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The contract for the Mandurah development went to tender in June and the contracts were subsequently signed at the end of that month. Work began in July and the project will probably be completed by the end of February 1993.

Although the weather has not been kind to us, the building is running about one week ahead of schedule and the current progress is nothing short of astounding. At the time of writing, the Administration-building brickwork was at roof level as was the first of the houses. Additionally, slabs have been laid for a further three of the remaining five houses.

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If you have not already received your personal invitation to enrol, watch your post as it will arrive shortly. In the meantime, please review the comments from your fellow members in the announcement regarding the Programme on page 5 of this issue. These are just a few of the thousands of members who are already protected and have experienced the service and benefits offered by the Programme first-hand.

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In World War II Goebbels said: "If you tell the same story often enough the public will come to believe it."

Pro-republican and anti-Aussie flag Senator Chris Schacht has said on TV that the current Australian flag was not used at Anzac Cove or in World War II. He was wrong!

At the Geraldton RSL Congress members saw the faded and holed Australian flag that a Geraldton ANZAC had brought home. (The RSL has voted $2,000 to have it treated so it will not deteriorate any further). On good authority I am informed that the Turks acquired an Australian flag in the Gallipoli campaign; it is on display in the Military Museum, Istanbul, Turkey.

On the cover of this issue is a poster used for recruiting WAAAF in World War II which displays the current Australian flag. So please, Senator, get your facts right!

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The attack on the flag has been supported by cynical attempts to distort history with one-sided and incomplete versions of the nature of our fundamental associations with Britain. There has been a rejection of the philosophies of generations of Australians who played their part and gave their lives developing a decent Australian society by using the spiritual and social values and the sound institutions passed on from the countries of our forefathers.

This process of rejection is highly divisive at a time when there is an urgent need to develop a sense of national unity and purpose. We, in the Australian National Flag Association, believe that the Government should be using our Flag to rally Australians rather than attacking it on the basis of ill-conceived Canberra-inspired theories. We draw attention to the marked contrast with the amiable, equitable and largely non-political manner in which we got our Flag 91 years ago.

The attack on the Flag could occur only because it is vulnerable. It is unprotected by legislation, so any Australian Government can change it without reference to the people. As it is, the will of the majority of Australians will have relevance in the eyes of the Government only in so far as it will affect the manner of change.

The current manoeuvrings indicate that the Government is seeking to circumvent the will of the people in such a way that it will not be damaged electorally.

The stated intent of the Government does not reflect the true democratic process. It is a classic example of how a political party in power can do irretrievable damage to a precious part of a nation's heritage.

We can only lament that a couple of generations of Australians have grown up with too few efforts by authority (parents, schools etc.) to inculcate our Flag's prime place in our cultural heritage. No serious attempt has been made on a broad national scale to engender respect or reverence for the Flag.

This sentiment can spread in the community only when there has been developed a deeply held philosophical understanding of all the dimensions of its true meaning and significance. Thus it is easy to understand the attitude of some of our younger people, just as it is easy to understand but, far less easy to forgive, a W.A. Senator who was party to a 'flag burning' and got away with it!

It is extremely unfortunate that the Flag has become a political football. Heretofore, it was everyone's Flag. Labor leaders extolled and defended it with just as much patriotic vehemence and conviction as did others.

A continuing campaign is essential to combat both the political vulnerability and the lack of understanding of its meaning amongst some of our younger generations.

The Australian National Flag Association (ANFA), charged with promotion and defence of the Flag these past seven or eight years, was conceived by the RSL and, correctly, soon after established as a separate association. "Correctly" because our national flag should not be the preserve solely of the military fraternity, even though the army, under the Flag Act of 1953 is its formal guardian. The Association is a cross-section of the Australian community and that is what its executive works to maintain.

Here in WA the Association membership numbers more than 1000 — a small part of the 1.3 million people. Its operating executive is a bare handful of part-time volunteers. It has, in the light of anticipated moves by the anti-flag people, seen necessary to return to closer collaboration with the RSL whose 155 sub-branches will, we hope, enable penetration to the 'grass roots' of our community.

Whilst adult people must be won over in the short term, our children (in more than 1000 schools in WA) must also be brought to understand the Flag's special importance.

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THE CAPTURE OF LAE: PART 3

By Ward Curedale & Eric Stallard

The 9th Division had learned the lesson of the Japanese during their withdrawal from the Owen Stanleys, that nature when aroused may be more formidable than an angry enemy. Major-General Horii, the commander of the Japanese forces, had lost his own life trying to cross the flooded Kumusi River when being pursued by troops of the 3rd Militia Battalion.

Unfortunately the morale problem which had first asserted itself on the Atherton Tablelands again appeared in the 9th Division. Some battalions began to describe "... the ration situation as totally inadequate and men are now definitely experiencing hunger for the first time". In reality, this emphasised the basic difference between jungle fighting, where lack of supplies can be as deadly as enemy bullets, and fighting in most other global areas. The Japanese could have written volumes on the subject.

There had been a temporary problem in bringing rations from the beachhead over sodden supply lines, but this had been overcome. The ration shortage, while it existed for a few days, was minor when compared with that experienced in supplying the initial defenders on the Kokoda track in the darker days of the Papuan campaign. The complaints persisted and when officially investigated, the ration scales of the 5th, 7th and 9th Divisions proved to be identical. (Chapter 13, Volume VI, "Australia in the War of 1939/45").

The Japanese propaganda machine demonstrated that it had "big ears". The ration complaints reached the studio of Tokyo Rose, who broadcast that "... there are 20,000 Australians lost and starving in the jungles east of Lae". A battalion cartoonist later added his own brand of humour by saying "who in the hell says we are lost?"

On September 7 a decision was made to land the 4th Militia Brigade behind the 9th Division to protect the beachhead areas, and the 22nd, 29th/46th and 37th/52nd were in place on September 10.

East of Lae, the 24th Brigade relieved the scattered 20th Brigade and the 2/17th Battalion was moved to protect the improvised crossings over the Busu River, now being utilised by troops of the 26th Brigade. The reports which had come into Blamey's headquarters on the river crossing by the 9th Division read like a nightmare. His well prepared and executed operation had been delayed and threatened by the torrent of a river. None of his planners had assessed the capacity of the Busu River to react to sudden heavy rain. The enemy was aware of the river's wrath and had kept its Lee defenders well on the western bank.

In the coastal area more cheerful news was available. The 2/32nd Battalion was showing progress. On September 12 with the Busu
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The first awards of the Meritorious Medal were made in September 1983. This year three West Australians received the award.

WILLIAM DUNCAN

Mr Duncan, who joined the League in 1945, was awarded a Life Membership in 1977. He has held many offices and his outstanding energy, enthusiasm and leadership have been an inspiration to other members. He has engaged in youth activities and visiting the sick, and he had a significant involvement in the restoration of the Mt Lawley War Memorial. He is, indeed a worthy recipient of the award.

JOSEPH EDWIN REANY

Mr Reany, who joined the League in 1946, was awarded his Life Membership in 1982. He has held every office in the Nedlands Sub-Branch and prior to the establishment of the War Veterans' Home was a driving force in caring for veterans in the Sunset Old Men's Home. His outstanding service to the ex-Service community has brought great credit to him and the League.

AUBREY JOHN SPENOLOVE

Mr Spendlove joined the League in 1948 and was awarded Life Membership in 1979. He has held every appointment in his sub-branch, was a member of the Geraldton War Veterans' Home Committee and a Country Vice President for the North-West from 1970 to 1986 and for the Northern Wheatbelt from 1986 to the present. He has been actively involved in all matters affecting the veteran and local community, and his dedication and efforts have made him a most worthy recipient of this award.

South West Pacific Area - 1943 Cont.

dropping grounds, met no opposition and proceeded towards their designated assembly areas. Within two hours, patrols were watching all approaches from the Valley to Nadzab and more importantly, work had begun on the old airstrip.

The five aircraft carrying the gunners of the 2/4th Field Regiment were not quite so successful. The gunners came down west of the assigned dropping ground; some landed in trees and there was one casualty, an injured shoulder. To the surprise of the artillerymen, the guns were not needed as there were no targets. The Americans had achieved complete surprise and were unopposed.
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Along with many others, I spent some time as a guest of the Emperor of Japan during World War II, and the reference to "Salvation" applies to August 1945 when Japan surrendered and we reluctant guests were liberated.

The Malay-Singapore campaign with all its confusion and controversy is another story. It is significant only for the fact that, following the fall of Singapore, it was the beginning of those long years in captivity.

The fate of Singapore was written at Dunkirk and the Battle of Britain and confirmed at Pearl Harbour; the final nail in the coffin was the tragic loss of Prince of Wales and Repulse.

Mr Keating, in his recent criticism of Britain, stated that Britain had abandoned Singapore, leaving Australia vulnerable. This statement was stupid and unfounded. You may have my personal assurance that thousands of young Britons remain buried on Singapore and adjacent countries and will lie there forever.

I have no intention of repeating the depressing details of the sadistic bastardry that transpired over those years of miserable captivity. I know one or two of my old mates will understand why I practise this restraint. There is an old Russian proverb: "It is only those who have supped from the same bowl can tell how the food tasted." You would find it difficult to believe some of the incidents that did occur and after so many years even I find them hard to believe.

All servicemen in the heat of battle - Australian, British, Japanese or whatever - can understandably be guilty of some atrocity, but the premeditated sadistic torture culminating in so many deaths, as carried out by Japan when it thought it was winning, is not acceptable under any rules of war. They called in bushido chivalry - what a load of rubbish!

Sufficient to say it was a long three and a half years. I am not sure if you can describe any period of time as long or short, but it certainly seemed a long and never-ending three and a half years.

This brings to mind the story of the man who declared that if you didn't drink, smoke, back slow racehorses, or associate with fast women, you would live a lot longer. His friend denied this and said it was not really a lot longer, it only seemed like it.

The death railway as it was called - Thailand to Burma - was completed and running in late 1943, and most of the surviving POWs were withdrawn south to camps closer to Bangkok. The cost in human lives was tremendous, but then the Japanese had a complete disregard for human life just as long as it was not their own.

It was from these camps that men who were reasonably fit were drawn for all manner of work, including parties for railway maintenance, ammunition loading and handling, etc. Some parties were drafted for shipment to Japan, where they worked in coal mines.

In early January 1945, I was detailed with a party of 300 Australians, British and Dutch to proceed to a small town called Ratburi, situated on the Bangkok-Singapore railway line where it crossed a large river called the Mae Klong.

The railway bridge was originally a substantial steel bridge built pre-war by British engineers but it had been bombed out by liberators, which were becoming increasingly active over the whole area. These raids were sometimes so sudden that we often tried to dig ourselves into the dirt with our bare hands. At the same time, we would cheer like banshees while the bombs were dropping and the machine-guns chattering. All hell broke loose - as you can imagine!

Our task was to unload trains travelling between Singapore and Bangkok, ferry the freight across the river on barges, and reload the train waiting on the other side of the river. Our working day, seven days a week, was 7.30 am to 6.00 pm, unless a special train at night required handling. There was generally a daily morning train from Bangkok and one in the afternoon from Singapore.

On 15 August at 3.30 pm, an agitated Japanese officer arrived at the work site. After much shouting at the guards and the Japanese NCOs, we were lined up, counted and marched back to camp. This was a complete reversal of usual procedure and the troops were muttering and conjecturing as to what might be happening ... possibly an Allied landing on the Malayan west coast and we were to be shifted ahead of a Japanese withdrawal.

Next morning we were lined up for roll-call and told that trucks would be arriving for us within 15 minutes. We were not given any information regarding our destination and were loaded, or I should say packed, (standing up) into open tray army trucks with two Japanese guards armed with rifles and bayonets to each truck. We moved off and passed groups of Thais along the way. They cheered and waved to us, much to the annoyance of the Japanese guards. The waving and cheering was a complete reversal of form on the part of the locals, who were generally impassive and always seemed wary of the Japs. To show us any friendship could only mean something out of the ordinary was afoot.

We travelled along a main road, if you could call it, that was unssealed and narrow, for about 100 kilometres until we reached a turn-off which some of the troops recognised. It was a track two to three kilometres long that led up to the gateway or entrance to Nakkom Pattom, a base and so-called hospital camp for prisoners.

As we proceeded along this track to the gates, it was obvious that the usual Japanese flags (the fried
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egg on one side and the rising sun on the other pole) were missing and had been replaced. We finally drew close enough to recognise the replacements and, wonder of wonders, one was the Union Jack and the other Stars and Stripes. This was the actual moment of the long awaited and prayed-for Salvation.

It was an emotional moment, and I regretfully realise how sadly I lack “Churchillian verbosity” in my ability to adequately convey how we all felt; but the sight of that Union Jack and all it meant to us will live forever in my memory and, I am sure, in all our memories. The sight of those flags and all they meant must be the climax of the “Salvation” story.

I squirm now when I hear the hypocritical nonsense of our Prime Minister calling for a change in our National Flag. It is not the flag that needs changing, but attitudes of those people who are actually and mindlessly advocating change.

The Japanese guards and their rifles were soon bounced out of the trucks, our own POW Australian and British officers having taken over the administration of the camp. We were on our way home even if it took another three and a half months before I landed in Melbourne on my way to Tasmania.

To arrive home to those who loved us, and whom we loved, was our main objective, our single-minded obsession. Each day, although exciting and full of promise, was frustrating in our urgency to be home — back to all those happy things we remembered and dreamed about during those long years.

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FRIDAY 18:12:42

I arise this morning at 4 o'clock and walk a quarter of a mile to the camp to call the cook.

We have breakfast and are now out on the marsh unloading the trucks and trailer. At 10 o'clock we are back in camp with trucks and trailer rescued and all the goods safe.

The Chev has gone ahead to try to find a track through the bush to our destination, while we load up the stores. We have decided to leave half the stores and half the timber at this camp and come back and fetch them as required.

At 1 o'clock we finished lunch and are now on our way. I wish I had a picture of the conditions under which we are travelling. Just to push a track through the bush with the trucks where the growth is too big or too thick, we have to get out and chop our way through.

At 5 o'clock we arrived at a well about 30 miles from the Mission. Some of the chaps are looking a big green about the gills. I have warned them about drinking water in these parts without first boiling it, but they take no notice. Now, after filling the tank with about 50 gallons, they have discovered a dead 'roo in the well. Perhaps next time they will listen to me.

At 6 o'clock we make camp, about three miles from our objective. We intend to make this our base camp and have erected three tents, one for the stores and the others just in case it rains. Well, tomorrow is the great day; we have three miles of very rough going through the scrub and rock and finally sandhills, but we think we will make it. We will be driving by compass, so I hope we strike it right.

19:12:42

5 am. I am just going to call the cook. How that poor blighter must hate me. I have to call him every morning.

Breakfast is finished by 6 o'clock. We have baked beans and puffaloons. This is the first time we have used our flour. The cook doesn't know much about making dampers, but we have given him plenty of instructions and are hoping for the best. It's now 7 o'clock, raining fairly steadily and looks like keeping on for some time. We are due to start off across the bush for the plane. The scrub is pretty thick and looks like hard going.

11 o'clock. At last we are here. What a track! Some of the trees the Chev truck could knock down with her big iron bumper bar, but most of them we cut with the axe. If the chaps never worked hard before they certainly do today. We have three tyres punctured with stakes and are lucky not to have had more. Owing to the high sandhills we have to stop the trucks about a mile or so from the aircraft and walk the rest of the way.

(What a terrible time this machine must have gone through. Nearly every foot of her has a bullet hole in it. The poor devils in her — how they must have suffered! There were attacked by Zeros and had to land or be shot out of the sky, so they landed on the beach, ran along for some distance, and turned into the sea with one tank on fire.

The tide was at its full and the waves washing over the mainplane put out the flames. There were eight men, a woman and a baby about 18 months of age aboard. Two of the men and the baby were wounded, and the woman killed by an explosive bullet. One of the men put the baby on the floor and lay over it and the woman lay on him. She was killed outright, and the child wounded and died later. Both men also died from wounds.

They tried to get in touch with Broome by radio, but the Japs must have heard them and they came over again and dropped a stick of bombs, which luckily did no harm. They also machine-gunned the plane again. The men lay down in the water while the raid was on and afterwards went off into the bush. It was six days before a party from Beagle Bay Mission Station found them. They were practically exhausted, having had no water except what they could distil, which was about half a medicine glass an hour. They had some food but not very much, and their clothing and gear was scattered about the beach.

The party that found them — which included Warrant Officer Clinch — hurried the survivors back to the Mission without stopping to bury the dead. (When I say hurry, I mean as fast as they could; they only had mules and a cart so could not travel very quickly.) Later Mr Clinch went back and buried the others and collected some of the instruments and wireless gear but could not find any of the diamonds supposed to have been on the plane. It appears that in their absence a lugger, owned by a chap named Palmer (see the West Australian of March 1943), put into shore near the machine, collected the diamonds, took them to Derby and distributed some of them to the Aborigines with the idea that he would later get them back as the Aborigines had no idea of their value. However, the police got wind of this, so Palmer took them back to Broome and handed them over to the authorities there.)

We have been working all the afternoon on the plane and have partly dismantled one propeller and part of the port wing, but we haven't many tools with us today so will do better tomorrow. The lads have been busy souvenir hunting but have found very little of any value. Mr Bennet got a Dutch steel helmet and an air cushion from one of the seats, and several of the others got different odds and ends, including some shrapnel from the bombs.

It is now 5.30 pm and we have just starting back for camp. What a job! All the trees we knocked down on the outward journey are sticking up just sufficiently high to make it awkward and we have to walk ahead lifting them off the track so the trucks can get through.
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Wartime Salvage cont.

It's even worse than when we went out, especially as we are all very tired. We left the cook and several other chaps in camp today so hope they will have tea ready for us when we get back, as we are all ravenous.

It is now 8 o'clock and we have just arrived back in camp. Two and a half hours of solid work and am I tired.

The cook has a good-looking mixture of corned mutton and potatoes with stewed apples to follow, and straight after that I am going to bed. The wireless chappie has succeeded in getting through to Pearce to let them know we arrived here safely.

20:12:42

Seven o'clock and we are off again to the plane. Last night it rained again very heavily and Bill and I had to sleep on the back of the truck. It's still raining but not too hard. We had to walk ahead of the truck, throwing trees off the track but now it's comparatively clear.

I have been talking to Warrant Officer Clinch, who was the first to go out to the aircraft. It appears that the woman of the party was killed while the machine was in the air. The Captain (Smirnoff) was wounded, as was the man who protected the baby. He got an armour-piercing bullet in the thigh and is now paralysed in that leg. One of the others was wounded in the knee and died later, and the fourth man, Daan Hindrikz, was killed outright in the first burst of shooting. It appears that Smirnoff and three other men started to walk to Broome and were met by some of the Broome Aborigines, who were getting out and heading for Beagle Bay. The Aborigines took them along with them while one of the group walked to the Mission (40 miles across country) in one day and then went to bed and didn't tell Mr. Clinch the news until next morning at 7 o'clock. The WO sent a wireless message to Broome and left at 8.30 am to find the plane. Two Wirraways went up with food and water for the survivors, which kept them going till he got there.

5.30 pm. We are just starting out for camp. We have taken the port aileron and wing-tip off the plane as well as a lot of internal fittings. The engine chaps have managed to get two propellers off and we have nearly removed the port mainplane. Tomorrow will see a bit of a difference if the Japs get any out to sea. We leave for camp about 11 o'clock.

We have had a deuce of a lot of rain in the last three days, and to make matters worse the Indian tents we brought with us leak like sieves.

The Aborigine we had with us went out fishing yesterday and today, and we had fish for tea both nights, mostly bream, but also some rock cod. It was quite an enjoyable change.

Today we got the port mainplane off but the Boss says it's no good for salvage, though there are quite a lot of parts that are not damaged. I expect when we go over in the morning it will have been washed out to sea, as the tide today was very high, right up to the machine. We also got the control column, hydraulic gear and de-icing equipment out of her, so that was not too bad.

22:12:42

This morning the chaps aren't eager to get up. They have had a bad night. It rained heavily and there was also a very strong wind. One of the tents blew partly away and left the chaps sleeping in the rain. We must have had three inches in the night alone. Even the wax matches won't light and I have quite a job getting the fire going in the morning.

About nine of us walk over to the aircraft. It's three quarters of an hour's walk and it rains all the way. On the beach the sand stings our legs and faces like needles. During the night the sea has washed away the port mainplane and has even shifted one of the engines we had got out on the sand. Today I take the rest of the hydraulic gear out as the tide is very high and there is a chance of the machine being washed out to sea. We leave for camp about 11 o'clock.

Bill and I forget our eating utensils so we have to go back to the aircraft after lunch. What a walk! We discover the mainplane on the beach about a mile from the plane. It is very battered and of no further use.

It's pointless wearing clothes up here for they get wet so quickly and take a long time to dry, so I just wear my bathing-trunks, with a waterproof groundsheet over my shoulders.

What with the sand and wind, I get very chafed on the legs so coming home at lunch time, I take off my trunks and continue the journey in just the groundsheet, much to the amusement of Bill. Anyway, this same thing happens to him so I have the laugh.

I have learned today that the woman passenger on the plane was only about 23 years old. We find quite a lot of her clothes which have been uncovered by the wind from the drift-sand which had covered them.

23:12:42

Today breaks bright and fine, after a clear night. We walk over to the machine and do a bit of work before the tide is too high. I am concentrating on getting the port wheel and undercarriage out as the tyre seems OK and the undercarriage is undamaged. After dinner I go back early before the others and have a swim in the surf. The sea is very high, right up to the tail of the plane and very rough, but good sport. As the others haven't arrived by the time I finish my swim, I go for a walk along the beach but find nothing of any importance, only an old oar and the mast of a lugger. We get the wheel and undercarriage out and the Boss condemns the tyre.
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so the lads bowl it into the sea, which at this time is nearly a quarter of a mile away from the plane. The undercarriage is in good order.

We have decided to leave the machine as there is thought to be nothing more of value in it. We carry everything up from the beach — parts, tools and all. Boy were they heavy! But we get them back to the trucks after a struggle.

The water is as calm as a mill pond and has gone out about a mile. I think there is going to be a very high tide tonight.

24:12:42

Today has been beautifully line, as was the night. In the morning, Bill and I walk over to the machine while the other chaps pack up the tents etc. for our return trip. We take with us a gallon of petrol, an axe and some wire. With the petrol we set the machine on fire and with the axe we cut up the old lugger mast and make a cross, which we erect over the graves of the people who had perished in the aircraft. We take some photos of the cross, and also some of the plane as it is burning, and then leave for home, or rather the camp. We get back in time for dinner. After that we start on our journey back to the Mission.

Everything goes well until we have covered about six or seven miles when whoop! we go straight into a bog. We get out of this with the aid of the jacks and boughs placed under the wheels, but have hardly gone 50 yards when we go down again. In all we get in and out of bogs about a dozen times before we finally make it across this patch. We travel on for a few more miles and then make camp as it is getting pretty late. We've covered about 20 miles in the day.

25:12:42 Christmas Day

Today is fine again and we're off on the second stage of our journey by 7 o'clock. I call the chaps at 5 o'clock and wish them all a Merry Christmas, which they don't seem to appreciate.

We have a terrible lot of hard going today. We have to chop our way through more than six miles of timber and scrub to get round the marsh where we got so badly bogged coming out. About 11.45 we get to the place where we left the trailer and the stores on the way out. We're all very tired but the Boss wants to push on, so we go, still cutting the track.

We pick up the trailer but leave the stores which are too heavy to take over the bush track first time. After a great deal more hard work, we finally reach Henry Well, named after one of the Fathers at the Mission, and there we stay for dinner. During lunch we decide to push on to the Mission, unload one truck, and go back for the stores. We arrive at the Mission at 4 o'clock and immediately unload and go back for the aforementioned stores, which we get without further mishap, arriving back at the Mission at 7.45 p.m., where the cook has tea ready for us. Over this bit of country, we travelled at the rate of six and a half miles in six hours.

In our absence, the rest of the chaps have put up the tents and have got all the bedboards set up so we have nothing to do but make our beds. Before tea, the Boss issues our Comfort Fund Parcels. Mine is from the Kenwick Parents and Citizens' Association (as is Bill Ansell's) and contains a small cake, a pudding, a tin of cream, tobacco and papers, a large Haversnack chocolate, some raisins and a handkerchief. Quite a pleasant surprise. Also we get another packet of tobacco and papers issued to us from ACF stock.

After tea it is quite dark and we are just preparing for bed when the warrant officer comes down from the Mission with three bottles of wine, which the chaps accept with much enthusiasm. While we are standing around talking, we hear the most beautiful singing I have ever listened to. We think it must be a church service at the Mission, but it seems to be getting closer and closer. It then dawns on the WO that it is the kiddies from Mission coming down to the camp. Presently when they get near they call out in chorus, "Good night, sirs." They always say "sir" when they speak to you.

The WO goes out and tells them not to come into the camp (they are inquisitive little beggars and pray into everything), so they sit around in a circle and sing to us. What beautiful voices they have, and such wonderful harmony, ranging from the deepest bass, to the sweetest soprano I've ever heard, and clear as a bell. It is really grand to listen to, especially as they have had no training, having picked up what songs they know from an old gramophone they have acquired.

They sing for us until ten o'clock, when one of them comes up to let us know they are leaving. So we distribute some PK's amongst them and off they go. After they have gone, an older lad, about 25 I should say, comes up to ask if we would like some pearl-shell or tortoise-shell. We tell him we would be very glad of either and he promises to bring some down in the morning. As they are very short of tobacco, they will trade for that, which suits me very well.

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Active since 1987 and originally formed to assist Vietnam veterans, VVDFJLP now helps any ex-Defence personnel and their immediate family members to find work — it has had a success rate that must be the envy of many other employment services.

But there is a down-side. A good success rate in these times of acute economic difficulty can only be described as 'poor' when compared to the ideal. Reasonably calculated to be far better than that of The Commonwealth Employment Service, VVDFJLP's placement rate is still severely treated by present conditions.

Work cannot be found for many applicants and they face a worsening economic situation. The present Government's policy of reducing Defence Force numbers by 10,000-11,000 can only exacerbate the problem. Not only will the nation's defence suffer, so will many who once served it.

The Government would have us believe that those who leave the services are catered for through various employment assistance and training programmes, but even cursory examination of these schemes shows that they are directed at a very narrow band of eligibility and for only a short time. To those who have been out of the system for a few years or whose service was less than 20 years, available Government assistance is limited to the dole.

VVDFJLP is an organisation that performs very creditably despite the impediments of extremely tight budgeting and limited resources.

One of its needs is more money. Without adequate funding it will not have the capacity to perform what it sees as its obligation and duty. Another vital need is to find more jobs so as to gain the strength to maintain the kind of pressure that comes from the clear demonstration of success, and to make it ever more difficult for funding bodies to withdraw support.

It is in this area that the successful can contribute. They can give VVDFJLP first option and the chance to find suitable ex-defence personnel when vacancies arise in their organisations, shops, businesses or companies, thereby helping those personnel and their families as well as the organisation that is dedicated to assisting them.

Contact with the Vietnam Veterans' and Defence Forces Job Link Programme, fully endorsed by the

RSL State Executive, may be made in writing to: VVDF Job Link Programme, Lotteries House, 79 Stirling Street, Perth 6000, or by phoning Ted Rogers (President) or Gordon Pursell (Programme Co-ordinator) on (09) 2200622. Fax number is (09) 2200625.

RSL VIDEO — “THE RSL'S FIRST 75 YEARS”

Janne Martin Video has recently produced a video documentary to help the League celebrate its 75th anniversary. Entitled "The RSL's First 75 Years", it has been approved by the RSL National Executive.

The production covers major episodes in the League's history from its formation in 1916 to the present and takes an informed look at its current functions and role. It includes the background and events surrounding the formation of the RSL, the League's role in the conscription debate during World War I, fighting for repatriation benefits, soldier settlement, the great depression, the League's role in the defence debate, formation of the RSL volunteer defence corps prior to World War II, the League's involvement during World War II, interstate rivalries in the RSL, Anzac Day and pilgrimages to Gallipoli, cold war years and communism, Korea, Malaya, Vietnam, international aid work and the League's welfare role at home, RSL clubs, parliamentary lobbying and the League's future. A section on the history and role of RSL Women's Auxiliaries has also been included.

There is rarely-seen archival footage in the video as well as interviews with Bruce Ruxton, Alf Garland and Sir William Keyes.

The 74-minute video, warmly commended by Alf Garland and Bruce Ruxton, costs $29.95 (plus $4.50 for postage and handling) and proceeds from sales will go towards veteran welfare.

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CONSUMER FORUMS FOR THE AGED

BACKGROUND TO THE FORUMS
The Forums were established by Peter Staples in 1989 to advise him as Federal Minister for Aged, Family and Health Services on issues of concern to older consumers. In doing so, the Forums provide input to the policy-making process.

State and Territory Forums are comprised of up to 12 members who represent the views of older Australians. Members are nominated for the position and are appointed by the Minister for Aged, Family and Health Services for a period of two years.

The National Forum is comprised of each of the State and Territory Chairpersons as well as members representing a range of age-related organisations and people with special needs such as older people from Aboriginal, Torres Strait Islander and ethnic communities.

The State and Territory Forums meet quarterly. Copies of the minutes of these meetings are forwarded to the Minister for consideration. State Forums conduct consultations within the community and have established a number of working parties to explore specific issues.

The National Forum meets biannually and has also established an Information Working Group and a Carers' Working Group. These working groups report to the National Forum at each meeting.

Each State and Territory Forum is supported by a Departmental secretariat officer and the Office for the Aged, which also supports the National Forum. Liaison with all areas of the Commonwealth Department of Health, Housing and Community Services through the Office for the Aged has involved Forum members in a wide range of consultative and advisory processes.

The Forums have had considerable input to policy making, particularly to the Mid-Term Review of the Aged Care Reform Strategy. The Forums also played a major role in the consideration of the content of the User Rights package and its dissemination to older consumers, and in the development of an information strategy for the Aged and Community Care Division. Comments have also been provided on health promotion issues, including the development of a National Food and Nutrition Policy.

WESTERN AUSTRALIAN CONSUMER FORUM FOR THE AGED

Letter from Chairperson
Canberra at times seems a million light years away — so how do our legislators know what we want or what we may need in the future? The consumer voice should be raised in all areas of policy especially in Aged Care where concerns of the frail aged can so easily go unheared and unanswered. It is also important to identify success and achievements and to ensure the continuation of beneficial programs. In aged care, this is done through the Consumer Forums for the Aged who have direct access to the Minister.

Consumers have advocated the use of plain English to provide basic information; for consideration for those from non-English speaking backgrounds and for information and services to be provided with due consideration for cultural differences and needs.

These are some of the messages we are taking from aged consumers from Broome in the north, Augusta in the south and from metropolitan Perth direct to the Minister for Aged, Family and Health Services. During the first two years of the Forum, messages have been coming from seniors around Australia and we must continue to encourage seniors to speak out and be heard!

DEBORAH KIRWAN

To arrange for a visit to your group, telephone the Consumer Forum Executive Officer, Chris Pemberton on (09) 426 3679, or toll free for country callers on 008 198 008.

The findings from the WA Seniors Working Together consultations and those of the Wheatbelt consultations held with Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal community members were provided to the Minister.
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With the closing of the Mess on 26 June 1992, it became necessary to find a new and permanent home for the painting and medals.

In 1944 James Gordon became the second Victoria Cross winner to be granted life membership of the Nollamara-North Perth Sub-Branch, the only club in Australia to be so honoured.

Sergeants Andrew Warner and Laurie Behan from the Swan Barracks Sergeant's Mess recently attended a meeting of the Nollamara-North Perth Sub-Branch to present the painting and medals to the club.


Vale

VALE - JACK LOUGHREY CO of WA's 2/28th Battalion

Jack was born at Leongatha on 2 July 1909 and educated at Ballarat Agricultural High School and Melbourne Grammar School. He studied law at the University of Melbourne and was admitted to practice on 1 June 1931. He practised as a solicitor, skillfully and honourably, for more than 60 years and was active until the week of his death.

When only 19 he was commissioned in 37 Battalion AMF, was promoted Captain in 1937 and Major in January 1940. His seniority was a handicap in securing an AIF appointment and he dropped rank to secure a post as reinforcement officer to 2/10 Battalion. But before long he was a Major in 2/48 Battalion in Tobruk and then second-in-command of 2/24 Battalion. Appointed to command 2/28 Battalion on 7 March 1942, he was in hospital when that unit lost practically all its fighting strength at Ruin Ridge, near El Alamein.

In the words of the Official Historian, Loughrey rebuilt the Battalion "in so short a time into a first-rate combatant unit" that it gave outstanding service in the decisive battle for El Alamein. He controlled operations in the "Saucer" from a bomb crater, a hole in the ground constantly under German mortar-fire. The 2/28 Battalion played a significant part in holding the German counter-attack thus enabling the final breakout and victory.

We wish to assure Ethel (Jack's wife of 53 years), his surviving daughter Yvonne and the family that Jack's service to his country in war and in peace will not be forgotten.

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Sergeants Laurie Behan (left) and Andrew Warner (centre), from the Swan Barracks Sergeant's Mess, present the painting and representative medals to Nollamara-North Perth RSL Sub-Branch President Mr Allan Wray (right) and club Membership Officer Mr Peter Williams (centre)

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The 48th anniversary of the D-Day landings on the coast of enemy-occupied France was commemorated on 6 June 1992 by a parade and march, led by the Pipes and Drums Band of Presbyterian Ladies' College, followed by a service of remembrance in St Columba Church, Peppermint Grove, the Garrison Church of the Normandy Veterans.

The parade and service were attended by numerous ex-service associations and the Hon. Sir Francis Burt, KMCG, AC, QC (who was flying Sunderlands during the Normandy campaign and who is Patron of the WA Branch of the Normandy Veterans' Association) and Lady Burt attended the service. Colonel and Mrs F.W. Statham (Sister Vivian Bullwinkle), diplomatic representatives of Britain, Poland and other Allied countries, representatives of the Royal Australian Navy, Army and Air Force, the Commander of the United States 7th Fleet, members of State Government and the Opposition, the Commissioner of Police and other VIPs were also present.

The service was conducted by the Association's Chaplain, Ron Hill, who served in the Royal Signals during the Normandy Campaign. In his sermon, the Chaplain stressed the necessity of working for peace and quoted the words spoken by General Macarthur upon the surrender of Japan: "Men since the beginning of time have sought peace. Various methods throughout the ages have been attempted to prevent or settle disputes between nations. All in turn failed, leaving the only path to be by way of the crucible of war. If we do not devise some greater and more equitable system, Armageddon will be at our door. The problem is basically theological and involves a spiritual recrudescence and improvement of human character. It must be of the spirit if we are to save the flesh."

Later, when the Chaplain said: "Having regard to history, very careful thought should be given before making any change to the Australian National Flag, the Flag under which so many gallant navy, army and air force personnel fought, suffered and died ... surely having the British flag in the upper corner of our flag is an honour, not a disgrace", there were shouts of "Here, here" from members of the congregation.

After the service, the parade marched past Sir Francis who took the salute. Refreshments were provided in the Church hall where Lady Burt cut a beautifully decorated cake made by the wife of one of the Normandy Veterans and a picture (painted by a member of the Merchant Seamen's Association) of a Sunderland was presented to Sir Francis.

THE MAKING OF A TRADITION

Lieutenant-General John Grey, centre, the newly promoted Army Chief of the General Staff, visited Victoria Barracks on the day of his appointment (May 1) for discussions with the Land Commander, Major-General Murray Blake, right. He paused while inspecting the Victoria Barracks Guard, provided by the Holdsworth-based 2nd Cavalry Regiment, to speak with Trooper James "Blinky" Coverly, 20, from Guildford, WA.

Traditionally, senior officers have previously worn the British-style peaked cap. The General chose to wear the slouch hat as his preferred headdress and has replaced on his personal emblem the British Lion with the Rising Sun, the Army's official badge, "The new crest is much more meaningful to the Australian Army. Our present links with the United Kingdom are through the Queen, whose crown is still there as part of the badge," the General said.

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Australia's military involvement in the Vietnam war began in August 1962 with the arrival of 30 Army advisers in Vietnam. During the next ten years, approximately 42,000 Army personnel served in South Vietnam. These were supplemented by Navy and Air Force personnel, bringing Australian numbers to a total of approximately 49,000. Army combat troops were introduced in May 1965 and, by January 1969, the peak was reached with approximately 7,200 soldiers on active duty. On 27 December 1972, the new Australian Government announced that all defence aid to South Vietnam would cease and that no training of Cambodian armed service personnel in Australia would take place. By January 1973, only 179 men remained in Vietnam; these were repatriated by the end of June.

Long Tan Day, now known as Vietnam Day was celebrated at the State War Memorial and by many Sub-Branches throughout the State on Sunday 16 August 1992. Armed Services Chiefs and other dignitaries attended the services marking the day as an important one of remembrance of Australia's history.

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THE WEARING OF UNOFFICIAL MEDALS

Official approval has not been given for Australian Servicemen to wear unofficial medals. Advice to this effect has been given by Douglas Stuckey, Official Secretary to the Governor General.

He referred to several unofficial medals such as the Mayor of Sydney Medal, HMS Sydney/Emden Medal, and the Sydney/Emden City of Perth Medal, Tobruk Siege Medal, Bomber Command Medal, Normandy Medal, BCOF Medal, (British Commonwealth Occupying Force); Frontline Medal (sponsored by the 2/12 Battalion), Nuclear Veterans Medal and Prisoner of War Medal. He noted that the events connected with each of these awards all occurred before 14 February 1975, the date the Australian honours system was established by Her Majesty (as Queen of Australia) on the advice of the then Australian Government, and that the unofficial medals identified were not included in the official Australian system of honours and awards.

He advised that a serving member of the Defence Force was precluded by the relevant provisions of the Defence Act and the Service Dress Manuals from wearing any unofficial award other than those for life-saving for which official permission has been granted for the recipient to wear the insignia.
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The Royal Australian Air Force at Guadalcanal

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History has forgotten that both the Australian Air Force and Army saw action in the south Solomon Islands during the early stages of World War II. Indeed, we were there for a year before the Americans arrived on the scene and Guadalcanal became the famous name it is today.

Subject to regular attacks by Japanese flying boats, and later dive bombers, the RAAF men built an imitation Catalina aircraft out of wood and galvanised iron and hung washing on nearby abandoned houses to distract the enemy. The ploy never failed to attract the enemy aircraft from the main targets.

Finally, warned by coastwatchers and their own patrolling Cats that an invasion convoy was on the way, the Australians destroyed their base and supplies to make an organised withdrawal south. The whole action had been a prelude to the Battle of the Coral Sea in May 1942.

When war broke out with Germany in 1939, an urgent need arose for Australia to have a series of Advanced Operational bases to protect its far-flung perimeter. These links in the chain were to extend from the north of Darwin, around the top of Australia, to Vila in the New Hebrides off our east coast. It was a piece of first class strategy and one that would pay dividends time and again as we prepared our defences behind these distant outposts.

The first survey carried out by the RAAF for a base in the Solomons was in November 1939 when Empire flying boat A18-10 visited Tulagi, as well as Tabaul and Samaru. This was followed in May 1940 by the then head of the RAAF, Air Chief Marshal, Sir Charles Burnett, making a personal inspection in the same aircraft and holding discussions with the Resident Commissioner, W.S. Marchant, on Tulagi Island.

Wg. Cdrs Brogan and Lerew were tasked to follow up the visit and find a suitable site for RAAF operations. The engineers arrived in July the same year and located two small islands near Tulagi, where space was restricted but would be sufficient for an advanced operational base (AOB). While in the area they also inspected a site at Vila in the New Hebrides and located a French surveyor, taking him back to Tulagi to expedite the work.

Tulagi's strategic position had been further emphasised only a month earlier, in June 1940, when the Italian vessel Romolo fled in that direction from Brisbane, as Italy entered the war. An 11 Squadron Empire flying boat, commanded by Flt Lt. Simms, operated through the island and, refuelling from four-gallon drums, participated in the search.

The site selected for the Tulagi AOB was in a thick mangrove swamp and jungle on the island of Tanambogo adjacent to the government station of Tulagi, Wg. Cdrs Brogan and John Lerew, 52 natives and the Frenchman worked from dawn to dark. The last reading on the Vernier scale was made by the light of a match and within 10 days the survey had been completed.

While our official name for the new site was Tulagi Advanced Operational Base, the RAAF installations were in fact some two miles away on Tanambogo and Gavutu Island. The latter was formerly Lever Bros (soap manufacturers) area headquarters, with the two tropical islands linked by a stone causeway.

Construction at the sites was undertaken by Lever Bros on behalf of the RAAF and commenced in March 1941. Two months later (12 May) Catalina A24-1 arrived at Gavutu from 11 Squadron at Port Moresby with instructions to "standby for operations". Our Guadalcanal operations had commenced.

Life at Tanambogo and Gavutu was occasionally interrupted by bizarre events which only the tropics can conjure up. During October 1941 Flt.Lt. W.B. Burton was flown, via Tulagi AOB, to investigate the "Tom Frum" cargo cult developing on Tanna Island, in the New Hebrides. A tall, fair male with a high-pitched voice had been inciting the local natives on an anti-British stand and a project to make the island flat. The latter was interpreted as "building an aerodrome". (Nothing later eventuated though the cult exists even today).

On completion Tanambogo Island had a properly built station which included an administrative block, stores building, kitchen, sergeants' mess, airmen's quarters and four galvanised huts. There was also a hospital built by Levers before the RAAF obtained the island. A bomb store, marine equipment store and a
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large "T" shaped underground shelter completed the mini base on the tiny 12 acre island.

Other equipment included septic tanks, electric lighting plant, 10 refrigerators, a wharf and mooring facilities for the flying boats and carefully camouflaged fuel dumps. By October 1941 most of the work had been completed with RAAF staff arriving during the final stages of construction.

Marine equipment comprised an 1800 gallon refuelling barge named Betty June, a bomb scow and a small launch with a 1.25 h.p. engine. A few weeks before evacuation they received a standard airforce crash boat.

The base usually held 90,000 gallons of aviation fuel as well as a supply of bombs. The former was dispensed in 45 gallon drums in thick scrub. A thousand drums were brought in regularly by the RAAF vessel Wanaka, sufficient for three weeks to two months, depending on the amount of flying carried out by the Cats stationed there. In addition there were emergency fuel dumps on nearby Florida Island.

Four Cats, drawn from 11 and 20 Squadrons at Port Moresby, were initially based at the AOB. Three carried out daily searches as far north as Bougainville and south to Noumea. Meanwhile one rested up, concealed in an inlet some 50 miles away. These same flying boats with their huge endurance could operate direct back to the east coast of Australia if the occasion warranted it. The Tulagi AOB staff were responsible for refuelling and arming the Cats as well as providing accommodation for the men that flew them. Minor servicing was done by aircrews themselves.

The RAAF staff at Tulagi averaged 24 personnel, consisting of twelve wireless operators, eight boat crew, a medical orderly, an armourer and an OIC at Flg. Off. to Fit. Lt. rank. Supplementing them was a detachment of the 1st Independent Company AIF numbering around 20 with Lt. Don Russell in charge. There was also a permanent native staff of 32 islanders, who were supplemented with local conscripts when necessary.

Port Moresby was Tulagi's parent station and transmitted nightly operational orders to them for the Cats. The Cats searched from dawn to dusk, returning to the base for the evening meal and sleep. Crew reports and sightings were transmitted to Townsville and the Central War Room through Moresby. Three watches were maintained: an aircraft point-to-point and teleradio. The last was linked to the coast-watchers, including the famous Mason and Read, right up to Bougainville and the AOB contacted each twice a day. It was a highly organised and smooth running group, operating over a vast expanse of water and islands; the nose, eyes and ears of the north-east approaches to Australia.

Women and children on Tulagi proper (the Government station) and Gavutu had commenced being evacuated from 14 December 1941. Tulagi AOB had its first enemy reconnaissance aircraft over on 9 January 1942. As far as could be ascertained these were four-engined Mavis flying-boats operating from Rabaul Harbour at the leisurely and economical speed of only 100mph. Sporadic bombing commenced on 22 January and continued to April, when it intensified to about three raids a week.

During the first attack the Mavis had descended from 10,000 feet to only 600, attracted by the lucrative target of a Cat moored offshore. Pit. Off. Moore quickly started the engines and zig-zagged maddly across the water as two 100 lb bombs dropped on either side and sent up two plumes of water. While the Mavis circled the Cat trying to take off the AIF opened up with a machine gun. At the same time the Cat crew joined in firing furiously upwards. Airborne at last Moore's aircraft took to the clouds while the Japanese flying-boat contended itself with dropping another two bombs.

To complete the visit the raider poured machine gun fire around two native boys, Benny and Daniel, in a small launch. On return to the shore they angrily requested rifles to personally respond on the next arrival of a "Balus bilong Japan".

On departure the Japanese aircraft had appeared to be damaged and issuing smoke or fuel. It was later reported to have arrived at Kieta and subsequently crashed on takeoff there. No claim was made by the RAAF or army back at Tulagi AOB!

Thereafter the raids were from 6,000 to 7,000 feet and were preceded by three or four leisurely dry runs over the target before the bombs, up to 500lb, came raining down. Despite the consistent raids little damage was done until the last few days when float plane dive-bombers came into action. Normally the Japanese flying-boats came in threes or fours but on one day there were nine. In addition there were at least two attacks by land-based Mitsubishi (twin engined) Nells.

Japanese Navy crew loading up their 'Mavis' flying boat at Rabaul in April 1942.
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On one occasion a 500 lb bomb fell 25 feet from the fibrolite transmitting station on Gavutu. The crater was 42 feet across and eight feet deep but the station was absolutely untouched. Indeed the only damage in more than 30 attacks was an iron hut, the airmen's mess and a badly damaged store. There were to be no casualties due to the fickle bombing and seemingly charmed life led by the airforce and army there. However, one surprise for the RAAF personnel had been the discovery of English writing on part of a bomb fragment that they had found on the ground. It was deduced that we were getting our own back from stocks left behind at Rabaul or elsewhere.

A feature of the bombing was the extremely tight formation kept by the Japanese pilots and a black puff of smoke that was the signal for bombs away. When they had finished their run the aircraft invariably turned to port to allow the gunners to use their cannon on the defenders below. The one advantage of the bombing, when it fell in the seas, was the welcome addition of fresh fish on the menu.

A small, battered launch arrived on 7 February with five members of the AIF. They had escaped the Japanese landing at Kavieng, on New Ireland. Hugging the coastline and island hopping they had made their way to safety.

Meanwhile the Cats left each morning at dawn and managed to continue their searches unhindered. On 18 March Sqn. Ldr. Chapman in A24-2, out of Tulagi, located five American floatplanes on the south east end of Rossel Island. Landing in the lagoon, six members of the stranded crews were taken aboard and flown to the AOB. The rescued men were from Task Group 11.7, commanded by R. Adm. Crace (an Australian), and the floatplanes had become separated from the USS Astoria, one on the 10th and four on the 12th. The second group had gone to search for the first aircraft and had apparently ended up in the same predicament.

The following day, Plt. Off. Bolitho flew a servicing party and fuel back to the stranded floatplanes. On alighting he slightly damaged the hull of A24-12 on a reef but the Cat remained at the station.

Luck couldn't last forever. At dawn on 30 April the Japanese dropped some 26 bombs on two Cats moored offshore (this was raid number 22). One was slightly damaged, with the instrument panel being rendered useless, and Plt. Off. Townsend departed and flew it to Rathmines for repairs. Flt. Lt. Ekins' Cat A24-23 had its masts damaged in the same raid and could not take off. In an attempt to save it from certain destruction the RAAF crash boat towed it south to Aola for possible salvage.

The RAAF's slit trench system of protection against the raids was entirely satisfactory and borne out by the fact that we had not a single casualty. Indeed the only damage rendered useless, and Pit. Off. Townsend departed and flew it to Rathmines for repairs. Fit. Lt. Ekins' Cat A24-23 had its masts damaged in the same raid and could not take off. In an attempt to save it from certain destruction the RAAF crash boat towed it south to Aola for possible salvage.

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thirty-knot crash boat, the pride and joy of the marine section. The coxswain, LAC Robinson, dived overboard to safety as it was riddled with bullets and quickly sank. It was later claimed, by some observers, that he ended up in the water with the wheel still in his hand.

That evening the RAAF, with the help of the army, commenced demolition of the base. All buildings were burnt, except the hospital, bomb dumps exploded, fuel destroyed, petrol barge dynamited and bomb barge scuttled. It was reported that the flames could be seen 40 miles away.

To escape, in the event that Catalinas were not available, the RAAF had earlier impressed a 28 ton coastal vessel named the Balus (bird) from the island trading company 'Carpenters'. The vessel had been standing by at Dende, on the south coast of Florida Island, for some two months with its European captain Charlie Bird and native crew. During this period it was camouflage with mangroves and was completely invisible, even to our own Cats which knew its location. A quarter of the vegetation had to be replaced each day, as the mangrove died and exposed the vessel.

At 1.30 a.m. on 3 May the Balus headed south. From their position aboard the escapees could see fires blazing on Tulagi proper, caused by the Japanese shelling as the enemy vessels softened up the non-existent defences before landing troops.

The first stage of the retreat was to Aola on Guadalcanal and the party arrived there just before dawn. The Balus was once again camouflaged and contact established with the crew of A24-23 and Martin Clemens, the District Officer (later coastwatcher). Clemens fled and housed the large party from his own supplies and provided them with the use of his teleradio. Arrangements were also made for the damaged Cat to be stripped of its radio and instruments and this equipment was also taken aboard the Balus. Martin was later to sink the Cat after the group left because, as he recently stated, "it was pointing the Japanese straight to my doorstep".

Fig. Off. Peagam's party departed at dusk on 3 May and headed down the coast of Guadalcanal to Marau Sound, arriving at an earlier planned rendezvous there at dawn on the 4th. Within three hours of their arrival the trio of army schooners sailed in. These had proved relatively unseaworthy and so the entire complement of AIF joined the already overcrowded RAAF vessel. When the Balus left shortly after midnight (5 May) it was found the propeller had been earlier damaged when backing up a creek to take on fresh water. Consequently only 30 miles were covered that night, and dawn found the vessel off the coast with nowhere to hide.

At daylight a Japanese biplane passed in the distance but did not see them. However, around 7 a.m. the vessel was noticed by a Mavis which made a careful inspection from a thousand feet. Prior to this all the European passengers were concealed under tarpaulins leaving only the native crew exposed to view. It apparently fooled the Japanese into believing that the vessel was merely an unimportant native trader.

Three hours later a single floatplane came down to 50 feet, climbed again to 500 and dived directly at the Balus. Those on board were just expecting to be riddled with bullets when it pulled up and headed for Tulagi.

Two heavy cruisers sped past the group at 11 a.m., making about 25 knots, in the direction of Tulagi. In retrospect it would appear they were American, enroute to the Battle of the Coral Sea on that same day.

Two alternatives were now open to those on the Balus. The first was to follow the usual track of small vessels and hug the islands heading south.

The second was to cut across the open sea to Espiritu Santo. Having already been sighted it was decided the first choice might be fatal. Despite three days and nights without sight of land and lacking proper charts or navigation facilities, they arrived safely at midday on Saturday 9 May after an anxious voyage.

Vila and safety was reached (14 May) after an 11-day journey where the party was greeted near the harbour mouth by a low-flying Walrus off the Leander. It was here that they were well looked after by the Americans for two weeks before being finally evacuated back to Sydney, with the RAAF Vila AOB contingent, aboard the armed merchant ship Manoora.

Only a day after the Japanese took Tulagi American aircraft from the carrier, Yorktown swept in with dive-bombing and torpedo attacks to sink a destroyer and several smaller craft and damaged several other Japanese ships, including a minelayer. On 7 August 1942 the 1st Marine Division retook the area after some bitter fighting over two days. However, the islands were to be contested with the Japanese in many further drawn out battles.

The rest is now history. The RAAF never returned to the southern Solomons; it became an American theatre-of-war and legend centred around great sea, air and land battles and best remembered by the single word — Guadalcanal.

On 7 August 1992 a plaque was unveiled at Honiara, now capital of the Solomons. It commemorates all Allied units that served there and individually lists those of the RAAF in both the northern (Bougainville) and Guadalcanal theatres.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Martin Clemens, former Coastwatcher, of Melbourne 1990.
Fig. Off. J.B. Peagam of Perth (accounts given 5 June 1942, 25 July 1945).
Chris Coulthard-Clark — book, "Action Stations Coral Sea".

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DEFENCE ISSUES

A FORM OF NATIONAL SERVICE?

In 1989 the National Executive of the RSL invited State Branches to consider a proposal to initiate a form of National Service; in particular, to determine the costs of the then current Government funded Youth/Young Adult support schemes and activities — and to consider the benefits of replacing these multifarious projects with the single co-ordinated form of "National Service".

The proposal was placed before your very active State Defence Policy Committee who did much detailed study and, after lengthy discussion, formulated a wide-ranging response.

Our study of Federal and State Funding of Youth/Young Adult Projects showed billions of dollars being scattered over a wide and uncoordinated field. The multiplicity of Departments involved indicated a strong probability of duplication and lack of control; many of the schemes appeared to be of a short-term, cosmetic nature — or smacked of political expediency.

Without going into detail here we found millions being poured into projects such as:
- Youth Services Programme Funding of Non-Government Organisations
- Supported Accommodation Assistance Programme for short and Medium Term Youth Crisis
- Grants to subsidise 'Youth Initiatives'
- Suburban Art Projects to deter Graffiti
- Youth Training Access Programme
- Community Youth Support Programmes
- These, together with 'Jobstart', 'Jobtrain', 'Jobsearch', 'Skillshare', undetermined Unemployment Benefits and many, many more, created an enormous drain on the national purse.

The Defence Policy Committee decided strongly against universal Military Service. The ADF is not numerically capable of coping with such numbers, nor is it equipped to do so, nor do we need a conscript force of such a size. Instead, we did consider that a well-planned scheme of 'Service to the Nation' could be devised to provide Training, Employment and Sense of Direction.

The basis of our proposal was that such service would apply to all young persons between the ages of 17 and 22 years, less those accepted for University Courses, Apprenticeships, Nurse Training, the Defence Forces, Police, Fire Brigade etc.

Service would be for 18 months. The first three months of which would be training at a series of local centres and comprise Physical Activities, Adventurous Pursuits, 'Personal Life Management' including Civic and Community Responsibilities — Legal and Financial responsibility of the individual — Health and Hygiene — Hobbies — Marriage and The Family — Understanding your Fellow Citizens in a Multi-Cultural Society etc. During this phase extensive interviews and discussions would take place to consider what each young person wanted from life and, more immediately, what specific training each wished to undertake.

The next three months would be devoted to selected training prior to undergoing the final 12 months of project work. We envisaged such self-selected work areas could include:
- Duty with the ADF, to the limit of vacancies available.
- Aforestation, Soil-Conservation, Irrigation, or other Rural Projects.
- Inner City Development Projects.
- Anti-Drug Projects.
- Low level Police Support Duties.
- Child Care or for the Aged or Disabled.
- Hospital Auxiliary Duties.
- Overseas Aid Projects.
- Aboriginal Development Projects.
- Specialised Sports Training for those with special Skills.
- Artistic or Cultural Projects.

During the first six-months training, remuneration would be on a 'Dole Plus Benefits' basis; during the final 12 months, wage rates would relate to the work being done, but at a special Junior Rate.

Following the full period of 18 months 'Service to the Nation' it was hoped many would choose to continue working in their chosen field, others could embark on further training or go on to tertiary education. Undoubtedly, all would have had a worthwhile period of training and work experience. Hopefully, the majority would have gained a sense of direction and have become better citizens.

Many readers may wonder if this subject was a proper one for a 'Defence Committee'? The committee members had no such doubts. They stated in their Resolution put before State Congress in 1989: "The future of our nation is worth defending only if we are economically viable, if we are a cohesive people of sufficient character and of such high moral standards to give a lead to and render assistance to other less fortunate countries and to those within our own community. To ensure this we must give better opportunities to all our young citizens to realise their full potential and to practise altruism whilst gaining in self assurance. The RSL should take a lead in this matter and urge Governments to take action now towards the fulfilment of these ideals."

Sadly, although the Resolution was carried at State Congress we were informed by RSL National Secretary that: "National Defence Committee now believes that there are not sufficient resources available to undertake the necessary depth of study and research to do justice to such a subject", and
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added, "... neither the Labour Party nor the Coalition Opposition have policies on National Service Training but — this was in 1989! Now — three years on — we see politicians of all Parties scrabbling to pick up the pieces of the gross unemployment mess, created by their inaction and mismanagement, and devising schemes similar to those we proposed in 1989!

The RSL is often denigrated for its retrospective, narrow-minded concern for matters of self-interest. In this case we were way ahead of the game — but no one cared to listen to our perceptive analysis and far-sighted, long-term, wide-ranging proposals.

Is it too late for "ONE NATION" and "FIGHTBACK" to merge their differences and accept a solution which would enable the youth of one nation to fightback from the depths into which our Governments have cast them?

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Defence Policy Committee
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Further information on Condolence Lounges can be obtained from Cherie Anderson, 384 8776 or Funeral Directors at time of need.
"VETERANS TO CHOOSE HOW THEY ARE ASSESSED FOR PENSIONS"

On 2 June 1992 the Minister for Veterans’ Affairs, Ben Humphreys, issued a news release to inform the veteran community that “A new way to assess how a veteran’s quality and enjoyment of life are affected by war-caused disabilities was introduced in Federal Parliament... and will take effect on 1 July this year... Under the new system veterans choose how they want to be assessed for pensions purposes.

The new system aims to produce fair, equitable and consistent results. It will be reviewed, in consultation with the ex-Service community, after 12 months... a veteran’s right of appeal to the Veterans’ Review Board would remain, irrespective of the choice made under the new system,” Mr Humphreys said.

Briefly, the veterans now have the options of three choices.

Choice 1 allows the veteran to be the judge for the effect of the disability on personal life.

Choice 2 allows a delegate of the Commission to allocate an average rating for the level of medical impairment, if the veteran has difficulty in assessing lifestyle.

Choice 3 requests the Department of Veterans’ Affairs to assess the veteran’s disability after filling in a new Lifestyle Questionnaire, which is a simplified version of the old one.

The Department of Veterans’ Affairs has indicated that Choice 3 may take longer to process than Choices 1 and 2; therefore, it is our opinion that veterans approach ex-Service organisation representatives, or the RSL’s Welfare Officer, for professional assistance in the matter.

At the same time a revised Guide to the Assessment of Rate of Veterans’ Pensions (GARP) was introduced after extensive talks with ex-Service organisations who found the previous GARP too inflexible and intrusive.

The RSL Veterans’ Affairs Committee emphasises the need for veterans to seek professional advice before filling in the new Lifestyle Rating and/or the new Lifestyle Questionnaire. This professional advice may save time in the end or unnecessary problems with an appeal.

**TELEPHONE CONCESSION PAYMENTS**

Eligible veterans will receive the annual indexed telephone allowance of $13.00 per quarterly instalment instead of vouchers.

Certain eligible disability pensioners will also receive the new allowance: i.e. double amputees and those on an EDA or special rate.

**TAXATION AS IT AFFECTS PENSIONERS**

**Pensioner Tax Rebates**

Pensioners in receipt of one of the following TAXABLE pensions are eligible for tax rebates:

a) Age and equivalent Service Pensions.
b) The widows’ pension (but not the War Widow’s Pension which is NOT TAXABLE).
c) The sole parent’s pension.

eXAMPLE: Normally a single person with a taxable income of $12,000 would pay $1,320 tax but the pensioners rebate reduces tax payable by $689.50 to $630.50. The rebate reduces to zero when taxable income exceeds $17,516.00. It should be noted that receipt of a part pension of (say) $1.00 per fortnight will qualify for the full pensioner rebate.

**Interest Rates**

With the continuing fall in interest rates, persons with income at present sufficient to prevent them from receiving a taxable pension, may now or soon be in a position to successfully claim a pension and hence become eligible for the pension rebate. This situation should be carefully watched.

**New Locations for Taxation Office**

The Taxation Office has moved from St George’s Terrace to two new offices in Northbridge and Cannington. The Northbridge office (phone 268 5111) will handle areas north of the river and the north west. The Cannington office (phone 268 6111) will handle areas south of the river as well as the south west of WA and the eastern Goldfields.

**PENSIONS: ARE YOU GETTING THE BEST DEAL AVAILABLE?**

Although it is established procedure for the Department of Veterans’ Affairs and contacting Legatees to suggest to widows of service pensioners that, if they are not in receipt of a War Widow’s Pension, they should consider transfer to a pension from the Department of Social Security; it is possible that some widows may not be fully aware of the difference in benefits.

The following are available to widows of service pensioners who are aged over 60 years and are not war widows or service pensioners in their own right:

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VIDEO - KOKODA TRAIL BATTLES

I recently had the opportunity to view an uncut version of the video tape on the Kokoda Trail Battles which was produced under the title "The Bloody Track", by the Australian Army Training Command.

Firstly I would like to say that the tape should be seen by all ex-servicemen, particularly those who fought in Papua and Mandated New Guinea during World War II. The tape shows, for probably the first time, the magnificent delaying action fought on the Kokoda Track by the young, and basically untrained, men (average age 18½ years) of the 39th Militia Battalion under Lieut. Colonel Ralph Honner, while awaiting reinforcement by the well armed and trained men of the Australian Imperial Force.

I have known all my adult life about the respect and salutation the men of the 39th, and later those of the 2/14th Battalion, had for their commander (Ralph Honner), but not the origin. The video tape shows that he was a magnificent leader of young men under adverse situations. Australia still owes him a debt, and this is illustrated in the video.

Those who served in World War II are still bewildered as to how a commanding officer of such calibre and worth to the Australian nation could have been given such little recognition and reward. This was probably one of the few blot on an otherwise generally unblemished record of the Curtin Government. General Blamey's actions were quite clear — he wanted volunteers at all cost and was prepared to sacrifice even his brilliant officers to this aim.

In the words of William Shakespeare: "this story shall the good man teach his son from this day to the ending of the world. But we in it shall be remembered ..." (Henry V, Act IV. Sc.3).

I would like to congratulate Major General John Hartley for appending his name to this long awaited revelation — the Australian Army is obviously in more able hands in 1992 than it was in 1942. Thank you General.

W. CUREDALE WX36952

ANZAC TRADITION

I am enraged by the report on page 2 of The West Australian (19 July — "Germans cross swords over Anzac heroes") that a German language newspaper should presume to disparage the age and the courage of the Anzacs.

The crass blockhead, who claims to be an Australian citizen, has no understanding, courtesy, chivalry or a consciousness of what Australian citizenship means. Indeed, this insensitive incompetent exhibits all that is worst in the German character. He does not realise that, but for these "senile" who "didn't exactly earn a good reputation" and their comrades in two world wars and its concomitant mischief and misery and for which his compatriots were responsible, neither he nor his fellow immigrants would have the privilege of living in generous Australia.

This claim of citizenship is clearly a convenience and a pretence and an apology must be demanded and, as an act of contrition, reinforced by a substantial donation to Legacy.

I submit that his paper should be closed down for causing mischief, his citizenship be revoked and he be deported as an undesirable alien. This response is mild compared to what I would have received from his Nazi forebears had I been so presumptuous.

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I wish to express my sincere gratitude for the assistance rendered me by Mr Norm Johnston and Mrs Patricia Rowland: Norm for his past and ongoing work in presenting my case before the Veterans’ Review Board and Patricia for her professional assistance and counselling in my personal problems.

Both these wonderful people have shown compassion, logic, and understanding: qualities hard to find these days. I want them to know their efforts are very much appreciated and I sincerely thank them both.

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THANK YOU

On behalf of the RAAF Association passengers who toured the Top End by Classic coach and attended the Darwin and Broome Commemoration Services, I extend sincere thanks to Mr Terry Donnelly, President of the Gascoyne Sub-Branch.

On the last night of our tour we stayed in Carnarvon and were much impressed by the memorial to the 635 men who went down with HMAS Sydney off Carnarvon on 19 November 1941. At 8.30 on the Sunday morning, as we were leaving Carnarvon, Mr Donnelly made a special effort to attend the memorial and led us in the Ode as we paid our respects to those sailors.

NORMA BRUCE
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A few years ago, my wife Jean (who died last July) and I founded the above Club in Kalgoorlie.

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ARTHUR NEWITT
38 Manchester Street
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ARCHIBALD (Jock) DICKIE

I am trying to locate Archibald (Jock) Dickie, a Royal Navy able seaman, who came to Australia at the end of World War II.

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ATTENTION: ex-members of RAAF and RAF Beaufighter Squadrons.

We propose to form the above association and use the facilities of the RAAF Association Club at Bull Creek for our social gatherings. Please indicate your support by writing or phoning one of the organisers:

Keith Nicholson, 19 Lillian St, Cottesloe 6011
Phone 384 4627

Tony Davy, 35 Irvine St, Peppermint Grove 6011
Phone 384 6562

Jack Sandford, 4 Hesperia Ave, City Beach 6015
Phone 385 9056

There were four RAAF squadrons: no. 31 at Darwin and no’s 22, 30 and 93 in New Guinea and the SW Pacific area flying Beaufighters, feared and hated by the Japanese and known as “Whispering Death”.

As most of the personnel and crews of these squadrons came from the Eastern States, the squadron associations are based over there, so we have decided to form a local association and invite personnel from all squadrons to participate.

KEITH NICHOLSON
19 Lillian Street,
Cottesloe W.A. 6011
384 4627

SAPPER G. PRATT WX25287

I have the above soldier’s dog·tag which I picked up after an explosion at Kapooka (Wagga) in 1945.

I would like to return it and can be contacted at the address below.

A.W. HANCHARD
3 Chamberlain Road
Wyoming NSW 2250

DOUGLAS McGuire

I am trying to trace a friend from my childhood days at the Swan Boys’ Home (later we were both fostered out to a private home). His name is Douglas McGuire or Maguire and his nickname was Maggie. He was at one time in the 16BN in Darwin and later in New Britain, He was like a brother to me, and I would like to see or hear from him again.

C. EGGLESTONE
68 Arundel Avenue
Keon Park Vic 3073
Phone 03 4694638

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Please contact R. Lundie (09) 382 3100 Bus
(09) 447 0835 A/H.

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RSL WAR VETERANS’ HOME
51 ALEXANDER DRIVE
MT LAWLEY WA 6050

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CLAIMED BY ENEMY ACTION

by Vic Jeffery, Navy Public Relations Officer (WA)

In the 50th anniversary year of the first Japanese bombing of Darwin, it is worth recalling that there were many Allied merchant ships lost to enemy action in Australian waters during World War II other than those sunk in that attack.

At least 32 merchant ships and more than 400 men were lost to enemy aircraft, submarines and mines off the Australian coast during World War II; this tally does not include ships damaged or successfully escaping after being attacked.

Wartime security restricted this information and when the war ended, this chapter in Australia's maritime history was virtually forgotten.

One successful wartime escape was that of the 9500-tonne coastal passenger and wartime troopship Katoomba en route from Fremantle to Adelaide on 4 August 1942.

In approaching darkness at 7.10 pm whilst the ship was 200 nautical miles south-south-east of Esperance, a surfaced Japanese submarine shelled and chased the Katoomba for three hours before the liner's speed and return fire caused the sub to break off the attack.

Possibly the luckiest Australian merchant ship of the war was the 4250-tonne steamer Barwon en route from Melbourne to Port Kembla on 4 June 1942.

Just before dawn, 33 nautical miles south-south-east of Gabo Island, Barwon was attacked by gunfire and torpedo from a Japanese submarine, the torpedo actually exploding close alongside, showering the decks with fragments and fortunately causing no casualties.

Luck was not confined to merchant ships; the torpedo which sank the SS Iron Knight in convoy on 8 February 1943 ran under the escorting corvette HMAS Townsville.

These merchant ships lost to enemy action were:

British Motorist (British): Bombed by Japanese aircraft, Darwin Harbour on 1/9/1942 with the loss of two men.

Cambridge (British): Mined off Wilson's Promontory in Bass Strait on 7/11/1940 with the loss of one man, after striking a mine laid by the German raider Pinquin.

City of Rayville (USA): The first US ship lost in the war, she sank six miles south of Cape Otway in Bass Straight with the loss of one man after hitting a mine laid by German raider Pinquin; less than 24 hours after the loss of SS Cambridge.

Coast Farmer (USA): Torpedoed by Japanese submarine I-11 some 15 nautical miles south of Jervis Bay on 20/7/1942 with the loss of one man.

Don Isidro (Philippines): Bombed by Japanese dive bombers off Bathurst Island, set afire and drifted ashore with 11 of the 84 survivors dying on the beach.


Fingal (Norwegian): Torpedoed by Japanese submarine I-180 off Nambucca Heads, NSW, while carrying military equipment to Darwin with the loss of 12 men on 5/5/1943.


George S. Livanos (Greek): Torpedoed by Japanese submarine I-11, 15 miles off Jervis Bay with no casualties, 20/7/1942.

Guatemala (Panamanian): Torpedoed by Japanese submarine I-21 40 miles NE of Sydney off Cape Three Points.

Iron Chieftain (Australian): Torpedoed by Japanese submarine I-24, 27 miles east of Sydney en route from Newcastle to Whyalla with a cargo of coke; 12 men were lost.

Iron Crown (Australian): Torpedoed by Japanese submarine I-27 south of Gabo Island, Victoria, on 4/6/1942 en route from Whyalla to Newcastle. Loaded with manganese, she sank in one minute with only five survivors from her crew of 42.

Iron Knight (Australian): Torpedoed by Japanese submarine I-21 some 21 miles from Montague Island, NSW, whilst in convoy in the early hours of 8/2/1943. She sank in two minutes with the loss of 36 men.

Kalingo (New Zealand): Torpedoed by Japanese submarine I-21, 110 miles east of Sydney on
18/1/1943 while en route to New Plymouth, New Zealand with the loss of two crewmen.

**Koolama (Australian):** One of the glamour ships on the Australian coast, this cargo/passenger ship was bombed by a Japanese flying-boat in Joseph Bonaparte Gulf in northern Australia on 20/2/1942 and beached. Refloated on 1/3/42, she reached Wyndham, WA, the next day and sank alongside the wharf during a raid on 3/3/1942.

**Kowarra (Australian):** Torpedoed 35 miles NE of Sandy Cape, northern Queensland, by Japanese submarine I-26 with 21 crewmen lost with 11 survivors.

**Limerick (British):** Torpedoed by Japanese submarine I-177 20 nautical miles SE of Cape Byron en route from Sydney to Brisbane whilst in a convoy of seven ships. Two crew members were lost. 70 survived.

**Lydia M. Childs (USA):** A Liberty ship on her maiden voyage, she was torpedoed by Japanese submarine I-178 in a position 120 miles east of Newcastle. No casualties.

**Macumba (British):** Bombed by Japanese aircraft in Arafura Sea, 6/8/1943.

**Mamutu (British):** Sunk by gunfire of Japanese submarine RO33 due north of Cape York, 6/8/1942. Survivors were machine-gunned in water, some escaping; but 11 Europeans and 103 natives were lost.

**Mauna Loa (USA):** Bombed by Japanese aircraft in Darwin Harbour, two bombs broke her back. Three crew members were lost, 19/2/1942.

**Meigs (USA):** Bombed by Japanese aircraft in Darwin Harbour on 19/2/1942 with two crew members being lost, the 12,568 ton SS Meigs was the largest Allied merchant ship lost in Australian waters during World War II.

**Millimul (Australian):** A trawler which fouled and detonated a mine in her nets off the NSW coast with seven men lost, 26/3/1941.

**Neptuna (Australian):** Blew-up after being bombed by Japanese aircraft in Darwin Harbour, 19/2/1942, with the loss 45 crew members.

**Nimbin (Australian):** Coastal steamer mined off Port Stephens, NSW, with seven lives lost. The minefield had been laid by the German raider Pingun.

**Portmar (USA):** Torpedoed by a Japanese submarine I-174 whilst in convoy 35 miles east of Smoky Point, NSW, with the loss of two men on 16/6/1943.

**Recina (Yugoslavia):** Torpedoed by Japanese submarine I-177 19 miles from Cape Howe, on 11/4/1943. Loaded with a cargo of iron ore, she was bound for Whyalla to Newcastle. She sank in 60 seconds taking 32 crew members down with her.

**Robert J. Walker (USA):** Torpedoed by the German U-boat U-862 some 85 miles south of Jervis Bay off Gabo Island on 25/12/1944 with two crew members being lost. She was the last ship lost on the Australian coast during World War II.

**Starr King (USA):** Torpedoed by Japanese submarine I-21 some 150 miles off Sydney whilst en route to Noumea on 10/2/1943. The destroyer HMAS Warramunga was despatched to the area and unsuccessfully attempted to tow the stricken vessel, which sank on 11/2/1943.

**William Dawes (USA):** Torpedoed by Japanese submarine I-24 off Tathra head, 115 miles south of Jervis Bay on 22/7/1942, with five dead.

**Wollongbar (Australian):** Torpedoed by Japanese submarine I-180 off Newcastle, NSW on 2/9/1943 with 37 crew members being lost and only five survivors.

**Zealandia (Australian):** Bombed by Japanese aircraft in Darwin Harbour on 19/2/1942 with three men lost.
9TH AUSTRALIAN DIVISION ASSN

Since my letter appeared in the Spring issue of Listening Post, I have discovered that none of my unit is going to Egypt; although other units are. However, the 9th Australian Division Association is holding a four-day commemorative reunion at Mt Gambier, SA, from October 29 - November 1 1992, which will take in all theatres of war in which the 9th Division participated. Many from my Unit, 9th Div Cav Regiment, will be attending.

J. SLATTERY
U/83/31 Williams Road
Nedlands 6009
380 5083

118 AGH NORTHAM REUNION

On Sunday 1 November 1992 a BYO picnic lunch will be held in Kings Park at the Saw Avenue (opp. Rokeby Road) entrance area from 11.00 am.

All staff, officers and ORs and their families will be welcomed. Enquiries to:

SUE THOMAS 328 5952 or
MARGARET HANSEN (nee Palmer) 446 4719

11th & 2/11th AIF Bns Association

The annual reunion of the 11th 1914-1918 & 2/11th AIF Bns Association will be held in the Gallipoli Room, Anzac House at 12 noon on Tuesday, 27 October 1992. All members and wives are invited to attend. Enquiries to:

J.C. WATSON
Hon Sec
364 2126

NO. FIVE FLIGHT, AIR TRAINING CORPS

As the Current Flight is planning a reunion for 1993, former members of no. Five Flight, Air Training Corps, Albany are asked to contact:

Flight Commander Graeme Palmer
no. 5 Flight WAAIRTC
21a Ormond Road
Mount Barker WA 6324
ph (098) 41.5157 Wednesday nights

2 BN MALAYA - 1955-1957

A small group of us held a reunion in July. It was a great success and we are now looking for more members to join us.

Enquiries to:

JOHN WIMBRIDGE
54 Strickland Street
Mt Claremont WA 6010
ph (09) 383.4670

TRUSCOTT 58 OBU RAAF - 50th ANNIVERSARY REUNION

Would all Navy, Army, Air Force and other personnel who served or passed through Truscott Air Base 1944-45 please contact Howard Young, President Truscott Base Tribute Committee, PO Box 1108, Kununurra WA 6743, ph (091) 681853 or Eric McNabb, 671 Russell Highway Busselton, WA 6280, ph (097) 554430.

We are hoping to contact ex-personnel in connection with a planned reunion at the old Truscott Air Base in 1994.

LADY MITCHELL CONVALESCENT HOME

(RED CROSS WESTERN AUSTRALIAN DIVISION)

Former staff, patients and their partners are cordially invited to attend a 50 Year reunion on Sunday, 18 October 1992 at 18 Railway Street, Cottesloe, from 11.00 am to 2.00 pm.

Please bring a picnic lunch, a folding chair and your own thermos and enjoy the company of old friends.

Please advise Fay Bailey by telephone on (09) 364 1113 if you will be attending.

4 R.A.R

A reunion of ex-4th Battalion RAR members resident in WA is proposed for later this year. Would those interested please contact:

ROY McKENZIE
229 Hay Street
Kalgoorlie WA 6430

VA & AAMWS ASSOCIATION

The Christmas luncheon of the above Association will be held on Thursday 10 December from 12 noon in the Victoria League rooms, Onslow Road, Shenton Park. Please contact:

GLYN CODY, President 341 3323 or
ENA McGINN, Secretary 446 3742

WAAF LUNCHEON

The British Women’s Auxiliary Airforce (1939-1945) is holding a luncheon on Saturday, 3 October 1992. It is hoped all girls who came as war brides or emigrated will turn up and enjoy the fellowship of those who saw similar service to you.

Further details from Cynthia Lyall on 450 6141.
GERALDTON

Letters have been received from State Secretary Des Gibbs and Shenton Park Sub-Branch congratulating everyone associated with the success of Geraldton’s first State Congress.

John Spendlove was presented with a framed photo taken when he received the highest RSL award, the Meritorious Medal, at State Congress and President Brigadier Alf Garland and State Headquarters were also given photos: one is of the gathering of delegates and VIPs for the wreath-laying ceremony at Birdwood House and the other is of Brigadier Garland with Annamarie Vis and Aaron Landwehr of the Geraldton Naval Reserve Cadets.

Three new members were welcomed at our July meeting: Bevin Cruchoet who was transferred from the Bureau of Meteorology at Broome where he was Sub-Branch President for five years, Phillip David Moran, who was presented with his RSL Badge and a Code of Membership certificate and Bill Hannay, formerly of Busselton.

Our hard-working secretary Pam Burgess has uncovered the cases of two shells discharged from HMAS Derwent: they are now in the War Museum display.

We have also received ships’ plaques from the Derwent and USS Thach. Both ships’ visits resulted in commemorative ceremonies at Birdwood House to mark the 50th anniversary of the Coral Sea battle against the Japanese in May 1942.

The first ceremony was led by Commander Robert Gibson, of USS Thach, who laid a wreath along with Mayor Ted Whelan and Allan Ellis. A march from the Yacht Club by a contingent from Derwent preceded the second ceremony at which wreaths were laid by Commander John McAree, the Mayor and RSL member George Pike who served on HMAS Adelaide during World War II.

The latest addition to facilities at Birdwood House is a new, four-burner gas stove that cost $2,327, and we thank Mr P. Williams, of the City Council’s Health Department, for his assistance and advice with the plans to upgrade the kitchen. Additions to the front of Birdwood House included sign-writing on the pillars to acknowledge the Korea, Malayan, Borneo and Vietnam conflicts.

The State Executive of the Women’s Auxiliary has awarded Life Membership to Mrs Val Wick in appreciation of services rendered as a member of the Geraldton Auxiliary — the last 11 years as Treasurer.

VALE

Frederick Cecil (“Bruss”) Fagg

Northampton’s Bruss Fagg, whose motto was obviously “Service in peace-time as in war-time”, passed away in the local hospital on 14 June.

Born in Kent in 1909, Bruss migrated from England 64 years ago at the age of 19 and served in Timor with the 2nd Independent Company which became the 2nd/2nd Commando Squadron.

It is impossible to over-emphasise the unit’s achievement against the Japanese in Timor during 1941-2, and Bruss never flinched in his endeavours to gain recognition for the Timorese for their support of the Second Independent Company.

Even in the final stage of his life, he used the hospital phone trying to get media support for the current plight of the Timorese.

Returning to Northam after World War II, Bruss served as President, Secretary and Treasurer of the local Sub-Branch of the RSL and was inundated with congratulations when awarded Life Membership of the League.

He played a leading role in the establishment of both the Memorial Hall and Pioneer Lodge and also served on the Hospital Board.

Predeceased by his wife Joyce in August 1972, he was in charge of the Water Supply at Northampton when he retired.

Despite his ever-troublesome right leg (caused by tropical ulcers that began in Timor), Bruss always had a cheery word for everyone.

At his funeral, the Reverend Peter Harris gave a heart-warming eulogy extolling Bruss’ many virtues and, Tom Foster, who served in Timor with him, paid tribute to WX10825 Bruss Fagg at a memorial church service.

PATER BARDON PRO.

CITY OF PERTH

ANNUAL DINNER

Saturday 28th November, 1992

ANZAC HOUSE AT 7PM

Pre dinner drinks 6.30pm. Price $10 pp inc. beer, house wines and soft drinks.

Members accepting, with partners, please notify Hon. Secretary

City of Perth RSL Sub-Branch
GPO Box C128 Perth 6001 Tel: 448 3812 or 277 4091.

Meetings

Meetings held second Tuesday of each month (except January) in Gallipoli Room, Anzac House (6.30 pm).

President M.C. (Mike) Hall Ph: 277 4091. Secretary D. McClelland Ph: 448 3812. Office open every Tuesday 10am-3pm. Telephone 325 9799.

Caravan Park — Point Peron

Sites are available on a casual basis at the RSL Caravan park for financial members of the League for the forthcoming season at a cost of $6 per night or $40 per week. You will require your own van.

Please contact the caretaker on 527 8551 for reservations.
DENMARK

The Sub-Branch is growing slowly and a variety of functions are held: the annual barbecue, winter luncheon, spring social, Dinner, Poppy and Anzac Days.

Our monthly meetings are on the first Tuesday of every month at 19.30 hrs in the hall behind the Tourist Bureau, and we invite all allied ex-service people to consider joining us. We need input, and co-operation, at our meetings — much of our agenda deals with Veterans Affairs' pensions.

We have great support from the local community especially on Anzac Day; this year the School Band was 40-strong for the march and wreath-laying ceremony.

Sadly, we record the death of four very popular members: Mike Barry, Jim Smith, Gus Rose DFC and Mark Scammell (a past President). We will remember them.

GUY HOWITT
PRO

RETURNED EX-SERVICEWOMEN

For the second year running, the Returned Ex-Servicewomen's Sub-Branch has had the honour of winning the Newdegate Cup as the Most Efficient Metropolitan Sub-Branch in 1991-92. This is the tenth time we have won the award since 1953, and I thank our Immediate Past President Mrs Joan Dowson MBE, who was ably supported by her Committee, and all our members for their hard work.

The Sub-Branch fosters friendship amongst all ex-servicewomen; we hold regular social functions and outings, take part in RSL activities and also have an active Welfare Committee and Publicity Officer.

Enquiries to the President, Mrs C. Hinton 387 2237, or the Membership Officer, Mrs D.J. Dowson 384 6712.

CECILE HINTON

THREE SPRINGS-ARRINO

Anzac Day attracted the largest crowd we have seen here for many years with people attending from Carnamah, Coorow, Mingene and Eneabba. Guest-speaker was the Hon Kevin Minson MLA, Deputy Leader of the Opposition, whose address was most inspiring and very well received.

On the same day, we also helped Ned Wells celebrate his 100th birthday. Members gave him a set of 75th Gallipoli anniversary glasses with a bottle of whisky, and the Shire Council presented him with a commemorative letter from the President and councillors.

Born in Bindoon in 1892, Ned enlisted in 1916 at the age of 24; he went away with the 3rd battalion Pioneers and saw service in France and Belgium. Returning to Three Springs in 1919, Ned was a blade-shearer for five years before he was granted a

Soldiers' Settlement farm at Carnamah. He lived there until a few years ago when he became a patient in the Three Springs Hospital.

JACK THORPE
President

NORTH BEACH

We were pleased to welcome eight new members, either by transfer or initial application, to the Sub-Branch during the past quarter.

Social activities have been well patronised including an outing to the Burswood Casino and to a matinee performance of '42nd Street' which was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

At the July meeting, State Congress delegates Len Snell and Merv Hall presented a report on the proceedings. They also presented to the Sub-Branch the Merv Williams Trophy — awarded for the highest per capita donation to the War Veterans' Home Building Fund. Congratulations to all.

Our annual dinner will be held at the North Beach Bowling Club on November 25. Members are requested to book at the next meeting so numbers may be finalised.

R.A. (Bud) WARREK

SCARBOROUGH

At our Anzac Day ceremony, we received several compliments about our new site which, after all the time and money spent on it, was most satisfying.

Bert Johnson has donated a video tape of the ceremony to the Sub-Branch, and the Wembley Scouts were presented with a hundred dollars worth of equipment to thank them for their all-night vigil at the memorial.

Our Welfare lady, Joy Reed, is home from hospital but making slow progress; however, she still manages to continue some of her good work.

Congratulations go to Bob Sheppard and Alan Hogan and their wives on winning the Mixed Fours Riley Shield.

Roy Lugg has reported on his trip to the island of Ambon. He was there (as a guest of the Indonesian Government) for the commemoration of time spent on the island by members of Gull Force and no. 13 RAAF Squadron when they were prisoners of war during World War II. Roy said that the Anzac Day service on Ambon was most impressive and the war cemeteries are in very good condition.

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Sub-Branch News

Mrs Barbara Clinton, our representative at headquarters, visited one of our meetings to bring us up to date on several matters; she mentioned the keen interest there is in the Listening Post. This emphasis the need for good communication between members — which is what helps to hold an organisation together.

During a discussion on Rule Books, it was agreed that if they were smaller and more compact, the books could be cheaper and every member would be able to have one so they could follow the aims and conditions of membership.

JIM HUGILL

OSBORNE PARK

Three delegates from this sub-branch attended State Congress at Geraldton, and it was pleasing to report back how successful it was with many younger delegates attending this important function. Items on the agenda were of a high standard with many of them referring to present-day problems confronting the veteran community. Geraldton is to be congratulated for the way in which Congress was organised.

Congress for 1993 will be back in Perth, and we appeal to members wishing to submit items for the agenda to start thinking of them now; it is imperative that good discussion takes place at sub-branch level before items are submitted to the agenda committee, so don't leave them to the last minute.

Since the last issue, we regretfully had to say Vale to one of our older members — Tommy O'Brien who passed away in June.

Membership is still most encouraging and every now and then we welcome a new member. Always keep your ears open for any potential, or even former, members. Posters explaining membership of the League have been placed in various shops, so this may help recruit new people.

I realise that, via the Listening Post, I am always appealing for something or another. Well, once again members, I appeal for more support from you; it is your sub-branch and leaving the decisions to the same people all the time is not good. Perhaps we should hold daytime meetings to encourage a better attendance. Unless we hear from you, we don't know what you prefer.

As in previous issues, I remind you that meetings are held every second Wednesday of the month (January in recess), commencing at 7.30 pm. Try and come along and don't be afraid to give us your ideas on what is best for the sub-branch.

BILL SULLIVAN
President
349 2797

BELMONT

State President Jim Hall and his wife Vera, Mrs Alison Cayley, Mrs Gladys Rolfe and the Mayor of the City of Belmont, Peg Parkin, attended our annual dinner, which was a huge success. So was our visit to the Pinjarra-Murray Sub-Branch and to Parliament House.

We still have many members on our sick-list and wish them a speedy recovery to good health. Ian Hardy has been in Melbourne for many months for a heart transplant; we all pray that a compatible heart becomes available very soon.

With the warmer months ahead, we hope to see a bigger attendance at our functions and meetings, and we invite bowlers from other Sub-branches to a game on our beautiful green.

CARL F. CAUBO

CANNING DISTRICTS-VICTORIA PARK

In past months we have been busy with social functions and making improvements to our building; a new metal roof has replaced the old tiles and a matching canopy at the front entrance will be added to provide better protection from the weather.

Sixty members attended our July meeting at which a report on State Congress was presented by president R. Hill and Liaison Member P. Simpson. (Although not in the best of health, Peter continues to do an excellent job).

We send special wishes to Shirley and Bert Neil after their stay in hospital — particularly to Shirley for her courage and fighting spirit.

Members are reminded to contact the Sub-Branch if hospitalised or needing help. Our Welfare Officer, Cliff Joyner, will gladly provide assistance.

M. JIMENEZ-LOZANO
Hon Secretary
Our 65th Conference, well attended by delegates and observers, was officially opened by Mr J.P. Hall who thanked all Auxiliaries for their continued support; he then presented Certificates of Merit and Gold Badges to Mesdames Proctor (Fremantle City), Watson (Murray Districts), Gould (Bellevue) and Ryniker (Bassendean-Guildford).

RSL Certificates of Appreciation were presented to Mrs M. Sullivan for her long service and to Bassendean-Guildford, Subiaco and Wembley-Floreat for 70 years' service.

Mrs Cayley presented Mr Hall with a cheque for $17,000 for the War Veterans' Home Building Appeal plus a cheque for $2,000 towards the upkeep of the War Memorial.

Cup Competition Winners:
- Metropolitan Cup: City of Perth
- Ames Shield: Armadale
- Tray: Belmont
- Country Cup: Geraldton

Incentive Certificates:
- Geraldton Shield
- Collie-Cardiff
- Mt Barker
- Bassendean-Guildford
- Bellevue
- Bullsbrook and Boulder

32 pts
27 pts
33 pts
30 pts
26 pts

State Executive Members for 1992-93 are: State President Mrs T. Taylor, Immediate Past President Mrs A. Cayley, Senior Vice President Mrs R. Barrell, Jnr Vice President Mrs J. Southern, State Secretary Mrs F. Fisher, State Treasurer Mrs H. Holder.


Along with other Executive members, I have attended meetings at Armadale, Rivervale-Carlisle, Mandurah, Waroona-Hamel and Cockburn, and Mrs Fisher and I were guests at the 90th birthday celebrations of the Australian Army Nursing Service.

Congratulations to all Auxiliary Women who have received their Life Membership and Certificates of Service in the last few months. And to all those who are on the sick list — we wish you a speedy recovery.

M. TAYLOR
State President

I hope it is passed to the young people to read as well because they should be able to see in it what it was like to have an obligation which demanded a total contribution, even a total sacrifice, and to see how the young of another generation were able to come to terms, cheerfully, with the most earth-shattering events.

The style of writing makes me think of Hemingway, describing the most exciting and dangerous experiences in unemotional, even laconic prose. Somehow this brings the reader even closer to sharing what was a remarkable chapter of our history.

The book can be purchased direct from the author Unit 2, 6 Bindaring Pde, Claremont 6010. (The price is $15.00 plus $5 postage).

COMMODORE D.J. ORR RAN (Retd)

AGAINST ALL ODDS
by James Burliitt

"Against All Odds" is the unit history of the 2/18 Battalion which served in the Malayan campaign as part of the ill-fated 8th division under Major-General Gordon Bennett.

The men who served in this unit were typical of the magnificent battalions raised by the 2nd AIF and drawn mainly from Sydney and the county districts of north-western NSW.

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The Battalion left Australia in February 1941 to assume garrison duties in Malaya, much to the chagrin of the men who were anxious to share in the glory of their brothers of the 6, 7 and 9 Divisions who had already distinguished themselves in the Middle East campaigns.

Their popular Commanding Officer was Lt Colonel Arthur Varley who had won the MC and bar in World War I and who, with many other POWs was tragically drowned when his transport was torpedoed in the South China seas in 1944 while en route to Japan. There is no doubt that had the 2/18 gone to the Middle East instead of Malaya, Varley would have attained senior rank, for he was not only a highly popular CO but a fine leader and an inspiration to his men during the battles to come and as a POW.

On arrival in Malaya the 2/18 with the other AIF battalions became involved in continuous jungle warfare training. This was contrary to British High Command Policy in Malaya which regarded the jungle as impenetrable and concentrated on beach defence. Because of this policy the British and Indian troops were found to be hopelessly outclassed by the Japanese when war came — the exception being the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders who had similar ideas to the Australians and whose CO Brigadier, Ian Stewart, was of great assistance to the Australians in devising a Jungle Training Syllabus.

When the Japanese attacked Malaya on 8 December 1941 they were confronted by Indian troops defending the beaches at Kota Bharu whilst General Bennett’s two brigades of the 8th Division defended the northern boundaries of the State of Johore on the east and west coasts.

The hopeless incompetence of the High Command in Malaysia has been well-publicised in the post-war era, and Bennett who comes in for strong criticism by the author was given responsibility for holding Johore.

It was a task he was confident of successfully undertaking once battle was joined but, despite frequent pleas for his 22 and 27 Brigades to be placed under his direct command, 22 Brigade of which the 2/18 was part on the east coast was placed under General Heath’s direction.

The 2/18 was given the responsibility for defending Mersing and established a very strong defence line; but with the retreat of the British and Indians down the west coast of the Peninsula, Mersing was abandoned much to the disappointment of the 2/18 who withdrew to positions in Nithsdale Estate in the Jumalliang area. On the night of 26/27 January the Battalion met the Japanese for the first time and inflicted a severe reversal on enemy forces which cost them 2,000 men.

When Colonel Varley was interviewed by the Japanese after the surrender of Singapore, he found himself in serious trouble because they would not believe they had suffered such a serious defeat at the hands of one Battalion.

After this action the 2/18 was withdrawn to Singapore where it was stationed on the north-west sector of the island which the two Australian Brigades had been allocated to defend.

The Japanese launched their invasion on the night of 8 February 1942, with their 5th and 16th Divisions, directing the full force of their action against the 22nd Australian Brigade with the 2/18 Battalion front being their main lodgement area.

The Australians fought with great heroism in taking the main brunt of the Japanese landings on both Brigade fronts until the hopeless campaign was concluded by the surrender of Singapore on 15 February 1942.

In the nine days of its total fighting history the 2/18 Battalion lost 225 men killed and more than 400 wounded. These losses, while the lightest sustained in 22 Brigade in the malayan Campaign, are worse than any other Australian Army unit in a single campaign in World War II.

For such a hard-fighting unit that showed such extraordinary courage in its actions, it seems incredible that its men were so seriously disadvantaged in the award of decorations, earning one MC, one MM, two DCMs, two MBEs and ten MIDs.

After the surrender of Singapore the book details the mens’ experiences as POWs in Singapore, the Burma-Siam Railway, Japan and Borneo as told by the men themselves.

The final chapter, “Assessment”, is a fascinating summary of the performance of the Battalion in its brief fighting career and the rigours of POW life.

Some officers and men inevitably failed but the overwhelming majority performed above and beyond the call of duty, and it is one of the great tragedies in Australian military history that the 8th Division did not go to the Middle East where it would have had the opportunity of shaking down and sharing the triumphs of the three other AIF Divisions before returning to Australia to inflict one defeat after another on the Japanese in the Pacific campaigns.

The treatment of allied prisoners by the Japanese only endorses the rightness of the dropping of the atom bombs to end the war, otherwise no allied POWs would have survived even a few more months of their captivity, let alone the horrendous casualties that would have been caused in finally subduing Japanese Resistance.

“Against All Odds” is published by the 2/18 Battalion Association, c/- 30 Holland Crescent, French’s Forrest, NSW 2086.

PETER FIRKINS

SWEAT SAVES BLOOD

by Joe Harris

$22.50 incl. postage

This is the true story of the author’s service, mainly as a Gunner in a Heavy Anti-Aircraft unit during World War II.

Readers will wonder about the title of the book; the words were said by a gunnery officer during the building of walls to protect guns in position at Buckland Hill, a valuable piece of land between the Swan River and Indian Ocean.
Book Reviews cont.

Joe Harris, brought up on farms before joining the Bank of New South Wales as a junior officer, enlisted in an infantry unit in 1941 but, after a short period at Melville camp, he joined the Heavy Anti-Aircraft as a gunner.

Illustrations of camp lay-outs and explanations of the ballistics of heavy guns are most interesting: for example, readers may not be aware that heat, cold and atmospheric conditions can affect the firing capacity of a projectile in flight. Service in a static gun site can be boring at times, but when in action it becomes quite exciting. Humorous episodes are recounted and, naturally when a group of servicemen get together, hidden talents are exposed, mainly in the form of music and other means of entertainment.

The author writes of the famous Ghan train plying between Alice Springs and Port Pirie in South Australia, the journey from Alice to Darwin and what can happen to hapless travellers in those days. Quite a number of Perth identities served in the Ack-Ack regiments during 1939-45, among whom was this reviewer.

The American 5th Air Force under the Command of General George Kenney and squadrons of the RAF and RAAF were closely related to the Gunners during their sojourn in the Darwin Area.

Well-known names including Hughes, Strauss, Livingstone, Long and Fenton Airfields are mentioned in the book.

Further information can be obtained from Jogeoff Publications, PO Box 374 North Beach 6020.

MIKE HALL

"CAGED DRAGONS"
by Robert E. Haney
Published by Sabre Press

Caged Dragons is a very interesting book written by a US Marine — Robert E. Haney. He gives an account of life in the Marine Corps whilst stationed in Tientsin, North China, through the siege of Corregidor, his imprisonment by the Japanese Army, and eventual repatriation back to the United States.

It is quite clear from his account that the United States forces stationed in the Philippines were quite unprepared for the swiftness of the Japanese forces as they moved into the South Pacific following their successful attack on Pearl Harbour.

The author enters the controversial subject of how well the American forces were led. He states that some of the very high-ranking officers were decorated for bravery while they were preparing to evacuate themselves regardless of the consequences to their men. However, this point aside, his book gives an enthralling account of life as a POW, especially after Japan's surrender.

He explains the thoughtlessness of the Medical Staff and do-gooders who persisted in giving returning POWs very rich food, which their bodies could not handle, instead of providing plain basic food with vitamin supplements which their bodies needed after nearly four years of imprisonment.

One of the most interesting parts is the author's attempts to adjust to civilian life and the efforts of the Veterans Affairs Departments to repatriate him. Some 20 years later many Vietnam Veterans were to suffer the same experience.

Caged Dragons is well-written and is recommended to readers of war books, as well as to readers in general, as it gives an insight to the life of a POW without the full description of the harsh and often brutal treatment they received from their captors.

PETER LOFDAHL

NEVER UNPREPARED
a history of the 26th Australian Infantry Battalion (AIF)

The book is a well-researched history of the 26th Battalion and covers the formation of the Battalion and operations in the Solomon Islands, Rabaul and New Britain. The original CO Lt. Col. Harry Murray VC, CMG, DSO and Bar, DCM, CdeG, DSM (US) and MID thirteen times, had a distinguished career in World War I, being one of the most highly decorated Infantry Officers of that war. Western Australia has a link with Lt. Col. Murray as he enlisted originally in the 16th Battalion at Blackboy Hill in 1914. Great use has been made of the Unit and official histories of World War II and newspapers of the period to ensure the accuracy of events in which the Battalion was involved.

Although of great interest to those who served in the Battalion, the book would also appeal to anyone who may have served in the SWPA during those campaigns. It is the story of 3300 men and of their moulding into a body of men who acquitted themselves in battle with high regard to their duty and the maintenance of the high standards of the Australian fighting soldier.

The book is available from:

The Treasurer
26th Battalion Australian Infantry Battalion Association
PO Box 532
Wynnum Central Qld 4178
$35 plus $5 postage.
R.D. MERCER

A WARTIME INTERLUDE IN SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Two historians from Mitcham in South Australia did not realise what they were getting into when they began their research on the history of the theatre at Scotch College, which is within the Torrens Park Estate. The booklet deals with the background of the families who were resident in the Estate in the 1800s and of the many people who enjoyed the "high" life of that era. One chapter "A Wartime Interlude" is devoted to the days when the Theatre was closed due to the war...
area housed the RAAF No 4 Embarkation Depot in 1942-43. The book would be of particular interest to those who served in the WAAAF during the war. Following is an excerpt:

"No.4 EMBARKATION DEPOT

This unit, formed on 21 November 1940, was originally stationed at St Mark's University College, North Adelaide. With the fall of Singapore and Java it was found No.4 E.D. needed accommodation for about four times the prewar capacity of St Marks. On 5 October 1942 arrangements were made "for the immediate occupation of Scotch College by No.4 Embarkation Depot". Figures 38-1, 38-4 and 38-5 show the grounds and buildings as they were used during the occupation.

"The function of an Embarkation Depot was, as the name implies, to assemble and prepare men before they embarked for a new posting. Men came from training schools or other stations, were equipped with suitable uniforms, and held for a few days or weeks until transport was arranged. Individuals or small groups in transit from one area to another were frequently attached to the Depot for a day or so when on leave or awaiting another posting.

"At Torrens Park there were facilities for continuation training in aircraft and ship recognition and in wireless telegraphy (see Fig. 38-19). To maintain efficiency in these important fields frequent practice was necessary. The equipment needed was basic and the work occupied the men while they were waiting for posting. There was a well-supplied Equipment Store for the return and issue of uniforms (Fig. 38-6), and a small Transport Section to meet the day to day needs of the unit. An efficient Catering Service was an important part of the unit, a Post Office, Pay Office, and Canteen were amongst the ancillary services; a small Medical Section attended to minor ailments and inoculations.

"The administration was controlled by the adjutant from the orderly room, and signals were sent and received from a switchboard manned twenty-four hours a day. There were messes for officers, sergeants, and airmen; a recreation room for members of the Women's Auxiliary Australian Air Force (WAAAF). A Disciplinary Warrant Officer (DWO) was responsible for the posting of guards, the organisation of parades, and drill instruction. As with aircraft recognition and wireless telegraphy, the object of the frequent drilling was to keep the men occupied and in a state of readiness for their next posting."

"The Torrens Park Estate": a Social and Architectural History.

The booklet is available from the authors:
K.A. PRESS, 12 Marble Tce, Stonyfell SA 5066
P.A. OBORN, 16 Neweys Rd, Mitchum SA 5062
R.D. MERCER

JOURNEY BACK TO CHANGI

‘BLUEY’ 1992

Well, I've come back here again, old digger and so many years have passed
And things ain't really changed that much
But you, and your grave, well, you're still here
a symbol of past mistakes
and I see those old words we scratched there
"That's Life", and "Those are the Breaks".

Well old mate, this red rose that I leave you
a red splash on this cold piece of ground
makes me know that there is a place, somewhere
to renew those old friendships I found.

Ah Tommy, old mate, these thoughts take me back
and a thousand things pass thru my mind.

And those ghostly old shadows, of mates long gone now
with my eyes closed I see them once more,
and wipe out the memory of skeletal men
and recall how I'd known them before.

Yeah, I remember old friend, when they captured us then
how we thought that somehow we had failed
and we dreamed of the day, we'd escape in some way
from the Hellhole they called "Changi Jail".

Mate, I can't linger there, those thoughts lead to despair
and the question you asked, I can't answer.
"All for nothin'," you said, and we both hung our heads
as we listened to Fate's hollow laughter.

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WX1230, Barrett, W.G., Bunbury, 10 LH
WX10419, Brehan, G.A., Rivervale-Carlisle, 2/48th Aust Inf Bn
WX2688, Brenn, F. Cockburn, 2/48th Aust Inf Bn
WX5968, Bullen, L.G., Central, 4 MT
WX2313, Carter, M.W., Northam, 48 Inf Bn
WX4749, Chesser, J.R., Kensington, AACS
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WX41397, Clatworthy, H., Belmont, 2/32 Aust Inf Bn
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WX2077, Farr, R.W., Narrgin, 2/4 MG Bn
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WX15944, Reid, F.D.A., Darling Range, 2/22 FD Pk
WX36403, Rice, A.E., North Beach, 5 TP Workshops
F3246, Richardson, W.A., Bicton-Palmyra, RAN
WX19503, Safe, J.M., City of Perth, 18 MG, 2/2 Pioneers
WX11399, Scott, R.J., Central, 2/6 Inf Bn
WX16424, Song, A., Bunbury, 2/4 Bty
81978, Spalding, T.J., Port Hedland, RAAF
F3605, Taylor, L.H., Wembley-Floreat, Not given
WX10117, Thomson, E.G., Mandurah, 2/4 MG
WX26403, Walker, L.W., Highgate, 2/21 Aust Inf Bn
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F3492, Dohoney, A.R., Mt Lawley-Inglewood, RAN
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WX3691, Fisher, J., Busselton, Royal Artillery
WX7317, Fitzgerald, E.J., Bedford Morley, 1 ASTB
406212, Fletcher, R.C., Highgate, RAAM
543647, Foster, R.A., Central, SA Air Force

77020, Funneman, A.A., Esperance, 3 Inf Bn, Surabaja
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F5095, Glossop, G.J., City of Perth, RANR
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F3615, Jack, W.F.R., Bedford-Morley, RAN
D/JX269318, Marnier, W., Subiaco, Royal Navy
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WX3707, MacKinnon, G.C., Bunbury, 2/4 MG Bn
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38757, Yates, R.W., Kwinana, RAAM
WX3335, Hands, J.L., Boyup Brook, 2/3 Aust Machine Gun Bn
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WX98442, Jones, H.T., Bassendean-Guildford, 2/48 Aust Inf Bn
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Meeting dates: Gallipoli Room, Anzac House, 4th Wednesday March, May, July, September and November. All enquiries to the Secretary. State President: Mr J.P. Hall, AM BEM JP, Unit A/3 Hellam Grove, Booragooan 6154. Tel: 364 7776. State Secretary: Mrs F.E. Johnson OAM, 38 Renwick Street, South Perth. Tel: 367 5949.

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2/7TH AUSTRALIAN FIELD REGIMENT ASSOCIATION
President: Mr L.E.N. Harvey, 150 Alfred Rd, Mt Claremont 6010. Tel: 384 9231. Secretary: Mr Bill Woods, 4/2 Lewington Gdns, Bibra Lake, 6163. Tel: 417 3989. Meets in the Pure Steel Room, Gloucester Park at 11.00am on the first Monday of each month except January (If first Monday holiday meets on next day — Tuesday).

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2/43RD BATTALION ASSOCIATION (WA BRANCH)

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1940 DUNKIRK VETERANS ASSOCIATION
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48TH & 2/48TH BATTALION ASSOCIATION
President: D. McLean, Unit 2/50 Endeavour Avenue, Bullcreek 6155. Secretary: D.A. Hamilton, 80 Stoneham Road, Attadale 6156. Tel: 330 2923. Meetings and luncheon held at the Carlton Hotel, 248 Hay Street East at 11.30am on the third Monday of each month.

460 SQUADRON RAAF ASSOCIATION (WA)
President: W.E.M. (Gerry) Bateman, DFC, 221 South Terrace, Como 6152. Tel: 367 3063. Secretary: N.B. Johnson, 63 Kirwan Street, Floreat Park 6014. Tel: 387 4229. Treasurer: T.R. Gallop, 19 Felstead Crescent, Hamersley 6022. Tel: 447 4037. Meetings are held four times a year.

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