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Craterland — Ypres, 1917
By Fred Leist AWM 415
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The federal government is exploring private sector options for Hollywood Repatriation General Hospital in order to improve health-care arrangements to meet the changing needs of veterans and war widows in WA.

The timetable for the tender process, together with continuing consultations with the Health Department of WA, the ex-service community and staff associations, was announced on 8 February by the Minister for Veterans' Affairs, Mr Ben Humphreys. He said his department would immediately begin advertising for preliminary proposals from parties interested in providing services at the 332-bed acute-care teaching hospital.

A successful outcome will see the introduction of the Repatriation Private Patient Scheme (RPPS) that will benefit 30,000 veterans and war widows entitled to repatriation health care in WA.

The accommodation for 55 veterans in hostel care at the Mandurah complex is nearing completion, and it is anticipated that the handover will take place shortly.

The Board of the War Veterans' Home advise that, upon completion the project will have a deficit of $400,000. However, with your support and that of the sub-branches, we hope to be able to raise this amount during 1993. Your support is greatly appreciated. Donations are to be sent to War Veterans' Home, 51 Alexander Drive, Mount Lawley 6050; all donations over $2 are tax deductible.

I am pleased that Len Keynes, our senior Vice President, is now fully recovered and back working with me once again. I greatly appreciate — as I know all members do — his support and assistance. With younger leaders like Len (a Vietnam veteran), the League can look forward to the future with confidence.

J.P. HALL.
Now... The Life Insurance RSL Members Under the Age of 50 Have Been Waiting For.

"We are delighted that Oceanic Life has responded to our request and developed this excellent programme of life insurance benefits for our members under the age of 50. As underwriter of the Official Insurance Programmes of the RSL, Oceanic Life continues to show its commitment to the League, by providing programmes specifically tailored to meet the requirements of all members. If you are under the age of 50, I urge you to consider this important opportunity."

Brigadier Alf Garland, A.M.
National President.

For many years, our exclusive insurance programmes for members aged 50 to 75 have been one of the RSL's most popular and valuable services. This success has prompted members under the age of 50 to ask if they, too, could have an economical and easy-to-obtain life insurance programme. That is why it is a pleasure to announce that Oceanic Life, underwriter of the Official Insurance Programmes of the RSL developed the RSL Term Life Plan ...a programme that gives members aged 20 to 49 the high-benefit, straightforward protection they need during these years of peak financial and family responsibilities.

RSL members and their spouses are invited to apply, with non-smokers receiving a substantial cost saving. Plus, you will each receive a 10% discount if you and your spouse enrol together.

Guaranteed Features of the RSL Term Life Plan

- Guaranteed Renewable to Age 65
  Premiums are based on your current age and are guaranteed not to increase for a full 5 years. Plus, you are guaranteed the right to renew your cover every 5 years at the premium rate shown for your age at the time of each renewal, and you may keep your policy right up to age 65.

- Non-Smoker's Discount
  You will receive a substantial discount on your premium rates if you have not smoked in the past 12 months.

- Husband and Wife Discount
  If you and your spouse enrol together, you'll each receive a 10% premium discount. So it makes even more sense for both you and your spouse to apply.

- Free Cover Period — Send No Money Now
  Your cover will take effect as soon as your Application is approved by Oceanic Life. There is no premium to pay until 1 June, 1993. Plus, you may review your policy for up to 14 days once you receive it. If you're not completely satisfied, you simply return the policy and you will owe nothing.

- Comprehensive Cover
  The RSL Term Life Plan protects your family in the event of your death from any cause, whether natural or accidental. The only exceptions are: Suicide during the first 13 months your policy is in effect; and AIDS, other than that transmitted by blood transfusion or other similar process — see your policy for details.

FACTS ABOUT THE INSURER BEHIND THE PLAN

Oceanic Life commenced business under the name of Australian Provincial Assurance Association in 1912. Today, Oceanic Life is a wholly owned subsidiary of Oceanic Capital Corporation Limited, which is responsible for more than $400 million in funds under management. These funds are managed on behalf of policyholders in Australia and New Zealand.

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TERM LIFE PLAN APPLICATION FORM

YES — Please send me my RSL Term Life policy. I understand that this does not
obligate me in any way and that I will have the opportunity to examine my policy for up to
14 days before I accept it. I accept that the insurance will take effect as soon as
Oceanic Life receives and approves my Application, and that my first premium will not be
due until 1 June, 1993.

Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms.
Full Name
Address
Daytime Phone No.
Date of Birth Age Sex M F
Occupation
Cover Desired:

PLEASE TICK "YES" OR "NO" TO EACH QUESTION:

1. Have you ever had suspected, or been diagnosed as having Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome;
the Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome anti-body; heart trouble; high blood pressure; chest pains;
kidneys, bladder or bowel disease; diabetes; cancer; tuberculosis; asthma or any lung disease; mental or
nervous disorders; epilepsy; alcoholism and/or any drug dependence?

2. Do you engage in flying (other than as a passenger) or any other hazardous pursuits?

3. Have you ever had application for life, accident or sickness insurance declined, postponed or offered at
increased rates?

4. Have you smoked at all in any form within the last 12 months?

5. Are you sexually active?

6. Have you been refusal to work for any medical practitioners, chiropractor or naturopath, or do you, or have you
recently taken any drugs, pills, tablets or medications?

7. Have you had any medical alteration occur in any of the information contained herein, which would result in the
document becoming misleading, it will be withdrawn. The
RSL Term Life Plan does not at any stage acquire a cash surrender value.

DECLARATION: I have read all the statements and answers shown above and, to the best of my knowledge, they are true and complete.
I hereby authorise any doctor, hospital or clinic to provide Oceanic Life with information regarding my medical history.

Signature Spouse (if included) Date

APPLICATION: This advertisement was issued on 1 March, 1993. It will remain in force and can be relied upon for a period not exceeding 12 months
from the date of issue. Applications for RSL Term Life Insurance can only be made on the relevant application form within this advertisement. Should
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By popular demand, the Official Life Insurance Programme of the RSL, Prime Life 50+, is once again being made available to members and their spouses between the ages of 50 and 75.

This year we have added a special gift for those members who decide to enrol in this exceptional programme. The badge, in circulation from 1919 to 1926, was worn with pride by those who returned home from World War I and became the founding members of the RSL. It has been specially created for each member who applies for Prime Life 50+ cover.

In the past 14 years, tens of thousands of RSL members and their spouses have taken advantage of this popular programme...members who are concerned about the high cost of their final expenses and who want a plan at an affordable monthly cost now.

Of course, the greatest test of any service to RSL members must be the judgement of the members themselves. Their comments, shown on pages 40 and 41, are testimony to the important security and peace of mind the Prime Life 50+ programme continues to provide.

As an RSL member between the ages of 50 and 75, you are unconditionally guaranteed acceptance in the Prime Life 50+ Programme, without a medical examination or any other health questions.

Invitations to enrol will have recently been delivered to your homes and all RSL members and their spouses aged 50 to 75 are guaranteed the opportunity to review their full insurance protection without obligation — your policy can be reviewed in the privacy and comfort of your own home without the pressure of a salesperson calling.

Arrangements have been made with Oceanic Life Limited, the trusted company behind this official RSL insurance offer, for cover to take effect as soon as it receives your application form.

If you decide to keep your policy, your premium payments will not begin until 1 May, 1993.

To apply, simply return your completed application form before 25 April, 1993. You need send no money — Oceanic Life provides all RSL members with a free 14 day inspection period for you to examine the Prime Life 50+ policy. And, regardless of your decision, your Commemorative 1919 RSL Lapel Badge is yours to keep.

Tens of thousands of members have already enrolled. Please review what many of your fellow members are saying about the plan, on pages 40 and 41.

For those of you who have questions on this or on the RSL's special "Under 50" life protection, please call Oceanic Life, free of charge, on (008) 022 566.

ATTENTION: RSL MEMBERS UNDER 50
See pages 4 and 5 for details of a new programme designed especially for you.

HELP WANTED: ANZAC HOUSE REFERENCE LIBRARY
The RSL in WA has a military reference library at Anzac House which was established by Harry Holder. It contains war histories and photographs dating back to World War I, bound copies of Listening Post from 1921, and Navy, Army and Air Force books which have been sent to Listening Post for review.

So we have a small, high quality, well housed collection which badly needs a qualified librarian’s services for cataloguing with an occasional update as new books are added.

If there is a qualified librarian who can help, the initial contact should be made to Mr Des Gibbs at Anzac House — Telephone 326 9799. The State Executive and Listening Post Committee would greatly appreciate an honorary librarian’s assistance.

COUNCIL FOR THE AGEING
Following my comments in the last issue about labelling people, there was a note from the Council for the Ageing pointing out it was the Council for the Ageing. If we start using acronyms such as we are born, the Council feels quite a lot prefer the word “Senior” which is in international acceptance and does not sound so old fashioned.

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ENDURING POWER OF ATTORNEY

RSL members probably have concerns about who will make decision for them if for some reason they become incapable of managing their own affairs.

Recent legislation has made it possible for an adult to legally appoint a person to make decisions on his or her behalf in the event that a disability results in that person being unable to make decisions about the future.

What is Power of Attorney?
A Power of Attorney is a legal document in which one person gives another the authority to make financial and legal decisions on his or her behalf.

The person giving Power of Attorney is called the Donor and the person who accepts the power is called the Donee.

What is an Enduring Power of Attorney?
An ordinary Power of Attorney ceases to have effect as soon as the Donor is found to be incapable of making decisions.

An Enduring Power of Attorney will allow the Donee to commence to have or continue legal decision making power after the Donor has lost the ability to make decisions for himself or herself, and depending upon the terms of the Enduring Power of Attorney.

Do I have to give over Power now?
No. An Enduring Power of Attorney can be written in two ways:
• to come into effect only when the Donor loses capacity, or
• to come into effect now and to continue after the Donor loses capacity.

The important thing to understand is that you can only give an effective Power of Attorney when you have legal capacity i.e. that you understand the nature of what you are signing.

Do I have to give an Enduring Power of Attorney?
No you can still elect to write an ordinary and limited Power of Attorney. This will specify exactly what you wish the person to be able to do on your behalf. You can also nominate the length of time that is to operate.

Why would I choose an Enduring Power of Attorney?
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Who can I choose?
You may choose whoever you feel you can trust to look after your affairs. This may be your spouse or partner, another family member, trusted friend, accountant, lawyer or a trustee company such as the Public Trustee or a private trustee company.

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What about Land Transactions?
If land transactions are involved you will need to contact the Lands and Titles Office. This should be done soon after it is signed.

How do I draw up an Enduring Power of Attorney?
You can obtain a standard form from a stationer and complete it yourself or you can ask a lawyer or Trustee Company to draw up the document for you.

Will it cost?
Only the cost of the form and the lawyer’s or Trustee Company’s fee if you use one.

Handy Checklist:
• Have you thought about the people you wish to be controlling your affairs? Do you trust them?
• Have you told them of your intention?
• Have you explained what you would like to happen when they need to use their powers?
• Obtain a form and complete in full, including the Statement of Acceptance.

Make sure that the person’s signature is witnessed by two independent people who are also authorised by law to take Declarations – e.g. Justices of the Peace, Commissioners for Declarations, Public Servant, Police Officer, Doctor, Chemist, Lawyer, (a free list is available from the Public Guardian’s Office).

• Has the Donee signed the acceptance?
• Do you need to contact Lands and Titles Office?

Special note to people with early onset of Alzheimer’s and their relatives
A Power of Attorney, whether it is enduring or not, can only be signed when the Donor has decision making capacity.

It is very important to gain the opinion of a doctor and other professional people involved in the care of your family member if there is any concern about capacity. They need to be able to attest to the person’s competence to sign the Power of Attorney.

It may be advisable for the witnesses to note why they believe that the Donor is competent to sign.

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The position of Naval Officer Commanding Western Australia Area was abolished along with all other regional titles on 1 January.

Commodore Partington entered the RAN College as a Cadet Midshipman in 1954, graduated in 1957 and underwent further training for 18 months at Britannia Royal Naval College Dartmouth in the United Kingdom. He was awarded a commission in 1961.

In 1960-61 he served in HMAS Diamantina which was based in WA on oceanographic survey duties. In 1962, he joined the Aircraft Carrier HMAS Melbourne as a watchkeeping officer until his appointment as navigator, to HMAS Kimba. In 1963 he was sent to the United Kingdom, again to specialise in aviation and after 12 months training was awarded his wings as a helicopter pilot.

After returning to Australia in 1964, Commodore Partington converted to fixed wing aircraft and until 1967 served as a front line pilot in Gannet Aircraft in HMAS Melbourne.

In September 1967 he was posted to RAAF Base East Sale for training as a flying instructor and spent the next three years with the Air Force teaching on Winjeel aircraft at RAAF Base Point Cook and later at RAAF Base Pearce on Vampire and Macchi aircraft.

He was promoted to Lieutenant Commander in 1970, to Commander in December 1976 and to Captain in 1984.

He was Naval Officer Commanding Northern Australia from 1988, where he served until January 1990 when he was promoted to Commodore, and took command of HMAS Albatross.

Enduring Power of Attorney cont.

It is advisable that the original form be kept by the Donee and the Donor keep a copy.

If members are unable to complete the necessary document for an Enduring Power of Attorney through their own means they can contact the honorary solicitors for the league Kott Gunnings. The cost for preparing an Enduring Power of Attorney will be $120 each. If land or real estate is involved, it would be necessary to register the Enduring Power of Attorney at the Office of Titles for an additional fee of $62.

Editor's Note: We are indebted to Mr J.A. Richards of the Highgate Sub-Branch for bringing this matter to our attention. Also thanks to Kott Gunnings for their most helpful assistance.

POPPY DAY Luncheon 1993

A Poppy Day fund-raising luncheon will be held on November 13 at the Fremantle Sailing Club, immediately following the Remembrance Day Service at the State War Memorial, Kings Park.

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On 11 September 1944 the British submarine Porpoise slipped quietly from her mooring near Fremantle, bound for Indonesian waters. On board were the 23 Australian and British members of Operation "Rimau". Their destination — Japanese-held Singapore. Their mission — to penetrate the harbour in secret, one-man submersible craft and blow up sixty enemy ships. The party was confident. The previous year six of them, including commanding officer, Lieutenant Colonel Ivan Lyon, had carried out a similar raid — Operation "Jaywick" — which had resulted in the damaging or sinking of seven ships.

Nineteen days later, with the preliminary part of the operation successfully completed, the submarine commander farewell the raiders at Pedjantian Island, promising to return to an agreed rendezvous in thirty-eight days time. A handful of Chinese and Malays and the conquering Japanese were the only people ever to see the twenty-three again.

Unlike Operation "Jaywick", the story of Operation "Rimau" was destined to remain a mystery for almost fifty years. With little evidence available, it has long been accepted that the "Rimau" raid was an unmitigated disaster. According to the scant official post-war records, not only was the entire party lost but the raid was an abject failure. It was further stated that ten men who had been captured had talked too freely, giving information to the enemy. Although these ten had been executed, it was accepted that the Japanese had done so reluctantly and only after trying the accused before a legally constituted court which found them guilty of war crimes. The official reports also stated that the beheadings had been carried out in a style befitting Samurai warriors. The fate of every one of the twenty-three men, two of whom were rumoured to have paddled from Singapore to Timor. Consequently, there are many people who have been seduced into believing not only that activities depicted on the screen was drawn entirely from documented evidence), the film was long on action but pitifully short on fact. In 1988, using his wealth of meticulously recorded documentation, it was my very great privilege to begin to unravel the story which, two years later, would lead to the publication of The Heroes of Rimau.

It was soon obvious to me that Major Hall's evidence would necessitate a complete re-write of the accepted history if the truth about Operation "Rimau" was to be made known. I also knew that to overturn such a well entrenched story would not be easy. To research previously unknown history is hard enough — to re-write what many believe to be the gospel truth is difficult in the extreme.

Previous publication of certain "facts" by various unscrupulous individuals who had access to Hall's early, but incomplete, research material, and who had then breached his confidence (some for monetary gain), had not helped matters at all. Neither had a feature film, financed largely with Japanese money. Endorsed by a returned servicemen's organisation (which evidently believed at face value the outrageous statements that the plot was drawn entirely from documented evidence), the film was long on action but pitifully short on fact. In 1988, a brief Department of Defence publication on Operation "Rimau" had simply added to the confusion. Written from a pile of material deposited by the story editor of a film company, it contained as fact the same fictitious film scenarios to which Major Hall, in his capacity as consultant, had objected violently, forcing the cancellation of the film.

It is unfortunate that, being in the public domain, such erroneous material has resurfaced in various publications. The same erroneous material has actually taken place but

Major Hall’s evidence reveals, among many other facts, that a raid on enemy shipping took place on the morning of 11 October 1944; that it was born not
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from personal revenge but from a deep and patriotic love of God, King and Country; that almost all the information allegedly volunteered by the "Rimau" men was already known to the Japanese; that the men who were beheaded were put through a sham trial on trumped-up charges for no other reason than to save the collective Japanese face; that the execution, far from being a ceremonial occasion, was carried out by lowly prison guards whose swordsmanship left much to be desired; that almost all the party may have been saved had the pick-up team done its job properly; and that the submarine commander carried out his orders; that the post-war investigation into the disappearance was incompetent in the extreme; and that the Australian Army, in seeking to distance itself from an operation deemed to be a failure, issued statements that reinforced the myth that those executed had committed war crimes. It also reveals, for the first time, the fate of every man attached to the party, including the pair who reached Timor — not by canoe but in a native sailing boat.

It would be an understatement to say that collecting the evidence was extraordinarily difficult. Not only was the available documentation fragmented and at times poorly catalogued but certain government departments were less than helpful in making information available. In the UK, the amount of material which has vanished is astonishing. In Australia, the amount of material placed in the public record that has been "edited" with a pair of scissors is even more astonishing. All too often, the documentation that was available was hard to extract. On more than one occasion material was released by the Department of Defence only after our invoking the Freedom of Information and Australian Archives Acts. The reluctance by some civil servants to part with information was fortunately balanced by people such as NSW RUSI's Librarian, Mrs Ursula Davidson, who for three decades has been unstinting in her efforts to assist Major Hall, and American government personnel, who were overwhelmingly generous in searching for and supplying information requested.

Once a document was located its veracity was checked wherever possible with material from another source. In many instances, this cross-referencing ironed out long-standing ambiguities and amplified information which otherwise would have been too scant. This was especially useful in piecing together evidence such as that required to prove that the raid had indeed taken place. I cite this particular example in detail to indicate the lengths to which Major Hall was prepared to go to ensure that his research was based on fact, and fact alone.

The initial information, that seven men including Lieutenant Colonel Ivan Lyon had raided enemy shipping came from Japanese messages. These signals, now in Washington DC, had been secretly intercepted and decoded shortly after transmission by Americans who had cracked the Japanese cypher. Major Hall realised that this information required verification to ensure that the "Jaywick" raid of 1943 (carried out by Major Lyon and five men) was not being confused with an attack carried out by Lieutenant Colonel Lyon and six men in 1944.

This was achieved initially by locating a war crimes interrogation report which was part of a 1,500 page file into the investigation of two missing Australians, neither of whom, incidentally, belonged to Operation "Rimau". During lengthy interrogations in 1947-8 Japanese officers had recounted to Allied investigators the details of people who had passed through their hands in Surabaya, Java, where the two missing Australians were known to have vanished. By the most amazing coincidence, one of the prisoners whom they recalled was "Rimau’s" Douglas Warne who had been captured and taken to Surabaya. The Japanese were adamant that Warne had revealed that he was one of the raiders but had failed to reach his objective owing to the strong rip-tide.

Major Hall, although elated to discover that the raid had been carried out (and that, according to the Japanese, three ships had been sunk) felt that such a startling claim, which flew in the face of all accepted history, required supporting evidence — evidence which did not come from Japanese sources. In 1981 he travelled to Indonesia where he located eyewitnesses to the events of October 1944. The locals were only too happy to answer questions and revealed that, at dawn the morning after the "Rimau" team had been involved in a fight with Japanese collaborators (i.e. the morning of 11 October), they had heard violent explosions off Samboe Island, about sixteen kilometres from Singapore. Fully cognisant of the fact that this was not conclusive evidence Hall then decided to have every wreck in Singapore Harbour and the Roads plotted on a huge naval chart. Once this had been done, he set about the tedious and lengthy task of eliminating the cause of each wreck from information supplied by Singapore, British and American authorities. When he had finished, there were only three wrecks for which no one could account. They lay off Samboe Island, precisely where the local Indonesians had said they would be.

But perhaps even more startling than this discovery was the realisation that five of the seven ships blown up by the "Jaywick" raiders were not on the chart. From wartime files Hall discovered that the five vessels had been salvaged and put back into service by the Japanese. They were eventually sunk by the American Navy off Truk Island in 1944.

The exhaustive cross-checking used for written evidence was also applied to that obtained from Indonesian eyewitnesses. Tapes made of all the conversations were checked in Australia to ensure that the interpreter's translations had been correct. The information from one eyewitness was then cross-checked against that given by another. It is interesting that such was the total recall of these people that the most minute details were independently corroborated. When Major Hall complimented the Indonesians on their prodigious memories, they had stated simply "It was important to remember. One day we knew that someone would come back to ask about the white men."

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It was on this trip too that he had discovered the remains of one of the missing "Rimau" men at Merapas Island - the submarine's rendezvous point. After a rather hair-raising adventure, during which time he was arrested by Indonesian police, Hall managed to bring the skull back to Australia. Forensic analysis revealed that it belonged to one of two men - Sergeant Colin Cameron or Sub-Lieutenant Gregor Riggs.

It was not only Indonesians who gave vital information. A great deal of detail was obtained from Hiroyuki Furuta, the Japanese interpreter during the "Rimau" men's interrogation and trial. In 1957 Furuta had written an article for a Japanese magazine about the capture and trial of the men. Upon publication, this article was translated by the Foreign Office, which evidently believed it to be an accurate account. Unfortunately, not only had Furuta written the account from memory thirteen years after the event (he had destroyed his diary before the Allies arrived in Singapore). He had also been rather elastic with the truth – inventing names and dates, substituting the identity of one man for another, having the victims shot rather than beheaded, repeating hearsay to fill in areas for which he had no direct knowledge and generally elaborating and embroidering the facts to make the account dramatic as well as palatable for Japanese consumption.

Rather shamefaced that statements in his article had been taken literally, he later rewrote his original version. Aware that this new account still left much to be desired, he then amended the amended version. Not surprisingly, many (including Ronald McKie and the makers of the previously mentioned films) have been misled by Furuta, particularly in regard to the beheadings. Although he had not witnessed the men's deaths, he passionately wanted to believe that they had been accorded a ceremonial execution - as his superiors had claimed and which an Allied investigating officer was hoodwinked into believing. The official testimonies of two Koreans at Outram Road Jail where the ten men were held, as well as a gristy exhumation report on the bodies, belie this outrageous claim. It soon became obvious, on examining Furuta's so-called evidence, that his version of events required cross-checking, claim by claim. Only then, could his evidence be used.

On occasion, even factual statements made to investigating officers by the Japanese could be misleading. The assertion that "By coincidence all four parties met on Sole Island where they had a clash with the Japanese. During the engagement Lt-Col Lyon and Lt Ross were killed" has led to some erroneous statements. The first is the assumption that "all four parties" meant all the "Rimau" team split into four, when the Japanese actually meant the occupants of four folboats (three containing two men and one containing Douglas Warne). This figure is confirmed by other Japanese and by Major Hall's eyewitnesses. The remainder of the party was safely back at Merapas and was not involved in the fighting. The second assumption is that an island named Soke actually existed. No one could find it in 1945. Neither in 1960 could Ronald McKie. He simply picked an island on a map, named it Soke Island and arranged the action to suit this fictitious location.

The island where Lyon and Ross died was Soreh. It appears that the Allied translator in making the usual allowances for Japanese pronunciation adjusted it to Soke, which was then transcribed as Sole. And soe it has been ever since, despite the fact that no island by that name exists.

Anxious to see the islands for myself and to check the statements collected in 1981, I went with Major Hall to Indonesia in 1989. Never once did those interviewed in 1989 deviate from their previous stories. Indeed, this time even more details came to light. We found two new eyewitnesses and knew by now what areas of inquiry required amplification. With the interviews completed and accompanied by the Indonesians, we then visited all the places where the "Rimau" men had been. Travelling by small native boat to reach the more inaccessible islands, we clambered through thick jungle to stand on the same place that Ivan Lyon and his men had stood almost half a century before.

However, it was not until we reached Merapas that we received our greatest shock. Eyewitness Achap was going carefully through his information when he suddenly pointed to a tree and announced "And that is where I buried the other one." Some frantic questioning elicited the fact that by "the other one" he meant the companion of the man whose skull Major Hall had taken home on the previous visit. Believing in 1981 that the major had found what he was looking for - the remains of a fictitious uncle (Hall's cover story) - Achap had neglected to tell him that there had been a second man.

Through the interpreter - we learned that the "soldier" had literally run for his life, only to be trapped on the end of a small spur. Turning to face his pursuers, he had been shot three times in the chest. Pitched backwards, he had landed not far from where Achap, who had been taken along by the Japanese as a human shield, was standing.

Before the Japanese arrived on the scene, Achap had time to carefully examine an engraved silver bracelet which the dead man was wearing. Apologising that as the writing was foreign to him he was able to remember only a couple of letters. Achap drew in Major Hall's notebook a symbol which we recognised as being the insignia of the Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve, followed by G...S. Mr Achap could not possibly have known, but we most certainly did, that one of the two men left on Merapas was Sub-Lieutenant Gregor Riggs of RNVR. Since Riggs was buried beneath the tree, we now knew that the skull belonged to Sergeant Colin Cameron.

Achap's revelation about Riggs' burial solved one last mystery. In October 1945 an Allied search party had found the grave, marked with a wooden post and an oriental inscription, which led them to believe the deceased was Japanese. Word about the grave had previously filtered through to Furuta, whose imagination had worked overtime. Altering
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The site to Soreh and the victims to Lyon and Ross, who still lay where they had fallen, he told Allied investigators that the pair had died in a blaze of glory (which was true) and that the Japanese had "made very fine graves for them" (which was not).

"Rimau" men were marked by very fine graves—those erected by the War Graves Commission. The bodies of the ten who were beheaded were recovered and reinterred in Singapore’s Kranji War Cemetery, as were the skeletal remains of Lyon and Ross. Before long, two more very fine graves will be erected in Kranji. As a result of Major Hall’s dedicated research and the evidence cited in The Heroes of Rimau, the War Graves Commission has already located the previously unidentified burial sites of Commander Donald Davidson and Corporal A.G.P. Campbell, who died together on the tiny island of Tapai. We are most gratified to learn that in due course their graves, along with the rest of their comrades, will be marked with headstones befitting Heroes of "Rimau”.

(The Heroes of Rimau [Milner Publishing] is now available in limp edition, RRP $29.95. Lynette Silver’s next book, Krait: The Fishing Boat that Went to War, has also been recently released.)

Mrs V. Statham
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Congratulations are extended to Mrs Vivian Statham (nee Bullwinkel) who became a member of the general division of the Order of Australia in the Australia Day Honours. Her citation noted her unique heroism, courage and humanitarian achievements.

New Memorial to Slain Nurses

Three days before the surrender of Singapore to Japanese forces in February 1942, a party of 65 Australian Army nurses was evacuated from the ‘Island Fortress’ on board the ill-fated ss Vyner Brooke.

The ship was sunk in Bangka Strait on 14 February, and of those 65 nurses only 24 survived the war, eventually returning to Australia.

A newly-created memorial is shortly to be dedicated on Bangka Island, near the beach on which Sister Bulwinkel survived the machine-gunning of a group of 22 nurses two days after the sinking of the ship. Depending on her health after recent hospitalisation, Mrs Statham — together with Colonel Coralie Gerrard, Director of Nursing Services Army RAANC Canberra — will unveil the Memorial.

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The Korean War - 40th Anniversary 1993

The Korean peninsula forms the natural invasion route to Japan and the Japanese had occupied the country as a protectorate since 1910, against the wishes of its people.

In the break-up of the Japanese Empire, Korea was divided at the 38th parallel, with Russia controlling the north and America the south.

On 25 June 1950 the Russian-trained and supplied North Korean army crossed the border without warning.

In a swift campaign it occupied Seoul and drove the South Koreans and their American allies into a defensive perimeter around Pusan.

The Americans called on the Security Council of the United Nations for assistance to South Korea. The Russians by a grave tactical error had walked out and so were unable to exercise their power of veto.

Sixteen nations, including Australia agreed to send combat troops to fight under the United Nation's flag in Korea. Other sent medical units. General Douglas MacArthur was appointed Commander in Chief.

Australia committed an infantry battalion, a fighter squadron and two warships. The Third Battalion, The Royal Australian Regiment (3RAR) were preparing to return to Australia from Japan at the time of the invasion.

They were reinforced with volunteers from Australia and after training in Japan moved to Korea on 28 September 1950.

There they came under command of 27th Commonwealth Brigade whose two British battalions had arrived from Hong Kong a month earlier. At this time MacArthur struck a brilliant counter blow with an amphibious assault through the Port of Inchon, cutting off and destroying 13 North Korean divisions. He then drove his army across the border into North Korea.

The Commonwealth Brigade flew north to take part in this operation. 3RAR mounted on American tanks thrust ahead to relieve an American paratroop unit, killing 270 North Koreans at a cost of only 4 wounded. The Brigade advanced with stiff fighting past the North Korean capital of Pyongyang. At the northern-most point of their advance the Battalion's Commanding Officer, Lieutenant Colonel Green, was mortally wounded by shrapnel.

The Chinese now sent “volunteers” across the Yalu River from Manchuria to help the North Koreans. The United Nations forces were initially successful against the Chinese but, in the bitter winter weather of November, were sent reeling below the parallel. On 4 January 1951 the Chinese captured Seoul.

By early April however, the United Nations forces had driven them back across the parallel.

The Commonwealth Brigade was now withdrawn into reserve but it was not to be for long. While the Australians were preparing to celebrate Anzac Day with the New Zealand Gunners and the Turkish Brigade, the Chinese launched their spring offensive.

A Korean division broke before the onslaught and the Brigade was deployed quickly to hold theKapyong Valley, with 3RAR around the village of Kapyong and the 2nd Battalion, Princess Patricia’s Light Infantry from Canada holding the high ground to the West.

The Middlesex Regiment was in reserve and the New Zealanders provided fire support.

By the evening of 23 April a mass of disorganised troops were flooding past 3RAR, closely followed by the Chinese who were soon probing the positions.

A and B Companies were attacked more than nine times during the night and held their positions by fierce counter attacks. Battalion Headquarters was attacked and forced to withdraw.

After dawn on 24 April, the attack concentrated on D Company on the right flank. With the aid of artillery fire, D Company held on. After dark the rifle companies made a clean break and withdrew through the Middlesex area.

3RAR suffered 32 killed, 59 wounded and three taken prisoner. They inflicted heavy casualties and, more importantly, delays to the enemy advance.

For this action 3RAR and the Canadians were awarded the United States Presidential Unit Citation for extraordinary heroism and outstanding performance of combat duties.

An equally proud tribute to 3RAR is the affectionate nickname “Old Faithful”.

On 28 July 1951 a Commonwealth Division was formed, with 3 RAR serving in the new 28th British Commonwealth Brigade.

That month truce talks began and continued at Panmunjon for the next two years.

In September 1951 the Division advanced from the line of the Imjin River to the Jamestown line. In a series of well planned company attacks over five days, 3RAR captured Hill 317 at a cost of 20 men killed and 89 wounded.

“One of the most impressive victories achieved by any Australian battalion. 3RAR dislodged a superior enemy from a position of great strength...probably the greatest single feat of the Australian Army during the Korean War,” according to Robert O'Neill's book, AUSTRALIA IN THE KOREAN WAR, 1950-1953.

The opposing sides now settled in strong static defences while the Truce Talks dragged on. 1RAR joined 3RAR in June 1952 and 2RAR arrived in March 1953.

It had become a war of raids and patrolling, but no less dangerous for that.

In two months (May and June 1953) 2RAR and 3RAR lost 32 men killed and 157 wounded.

The final fighting was in defence of The Hook where the Chinese suffered heavy casualties in mass attacks in the week the armistice was signed.
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Korean War cont.

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Using rockets and cannon, the Australians served in the ground attack role, moving from Iwakuni, Japan, to Pohang on the east coast of Korea in October 1950 and further north to Yonpo a month later as the allies advanced northward. With China's entry into the war the allies were pushed south again and no. 77 Squadron established itself at Pusan, finally returning to Japan in April 1951 to re-equip with Gloster Meteor 8 fighters which the Australian Government had bought from Britain to replace the ageing Mustangs.

The twin jet Meteor, however, was inferior to the Russian built MIG 15 interceptors which the Chinese were using in increasing numbers.

On their return to South Korea in July 1951, the no. 77 Squadron pilots operated from Kimpò, near the capital, Seoul, but found their Meteors were outclassed by the MIGs. So, in January 1952, after losing several Meteors, the squadron's role was switched from interception to ground attack.

The Meteors proved to be excellent aircraft for the purpose and were concentrated mainly against enemy supply routes, although they also attacked permanent installations.

The Korean War ended on 27 July 1953. In three years No.77 Squadron had lost 42 pilots (32 in Meteors) while flying 4,836 missions and 18,872 individual sorties. They destroyed 3,700 buildings, 1,500 vehicles and six enemy aircraft. RAAF Douglas Dakotas of no.30 Transport Unit (later to become No.36 Squadron), also served in Korea, carrying passengers, mail and freight. In the medical evacuation role alone, the Dakotas carried a total of 12,000 wounded troops out of Korea.

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In common with all Western Australians, the bank's staff had made an unreserved response to the call to arms between 1914 and 1918. Those who returned undoubtedly had inspired their colleagues, and the next generation, to show their respect in supporting the committee which has always been run on a shoestring budget.

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By 1pm on September 16, both Divisions were theoretically in Lae, but the 9th Division artillery continued to shell ahead of its troops.

Unknown to its battalion commanders the race into the town had been won several hours earlier by a patrol of the 7th Division.

The scene which was played out that morning would have been worthy of a Hollywood movie set. A sergeant leading a patrol from the 2/25th Battalion emerged in the image of an Errol Flynn or a John Wayne.

His role is explained in a quote from Volume VI, of "Australia in the War of 1939-45":

"At 10am, when the 9th Division was beginning to mass along the eastern bank of the Bumbug River, a sergeant of the 2/25th Battalion boldly led a patrol straight along the main road, across Diddyman's Bridge, through the deserted town of Lae."

The sergeant and his patrol had put an end to the race to Lae. The 7th Division had won by a short head. General Blamey had backed the wrong horse but was well satisfied with his invasion.

Allied intelligence pressed both Division commanders for information on the fate of Major-General Nakano, the defeated commander. No reliable details on his whereabouts were known, but the 24th Militia Battalion had captured headquarters documents which gave details of enemy defensive positions on the coast as far north as Madang. Chinese labourers, abandoned by the Japanese, had informed interrogators that the main enemy escape route was to Madang, via Sio. This route was through very difficult high country, with peaks over 4,000 metres. The 2/4th Independent Company, patrolling the Rawlinson Range, found evidence to confirm that the Chinese statements were correct.

The terrain of the Huon Peninsula is similar to that of the Owen Stanley Range but with the added disadvantage of having no source of water so that any Japanese who stayed there would eventually perish. Patrons of the 24th and 42nd Militia Battalions had reached the heights of the formidable Range where the effects of extreme cold on the retreating Japanese were evident. An enemy transit camp 2,000 metres above sea level was found. Corpses were everywhere and weapons stripped of everything that would burn lay in heaps. The extreme cold had been known to kill local natives and some were among the unburied dead.

Patrons were withdrawn when they reached 3,100 metres above sea level and the cold had become too intense.

On October 21, an enemy sergeant and four troops were captured; they gave information which confirmed that Major General Nakano had escaped to Sio in one of four groups of the enemy rearguard which were later moved by barge from Sio to Madang. Further prisoners confirmed this information and added that officers had told the retreating Japanese that Australians were cruel torturers and they must take their own lives rather than be captured.

The town of Lae was found to be a shambles as was the airfield and its buildings, where the hangers contained 40 destroyed and damaged planes. Vast dumps of rotting matter and discarded equipment covered the area. Salamaua, entered five days earlier, had a foul stench, but the odour of Lae was much worse.

Great credit for the fall of Lae was due to the 3rd and 5th Divisions. Their dogged operations over an extended period had drawn away the fitter of the enemy troops and this allowed the Lae campaign to be of short duration. Japanese base, which for 18 months had threatened Port Moresby (and some insist Australia as well), had been eliminated at last.

During the final assault, no fewer than 25 Australian Battalions, three US battalions and two Independent Companies, with support troops, were used. Some post war historians were to comment that "The Allies had used a sledge hammer to crack a walnut", when they committed more than 50,000 of the world's best assault and paratroops to battle a Japanese force which did not exceed 16,000. The key to the over-estimation of enemy strength was to come from American High Command. General MacArthur's headquarters issued a communiqué on 8 September 1943, which stated in effect that "elements of four Japanese Divisions, aggregating over 20,000 men are now completely enveloped with their supply lines cut." Blamey was more realistic and communicated: "only battered remnants have been encountered and these were units already savaged in the bitter and deliberately delayed, Salamaua fighting."

The 9th Division had received a very brief but savage introduction to jungle warfare. One infantry unit expressed the view in its war diary that "the enemy had done nothing to instill respect during the operation as his performance indicates that he is not as good as the Italian as a fighting soldier." The judgement, after Lae had been evacuated, was being made of an ill-fed and battered enemy - not the competent, well-led and equipped Japanese soldiers encountered by the Militia and later by AIF troops in Papua.
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The revised estimate of Japanese in the Madang, Finschhafen, Salamaua and Huon Gulf Peninsula areas at the time the combined Allied offensive commenced (16,000), included previously omitted naval men and labourers. The 7th and 9th Divisions inflicted at least 2,200 casualties on the defenders of Lae and almost 400 more Japanese died in the final drive by the 5th Division through Salamaua. (The 3rd and 5th Divisions had killed 2,722 enemy troops during the Ridges campaign). To these figures should be added the 300 or more killed by Bena Force during its extended operations in the Markham and Ramu Valleys and the 1500 estimated to have died from lack of medical attention and malnutrition during the withdrawal across the inhospitable mountain ranges.

The 7th Division suffered 142 casualties (38 killed) and the 9th, 547 (77 killed and 73 missing) during the operation. The high missing-in-action figures of the 9th reflected the effects of enemy bombings of the landing craft and the men drowned in the Busu River crossings. The 3rd and 5th Divisions suffered 1604 casualties (482 killed).

Bad weather, and the flooded Busu River, had come to the aid of the Japanese allowing their evacuation of Lae to be unmolested. The campaign was notable for it saw, for the first time in the Pacific War, 96 Dakota planes drop 1,720 parachute infantrymen and 36 artillerymen into the Markham Valley (some without even so much as one prior practise jump).

A special order was issued by General Blamey on 19 September 1943 expressing his appreciation of a job well done by the Navy, Militia and Imperial Force troops, the Air Forces and the American paratroops. He said: "It was due to the intensive bombing by the Air Forces and their constant protection of the Navy and Army from the enemy in the air; to the strong support of the Navy in transporting and protecting the land forces to vital points; to the valour and endurance of all those troops who fought over the severe mountain regions through Mobu, Komiatum and Tambu to Salamaua, to those who moved many miles by sea and by air and marched and fought the enemy to a finish at Lae itself. It was due to skilful planning of the staff and the bold and able leadership of the Commanders of all grades. The enemy remnants fled and few will escape the hardship of the mountain tracks. Again the superiority of the combined Allied Forces has been demonstrated."

The attitude of the troops was changing toward General Blamey who was becoming a much appreciated leader. They recognised that the operation had been planned and executed by a brilliant tactician. The fall of Lae had provided further relief from the threat to the Australian mainland and was a major step in clearing the Japanese military machine from New Guinea, but much fighting was still to come before it was completed.

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More than 50 years ago, on 23 October 1942, the last rehearsals had taken place and the curtain was about to go up on "The Mother of all Battles" — it was to be regarded later as one of the most significant undertaken during World War II. The battle was the beginning of the end of the Axis Forces, notably in North Africa but also in the European theatres of war.

As the sun was setting that afternoon, the Eighth Army moved into its final battle stations with the 9th Australian Division on the right and the 51st Highland, 2nd New Zealand, 1st South African and 4th Indian Division to the left. Behind these were the 1st and 10th Armoured Divisions and farther south, the 50th and 44th British Divisions, the Greek Brigade, then the 7th Armoured Division — the Desert Rats — and on the extreme left of the line, the 1st Free French Brigade Group.

During the evening, General Morshead wrote to his wife and said in part: "It is now 8.40 pm and in exactly two hours time by far the greatest battle ever fought in the Middle East will be launched."

The night was clear and illuminated by a brilliant, almost full moon. As the afternoon light faded a hurried hot meal was served and start lines were laid to the FUP and taped. As the leading Battalion moved forward, following the tapes, a cool southerly breeze was blowing. As night fell, the noise of the Eighth Army's transport, which had been reverberating like city traffic, lessened then ceased. A strange sustained quiet reigned between the opposing armies. In the deceptive peace, the illusion was created that time stood still. In silence, men who were to go forward waited as the moment came even closer when the guns in concert would strike the first chord of this harsh overture to battle.

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At that very instant the Allied guns opened a barrage of unimaginable intensity, eclipsing their first performance. To the urgent drumming of the guns, the infantrymen stepped out from their start lines in slow, measured paces at the even rate of 75 yards to the minute. The moon shone down, the fight was on and the battle of El Alamein and those involved, strode into the annals of modern history.

For the 9th Division a battle of incredible intensity raged with advance, attack, counter-attack and bitter defence until the night of 2/3 November. The following day, the second day after the breakout code-worded "Supercharge", showed that the enemy had commenced his withdrawal on the Australian Front. By 5 November the news broke that all along the front the enemy had not merely withdrawn to a new position but was in flight. That evening in the 9th Division area a spontaneous Guy Fawkes fireworks display of captured Italian flares and pyrotechnics celebrated the victory at El Alamein.

The intensity of the fighting on the front of the 9th Australian Division is evidenced by the fact that about one fifth of the total casualties of the Eighth Army were members of Morshead's 9th Division AIF. The Division's casualties from 23 October until 5 November were 2,694 — 620 killed, 1,944 wounded and 130 taken prisoner.

In the first phase of the battle "The Break In", the 9th Division bore with the other assault formation their fair share of heavy fighting — during the second phase, "The Dog Fight", the Division bore the main burden of the attack and in the final or third phase, "The Break Out", it was engaged on all three attack fronts. During the second phase the Germans made, and the Australians withstood, 25 attacks.

During the 12 days of the battle the Artillery fired more than one million rounds in an average daily rate of 102 rounds per gun.

Major General Sir Francis de Guindard, the Chief of Staff of the Eighth Army and Bernard Montgomery's Chief Staff Officer, said of the Australians at Alamein:

"The Australian attacks went very well, ground being gained and very heavy casualties being inflicted on the enemy. In this area the enemy's defences were very strong, and their garrison preponderantly German. I think this area saw the most determined and savage fighting of the campaign. No quarter was given and the Australians fought some of the finest German troops in well prepared positions to a standstill, and by their actions did a great deal to win the Battle of El Alamein."

During a visit to the 9th Division, Montgomery said to Morshead that, during the battle, his men had been magnificent and "the part they played was beyond all praise."

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Another eventful day. The Chungkin leaves at eight o'clock for Derby and one of the Beaufort bombers from Noonkenbah comes down on patrol, while two of the Brewters take off as escort to the ship. Today we succeed in getting the mainplane off after much hard work and are now removing the oil tanks from the structure.

We don't go for a swim this evening because the Army puts on a picture show, quite a good one, despite stoppages of three or four minutes every time the reel is changed.

The theatre itself is unique. Called Sun Pictures, it is situated right in the centre of Chinatown. It appears that at one time the Roebuck and the Continental Hotels used to run a show on alternate nights.

One night the proprietor of the Roebuck showed a picture when it wasn't his turn, so the other man immediately bought the present place and put the Roebuck out of business as far as pictures were concerned.

The hall, which is about 5 feet long and 40 feet wide is also very unusual. There are two prices 1s. 6d., for the Aborigines and coloured people, and 2s. 6d. for whites. The white people sit on the left side of the hall on cane chairs with cushions, and the Aborigines and coloured people on the right on ordinary garden seats with a barrier between the two groups. Inside the entrance is an old-fashioned soda fountain (not operating), and behind this is a gallery of photos of actresses from the dim and distant past - Irene Castle, Mary Pickford etc. The hall is equipped with big fans, which are very welcome. In front of the screen are some iron rails and to the right is a big stage, complete with footlights etc. When the stage is required for concerts, it is drawn in front of the screen along the rails. At the back and sides of the hall are planks arranged like seats in a circus for the Aborigines. Altogether it is a very enjoyable evening and we get home by 10.30 p.m.

The work is going along well. So far we have cleaned up two Liberators and one Flying Fortress, and tomorrow we start on a Douglas DC2, which won't, I hope, take very long as there is not much to salvage. We kill a carpet snake — today the sixth snake accounted for on the trip.

Things are certainly looking up. We have a Lockheed come back from Derby with a lady passenger — the first white woman we have seen since we left Onslow, apart from the Sisters at the Mission. Later in the day, a mail plane from the south comes in with a woman and child on it. They are on their way to Derby and leave again at sundown to complete their journey, the plane returning here by 8 o'clock. The Brewsters all go back to Pearce and once more we are left in solitude.

We finish work on the DC2 and today we do what little there is to do on a Lockheed and a small Stinson Reliance. All we get off the Lockheed is part of the elevators, and off the Stinson one wheel, complete with tyre.

I come across a brief paragraph in an Eastern States paper in connection with this job. A chap by the name of Harry Matheson apparently rescued five women from the planes which were in the bay at the time of the raid. He swam out to the planes in spite of the burning oil on the water. He was
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afterwards treated for burns, and left without giving his name, but the Dutchmen managed to find him further down the coast and rewarded him with a set of compasses and hair brushes. From what I hear there are about 20 planes in the bay. Apparently they were waiting with their passengers already aboard for the pilots to come down when the raid took place and all of them were destroyed with most of their passengers. According to reports more than 50 women and children were killed in these machines.

Bill Ansell and I have been down to the Chinese quarter and while there had a most delightful drink in a pint glass. It was about a quarter full of raspberry cordial and the rest was crushed ice. It's the best drink I've had for a long time and only cost 6d.

THURSDAY 7/1/1943 (pay day)

We have been working on the Lockheed all day. After this there is one more job, a Dutch Lodestar, which should not take long. Tomorrow we are going to have a look at the machines in the bay as the tide is very low now.

At 12 o'clock we go for a swim in the pool in about 15 feet of water. It is jolly good.

FRIDAY 8/1/1943

AT 7 am the boss, Sgt Bowler, and I walk out to the end of the jetty to look at the aircraft in the bay. We climb down some steps to the sea bed and walk out about another mile to a Dornier flying-boat, but we might just as well have stayed away. The aircraft is all broken up and absolutely covered with shells and barnacles. Nothing of any use, and the others are the same.

Today, while we are working on the Dutch Lodestar, an old chap from the town comes up and starts yarning away to us about the raid. He was on the aerodrome at the time of the raid and had just ridden up and parked his bike against a roller near the hanger when the alarm was given. He immediately started to run for some shelter trenches but, as he said, he was an old man and he hadn't gone far before his wind was gone and he had to stop. But he could see where the bullets from the Japanese planes were hitting the ground just behind him so he dashed off again and got behind a tree. The bullets were coming within ten feet of him but luckily he wasn't hit.

He was very bitter about the pilots of the machines on the aerodrome. There was only one of them ready to take off when the raid took place, although they had been warned that a raid was imminent. This pilot got his machine off the ground but he was shot down before he had gained much height and fell into the sea. Only two of the 18 people on board were saved. The other pilots, apparently, were in the Governor Broome Hotel drinking when the seaplanes filled with women and children were waiting in the harbour to be flown to Perth.

There were two very sad incidents. In one case, a little Dutch girl was in the hospital with a bullet wound in her ear. Her eight-year-old brother, who was not injured, was with her, but in another part of the hospital their mother and father were dying. The little girl recovered but the parents died and this chap said he heard the little boy say to his sister, when they were told their parents had died, "We've no Mummy and Daddy now, but never mind, I will look after you."

The other incident was in connection with a man "from Manila who found the body of a little girl on the beach. He buried her, then took her identity disc to the police. The man who told me about this had to go out later and bring the body along with several others for burial in the Broome Cemetery. He said he almost hadn't had the heart to disturb the girl's grave. He had placed bottles filled with flowers around it and had renewed the flowers daily. When at last the grave had to be opened it was found that about three feet under the surface an old door had been placed over the body, making a vault so that the earth would not fall on the face of the child.

These things make one realise the curse of war and drink. To think that women and children died, as it is alleged, while men who were responsible for their safety were in a hotel drinking is terrible. An American commander of an aircraft is reported as saying to his men, "You and I and others in authority are responsible for this. It should never have happened."

Tonight the lads and I go to look at the aircraft in the bay but, with the tide starting to turn, we only get to one of them. So we come back and have a look at the Chungkin sitting high and dry on the mud by the jetty. She had come in this morning at 11 o'clock from Derby and is due to leave for the south tonight at midnight. Most of the boys have never seen a boat left on the mud by the tide and they wonder why it doesn't fall over.

SATURDAY 9/1/1943

Today we finish pulling the Lodestar — our last machine — to pieces. Now comes the packing of the parts and the crushing and baling up of scrap metal. While packing up some of the burnt-out parts I find a compass, Nobby Clarke a gold wristlet watch and Mr Bennet a flare pistol. Later on in the day, Nobby finds an old shirt with about 20 pounds in English bank notes in it. Although scorched, they are still good and the numbers still visible, so he may be able to claim their value.

SUNDAY 10/1/1943

Mail day today. I get three letters but everybody is complaining about their letters not getting home. I suppose the base censor takes a while to get through them.

We have two machines here today one from Maylands, an Anson, and the ordinary mail plan, the Lockheed. A plane should be going down on Tuesday, so I have written my letters in readiness. We are progressing with the packing but not fast enough for my liking.
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TUESDAY 12/1/1943
They try the concrete block today but do no appreciable damage, so they have decided to ship the mainplanes whole. We have already got 24 crates of parts packed up and still have more to do, so there will be quite a big load.

The chaps at the aerodrome decide today that they were tired of tinned meat, so they go out and catch a young bullock and kill it. I don't know how they will get on but hope they enjoy the meat.

WEDNESDAY 13/1/1943
We are still busy on the packing but hope to get it finished tomorrow. I find a camp stretcher on the road, without any canvas but in good order, so I fix it up with some hessian. It's more comfortable and easier to pack than the straw palliasse and bedboards we have.

THURSDAY 14/1/1943
Still busy on the packing, but tonight we have only one case left to finish. The mainplanes and the scrap metal have nearly all been carted down to the jetty.

The lads are getting very discontented and growling about not getting any leave, and to make matters worse, about half of them out on the beer last night and are very much the worse for wear today. According to the boss, we should be leaving in a couple of days, but I don't think we will manage it.

FRIDAY 15/1/1943
At long last the packing is finished and everything carted to the shipping-sheds. It has been a day of rush and everybody is very touchy, especially as the boss has decided to rush away tomorrow. All the way up here, and during the time we've been working, he's been telling us that when the work is finished, we'll be able to take things a bit easier, but now that it is finished he wants to rush away. The boys have decided that if he can't play fair they will work on the go-slow principle. They're willing enough lads, but you can't drive men hard all the time and get away with it.

A rather funny incident happened today. Charlie, one of our transport drivers, suffers from prickly heat, so he gets about in just a pair of very brief underpants. Today, sitting on top of the empty trailers on the way back from the shipping sheds, he passed a Beagle Bay nun and two young Aboriginal girls. Charlie did his best to make himself as inconspicuous as possible, but, as he is a big man and there was nothing on the trailer, he didn't succeed very well and there was a lot of Charlie very much in view. However, the nun must have had a sense of humour, because I saw her say something to the girls and they all laughed.

We will have to be careful around the place now; for two women have arrived in the town. We have been used to taking showers out on the front lawn under the hose, but will have to watch out in future.

Bill Ansell and I go down and have steak and eggs and toast and coffee at Yu Ming's Cafe in Chinatown — thoroughly enjoyable after so much tinned food — and a long cool drink of raspberry at China Charlie's. We then go to the pictures to see an army health show about hygiene, malaria and dengue mosquitos, the cause and prevention of flies etc. It is very interesting and shows that, with a little care, these things can be avoided or prevented to a very great extent. After the show we have another iced drink and then home to bed.

SATURDAY 16/1/1943
We are once more on the road. We get all the stores and personal gear packed on the trucks and after a farewell drink at Charlie's we leave at 11.45am. We have a good run on the Derby road to the 32-mile well, where we turn right for La Grange and Port Hedland.

The road is what is known as an all-weather road, but it is 100 miles further this way. We have lunch at the well and leave at 2.30pm. We camp at another well 87 miles further on and, after tea, we bed down for the night, hoping it doesn't rain.

SUNDAY 17/1/1943
This morning I get up at 4.15am to call the cook and, after washing and shaving, call the chaps at what I thought was 5.15am but was only 4.55. The wails of anguish were pitiful to hear. Anyway we get on the road by 6.30 and arrive at La Grange telegraph station at 8am.

Here we are informed that the track is good and dry and this proves right. Just before we get to Anna Plains we run into a cloud of grasshoppers. There are millions of them and they literally fill the back of the truck. What with them and the dust, things are a bit trying.

We arrive at Anna Plains homestead at 11.30am, have dinner and leave again at 2.45pm with a good road ahead. We have not been making very good time on account of petrol trouble with the Chev, but they find the problem and we make very good time over the last 20 miles as we head for Cunderdin.

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A LONELY WALK ON GALLIPOLI

On Anzac Day, 1990, Australia watched a telescast direct from Anzac Cove, Gallipoli. It made a powerful impact on millions of viewers, who still speak of it.

I was on Anzac Cove that morning and the experience remains indelible. I was not one of the official party, but a member of a small historical group that had gone in search of Gallipoli. We sought no limelight, but aroused considerable interest wherever we went. An American woman asked us who we were, and where we were going; "Gallipoli! I have heard of that. Tell me about Gallipoli". She could identify our story with her own and I pointed to a young student, Sheree, who wanted to know who had financed our pilgrimage. I told her each of us had paid our own travel costs.

"Gallipoli" she called our story, "I have heard of that. Tell me about Gallipoli". She could identify our story with her own aspiration to visit Pearl Harbour. A practical woman, who wanted to know who had financed our pilgrimage. I told her each of us had paid our own travel costs.

When we arrived, we were offered luncheon at this official party, but a member of a small historical group that had gone in search of Gallipoli. We sought no limelight, but aroused considerable interest wherever we went. An American woman asked us who we were, and where we were going; "Gallipoli! I have heard of that. Tell me about Gallipoli". She could identify our story with her own and I pointed to a young student, Sheree, who wanted to know who had financed our pilgrimage. I told her each of us had paid our own travel costs.

On this journey, and when there was still a gap she sold her little pony. "She sold her pony? Oh my God, what a beautiful thing to do." She called to her husband Carl, and her friends to "come and hear this." I think she will repeat that story a hundred times in the years ahead. And so the Gallipoli legend lives and grows.

We pushed on in the steps of the first Anzacs to their camp by the foot of the Pyramids in grotty, overcrowded cars and across the Aegean to Lemnos and into Turkey. We went via Istanbul (Constantinople) where the allies had wanted to go, but never did.

Our party left Instanbul by bus for the 250km drive to Anzac Cove to be there for the dawn of April 25, in the event, we had to spend the night 140kms from our destination: every bit of lodging nearer was booked out. I saw three Australian girls coming out of a shop in a small town, bearing armfuls of flowers. Their identity was as obvious as the flag they displayed.

We were woken from a brief sleep at 1.00am, to be on the beach by 3.00am. We watched the slow grey dawn and the lights of small boats come across the dark waters at 4.30am, the actual time of landing 75 years ago. Personally, I felt the near-tangible emotion of the memories, of the fear, of the sickening reality that lay ahead. A lone bugler sounded the Last Post. Surely this is one of the most haunting laments of the human spirit, poignant in any time and place, but here, at dawn, where once cries of agony pierced the night, it was almost unbearable.

Slowly we dispersed, to find a skimpy breakfast and to move on to the heavy schedule of events over the next few hours.

Our second major stop was 15 miles away, at the top of the Gallipoli peninsula, at Cape Helles. It was here that the British had landed that same morning and suffered losses and defeat far outweighing those of the Anzacs. I had not realized this clearly before. Across the Dardanelles, the French had landed and met comparable suffering. It is here at Cape Helles, on the high bluff overlooking the Aegean, that the Turks built their memorial to their own dead. They call it "The Shrine of Martyrs".

Tens of thousands of Turkish names are graven on the walls. But it speaks for all the near-million men who fought each other so savagely for eight terrible months. It is not well realised that almost half of this million were casualties and half of those were killed.

Here, today, international leaders were gathered. Our own chosen veterans were there. Thousands of tourists or pilgrims were there. The whole ceremony was carried out with great dignity and beauty. Words of peace and reconciliation were spoken.

Our third stop was to be at noon at the Australian cemetery at Lone Pine. We drove slowly back to the meeting place. The Gallipoli peninsula is largely a National Park today, but small farms carry on quietly and olive trees are guarded carefully. It was a warm spring day and the wheat fields were just coming out in ear. The small fields were bordered by a wealth of poppies, millions of them. I have never seen poppies so red. Perhaps even this was a symbol.

Already buses were gathering ahead of us at Lone Pine. Already the Australian Prime Minister was there, with two friendly hands reaching out to all. We were all equal Australians, on a spot that is almost part of Australia, 10,000 miles from Canberra.

Here I did something I had long resolved to do. That was to break away from the crowd and find my way from this crest of Lone Pine down to Anzac Cove. If Anzac Cove was where it all began, Lone Pine was where their final effort to burst out was halted by the Turks. This was in August, 1915, four months after the landing. Here the fiercest fighting of all the campaign took place, where Turk and Anzac fought each other to exhaustion and to a stalemate. Seven Australians won the VC on this terrible ridge (less than 10 were won in the whole campaign). The Turks call it "Bloody Ridge." The losses were enormous. Never again would either side make a concerted effort to throw the other off the ridge. The Turks held the higher ground, only a few metres from the Australian trenches.

With two young Turkish men, who declared they knew the way, we slipped away on our mission, and on what must surely be the unique walk of all Gallipoli.

Our path led through a young pine plantation. On either side were the remains of old trenches, in parts reconstructed. We jumped in and walked along them. After half a mile, the pines thinned and stopped altogether; suddenly, before us was an amazing panorama that took in almost the total area of the Anzac campaign. Our trail would lead us down for almost two miles. A thousand feet below us lay Anzac Cove and the shimmering Aegean Sea.

I indicated to my two Muslim companions I would walk alone, a few hundred yards behind them.
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Gallipoli cont.

Everything was here. It just needed silence to be thought upon, prayed about. One needed time to digest all one had heard and read about Gallipoli and its tragic events.

To my left was the ridge that runs up to the high peak of Lone Pine. Away to my right the ridge that leads to the Nek and Sphinx. Dropping away to my immediate right is the famous Shrapnel Valley.

Up this valley, men made their way to the front trenches; little mules with their handlers dragged the precious canvas water bags, and the heavy burdens of war: ammunition, food, equipment. They did it under constant threat of death.

In this valley, the fight went on day and night for eight months. I mentally listed the hazards. The enemies our soldiers had to contend with. The almost total absence of water. No water to wash clothes or body. The vermin. The dead. The stench of death. The myriad black flies in food, in mouths, in eyes. The diarrhoea and dysentery that plagued 75% of them, to the point of exhaustion, and all the time the war to fight. The noise. The fear, and finally, the fatalism.

The fear is real. One veteran told me an unpublished story. They were coming in on the little boats in the darkness, just after the May offensive, when the Turks had tried an all out attempt to drive the Anzacs into the sea. As they drew towards the beach, the noise was fearful, the stench of death drifting over them. One young soldier left his seat and quietly squeezed through the ranks, ignoring the murmurs of “sit down!” He quietly stepped over the edge, weighed down with pack and rifle, and disappeared into the black waters. How many such things must have happened. Most were just 19 or 20.

If it was “up this valley”, and “in this valley” that so much happened, it was also “down this valley” that even more happened.

Down this valley the wounded and sick were hauled, day and night, month after month. Down this valley a young Englishman-become-Australian aged 22, led his little donkey carrying out the wounded. He did it for three weeks, until a sniper’s bullet pierced his heart. His mates buried him down the edge, weighed down with pack and rifle, and quietly squeezed through the ranks, ignoring the murmurs of “sit down!” He quietly stepped over the edge, weighed down with pack and rifle, and disappeared into the black waters. How many such things must have happened. Most were just 19 or 20.

I climbed back to the little beach cemetery. In its centre stands a shady oak tree. There I placed a stone, and spread a white cloth, and lit a candle, and prepared the Mass book, with the bread and wine. My two Muslim companions asked, “What is this?” It was not the time to explain what the Mass is all about, so I quietly lifted my hands and face upwards. They understood, and asked could they share. They watched with curious but reverent eyes as they sat a few feet away. The flowers were on that little altar.

“Calling to mind the blessed passion, death and resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ...”

What a place to say Mass. What a cloud of witnesses were gathered around that little altar. They were almost tangible. Those who suffered and died here. Those whose hearts suffered, and died, in lonely outback homes of far Australia.

The Turks set out back to Lone Pine, with instructions that the bus would meet me nearby at 3.00pm. I visited some of the graves and then swam in the sparkling waters of Anzac Beach, the round stones beneath my feet, and stretched out in the warm sun. Not another person in sight. This peaceful place is a lonely spot most of the year. The words of former enemy leader, became father of the new Turkish nation, Kemal Ataturk, adorn every one of the 37 cemeteries that stud this peninsula. They are worthy of quote:

“Those heroes that shed their blood and lost their lives... You are now lying in the soul of a friendly country. Therefore rest in peace. There is no difference between the Johnnies and the Mehmet to us where they lie side by side here in this country of ours...”

“You, the mothers who sent your sons from far away countries, wipe away your tears: your sons are now lying in our bosom and are at peace. After having lost their lives on this land, they have become our sons as well.”

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In his diaries the Japanese Commander, General Yamashita, said "This battle of the Muar was the most savage of the whole campaign...Colonel Anderson, the commander of one of the Australian battalions, 2/19 Bn, was awarded the highest British honour, the Victoria Cross, for the gallantry of his battalion." Australians killed in action here alone were 647 and hundreds were wounded. Is this the stuff of cowardice?

General Yamashita could speak with authority — he was there. Wavell was not. When Singapore was in its death throes, Wavell popped in for a look around. On February 19 he said "No surrender. Fight to the last man, the last gun and the last shilling", had a cup of tea, returned to his aircraft and popped off again to a safer place.

On Singapore Island the 8th Division upheld the proudest traditions of our nation. One battalion alone lost 245 men killed in action.

The battle for Singapore was bloody and savage for both sides. Forced to withdraw to an eventual perimeter around the city proper, the six AIF battalions, the gunners and all the units, held firm and solid. They were magnificent — to say otherwise is to lie. To say they broke and deserted their posts is outrageous and contemptible. To say the AIF was responsible for Singapore’s fall is idiotic. The British War Cabinet had decided in 1936 that, in the event of Japan entering the war, Singapore, Hong Kong and Shanghai were all indefensible. Neville Chamberlain, the then Chancellor of the Exchequer, insisted that “careful economic management” was more important than defence spending. THAT is when Singapore was lost.

The impregnable fortress was a myth which did not deceive the Japanese. They were fully aware of the fabrication. That is all history now.

In those final chaotic days in February 1942 it is not unlikely that a few stragglers, terrified through continuous aerial bombing, machine gunning and artillery fire, did misbehave badly. To suggest such behaviour was limited to Australian personnel is supreme stupidity.

During that campaign no soldier of the 8th Division ‘gave’ his life, but they sold them to the enemy at a very high price indeed. Every one of us can and should be tremendously proud of our record. With heads held high, every wife, child or relative of ours can share that pride with us.

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WAR VETERANS WELCOME BOWLERS

The highlight of the social side of the RSL National Bowls Carnival in Adelaide was the New Year party at the War Veterans' Home, Myrtle Bank. Some 60 Bowlers and wives made up the WA contingent.

Sponsored by the South Australian Branch and under the direction of Home Superintendent Ron Varco, his daughter Rhonda and Chief Chef, Bill McGregor, it was an evening we will remember.

Word was received of the death of past Patron of the NSW Bowls Section, Sir Colin Hines; he was also past Deputy National President of the RSL. A memorial service was held in the flagpole area at Holdfast Bay Bowling Club.

CARNIVAL RESULTS

The Jack Hamilton VC Fours was won by SA and both the Sydney Krantz Memorial Trophy and Sir Arthur Lee National Fours Trophy were won by NSW.

In one game in the National Fours, a WA team skippered by Ray (Tiger) Lyons beat a SA team skippered by Alf Sandercock, a former Australian and Jack High Champion.

27TH NATIONAL RSL LAWN BOWLS CARNIVAL

This will be held in Brisbane from 27 December 1993 to 6 January 1994. Members who intend going are advised to notify Bowls State Secretary, Ted Philp, telephone 450 4033 or write to 8 Henning Crescent Manning WA 6152.

FUTURE EVENTS

Tuesday, 20 April at East Fremantle B.C. Ladies Day.

Team Nominations.

Friday and Saturday 23-24 April, Morrie Crewe Fours at Doubleview B.C. Single entries accepted.

Saturday and Sunday 1-2 May, RSL State Executive Mixed Fours and Trophy Presentation at Manning B.C.

For further information contact Reg Axford telephone 450 5852.

ALL PLAYERS MUST BE FINANCIAL MEMBERS OF THE RSL AND BOWLS SECTION.

The AGM at 10am at the Osborne Park B.C. on Sunday 23 May, will be followed by a BBQ lunch and social bowls. Ladies are welcome and whites will be worn. For catering purposes notify the RSL Bowls State Secretary of intention to attend.

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On the morning of 29th April 1915 we landed on Turkish soil at Hell Spit, at the mouth of Shrapnel Valley.

Engineers, doctors, lawyers, are given years of technical training before they are turned loose to practise their profession; here was I, a Canadian, Lieutenant in the R.N.V.R., in charge of thirty men about to go into action, with only five months' sketchy training and no practical experience to guide me.

We were the only unit landed at this time, and with our goods and chattels around us, bunched together for comfort in what must have been a forlorn-looking little group, we waited for something to happen. We had no idea where to go, or how, or what we were expected to do when we got there. But although our unit was small we had six of the most destructive weapons available, six of the very latest thing in machine-guns, superior to anything on Gallipoli.

We waited impatiently, and as the light increased so did the rattle of rifle-fire.

Then arrived a tall New Zealander, who said he was our guide and that our headquarters were at the top of Shrapnel Valley, where it branched into Monash Gully. At that time these names meant nothing to me.

We picked up our machine-guns, tripods, and ammunition boxes and followed him into the mouth of Shrapnel Valley. The ground was everywhere covered with arbutus, dwarf holly-oak and stunted pine, from three to twelve feet high, and so thick in places that to force a passage through was impossible.

As we advanced up the valley the sides closed in and became steeper. We came to a place where a spring had made a little bog, and I saw that a dozen or so rifles had been thrown down to act as stepping stones. We had no rifles; we had revolvers and automatic pistols, but I had never liked the nasty, short little weapons, believing them to give a false sense of security, and therefore to be more dangerous to the man using them than the man they were used against. I picked up one of the rifles. It was short and felt beautifully balanced, so I passed it to one of my men to carry and clean. It proved to be a handy and accurate weapon; I used it for sniping, and believe 'its possession saved my life on the last day I spent on Gallipoli.

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The following is a speech made in 1946 by Wing Commander Robert Holmes, CO of No. 455 Squadron, RAAF, of the squadron's experiences on the Russian Front in 1942.

In August 1942, an Australian long-range torpedo bomber squadron was operating from the east coast of Scotland at Leuchars in Fife. It was beautiful spring weather and, when not operating, we played quite a lot of golf with our colleagues in the RAF, which also had a squadron engaged on the same work.

Early in the month, the CO of the station summoned both squadrons and told us to prepare to go overseas.

It appeared the whole German Battle Fleet was situated in the northern fjords of Norway and presented a serious menace to our convoys to Russia. This was when Stalingrad desperately wanted material from America and England. The July convoy had been attacked by this battle fleet, with 30 of 35 ships sunk. Our two squadrons received orders to proceed to North Russia.

At dusk on the 3 September, 34 aircraft and crews left the Shetland Islands bound for Kandalaska on the north shore of the White Sea. The weather forecast was bad, and we were without any wireless assistance from Russia. It was a bad night and we lost 10 aircraft in all, due to ack-ack and the weather, but 24 crews arrived at Kandalaska, most of whom had been shot at by the Russians as their system of communication had broken down and they had not been informed we were coming.

We were informed that the German lines were seven miles away and we could sleep for three hours, but we had to get away by one o'clock as the Germans might come over in their tanks and crush our aircraft into the ground. We took off right on one o'clock and proceeded to Vianga, 150 miles north, escorted by a Russian bomber.

During the next two weeks we were subjected to three air raids per day, whenever it was fine, regularly at 11 o'clock in the morning, four in the afternoon and 10 o'clock at night but without any serious mishaps.

Some PRU Mosquitoes had arrived at this aerodrome also and they acted as reconnaissance planes for us whilst we were waiting for the German Fleet to come. During this time we were on two hours' standby so we did not see much of the life that went on in the village. However, our operation was successful, and the convoy got to Archangel without loss and the supplies arrived at Stalingrad on time.

Because of adverse head winds which would prevail all the winter, we had not the range to fly home, so the Air Ministry told us to hand our aircraft over to the Russians and teach them to fly them.

During the ensuing weeks, whilst we were waiting for a ship, we were able to observe the people and their customs. We invited the General and his staff over to a dinner when the Russian Ordinance supplemented our tinned food with smoked salmon and vodka.

Apparently when drinking vodka (which we had not tasted before), it is the custom to drink the health of someone in one gulp. If any is left in the glass, it means bad health to the person to whom you are drinking. It had a terrifically high alcoholic content; by the time we toasted one another, most people were slurring their speech. However, a terrific feast ensued and, except for a few casualties, it was a very pleasant evening.

Next the Russians invited us to use their baths, visit the theatre and look over their town; from then on we had one bath and two visits to the theatre each week.

The people all lived in community barracks, ate in community kitchens, and had their clothing and cigarettes issued to them. In fact, everything was issued to them by the government. Everyone was employed by the government and money was no good except in Moscow and a few other big cities.

We saw a couple of English films — one I remember was “Charlie's Aunt” and although they loaned us their theatre for the evening, no Russian was permitted to join us because this would have shown him how the other half of the world lived and it was a principle of the Soviet Union to keep this information from most of the people. No-one could leave Russia without permission which was not granted without good reason.

I often saw companies of women in uniform, fully equipped, marching off (with rifles) to take their turn in the front line, and they were all singing.

At this time the air raids went on and the days got shorter and colder whilst we waited for our ship. Eventually, we had daylight from 11.30am to 2.30pm. The sun just appeared over the horizon but it was too cold to venture out except for meals.

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DEFFENCE ISSUES

The basic requirements of an Australian Defence Policy
By Peter Firkins, Chairman, Defence Committee.

It would seem imperative that the RSL should be much more vocal than hitherto in its concern with Australia's declining influence in Asia in the period leading up to the next Federal election.

The opportunity is here for the RSL to emphasise the seriousness of Australia's political, economic and military position and, hopefully, to obtain some acknowledgement by the two major political parties of this situation and an undertaking to take the necessary steps to reverse what is a frightening scenario.

It is time for us to shake the pretend world of Canberra into a reappraisal of what is happening in the real world, and with this in mind the RSL demands that the Australian Defence Force be required to have the following basic capabilities:

1. That the present defence policy based on low level contingency be scrapped because it is a totally false philosophy on which to establish an Australian defence policy, and instead the ADF be trained for much wider operation capabilities including the increasing calls for peacekeeping functions.
2. That the regular army be restored to six fully manned and equipped battalions with full supporting arms.
3. That the RAAF's operation squadrons be brought to an appropriate readiness with a 1.5 to 1 ratio of aircrew to aircraft, and their training raised to accepted operational standards.
4. That the RAN's planned seagoing strength be increased to include more mine-sweeping capabilities and a seagoing helicopter platform be added to the fleet.
5. That the Reserve Forces be given greater consideration in terms of training and resources so that they become a more effective force. The future of the Ready Reserve be reviewed as to whether it is likely to become an effective force relative to the resources being expended on it.
6. That the RAAF be provided with Early Air Warning and Command systems because until these resources are obtained the effectiveness of its operational squadrons are greatly reduced.
7. The Australian Cadet Corps be restored to a military training role to encourage our youth to take a more active interest in military matters, thus countering the insidious effects of peace and other nonsense studies that have been inflicted on our student population over the last 10 years. It would also be a positive step to improving the link between the civilian and military ethos in Australia upon which so much of the Wrigley Report was predicted.
8. The seven options Australia considered in supplying immediate support to the Gulf War reveal how impotent the ADF is in real terms in providing meaningful forces at short notice. (Refer Horner's book "The Gulf Commitment: The Australian Defence Forces First War").

Letters To The Editor

Bombs over Darwin

I am happy to advise that the painting 'Bombs Over Darwin', by James Baines, will remain on permanent public display in Darwin.

Half the $60,000 cost of the painting was met by a group of Japanese businessmen headed by Mr Mitani who said:

"Keeping the painting is important for Darwin and also for the Japanese people who were largely unaware of Japan's tragic mistakes during the war."

He stressed that that was a personal view but he strongly believed that the Japanese Government, on behalf of all Japanese, should openly recognise its mistakes in going beyond what is normally accepted during war. He added:

"Only through recognition of what we have done wrong can we learn and prevent ourselves from stepping over that boundary again, and in so doing we will build a base of trust for future friendship."

Transferred from the Darwin Hotel to the custodians, the Darwin Aviation Museum, the painting will be enhanced by other war memorabilia.

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- been blinded $ 88.20

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- Single veteran $ 6.60 each per quarter
- Married couple $41.30 per quarter

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Available to children of certain deceased, blind and T&P veterans

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THE ASSETS TEST
Ready reckoner tables for calculating the amount of Service Pension payable under the assets test. The tables are a guide only.

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- Single veteran, widow or widower $128,250

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- Married couple (combined) $283,500
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A committee has been formed in far north Queensland to organise and commemorate the concentration of Military Forces in our region beginning in 1942. The committee is keen to contact those who were part of it 50 years ago.

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A reunion is planned for August 93 in Brisbane of crew members who served in the supply-tender and lighthouse survey vessel Cape Leeuwin. Commissioned (I believe) in Brisbane in August 43, she was of 1440 tons and served in and around the Philippines at Luzon and Leyte as HMAS Leeuwin or Cape Leeuwin.

Please contact George D Fisher on (09) 459 7412 or Joan Wallace, 26 Kuranga Ave Southport Queensland 4215.

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West Australian members of the former no. 2 Recovery Section AIF (Middle East) later 2/118 Brigade Workshop (20 Bde, 9 Div) are welcome to attend a 50th anniversary reunion at the Hellenic Club, Elizabeth St, Sydney on Anzac Day 1993.

Contact John Bishop at 23 Hamilton Pde, Pymble 2073, Tel (02) 498 2216.

120 Squadron 50th Anniversary

A reunion will be held in Canberra on Anzac Day 1993.

For further details contact Frank Collins, 48 Evans Street, Sans Souci, NSW 2219. Phone (02) 529 7325.

14/32 Australian Infantry

We would like to contact all ex-members of the 14/32 Australian Infantry battalion resident in Western Australia. Meetings will be held at Anzac House on the second Wednesday of each month at 1.00 pm; for further information please contact Mr Ron Collins on 361 3370.

9th Division Reunion 50th Anniversary

Alamein

The organisation of the four-day event was perfect. About 400 ex-service personnel, wives and friends were welcomed at the Mt Gambier RSL where, on registering, guests were given satchels containing details of the program plus a bottle of 1989 sherry labelled with the 9th colour patch insignia and the Australian Army platypus over the boomerang.

Highlights of the reunion included a dinner at the Barn Palais, a BBQ at the Mt Gambier race-course and, as the finale, a march to the War Memorial for a service and wreath-laying.

The State Military Band and local Pipe Band entertained at all events and the Field Ambulance was there — just in case.

J. SLATERY
ex-9th Div

2/7 Aust Inf Bn Association

The WA Section of the Association has been granted a prominent place in the 1993 Anzac Day Parade. All ex-members of the Battalion, as well as those of 2/5th Battalion, 2/6th Battalion, 17th Brigade, 6th Division, and all eligible veterans are welcome to join in. The assembly point will be in Pier Street:

Our Commanding Officer from 1941 to 1944, Colonel Henry G. Guinn DSO ED, is visiting us again this year.

Enquiries to 387 6732 or 459 4346.

VERN SPRIGG

28th Battalion

Our annual reunion, held in January at the WACA Ground, was an overwhelming success with approximately 180 sitting down to lunch.

Unfortunately, a number of faces were missing as old father time takes his toll. Many thanks are extended to the people at the WACA.

The Kalgoorlie trip will take place again this year, so get your names in and book your accommodation.

Best wishes to all members for the new year.

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What else is there? Well, botanical gardens, extensive grounds with outdoor displays, West Australian sandalwood, Goldfields memorabilia and, most amazing of all, an underground vault containing a dazzling display of Goldfields jewellery, alluvial gold nuggets, gold bearing minerals from the State’s gold collection refined bullion and collectors’ coins.

By way of a contrast take a ride in the sky in the glass-sided lift to a viewing platform from which the spectacular panorama of the city and its surroundings may be enjoyed. The best new is yet to come! ENTRY IS FREE but donations are requested so that the staff can continue to expand and develop the displays.

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**BEDFORD-MORLEY**

Although the attendance at our Christmas Dinner Dance was a little below normal, everyone had a very enjoyable evening. We were delighted to have with us Mr Jim Hall and his wife, the Mayor of Bayswater, Mr John D'Orazio and his deputy Dr Kim Hames with their wives.

Mr Hall, as acting Australian President, had the pleasant duty of presenting to our Secretary and long-time hard-working member, Mr Ted Pennington, a well deserved Life Membership Certificate and badge. Congratulations Ted from us all.

During last year, our meetings on the second Tuesday of each month attracted an average attendance of 45 members. As the Women's Auxiliary meet on the same night, we get together afterwards for refreshments and fellowship.

Our monthly bus trips are still very popular, thanks to the efforts of Dennis Wall, Max Sullivan and social committee members.

ERN POLGLAZE
President

**BELMONT**

Meetings are held on the third Monday of every month at 8.00 pm. The Women's Auxiliary meets at the same time and ladies who wish to join, or rejoin, would be made very welcome.

Our bowling green is now in top condition and we play each Wednesday.

Last year's Anzac Service, held in conjunction with Rivervale, was well attended as were a variety of other functions organised by this sub-branch. We are associated with Flights 12 and 15 of the Air Training Corps who have their headquarters in Belmont and our members attend their passing-out parades. Our branch has always been interested in the youth of the district. The boys and girls of a few years ago are now adults and many of them were helped in some way or other by our members.

To those office bearers and others who continue to give so much of their time to our Club, we are very grateful — as we are to those members now unable to attend meetings due to ill health but who did so much to make the Club what it is today.

CARL F. CAUBO

**BLACKBOY HILL VC WINNERS HONOURED**

Victory Cross winners who trained at Blackboy Hill during World War I were recently honoured at the unveiling of their names on the Victoria Cross Concourse at the Blackboy Hill Commemorative Site.

From a research project initiated by Mike Hall, it was found that there were ten winners from this training camp who received the highest award for valour. With the financial support of this sub-branch, and in consultation with the Shire of Mundaring and site wardens, provision was made for suitable recognition of award recipients.

Last November, a short ceremony was held at the Commemorative Site to dedicate the Concourse. At the unveiling, members of neighbouring sub-branches read the citations while cadets from the 503 Regional Cadet Unit performed the actual unveiling of the plaques. During the ceremony, Ean McDonald of Highgate Sub-Branch spoke of the origins of the Victoria Cross and related anecdotes of circumstances surrounding many of the awards.

The ceremony attracted visitors from all over the State. From RSL members to relatives of winners, people were on hand to share in the simple but sincere ceremony during which the relatives of J.P. Woods displayed the actual Victoria Cross that was presented to him following action in 1918 on the battlefields in France.

BILL GAYNOR
Sub-Branch News

BLACKBOY HILL AND BELLEVUE
ANZAC SERVICES — 1993

Blackboy Hill:
Thursday 8 April: 1.30pm School Childrens' Service
Saturday 24 April: 5.30pm Sunset Service
Sunday 25 April: 6.15am Dawn Service

Bellevue
Sunday 25 April: 11.45am Anzac Day March
12.00 noon Anzac Service

GERALDTON

Hostel Improvements
Further improvements to the regional War Veterans' Home will cost about $135,000 of which $84,000 will be provided by the Department of Health, Housing and Community Services and the remainder by the War Veterans' Home Board and the Veterans' Affairs Department.

At our January meeting we were advised of a grant of $19,850, approved under the Aged Care and Support Program. This will provide for a two-day workshop for staff involved with the care of the aged in hostels in the mid-west and Gascoyne Health Regions.

The workshop will be held at Geraldton on dates to be publicised.

Proficiency Presentation
Sergeant Annette Yaksich, a member of the 506 Regional Army Unit at Geraldton, has won the Proficiency Trophy awarded by our sub-branch. It was presented at the Unit's passing-out parade by President Allan Ellis who congratulated Sergeant Yaksich as the first recipient of the award and the Unit for its very creditable parade performance.

Memorial Gardens
Preliminary work has begun on land next to Birdwood House to establish the Veterans' Memorial Gardens.

A request for a 25-year-lease has been made to the City council in conjunction with the Birdwood House lease from the Sailors and Soldiers' Memorial Trust.

Mayor Ted Whelan has advised that an independent consultant's study is nearing completion; this was commissioned by the Council to review, among other things, the re-alignment of the Chapman Road/Phelps Street intersection and the long-term transportation and planning objectives.

The bring-and-share Christmas meeting was attended by members of the Women's Auxiliary whose President, Gillian Sharp, presented us with an urn.

Gallipoli Flag
Sub-branches are reminded of the State Congress decision that the flag held by this sub-branch be stabilised, conserved and framed at an estimated cost of $1,500 and that sub-branches be asked to help financially.

Donations to date include $100 from Lancelin sub-branch and Mr and Mrs Bill Shields, $50 from Fremantle sub-branch and $20 from Mr P. Rogers.

The flag, with bullet holes attributed to the Turks, was brought back to Australia by the late Dave Patten of Nabawa, regimental number 1028 of 32 Battalion. It had been given to the Chapman Valley Historical Society after being used by the RSL for Anzac Day services at Nabawa cemetery.

PETER BARDEN
PRO

HARVEY

Last year the branch was able to once again donate funds to worthy causes: $150.00 to Legacy and $50.00 to the “Centaur” memorial fund. Again, we presented a trophy to the Yarloop Rifle Club to the value of $50.00 and donated $50.00 to the Banka Island Memorial. A religious shrine built during World War II at the old Harvey Golf Club by Italian POWs was renovated and restored by ex-POWs and the Italian community of Harvey.

Poppy Day was a great success and I express sincere thanks to all members who gave their time to help raise $912.00 which was forwarded to the Forces Relief Fund.

Shortly I will be moving to Mandurah. I have enjoying being President and thank you all for the confidence you have shown in me.

Les Baker, a long time member, passed away in September after a long illness. He will be missed by us all.

J. KENNY

KALGOORLIE

A very successful 1992 Remembrance Day Service was held at the Kalgoorlie War Memorial, attended by some 250 people. The Kalgoorlie/ Boulder Aero Club conducted a well-timed "fly-over" and Mrs Cheryl Beer played the bugle calls—a duty she has performed for many years.

Mr. W.J. Prideaux laying a wreath.
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Wreaths were laid by the RSL, ex-Servicemen’s Club, Scouts, Guides, 9 Flight ATC, E.G. Senior High School, City Council, Chamber of Commerce, Chamber of Mines and outgoing and incoming Wardens. There were also a number of private (family) wreaths.

It was pleasing to note that schools are taking a greater interest in these services. Year 5 from Kalgoorlie Central School attended and, after the service, the children asked many questions and were particularly interested in the poppy and what it means: with assistance from the Goldfields Education Centre, photocopies of the origin of the poppy etc. were sent to each school.

With the co-operation of our police, traffic at the main intersection — Hannan/Maritana Streets — was halted during the bugle calls and the two-minutes’ silence. The bugle calls were played from the old Australia Hotel balcony with the Mayor, RSL Senior Vice President, a member and students from E.G. Senior High School in attendance.

Our Christmas dinner at the Tower Hotel was enjoyed by 34 members and wives.

PRESIDENT

NARROGIN

A good crowd of RSL and Ladies’ Auxiliary members attended our annual reunion when Mr Brian Dowsett was presented with a ‘Life Membership and Certificate of Service. Our President for three years, Brian steered the branch through a rather difficult time.

PRESIDENT

Mr Doug Whitehorn is now President.

Other presentations included Certificates of Service to Mesdames Marg O’Neil and Lesley McDougall, who have been active for more than 20 years, and Life Memberships to Mrs Dorothy Higgins, a member since 1962, and Mrs Bernice Willott, who joined in 1956.

SECRETARY
34 Deller Street
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NEDLANDS

A dedication service of remembrance plaques of the Korea and Vietnam Campaigns was held at the Nedlands War Memorial last November.

Previously the Memorial was for the two World Wars but through the efforts of the sub-branch, the additions for Korea and Vietnam were included.

Our patron, Sir Charles Court, AK, KCMG, OBE, gave a stirring address, congratulating the sub-branch on its good work in keeping the ideals of the League foremost in the Nedlands community.

Our Christmas dinner at the Hollywood Bowling Club where we meet every second Sunday of the month at 10am. All ex-service personnel are welcome to join us.

J. SLATTERY P.R.O.

OSBORNE PARK

Regrettably we have had to say Vale to quite a few of our members: Charlie Wilson, Tom O’Brien, John McNamara, Harold (Bonnie) Shackleton, Trevor Carter and Tom Birnie.

Our long-serving Secretary/Treasurer; Fred Guelfi, has had the distinction of receiving a Life Membership; his Certificate and Life Member’s badge were presented at the December meeting which our ladies attended. Fred was a worthy recipient of this award, having taken an active role in the sub-branch since he first joined the RSL. He was Auditor for the first couple of years and then Secretary/Treasurer for the past 15. Well done, Fred. This is certainly a great achievement and all members heartily congratulate you.
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There is still no further action regarding selling part of our property so we can commence the redevelopment project. With the very depressed state of commercial property land sales, I am beginning to believe that nothing will ever be done. This has gone on for too long a time and, at this juncture, I regret there is no encouraging news.

Meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month commencing at 7.30pm; so mark off your calendars and come along and support your sub-branch. Even if you can only make it to one or two meetings during the year, you will be made most welcome.

BILL SULLIVAN
349 2797

RETURNED EX-SERVICEWOMEN

At our Christmas party at Anzac House, Mrs Joan Dowson was presented with a cheque for $1,000 towards the War Veterans’ Home (Mandurah) Building Fund.

Mrs Dowson then presented Life Membership to Mrs Heather McManis who has been an active member since joining the sub-branch in 1948. She is the only member to have held all the positions of President, Secretary and Treasurer. We noted with interest that Heather’s Life Membership was signed by June Healy OAM, the first lady to hold the position of National Secretary of the RSL.

Our meetings are held in Anzac House at 1 pm on the third Thursday of each month, and the Sub-Branch is open to all ex-servicewomen. If you are already a member of the RSL, you can be an Associate member for $5.00 per annum and enjoy our many activities, outings and interesting newsletter “Light Diet”. We also have a welfare group whose members are very caring of those who are not in good health. Contacts: Mrs Joan Dowson 384 6712 (Membership Officer), Mrs Cecile Hinton 387 2237 (President).

Presentation of Life Membership to Mrs Heather McManis
l-r: Mrs J. Dowson, Mrs McManis, Mrs C. Hinton.
Photo: Teresa Korbosky.

RETURNED SISTERS

VALE: Ruby Inez Bennecke (Helen), nee Warner formerly Smith WX1541

Before joining the AANS in January 1940, Ruby Warner (who trained at the Perth Children’s Hospital) had wide experience in medical and surgical nursing. She was among the first group of WA nurses to be posted for overseas service in World War II.

The group left Fremantle in April 1940 on the transport ship Nevasa with members of the 2/11 Battalion bound for the Middle East where they joined the 2/2nd Australian General Hospital. The unit set up a 1,200-bed hospital at El Kantara on the Suez Canal and received casualties from the Western Desert, Greece and Crete.

When Japan entered the war, the unit was recalled to Australia and many of its senior personnel were sent to other units. Sister Warner was re-posted to 30th Australia Camp Hospital at Claremont and subsequently became matron and principal matron of Western Command.

When the Repatriation Department took over the military establishment, Miss Warner took her discharge from the Army and was appointed the first matron in a civil capacity. She relinquished the position on her marriage to Bertram Smith and retired from nursing.

After the death of her husband, she married Manfred Bennecke who also predeceased her. Helen (as she was known to her friends) lived for some time in the Hollywood Retirement Village. She died, after a comparatively short illness, on 28 November 1992 at the Hollywood Repatriation General Hospital.

VALE: Enid Marion Ferguson, nee Doyce WFX3476

Enid Doyce, who trained for her general certificate in government hospitals, was completing her child health and midwifery training when called up for active service with the AANS in 1940. She was posted for overseas service with the 2/9th AGH, and the unit left Fremantle on the transport “Mauretania” in February 1941 bound for the Middle East.

After staging briefly at the 2/2nd AGH at El Kantara, the group joined the hospital at ABD Elkader in the Amiriya district. Alterations in the Greek campaign changed plans for further movement and eventually the 2/9th set up a hospital in Nazareth, Northern Palestine.

After returning to Australia in 1942, the unit was based at Northfield, SA, before going to New Guinea. Some of the senior staff reposted, among them Sister Doyce who joined the 110th AGH Hollywood where she remained until her discharge from the Army in 1947 when the hospital was taken over by the Repatriation Department.

After a traffic accident, she retired and cared for her elderly father. She later married and lived at Mount Pleasant.

Mrs Ferguson died peacefully in the Catherine McAuley Hostel at Wembley on 18 January 1993.

VICTORIA HOBBS
Sub-Branch News

SCARBOROUGH

At our anniversary dinner, Mrs Barbara Clinton presented certificates to Bob White, our Past President, Ron Elms, Past Secretary, and Joy Reed for excellent welfare work. And a Life Membership certificate was presented to Doug Piggott in recognition of his work for the sub-branch and the RSL generally.

The Memorial Garden is almost complete with a name-plate over the entrance, giving the garden a finished look, and a donation has been made to the Banka Island Memorial.

Dudley Docking has thanked members for their support of RSL Bowls, and Don Reynolds and Bob Taylor have suggested an alteration to the sponsorship of the competition.

BOOK REVIEWS

THE KILLER THEY CALLED A GOD
By Ian Ward, $16.95

Mr Ward, a veteran war correspondent, with over 30 years experience living in Singapore and writing about South East Asia, reveals for the first time what must rank as the most outrageous story to emerge from the Pacific War and its aftermath.

Released throughout South East Asia just before Christmas, "The Killer They Called a God" has become a region's most controversial title, topping best-seller lists in Singapore, Malaysia and Hong Kong and prompting extensive press coverage in all leading regional newspapers.

The book gives the staggering but true account of Masanobu Tsuji, Japan's most bizarre and brutal war criminal. Tsuji was responsible for the massacre of some 15,000 Chinese civilians in Singapore and Malaya. He was also the key figure behind the worst atrocity ever committed against US servicemen — The Bataan Death March in the Philippines.

Knowing the extent of Tsuji's appalling background, American military intelligence in post-war Japan went ahead and protected him from arrest. They also persuaded the British to go along with a classic but disgraceful "deal with the devil" arrangement. When the British finally realised the enormity of their error, it was too late. Tsuji was able to conclude, unhindered, the most outlandish escape bid ever undertaken by any World War II wanted criminal.

Still, this is only part of the incredible tale. Tsuji went on to become one of Japan's most prominent post-war citizens, a celebrity and one of his country's most popularly elected politicians. He was also a founder-member of Japan's Liberal Democratic Party (LDP) which has been that nation's government ever since.

Of particular interest is the fact that notable Australians were instrumental in aiding and abetting the mass killer's gigantic hoax (see Chapter 21). They portrayed him internationally as the great Japanese soldier and military scholar of his time. So successful were these Australians, as it happened, that Tsuji ultimately emerged the world's most respected authority on Japanese Pacific war action.

"The Killer They Called a God", clearly, has major implications for history. It opens up an entirely new and fascinating area of research that has escaped all previous scrutiny. Furthermore, it poses a whole range of vital questions that must now be addressed by US, British, Australian and Japanese authorities alike.

Copies from P.O. Box 665, Lane Cove, NSW 2066.

TRAPPED ON TIMOR
by Colin Humphris
Published 1991 - Price $14.95

This book reveals a little known, 50-day ordeal endured by 37 RAAF personnel and four Army men of the 2/40th Battalion. Written by one of the survivors, 'Trapped on Timor' tells of their privations and sufferings on the island between February and April 1942.

Their eventual rescue by the US Navy submarine "Sea Raven" is itself an epic when it is realised this was the time of the massive Japanese southern push at the height of its success.

The RAAF group had been left at the Penfoei airstrip, just east of Koepang, to destroy petrol, ammunition supplies and the strip after urgent withdrawal of the Hudson aircraft before the arrival of Japanese forces on Timor.

At the December meeting the following office-bearers were elected: President Doug Piggott; Secretary Ken Badge; Treasurer John Maxwell; Senior Vice President Norm Elms; Junior Vice President Wally Evans; Trustees Alf Brown and Jim Hugill; Memorial Garden Warden Doug Piggott and Auditor Ernie Norman.

The Committee is probably organising bus trips this year; for details phone Ken Badge on 446 2710. Sadly, we said Vale to a very valued member, Jack Bailey; he will be greatly missed.

JIM HUGILL

KATANNING

Students at the Katanning Senior High School took part in our Awareness competition on the subject of Armistice. The winners were Kristy Noakes (1st) and Jacqueline McDonnell (2nd).

We hope that our next competition will attract a larger number of entries.

PAT DWYER
Book Reviews cont.

Their planned evacuation by flying boat was cancelled after that aircraft was destroyed by the Japanese at Broome.

The next few weeks spent trekking north for 50 miles through tropical forests would not have been possible without the assistance of Timorese villagers who not only helped with the food and guides but supplied information about the Japanese pursuers. The group was fortunate to have skilled radiomen who kept in touch with Darwin; this was a story in itself, which eventually led to Lieut General Brett of the US Army in Australia arranging for the submarine Searaven (diverted because of the fall of the Philippines) to proceed to Timor.

Luck is a fortune when you have courage and resourcefulness to back it up. It is a great pity that malaria and other diseases forced them to bury four of their mates before rescue.

This book should be of great interest to all ex-servicemen, particularly those who themselves can appreciate the terrible tropical conditions that had to be combated without the usual food and medical supplies.

DR ALAN KING

THE RAT — HMAS ARARAT 1943-1945

by Gordon Broom

Gordon Broom's entertaining account of life as a telegraphist aboard one of Australia's corvette-class anti-submarine patrol and escort ships during World War II adds a small but nonetheless significant detail to the growing canvas depicting the part played by Australia in the war.

At the age of 17, Gordon succeeded in joining the Australian Military Forces by the simple expedient of putting his age up by a year. Eight months later, he successfully applied to transfer to the Navy and, after a period of training, was posted to HMAS Ararat.

This is not a story about campaigns and battles, or about men who had vital tactical decisions to make or who performed acts of heroism or suffered the horrors of a prison camp; it is simply an account of what life was like for a ship's complement of 90 men, sometimes ashore, but mostly at sea on board "The Rat", as the Ararat was affectionately called. It is also the story of the youngest member of that complement and how two years of active duty on the corvette gave him the self-confidence and self-discipline to enable him to become a successful teacher in later life.

Commissioned in April 1943, the Ararat began her service with anti-submarine and escort duties off Australia's eastern sea-board; later, with the Japanese in retreat, she carried out similar duties in the waters to the east and north of Papua-New Guinea and, eventually, in the Philippines.

In those latter times, there were many hours of strict and serious attention to duty during the ever-present possibility of encountering a lurking Japanese submarine and the increasing threat of kamikaze attacks from the air. But with a crew that, apart from the Captain and a few senior officers, was made up of young and inexperienced volunteers, there were many moments of light-heartedness, and it is these, recounted in a simple, unaffected style, that give the book its appeal.

The book is light and easy reading and should be of particular interest to ex-RAN members. Among its 96 pages there are numerous photographs and a map showing HMAS Ararat's area of operations between 1943 and 1945.

Copies of The Rat are available for $14, including postage, from Gordon Broom, 11B Lalor Street, Scarborough 6019. For each copy sold, Mr Broom will donate $1 to the RSL War Veterans' Home Building Fund.

ERIC HINCHLIFFE

ANZAC DAY

I saw a kid a marchin' with medals on his chest.
He marched alongside Diggers marching six abreast.
He knew that it was Anzac Day — he walked along with pride.
He did his best to keep in step with the Diggers by his side.
And when the march was over the kid was rather tired.
A Digger said "Whose medals son?" to which the kid replied:
"They belong to Daddy but he did not come back.
He died up in New Guinea on a lonely jungle track".
The kid looked rather sad just then and a tear came to his eye.
The Digger said "Don't cry my son and I will tell you why."
Your Daddy marched with us today — all the blooming way.
We Diggers know that he was there — it's like that on Anzac Day."
The kid looked rather puzzled and didn't understand.
But the Digger went on talkin' and started to wave his hands.
"For this great land we live in, there's a price we have to pay.
And for this thing called Freedom, the Diggers had to pay.
For we all love fun and merriment in this country where we live.
The price was that some Soldier his precious life must give.
For you to go to school my Lad and worship God at will."
Someone had to pay the price so the Diggers paid the bill.
There's some folks around today my Lad who think it's all for free,
Even though there's other countries close at hand on bended knee.
They walk around with banners like kids with little toys,
Book Reviews cont.

While the enemy just waits around clapping his hands with joy.
They say it's not correct these days to stand up to the foe,
But the old time religions knew where they had to go.
They took up the Bible with them and the Padres led the way,
That's the reason now my son — the Church is here to stay.
The Romans thought they couldn't fall but Oh how great they fall
It can happen to all peoples Lad! However great or small.
Your Daddy died for us my Son — for all things good and true,
I wonder if you can understand the things I've said to you."
The kid looked up at the Digger — just for a little while,
And with a changed expression, said, with a lovely smile:
"I know my Dad marched here today — this, our Anzac Day,
I know he did — I know he did, all the blooming way ...
"

This poem was written by D. Hunter, VX105119, of 2/12 Bn, a Shaggy Ridge veteran, and was passed on to Army by Capt W. Frost, SORE 3 of Accommodation and Works at AHQ, Canberra.

Courtesy: ARMY Magazine

FROM GRABBEN GULLEN TO KOKODA

By Tom, Nace & Bill Hogan

A rare opportunity to gain an appreciation of a period of Australian life from a trilogy of autobiographies. This unusual story unfolds with immigrants arriving from County Clare in 1859 and proceeds through country farming at Grabben Gullen in New South Wales to a graphic first-hand account of two brothers’ Army service encompassing jungle warfare on the Kokoda Trail. The third brother Bill relates his man-powered experiences of the times.

Tom and Nace Hogan served with the 3rd Infantry Battalion. The atrocious conditions experienced by Australian soldiers in pushing the Japanese off the Owen Stanley Range were never made more real than in a particular episode authored by Private P.I. (Nace) Hogan some 50 years ago and published in full in the "Crookwell Gazette". Crookwell is a town high on the Great Dividing Range of NSW and close to the farming community of Grabben Gullen.

The chapter recounts the daily skirmishes of attack, sniping, grenade throwing and the merciful cover of darkness. Names of areas of fighting such as Oi River, Ioribaiwa, Efogi, Templeton’s Crossing and others trace the running of the battle.

 tortibaiwa Ridge became famous as the place in New Guinea which ended the Japanese dream of taking over Australia. How the men of Nippon were blasted off the ridge by 25-pounder guns, brought up the boggy mountain stairs in pieces by artillery soldiers often helped by the indigenous people, is impressing and pregnant with emotion.

Both Tom and Nace Hogan were wounded in the drive and many of their mates paid the supreme sacrifice. These men had barely left their teens, yet their deeds and those of their comrades allow us today to cherish our Australia.

The story continues post-war to 1992. Brother Bill manpowered to continue farm production provides a balance of home-front views of the period.

A book for historians, seekers of the truth and anyone interested in a slice of Australia's history.

Copies may be purchased by mail order to Hogan Brothers, 24 Neville Street, Goulburn, NSW 2580. Price $20.00 includes postage.

T.K. LLOYD

LOOK WHAT YOU STARTED HENRY!

by Leon Stubbings

Leon Stubbings, son of a blinded Gallipoli veteran and Past Secretary General of the Australian Red Cross from 1955 to 1988, has given in an easy to read book a panoramic sweep of the story of Red Cross.

The book's title 'Look what you started Henry!' honours the founder of Red Cross, Henry Dunant. The first chapter outlines Dunant's actions and observations of the bloody Battle of Solferino where, in 1859, more than 38,000 soldiers fell, where the wounded were left abandoned and many suffered a slow, painful and lonely death.

Spurred into action by the scene he witnessed, the Red Cross was born. An international movement dedicated to the relief of suffering, 150 national societies around the world now carry out the work of Red Cross.

Leon Stubbings starts with the big picture of wars, then lightens the story with details and continues to explore a diverse picture of Red Cross activity in Australia, Asia, the Pacific, Africa and on the world scene.

He describes the activities of the Australian Red Cross from 1919, its beginnings in Australia as a branch of the British Red Cross and how, within weeks of the formation of the Australian branch, men, women and children were involved in a variety of ways and Red Cross members worked at the hospitals and convalescent homes alongside doctors and nurses as members of the Voluntary Aid Detachments. Fundraising was undertaken by young and old, everyone raising money for the cause. Dame Nellie Melba, in Australia at the outbreak of the war, sang for Red Cross and by the time peace came had raised more than $90,000 for the sick, wounded and prisoners of war. The total amount of money received by Red Cross in Australia from 1914-1918 was $2,470,875 of which...
the greater portion benefited Australian sick and wounded on all fronts. The rest was donated to BRCS and Allied Red Cross Societies.

The author gives details about the regulation amount of food which could be sent to POWs: 100lb for four weeks for officers, 80lb for civilians and 60lb for privates and NCOs.

In his foreword, Mr E.G. Whitlam notes that Red Cross was the pioneer in several health and welfare fields when governments would not allow themselves that courageous privilege. Once such activities were acknowledged as an essential government responsibility, Red Cross passed them on to the authorities - convalescent homes and homes for the handicapped are two examples.

Stubbings leaves you wanting more; perhaps that was his intention - to send you scurrying in pursuit of further information from your local branch, the Blood Transfusion Service or your grandchildren's youth group.

Priced at $19.95, the book is available from Australian Red Cross Society, National Headquarters, 206 Clarendon Street, East Melbourne, Victoria 3002. Cheques should be made payable to 'History of the Australian Red Cross Society'.

BARBARA CLINTON

HOLD HARD, COBBERS
1 AND 2 VOLUMES

by Robin S. Corfield

The two volumes of "Hold Card, Cobbers" tell the story of the 57th and 60th and 57/60th Australian Infantry Battalions from 1912 to 1990. The first volume begins in 1912 when the forerunner of the 60th Battalion was formed, and follows the 57th and the 60th through World War II and into their Associations that survived until the 1980s. The second volume covers the period from 1930, when the two Battalions were linked together, through the war in the Pacific, to the establishment in 1946 of the Association and for 45 years of their existence. Both volumes contain a full Roll of Honour, full listing of decorations and awards and a Nominal Roll. The book was first issued on the 45th anniversary of the 57/60th Battalion Association on 26 April 1991.

The author's connection with the 57/60th Battalion is by way of his father who was an officer in the unit in the mid 1930s. He began the work in 1987. The title was taken from a poem written by Sgt Raymond Mullavey in tribute to his mates. The poem is called "Anzac Interlude".

These are the cold facts on the volumes. But they are far more than a history of two relatively small units that were brought into existence to fight and when the fighting was done disappeared into archives and may never see the light of day again. This writing is a record of people, events and a time that the reviewer and many readers could not possibly comprehend. For this reason these volumes, and all similar histories, have a vital place in the written heritage of this country, and one would hope that somewhere in the vast grey sponge called Canberra, a complete record is being kept of them.

The extensive use of diaries and letters throughout both volumes and the method of running them in parallel with the official narrative gives both a "clinical" and personal/emotional description of the same events. The diagrams, photographs and maps are more than adequate for the serious reader of matters military but are presented in a manner that can also be easily followed by others not as knowledgeable.

To summarise, "Hold Hard Cobbers" is a good read, albeit a fairly long one, and deserves all the recognition it gets.

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Another busy time is ahead for Executive and Auxiliaries. Remember we are needed more each year by our sick ex-service men and women, so your support is very important.

Since my last report, we packed and delivered Christmas parcels to 41 hospitals and nursing homes. Thanks go to all Auxiliaries for their generous donations to the Christmas Cheer Fund, enabling us to spread a little happiness.

We accepted many invitations to various functions from Auxiliaries, Sub-Branches and Kindred Organisations; thanks to all those people for the kindness and hospitality they gave us in 1992.

On Remembrance Day I attended the service in Kings Park and laid a wreath on the War Memorial. It was a privilege to present a Life Membership Certificate and Badge to Mrs M. Elliott, Certificates of Service to Mrs J. Mitchell and Mrs V Greay of the Nollamara/North Perth Auxiliary and Certificates of Service to Mesdames M. Britton and J. Aggis of the Belmont Auxiliary. Congratulations to all these ladies.

As Conference is not very far away, I remind everyone to send agenda items in as soon as possible and to all those people on the sick list, I wish you a speedy recovery.

M. TAYLOR
State President

VALE: Mrs Anne Stockmin MBE JP
It is with great sorrow that we pay this sincere tribute to our late patroness, Mrs Anne Stockmin MBE JP, who passed away last December at Rowethorpe.

Mrs Stockmin was a member of the State Executive for many years, a Life Member of the Women’s Auxiliaries and held the National Executive’s Certificate of Merit and Gold Badge awarded in recognition of long and meritorious honorary service to returned ex-servicemen and women, the war disabled and war bereaved.

While Mrs Stockmin was State President, she was invited by the then State President, Mr Bill Lonnie, and State Executive members to inspect sites suitable to build a War Veterans' Home. The one chosen was in Alexander Drive, Mt Lawley where the War Veterans' Home is now situated, and Mrs Stockmin soon had all Auxiliaries working hard towards helping this worthwhile project.

In 1990, State President Mrs Allison Cayley presented a jarrah garden seat suitably inscribed to the War Veterans' Home and donated by all RSL Women’s Auxiliaries. This honoured Mrs Stockmin for her fund-raising work for the Home.

She was a friend to all and will be sadly missed.

WE WILL REMEMBER HER

ALLISON CAYLEY
Immediate Past State President
Women’s Auxiliary

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Lost Trails

No 11 EFTS Benalla
A committee has been formed with the aim of erecting a memorial dedicated to personnel who served at Benalla during World War II. It is hoped to unveil the memorial late 1993 or early 1994.

So that we have a list of surviving personnel, it would be appreciated if contact is made with:

NEIL McQUALTER
Secretary
47 Riverview Road
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President: A.C. (Gus) Belford DSO, 59 Sulman Road, Wembley Downs, 6018. Tel: 341 5484. Secretary/Treasurer: Mr Jim Quinn, 9 Redcourt Road, Attadale, 6156 Tel: 330 4151. Meetings: Four times a year at the Royal Australian Air Force Association, Bull Creek.

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President: Kevin Scott, 24 Wilberforce St, Mt Hawthorn 6016. Tel: 444 4655. Secretary: W.C. (Bill) Mahar, 272 Marmion St, Palmyra 6157. Tel: 339 2187. Committee meets second Tuesday each month, 1.00pm Anzac Club. Note: Invitations to attend Tobruk Sundays are limited to Associations who participated in the Tobruk Seige.

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President: Major Rupert Platel (Retd), 49 Banksia St, Joondanna 6060. Tel: 444 4914. Secretary: Ben Colquhoun, 5 Oakvand Avenue, Cloverdale 6105, Tel: 277 4814. Meets the second Tuesday each month at the Nollamara Autumn Centre, Sylvia Street, Nollamara.

THE BURMA STAR ASSOCIATION (WESTERN AUSTRALIAN BRANCH)
President: Mr Solle Stoll, 70 Canada Street, Dianella 6062. Tel: 276 7633. Secretary: Mr J.R. Hamilton, Unit 2, No. 1 Kemp Place, Rivervale 6103. Tel: 479 1286. Meetings are arranged for six times in the year on the 3rd Wednesday of the month. Contact either of the above for more information.

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President: Ken Barrington. Tel: 446 4227. Secretary: Kevin Trent. Tel: (h) 367 7794 (o) 323 4485. All correspondence c/o- 3 Broad Street, Kensington, WA 6151. Meets second Wednesday of each month (except January) — Contact the Secretary for details of venue and timing.

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President: Mr N. Bell, Unit 2/14 Joseph St, Maylands 6051. Tel: 370 4775. Secretary: Mr Scott MacBain, 20 Manders Way, Singleton 6175. Meetings: committee meets at Navy Club Inc., 26 Marine Terrace, Fremantle at 1900hrs second Monday of each month. General meeting: at 2000hrs, last Monday of each month, same place.

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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, Booragoon 6154. Tel: 364 7776. State Secretary: Mrs F.E. Johnson OAM, 38 Renwick Street, South Perth. Tel: 367 5949.
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Unit Associations cont.

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11TH DIVISION SIGNALS ASSOCIATION
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460 SQUADRON RAAF ASSOCIATION (WA)
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1940 DUNKIRK VETERANS ASSOCIATION
Meets first Tuesday each month North Perth Bowling Club 1.30pm. President: R.H. Duncalf, Tel: 295 1689. Secretary/Treasurer: Peter W. Hessell, Tel: 344 1756.

MEDALS
A long forgotten piece of Sherwood Foresters history came to light recently when a Military Medal awarded to a civilian lady — Louisa Nolan — came up for auction at Sothebys. Few people know that the MM can be awarded to civilian women for bravery when under fire (strangely the same does not apply to men!). Louisa Nolan was awarded the medal for bravery in Dublin during the Easter Monday uprising.

178 Brigade, consisting of the partially trained 2/5th, 2/6th, 2/7th (Robin Hood) and 2/8th Bns. The Sherwood Foresters formed the major part of the Force sent over to suppress the rebellion. The 2/7th and 2/8th Battalions suffered heavy casualties in Dublin and at one time a number of wounded were lying in the road near Lower Mount Street Bridge and were eventually tended by nurses and staff from nearby hospitals. It is understood from newspaper reports, although this is not reported in the Forester Battalion histories, that Louisa Nolan managed to stop the firing by running into the road with her hands up and then dragged a British officer to cover. She then walked towards the houses occupied by the IRA and stopped their firing while the rest of the wounded were moved.

Miss Louisa Nolan and another lady, Miss Florence Williams, were awarded the Military Medal in London Gazette dated 24 Jan, 1917 and were decorated by King George V at Buckingham Palace on 24 Feb 1917.

Louisa Nolan was an actress and only 18 at the time; she subsequently continued in this career and is understood to have died two years ago. Due no doubt to the fact that the 178 (Sherwood Foresters) Brigade moved to France in Jan 1917 and was involved in much more severe fighting subsequently, the incident in Mount Street appears to have been forgotten and we have no record of Louisa Nolan being given any Regimental recognition. Perhaps some reader can put us right on this point.

It is believed that only two Military Medals were awarded to civilian women although others have of course gone to Servicewomen. Louisa Nolan's medal was sold for £2,400.

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