would like to send a 'thank you' to Mr Norm Johnston for what he did for me before the Review Board.

My wife and I would like to thank him for the way he presented my case before the Review Board. Even if he hadn't gone in my favour, I would not have been able to do it on my own, effort and presentation.

My wife and I thank him for everything from the bottom of our hearts.

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I would very much like to hear from anyone who knows any of the people named on the scroll (see below) or who may have information about the man who made it.

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- WO2 Gascoine F. (WX)
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KENNETH WOODBRIDGE

I am trying to trace the family of my paternal uncle, Kenneth Woodbridge, who served in the Australian Forces during World War II and was killed at Tobruk. His wife's name was Betty (perhaps Elizabeth) and he had one son, Keith, born approximately 1929.

My uncle emigrated to Australia as a young man from the town of Redditch, county of Worcestershire, England. Originally he worked on a sheep station in NSW, and his parents were Eva and David Woodbridge.

MS MAUREEN HOPKINS
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LESLEY BUTLER

Leslie Butler's uncle John and brother Harold are trying to locate him as all his personal papers were lost in England.

The son of Percy and Ada Butler, Leslie was born on 6 September 1911. He also had a step-sister, Jean.

As a teenager in the late 1920s, he was sent to Australia, possibly via Melbourne, to work on fruit farms. He married before World War II; his son Percy was born on 15.1.37, followed by Jean and Phyllis.

If you can help with any information would you kindly phone 02 264 3140 (day) 02 30 6883 (evening) or write to:

DAVID BUTLER
4th Floor
280 Pitt Street
Sydney 2000

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I am trying to put together some history of the 76 Squadron of the Air Training Corps and the Women's Air Training Corps and would love your help regarding:

- Names of Officers and Cadets
- Newspaper clippings, letters (RAAF type), Proficiency Certificates etc. (Please send a photocopy, or I will return the original to you).
- Photos: If sending a group photograph, please name as many people as possible and we will try to name the rest ourselves. All photographs will be returned.

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Research has commenced on a documentary of the history and development of the Royal Australian Armoured Corps.

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The Director of Armour has expressed his support for the project and will assist with access to the records of the Armoured Museum as well as providing valuable contacts through the military network of the ADF.

I would be most grateful if you would support the shaping of this production by publishing this letter in the Listening Post, so members who have recollection, both wartime and peacetime, are aware that their information is being sought for the documentary.

If any members or ex-members of any part of the Armed Services have a recollection, an anecdote, a humorous story or any other information which relates to the Armoured Corps, I hope they will put pen to paper and send it in. Any materials sent will be returned to the contributors if they wish.

D.G. (DON) SIVYER
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I am trying to contact some of my old squadron mates who served with 11/20 Squadrons in Port Moresby between 1940 and 1942 to arrange a reunion.

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Donar's life as a regimental sergeant-major began in 1990, she was appointed company sergeant-major. Her nomination for the prestigious award was submitted by the commanding officer of the Bayswater-Morley unit.

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Anthony achieved great success in football and boxing.

Betty Forbes, who won junior youth of the year, was also nominated by the police and citizens' club for her long and outstanding career in various sports.

These included netball, football and gymnastics, and her involvement in special dance, modern jazz ballet, youth leadership and work with the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme.

Thanks all.

Many thanks also to the many people who made this a day to remember, from the City of Belmont Staff to the Police controlling the traffic, from the Volunteers at the Belmont Club of the RSL and the Ladies of the Auxiliary to the 11th Br. Royal Western Australia Regt, who provided the delightful party at the Memorial.

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BELLEVUE

ANZAC SERVICES

Active promotion by the Bellevue RSL and Mundaring Shire resulted in a series of well-attended Anzac Services held in the Hills District.

Local schools combined to start the series with their special school-children's Service on Blackboy Hill on the last day of the school term. Guest speaker Peter Firkins addressed the children who showed keen attention and warmed to the manner of his presentation. Community support was evident by the large number of private and official wreaths placed on the Ellipses during the Service.

Anzac Eve at Blackboy Hill saw one of the largest contingents of Scouts and Guides for many years assemble for the Sunset Service and night vigil. Some 200 members of the Dianella District Scouts camped overnight on the site to take their turn at acknowledging the importance of Anzac Day. It was most pleasing to see the number of families who attended to show support for the group.

The crisp hills' air and glowing dawn provided a perfect backdrop for the Dawn Service on Blackboy. The quiet procession of individuals and representatives of community organisations placing wreaths on the Ellipses added a spark of brilliant colour to the site where so many World War I soldiers experienced their first taste of military life.

Bellevue's Service and March attracted many veterans and spectators as well as Cadets from the RSL-sponsored 503 Regional Cadet Unit. The Service was well-received as was the Sub-Branch President's address where he urged members to maintain the commitment to the RSL that was emerging from the support being given this year to the many anniversaries of campaigns. Following the Service a donation was made to the Salvation Army to acknowledge the wonderful work they did in helping service personnel during the war and their work with the needy in our community. In accepting the donation, Capt Foynes pledged continued support of their work and said the donation would be faithfully applied.

Another important presentation was that of the RSL's Best Cadet Award from 503 RCU. Cpl Damien Fullgrabe proudly received a framed photograph of the original presentation ceremony held at Northam Army Camp late last year.

VICTORIA CROSS WINNERS

Research of historical records has shown that the Blackboy Hill Training Camp produced 10 Victoria Cross winners in World War II. To honour this, the Shire of Mundaring's Blackboy Hill Commemorative Site Advisory Committee recommended the commissioning of the VC concourse at the site.

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Since Christmas attendances at meetings have averaged around 100 and the monthly dances are gaining in popularity. The work force was busy listening to the instructions to our 24 x 24 ft meeting room in smaller Anzac Day when issues addressed included that it was all done on voluntary labour.

We had a visit from the South Coast Primary School for an ANZAC Service. The children were very well behaved, the singing from the school choir was delightful and the sincerity of their taking part in the Service gave hope for future ANZAC Days.

On the same morning, Bruce Prior and I attended the Coogee Primary School where the Principal, Nelson Gardner, had arranged a Service. Bruce instructed the Flag Raisers in the proper way to roll the Flag and I had the privilege of speaking to the children about the meaning of Anzac.

Our own ANZAC Service held in the Memorial Hall showed us that the spirit of Anzac is still alive.

More than 400 people attended to pay their respects to Pastors A.J. Smith and His Worship Councillor Rob McGregor during the Service. We had a recent Roll Call at the hall to ensure that we were all informed about what was happening in the war.

The Honour Avenue Sub-Committee of the Highgate Sub-Branch, who maintain the memorial plaques to World War I and II veterans, has been particularly helpful in providing assistance to the ANZAC Day Committee.

The Highgate Sub-Branch has been working closely with other branches across the state to ensure a successful ANZAC Day.

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A highlight of Anzac Day was the presentation of a Life Membership award to Women's Auxiliary President, Gillian Sharp, at Valor Civic in recognition of 15 years' devoted service, including the last 11 years as Treasurer. The Auxiliary also hosted the Sunrise Breakfast after the dawn parade.

NEW MEMBERS

President Allan Ellis presented Badges and Certificates of Membership to the new members at the April meeting: Ken Gallaher, War Was Elizabeth Wren, Wayne Wells, Matthew Paul, and Kelvin Rumble.

Life Member John Spendlove has again been elected Treasurer, Ron Bradfield will fill a vacancy on the Sub-Branch Management Committee and Ken Gallaher is the new Treasurer of the Regional War Veterans Home Committee.

On display at the meeting was a plaque presented to the Sub-Branch and the people of Geraldton for the hospitality received during the 50th anniversary of members of B-Company of the 11th Battalion of the 11th Brigade and of Association officials.

Reports on highly successful ceremonies, held at schools in association with Anzac Day, have been submitted by Bill Cunningham, Geraldton Senior High School; Stills Lackner, Geraldton Primary; President Allan Ellis, Walkaway; and Nancy Peacock, John Wilcock, Senior High.

Two new members, Brian Cooper and Allan Melky, were welcomed at the March meeting at which Mr. McLay was praised for his address on Homosexuals in the Defence Forces.

Our new Membership Officer is Dave Ridgway, and a general committee includes Sarah Ross, Frank Sharp, Bob Hardy, Nancy Peacock, and Ray Nankiville; in other officers include Lew Edw and John Spendlove as Bridge House Trustees, Frank Sharp and Bob Tubby as Sub-Branch Trustees and Ron Bradfield and Jack Farrell as Auditors.

The Club, with associated facilities, now operates at Bridge House, with Nancy Peacock as Chairperson and Brian Williams as Secretary-Treasurer, supported by a committee that includes Chase Peacock, Bob McCread, Herb Lyon, Nick Campbell, and Stephen Batty.

**OSBORNE PARK**

The Wreath Laying ceremony at the City of Stirling Council premises and conducted by our sub-branch in liaison with the Vietnam Veterans was a great success this year, probably about the same number of Veterans were on parade as in previous years, but pleasing aspects were the very good attendance of the general public to the service and the increased number of Schools and Cub Groups who participated. Wreaths were laid by Ron Edwards, representing the Federal Government, George Kruta who laid a wreath from the City of Stirling due to the absence of my Osborn Ward Councillors, the Vietnam Veterans Association, the Scarborough Sub-Branch President, Doug Riggott, and our own Sub-Branch.

On completion of the Wreath Laying Ceremony members and friends (including the Vietnam Veterans and those from Scarborough) enjoyed a BBQ breakfast organized by Sonny Conroy, Tommy Megg and Eunice Woolnough. This was a very enjoyable gathering and the Social Committee are to be congratulated for their success. I would like to thank our Secretary, Fred Gould, who organized the service.

The next big event is the State Congress, the three delegates who will represent your sub-branch are John Brigit, Fred Gould, and myself. I really would have liked to have seen another member attend Congress instead of me as I have been one of the delegates for several years. But as names had to be submitted and no one else wanted to go to Geraldton I allowed myself to again be nominated.

There is still no movement on the sale of part of the property to raise the funds for the proposed rebuilding of the Memorial Hall. I am beginning to believe that this project has been left too late for members to receive any benefit from it; perhaps we should be looking at meeting improvements to our existing premises. How about coming along to the meetings, members, and give us your ideas about this. We would like to hear what you have to say.

A reminder that meetings are held every second Wednesday of the month at 7:30 pm in the Memorial Hall, corner of Main and Cape Streets, Osborne Park.

**Bill Sullivan**

President 840 2907

**RETURNED SISTERS**

The first meeting for the year, held at Anzac House, was well attended. The preliminary meeting was followed by the AGM when the following office bearers were elected.

President Anne Leach; Vice Presidents Edith Harder, Viv Southam; Secretary Molly Clarke; Assistant Secretary Beth Lee; Treasurer Ellis Bong.

In her report the retiring president commented on the year's activities which included social gatherings, ceremonial representations and substantial fund-raising for the War Veterans' Home Appeal.

The 90th anniversary of the founding of the Australian Army Nursing Service, now the RANNC, will be celebrated at Government House and hosted by members of the Returned Sisters Sub Branch.

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members of the AANS and RAANG who wore uniforms depicting the Service from its inception to the Gulf War. They were joined by their sister Services of the OAIMNS, Naval Service and RAAF.

SINGAPORE MEMORIAL TOUR

Ex-AANS members from WA who joined their colleagues at the recent Singapore reunion included Vivien Statham, Dorothy Cameron (2/25 ATAH), Marjorie Gilbert, V Pope (2/10 AGH) and Marie Allgrove, sole survivor of 2/4th CCS, who now lives in England.

It was a very moving ceremony as those momentous days and the girls who did not return were remembered.

VALE:

Marjorie Constancia Nash, WES 17022

Marjorie Nash was well known in the nursing profession, and especially by her colleagues at Royal Perth Hospital (where she obtained her general certificate) and King Edward Memorial Hospital.

On Marjorie's first visit here from England, she found she liked Western Australia so much that she decided to return permanently. After finding a long list of applicants wanting to enter RPH, she took a course, instead, of Mental Health training at the Claremont Asylum. This she found invaluable when helping to care for mentally-confused and often violent patients in the days when treatment by isolation and tranquilising drugs was almost nonexistent, and careful physical restraint was the only alternatives.

After joining the Australian Army Nursing Service in 1941, Marjorie served with 110 AGH, 118 AGH and several camp hospitals before being posted to 2/9 AGH for overseas service at Moratai.

After the war she joined the Child Health section of the Medical Department which took the service to the outlying country districts by caravan.

Marjorie later migrated to South Africa to join her brother and his family; she continued nursing and became matron of the Rondebosch Cottage Hospital which was also a training-school for nurses.

After retiring, her increasing ill-health necessitated hospitalisation at the Nurses' War Memorial Hospital where Mrs Primrose Greenbridge (one of our members who now lives in South Africa) was able to contact her relatives and send flowers on our behalf.

VICTORIA HOODS

SCARBOROUGH

The Scarborough RSL memorial was dedicated by three denominational church representatives. State President MR Jim Hall unveiled the plaque in the Remembrance Wall, after speeches were made and the Doubleview Bowling Club Choir sang 'The Ode' to musical accompaniment. After the ceremony the 200 members and their families who attended adjourned to the Club for afternoon tea.

At our last meeting, Lloyd Adam spoke about his visit to the Scarborough District Cadets and gave a short resume of their activities. He considered that they should be encouraged as much as possible, perhaps with a perpetual trophy.

Ron Elms reported that, as only $100 has been used from our welfare fund, we could donate $500 to Headquarters. This was agreed to as we were able to adopt six wards of Furnessators for Legacy by donating $500.

Treasurer John Maxwell reported on the financial position of the Sub-branch, and Air Commodore Norman Ashworth spoke about the Bowling trip to Tasmania in which two teams reached the finals. The trip was very enjoyable, and bananas were exchanged. Another bananas has come from Broun and Norm Elms reported on the Broome Memorial ceremony which he attended.

We had two speakers on defence: Mr Peter Fitzing and Air Commodore Norman Ashworth. It appears our national defence is a long way short of what it should be, but the main problem is shortage of funding and lack of interest by the community who pay the taxes. Our attitude of "she'll be right, mate" is not good enough!

This year's Anzac Service was held at our new Memorial site—adjacent to the Doubleview Bowling Club. Some 250 members and friends attended and many commented on the well-designed and more appropriate appearance of the new location and also on the remembrance plaques that are now in position. Anyone who wishes to purchase a plaque, in honour of any ex-service persons from the Scarborough district, is asked to contact Memorial Warden Doug Piggott on 446 1331.

After the ceremony, ladies of the Doubleview Bowling Club provided afternoon-tea which was followed by an evening barbecue.

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ANZAC DAY TRADING

Following the Anzac Day march in Perth our Sub-Branch opened its doors for members to enjoy a quiet drink and some comradeship. On this occasion we were hosts to 32 members of the Burma Star Association who have adopted our hall as a meeting place. Our Women's Auxiliary provided refreshments and drinks were available from the bar.

During the afternoon, RSL pennants were presented to two of the visitors: Tony Manuel, President of the Wanneroo Branch, and Belle Atkinson, from Auckland in New Zealand, who both belong to the Burma Star Association. Belle, who was holidaying in Perth, took part in the Anzac march and, no doubt, returned to New Zealand with fond memories of the day.

COMBINED ANZAC SERVICE

Our fifth combined Anzac Service conducted by the Belmont and Rivervale-Carlisle Sub-Branches was held at Faulkner Park, Cloverdale, on 26 April. The service was preceded by a march of ex-service personnel, cadets of the AFYR and Scouts, Girl Guides and Brownies, and music was provided by the band of the City of Belmont.

Readings were led by eminent dignitaries, including the Mayor of Belmont, and Members of Parliament. The Address was given by Major David Cockram, Senior Chaplain of the 5th Military District, and prayers were offered by Captain Keith Wheeler, Chaplain 3 SAS Regiment. The Ode was recited by Harry Fawke, President Belmont RSL, while Frank Fisher acted as Master of Ceremonies.

The Sub-Branches extend thanks to all who contributed to the success of the occasion.

YOUTH ASSISTANCE FUND

During April, we continued to support the youth of the district by sending a cheque for $100 to Brian Skinner of Kewdale. Brian, who won three placings in Little Athletics at State level, gained the right to compete in the Malaysian Games and represent WA. As Brian has to raise a total of $1100 for the trip, our Youth Assistance Committee considered it a deserving cause.

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Final plans are being made for our 65th State Conference, which is just around the corner. We are hoping for a good response to our bring-and-buy table as the money raised will go towards Conference expenses.

I was very gratified with the results of our membership drive; it has been most rewarding as nearly all Auxiliaries have had new members join.

In February and March I attended a number of Auxiliary AGMs, and in April a morning-tea for kindred organisations was held in Anzac House.

Mrs Sullivan and I attended the pre-Anzac Day service at the War Veterans' Home in Mount Lawley and placed a wreath on behalf of all Auxiliaries. On Anzac Day Mrs Taylor placed the Auxiliary's wreath during the dawn service, while Mrs Southern and I attended the service on the Esplanade.

I am pleased to announce that Mrs Valerie Rowe, MBE, has accepted the position of patron on behalf of all Auxiliaries; Mrs Rowe is no stranger to older Auxiliary members as she has held the position of both State Secretary and State President.

This is my last year as State President as my five-year term of office ends at the close of Conference. Mrs Sullivan is also stepping down—she has been the State Secretary for 15 years and has been on State Executive for 25.

I take this opportunity to thank Vice Presidents Mses Taylor and Barrell, State Secretary Mrs Sullivan, Mrs Holder, State Treasurer, and all Committee members for their loyalty and help during the last five years. I also thank Mr Jim Hall, for all his help and advice. Mrs Des Gibbons and staff for their assistance and all Auxiliaries and Sub-Branches for their support, loyalty and hospitality.

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At first the diary entries were not very detailed — just simple reminders for writing her letters. Many of the daily entries were not kept because nobody in Egypt or Australia considered the war more than a minor skirmish to be dealt with in a few months, and events were seen only of temporary and topical interest — yet it is interesting to note, with the passage of time, the pronounced awareness of the Australians' awareness of a national identity.

The book is well-illustrated and chapters cover nursing pre-war, uniforms, departure from Adelaide aboard SS "Kyria", conditions on arrival in Egypt, nursing in the hospitals established in early 1916, Olive and her colleagues' various postings at Mena House, Helopasa, Rosetta, Luxor and Ghezireh. Insight is given to Christmas 1915 spent away from home on the island of Lemnos, where each received a Red Cross box with chocolate, cigarettes, pencils, some sweaters and tinned fruit.

Olive left Alexandria on 25 March 1916, on board HMAS "Kanimbla" Castle, where, on arrival, correspondence was sent from her various postings at Marseilles, Boulogne and Delper. She married Australian Army Lieutenant Patrick Dooley in December 1917 at St Peter's Bolley and finally sailed for home on the hospital carrier RMS "Llandaff" Castle in February of 1918.

On her return to Australia she spent her time and energy doing things for children, especially her two large families, and her nurse. One of the Dooley's seven children was a victim of Down's Syndrome.

Olive helped establish a school for the mentally retarded and continued to work for the organisation until her death. "We are here, Too" was published by the Australian Down's Syndrome Association and all royalties proceeding from the sale of the book are directed to that organisation.

BARBARA CLINTON

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PATRICIA BALFE

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President: Mr A.H. Edwards, 66 Wedgewood Drive, Maddington, 6027. Tel: 405 4261. Secretary: Mr J. Edwards, 1 Cromer Road, Brentwood, 6153. Tel: 364 8793. Meets 2.30pm, Anzac House, last Tuesday of each month.

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President: Mr Harold Smith, 58 Napier Street, East Perth. Tel: 276 9360. Treasurer: Miss Amelia Travers, 6/23 Calais Road, Morley, WA 6062. Tel: 276 9360. Meetings: 1130hrs last Monday of each month at Anzac House, 28 St Georges Terrace, Perth.

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President: Mr. A. D. Neeleham, 16 Warragoon Crescent, Attadale. Tel: 330 9700. Secretary: Mr M. White, 92 Napier Street, East Perth. Meets the second Saturday in June, September and December at the Belmont Sub-Branch of the RSL, 22 Leake Street, Belmont. Details of time and place to be decided. All enquiries to the Secretary.

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President: Mr Peter Mulrnan, 150 Derby Road, Shenton Park. Tel: 380 2800. Secretary: Mr P. F. Driscoll, 140 Railway Avenue, Como. Meets last Saturday of each month except January at 1000 hrs. Members will be notified by Newsletter of the AGM held in March.

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President: Mr P. Rumble, 100 Reynolds Road, Mt Pleasant. Tel: 448 6639. Secretary/Treasurer: Mrs D. Higgins, 69 Spigl Way, Barmadell 6150. Tel: 332 5723. Annual reunion is held in March each year. State President: Mr P. Rumble.

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Pegasus (Airborne Forces) Association of Western Australia (Inc.)

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Royal Australian Armoured Corps Association W.A. Branch
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Royal Australian Engineers Association (W.A.)
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State President: A.E. Reed, 88 Matheson Road, City Beach. Tel: 367 8400. State Secretary: M. Corry, 6153. Tel: 364 5302. State Secretary: J. Shepheard, Unit 45, Ocean Gardens, 60 Kalinda Drive, Unit 3A, Northbridge 6003. Tel: 367 8400. Meetings: February, May, August, November.

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7 ARMY TROOPS COY RAE ASSOCIATION

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2/33RD BATTALION ASSOCIATION (WA)
President: Mr Perton Smith, 184 Shaftesbury Ave, Bedford 6052. Tel: 271 6492. Secretary: W. Carbon, 106 Coode St, Como 6152. Tel: 385 0616. Annual reunion to be advised.

2/43RD BATTALION ASSOCIATION (WA BRANCH)
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