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President's Message

Since last Congress, negotiations have been held between the NSW and Federal Veterans' Hospital Interdiction Committee and the Department of Veterans' Affairs. The Oversight Committee consists of representatives of the NIL, the Consumer Guild, RAAV, the National Council of Veterans' Associations, and the Vietnam Veterans' Association. It was at this stage the Defence Group of Veterans' Affairs submitted several suggestions which should be studied in the best interest of veterans. In February last year, the Commonwealth Committee of Veterans' Affairs called for expressions of interest in purchasing the Repatriation General Hospital, Wagga Wagga.

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It is anticipated that in the not too distant future applications for Hollywood will be reviewed and a shortlist of applicants will be put forward. The aim of this Committee is to ensure that a West Australian organisation directly controls the hospitl in this State. With the advent of Hollywood Bethesda Hospital in Western Australia, Suburban will be introduced.

The Repatriation Hospital in Tamworth has already been transferred to the State whilst the transfer to NSW is now under way.

This Committee has undertaken the responsibility to make sure that the service for veterans is secure the best care possible.

As I will not be returning to the NSW State Council in June, it is important that you, the members of the NSW State Council, understand these points:

1. You must uphold your role as a member of the NSW State Council to maintain the operation in the state and keep it a strong and vibrant institution.

2. You will be required to attend meetings and provide guidance and leadership to the state council.

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**JOBS WELL DONE**

As State President of the WA Branch, Jim Hall, Mr. Allen thanks the dedicated contributions in two particular areas. He has been impressed with the growth of the WA Branch and its work in the community. In particular, he has been impressed with the War Veterans' Home in Nokomis, which has experienced an increase in occupancy of 300-400 persons due to the excellent service provided by the Veterans. Mr. Allen has been working closely with the Veterans to ensure that their needs are met and that the service is top-notch. The branch has also been successful in raising funds for the purchase of new equipment and the improvement of facilities. Mr. Allen has been working with the local government and community leaders to ensure that the branch is able to continue to provide support to the Veterans and their families.

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OPERATION “RIMAU”  
THE FINAL CHAPTER

by Lynette Ramsey Silver

On the morning of 7 July 1945, ten Australian and British servicemen, captured after raiding Japanese shipping in Singapore Harbour while on a mission code-named Operation Rimau, were taken under guard from Singapore’s Camden Road Goal and driven to a stretch of desolate wasteland off Reformatory Road, near the village of Bukit Timah.

Although they knew what hideous fate awaited them, the prisoners behaved no worse. During their seven months in captivity, and their subsequent “trial”, they had not cracked and were certainly not about to do so now. While their Japanese guards smoked in amusement, the men smoked a final cigarette, shook hands and wished one another “good luck”.

Within minutes, all were dead.

Three months later, the war was over, their decapitated corpses discovered by chance by Allied officers investigating the whereabouts of the Rimau parties, whose 23-man team had vanished without a trace. Although it was established that the 10 had been beheaded and hurriedly buried in three mass graves, the subsequent post-war investigation into their death, along with the disappearance of the other 13 members of the party, was so superficial that the story of these men and their mission remained a mystery for almost 50 years.

In 1990 the publication of The Heroes of Rimau, written by Sir Tom Hall over 32 years of research by former commando Major Tom Hall, overturned the title that was known about the raid and unanswered questions that had puzzled Australians for almost half a century. Using Hall’s wealth of information and evidence of Indonesian eyewitnesses tracked down in remote villages, the remains of all 23 men were located and re-buried properly in Krangi War Cemetery and headstones befitting the heroes they were.

Although we had evidence to prove that skeletal remains, recovered by the Dutch from the tiny Indonesian island of Tapai, were those of Australian Corporal Pat Campbell and Englishman Lt-Commander Donald Davidson, and also knew that these remains had been transferred to Kranji in 1946, we had been trying for years without success to obtain from the War Graves Commission paperwork relating to the unidentified which they could not locate but which we were positive existed.

The publication of the book brought immediate action in the form of assistance from the then Governor of Queensland, Sir Walter Campbell, brother of Rimau’s Pat Campbell. Sir Walter, who had for 45 years not the slightest inkling that his brother had sacrificed his own life in an attempt to save those of his comrades, or that his body had been recovered and now lay somewhere in Kranji Cemetery, provided the pressure we needed.

Within months War Graves in London had examined our evidence, pronounced it correct and, after an intensive search, had come up with the elusive paperwork. This document, not only confirmed Major Hall’s research but also positively identified the individuals gravesite of the two Rimau men.

Having taken so long to judge, War Graves now moved with lightning rapidity. Letters of congratulation arrived, followed by an undertaking that not only would War Graves inspect and erect new headstones at the gravesites of Campbell and Davidson but also that every effort would be made to render the last resting places of the remaining Rimau men, whose burial sites were miscalculated from Singapore to Timor.

Last year, the first part of that undertaking was fulfilled. Forty-six years after their death, the anonymous marble slabs which marked the graves of Corporal Pat Campbell and Lt-Commander Davidson were removed and replaced with inscriptions befitting the heroes they were.

Buoyed by the news about Kranji gravesites, Major Hall and I turned our attention to locating the site of the execution ground. Although written descriptions of the site and even a close up photograph showing the area existed, not one person had ever managed to locate it.

Although Major Hall had long ago obtained precise military coordinates from exhumation and reburial files, his one brief attempt to zero in on the site with the aid of an inadequate map while in Singapore in 1981 had been inconclusive. As was the case previously, extensive enquiries made to authorities on another research trip to Singapore in 1982 also drew a blank.

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Operation "Rimau" cont.

We knew that to pin-point the spot would be an uphill task.

Since the end of the war, Singapore has changed radically from the colonial outpost it was in 1945. At that time Bukit Timah, now absorbed into Singapore's suburban area, was a village, and Perimarty Road, now the busy Clementi Road, was a nondescript minor thoroughfare. Although we had the vital co-ordinates, we realised that, unless we could find a large-scale wartime military map to provide reference points and landmarks which we could transpose onto a modern-day map, we had little hope of making any further headway.

For months Major Hall combed archives for the right map without success. In mid-1992, having finally exhausted every avenue available in Australia and England, he contacted authorities in Singapore in the vague hope that such a map may have survived. To our amazement, his contacts in Singapore came up trumps with not one, but two wartime maps.

As we had expected, there were vast differences between the Singapore of 1945 and that of 1992. Complex road networks now of access areas where formerly had been open space, and suburbs have mushroomed where once there had been jungle.

After plotting the co-ordinates on the military map, we used trig stations and fixed points such as railway stations as reference points to transfer the information onto the modern day map. Somewhat to our surprise, we discovered that Major Hall had been within a few hundred metres of the site in 1981. However, since the co-ordinates (which are six-figure sets of numbers) only allowed us to narrow the location to within a 100-metre square, we now needed to find someone in Singapore with the interest and the ability to make a ground reconnaissance.

That someone was fellow Australian Peter Macmillan, a former pilot with the armed forces and now an airline captain based in Singapore, who had contacted me after reading The Heroes of Rimau. Having been motivated to search us and the expertise to carry out the investigation, he drove to Clementi road armed with a camera and copies of our maps. It was his mission, once he had identified the approximate location, to have the co-ordinates converted to exact longitude and latitude and then feed this information into his aeronautical navigation equipment to get an exact fix.

In the end, Peter Macmillan had no need to resort to such high technology. The topographical details on the maps, his ability to read them and a chance meeting with an elderly Chinese man led him directly to the site.

Armed with permission to access the land and with the vital information supplied by his Chinese informant, Macmillan was astounded to find that the execution ground, far from being developed, is virtually the same now as it was in 1945. Although vines grow where once a low-growing carnivorous plant known as Dutchman's Pipe flourished, the small hillocks that in 1945 confirmed the area as being one where multiple graves had been dug remain unchanged.

With the discovery of the execution ground, the last place of the war and closure of the war, in 1968 by Major Hall was taken into place. This and the Commando Memorial Trust, which represents the interests of the relatives of all the Rimau men, is making arrangements for erection of a plaque onto which will be engraved the names of Lieutenant Walter Carey, Able Seaman Wally Parks, Corporal Roland Fletcher, Sergeant David Stacey, Lance Corporal Jack Hardy, Major Reginald Inglis, Captain Robert Page, Lieutenant Albert Sargent, Corporal Blair Stewart and Warrant Officer Alf Warren.

With the unveiling of this memorial on 6th anniversary of the dreadful July day and the erection of memorial tablets at the burial sites of the other nine men, the final chapter of The Heroes of Rimau will be complete.

Perhaps a fitting epitaph for each and every one of them would be the words chosen by Sir Walter Carey, Able Seaman Wally Parks, Corporal Roland Fletcher, Sergeant David Stacey, Lance Corporal Jack Hardy, Major Reginald Inglis, Captain Robert Page, Lieutenant Albert Sargent, Corporal Blair Stewart and Warrant Officer Alf Warren.

"Young, loyal and fearless, He fought to the end, May each of the Rimau men Long be remembered!"

During the research for The Heroes of Rimau and Krait: The Fishing Boat That Went To War, from the research of Major Tom Hall, RFD, ED. (Sally Miller Publishing, 1995 and 1996 respectively).

Appointment of State Secretary

RSL (WA Branch)

Mr John J. Hannah (43) of South Perth has been appointed to succeed Mr Des Gibbs as State Secretary.

Mr Hannah served in the Australian Army from 1969 to 1976 including service in Vietnam and has been an RSL member for nearly 18 years. In 1981 he received a Bachelor of Commerce degree with a double major in Accounting and Business Management from the University of Western Australia.

Prior to having his own management consultancy, John held managerial positions with BP and Shell. His main interests are his family, Veterans' Affairs and Real Estate, and he is a member of the Army, RSL and several sporting clubs.
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by Ward Cunode and Eric Stallard

The success of the Salamaua, Kaisab and Lae campaigns generated some replanning and readjustment to the schedule for the Allied thrusts to clear the Japanese from the remaining strategic areas of Australian Mandated and Dutch New Guinea. A new plan was immediately prepared for the capture of Finschhafen and to expel the enemy from Babelmark and Wewak. The same type of strategy which had so speedily subdued Lae was to be applied by the Australian forces to capture Finschhafen. General MacArthur's operation instruction issued in June 1943 made quite clear to Blarney that control of the D'Azia Strait was vital for future operations against northern New Guinea and western New Britain.

The plan produced by 1 Corps Headquarters (Lieut-General Herring) was for a militia battalion to attack from Lae northwards along the coast, while a brigade group from the 9th AIF Division landed north of Finschhafen. The superseded plan, which anticipated stubborn defence of Lae by the Japanese, had envisaged that the 7th Brigade (9th, 25th and 61st Battalions) was to attack and capture Finschhafen. This excellent militia brigade, which had borne the brunt of the fighting at Milne Bay, was at this time in Papua, awaiting introduction into the Mandated New Guinea actions. The swift completion of the campaign to capture Lae had made this plan impracticable: it would simply have taken too long to move the 7th Brigade to Finschhafen. A more practicable plan was to utilise a brigade group from the 9th Division, which was immediately available and had the experience of a successful amphibious assault.

Once again there was to be an activation of minds on the assessment of total Japanese troops in areas of New Guinea. A new Guinean Force Intelligence estimate held that up to 4,000 enemy troops were in the immediate Finschhafen area and American sources ranged the figures from as low as 850 to a high of 1,000. Both estimates were given to 9th Division Headquarters, whose Intelligence Section supported a higher estimate of 5,000, which ultimately proved to be underestimated.

The 20th Brigade was selected for the amphibious operation, as it had made the initial landings east of Lae and was still relatively fresh. Major-General Wootten felt that the task was too much for one brigade alone and requested that a second brigade be committed to the invasion. General MacArthur let it be known to Australian Corps Headquarters that, taking into account the opposition to be expected (based upon his own Intelligence assessment), one engage only was to be committed to the initial Finschhafen operation.

Plans for naval and air support included attacks on enemy airfields, supply dumps and reinforcement routes in New Guinea and from New Britain, especially from the Cape Gloucester area. Destroyers were to carry out a pre-landing bombardment of the selected invasion beaches. Fighter planes would provide an umbrella over the convoy enroute and during the landing. One impediment to the success of the operation could have been enemy naval forces known to be in the area. Air photographs, dated 20 September, had shown 23 Japanese naval ships, including nine destroyers and several submarines, in Rabaul Harbour and Milne Bay.

The conclusions of Wootten's staff officers were that the operation would be no sinecure—it needed expert planning to be successful. There was a need, in their opinion, for adequate on-shore artillery support and, therefore, a battery from the 20/12th Field Regiment would be attached to each battalion involved in the invasion.

The 9th Division's Headquarters was advised that the 22nd Militia Battalion was now in position and ready to attack along the coast towards Finschhafen. This militia drive would be co-ordinated with the landing by the 20th Brigade Group. The craft allocated for the landing were four APDs, 15 LCTs, three LSTs and eight LCMs; in addition, a coast battalion and half a shore battalion from the American 32nd Engineer Boat-Shore Regiment would be utilised.

The invasion, to take place on 22 September, required each craft commander to land his troops and be clear of beaches just after first light to obviate the possibility of successful enemy air attacks. Landings in darkness were not favoured by the Americans, but on this occasion it was
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considered to be necessary because of anticipated enemy opposition. The initial assault on the beaches was to be carried out by the 2/13th and 2/17th Battalions. After the beaches were secured, the 2/16th Battalion would land and advance south towards Finschhafen. In the event of heavy resistance, troops would move along the fringes of the hills to outflank the defenders.

While the troops were embarking at Lae for the landing, American Liberator bombers pounded Cape Gloucester in New Britain. RAAF Kittyhawk fighter bombers, together with Beauforts, Boston and Mitchell light bombers, attacked enemy targets in Wewak and in the immediate Finschhafen area. These latter attacks, once commenced, were to continue around the clock until well after the landing had been satisfactorily completed. General Blamey had decided on 19 September that preliminary air attacks on the landing area would not serve as a warning to the enemy of the impending assault. There had been no effective naval survey of the Finschhafen coastal area. The Australian naval hydrographic service had been inaugurated as far back as 1920, but no attention had been given to New Guinea until the Japanese entered World War II. The invasion convoy was to thread its way through naval patrols and destroyers, drawn basically from air photographs — a hazardous operation, even in daylight.

For a little more than 10 minutes in the purple dusk of the early morning of 22 September, five Allied destroyers bombarded targets on the shoreline of the peninsula. During this attack, the landing barges sped for the beaches. The first wave landed south of its designated target, and this fortunate error allowed the troops to escape fire from prepared machine-gun positions and cleared all obstacles from the immediate beach area. Within four hours of the initial landing, Brigadier Windeyer was able to report to his Divisional Commander (Windeyer) that the 20th Brigade Headquarters was secure and established. At this time, however, neither he nor his commanding general was aware that Lieutenant-General Adachi had diverted a further Japanese regiment (comprising three full-strength battalions), which was previously confronting the 7th Division in the Ramu Valley, to support the one regiment and the marine detachment he had earlier located for the defence of Finschhafen.

This was to be for the 22nd Brigade a similar situation to the one which the Japanese invasion force had faced at Milne Bay — the invaders were now attacking from the south and along the coast. Another source of apprehension for the 19th Division Headquarters was the knowledge that, despite the strength of the Allied air force, enemy bombers had attacked Nadzab in strength on 20 September and reconnaissance planes were daily stretching from Buna to Lae. After the Battle of Midway, Allied fighter planes had clearly gained the ascendancy over the Japanese Zero fighter. The enemy, however, had recently introduced a new fighter plane, the Kawasaki Ki-61 Hien (Swallow). This plane, when tested against American Kittyhawks and a German Messerschmitt 109 (taken to Japan by the enemy opposition. The initial assault on the beaches was to be carried out by the 2/13th and 2/17th Battalions. After the beaches were secured, the 2/16th Battalion would land and advance south towards Finschhafen. In the event of heavy resistance, troops would move along the fringes of the hills to outflank the defenders.

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The second wave hit near the targeted beaches and received the full blast of Japanese fire. These troops had to be supported by heavy machine-gun fire from the landing craft. Normally, the gunners manning the defensive machine-guns on landing craft are forbidden to engage the enemy on shore, as their fire can fall upon friendly troops struggling up the beaches. Windeyer's operation orders were specific on the point:

"In the event of enemy resistance from the north and south headlands, weapons on the Naval LCIs will engage ..."

Under the devastating fire from the barges, the troops quickly cleared the beach fringes. The Japanese had pulled back from direct fire from the support craft, but Allied fighter planes were able to deal with hostile planes threatening the troops and stores on the beaches.

Landing in near darkness are always risky, and this one had been no exception; however, within two hours of the landing, company and battalion commanders had established headquarters and were in control of their troops. By 8 am, the Australians had outflanked most enemy machine-gun positions and cleared all obstacles from the immediate beach area. Within four hours of the initial landing, Brigadier Windeyer was able to report to his Divisional Commander (Windeyer) that the 20th Brigade Headquarters was secure and established. At this time, however, neither he nor his commanding general was aware that Lieut-General Adachi had diverted a further Japanese regiment (comprising three full-strength battalions), which was previously confronting the 7th Division in the Ramu Valley, to support the one regiment and the marine detachment he had earlier located for the defence of Finschhafen.

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Swallows had begun appearing in small numbers over New Guinea earlier in the year, and production of Owen guns had increased so the year had gone on. The new planes had not influenced the fighting during the Lae operation, but there was every reason to believe that the Japanese Air Force in the south-west Pacific Area was being re-equipped with increasing numbers of the new Kawasaki fighters. The Allied air cover over the Australian troops was comprised mainly of Lockheed Lightnings.

Just before 6 a.m. on 23 September, 2/15th Battalion units were ordered to commence the drive on Finschhafen. Within half an hour, the 2/15th Battalion was engaging an enemy entrenched in strongly wired and fortified positions. This was to be the initiation of the battles of the 3rd Division tomahawking in rugged jungle country, their engagements before Lae having been in coastal swamp land. By noon, the 2/13th had also joined in the drive towards the objective. At the same time the Japanese began ranging artillery on the Australian positions. Artillery fire, together with an air raid on the beachhead, destroyed over 500 cases of vital small-arms ammunition, but an urgent call to Lae saw replacement stores on the way to the beachhead. The Japanese had not had it all their own way — the three American fighter squadrons providing the air cover for the landing had shot down 10 bombers and 20 fighters for the loss of three Lightnings.

Later in the day, a further supply problem became apparent. Owen gun ammunition had not been provided in sufficient quantities to re-supply the battalion quartermasters, and the close-quarter weapons were rapidly running out of rounds. An emergency signal to 1 Corps Headquarters requested an immediate air drop of 9 mm ammunition. Meanwhile, battalions were warned to conserve Owen gun rounds. An air drop was arranged for that night, and, with an area of Kunai grass illuminated with hand-held battery torches, darkness engulfed the scene with the small number of American men at work. In all, 3,000 Owen gun rounds were recovered.

By noon, elements of the 2/13th Battalion reached the Bumi River up from its mouth, and a company of the 2/17th was ordered to advance toward Sattelberg. Patrols of the 2/13th, however, had previously reported that Sattelberg was occupied by the Japanese in strength, so this avenue of counter-attack was effectively blocked.

On the night of 23 September, a submarine was sighted landing enemy troops. These were thought to be landing parties and an infantry screen was immediately set up around artillery positions, but no attacks occurred. The Japanese, it was noted, were paying too much attention to the Australian artillery, as illustrated by the specific air raids of recent days.

September 26 was a day of bitter fighting as the Australians attacked towards their objective and enlarged the bridgehead. Overnight, the enemy had brought in motion troops from what they had long regarded as their corps — their Imperial Marine Corps. The American forces had found that the marines were the most effective of the Japanese forces they had so far encountered in Pacific operations. The marines initially fought well from the advantage of high ground, but at the end of the day, General Montgomery's choice of what he regarded as the world's best shock troops settled the argument in no uncertain terms. Under attack from the Queenslanders of the 2/15th Battalion, the marines first wavered and then fell back in the face of Australian bayonets. The marines were seen to be much taller than average Japanese soldiers, eventually turned and fled, leaving in the field over 30 of their dead. The 3rd Division had repeated the lesson handed out previously to General Rommel's men of El Alamein. The 2/15th, in two days of close hand-to-hand fighting, had killed in excess of 100 Japanese for minimum casualties (18, with 13 killed); a result rarely achieved in such intense fighting, and the 2/15th had every reason to be proud of the outcome. The 2/17th Battalion had also attacked, and the battalion initially advanced to and fro. Eventually, the battalion secured the fought-over position, but not before it had incurred 48 casualties.

The 2/17th Battalion, charged with guarding the beach area with the small number of American artillery troops, has killed a Japanese officer who was carrying an operation order. This order, and other captured documents, gave intelligence officers for the first time a clear picture of the reinforcements and order of battle of the opposing Japanese force. Japanese security regarded documents, maps, prisoners, marks of identification and diaries were still extremely poor. The operation orders and marked maps were being carried in the front line by enemy officers.

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Anyone who thought the deployment of Australian troops in Somalia for 17 weeks would merely be a gesture rather than a meaningful mission need only visit the town of Baidoa to be convinced otherwise. The town is the biggest in the Australian Humanitarian Relief Sector (HRS), a $1 billion project designed to improve the security and social conditions of the area. The HRS programme is well underway in the southern part of the country.

By the middle of January, around 900 Australian soldiers arrived at an airstrip on the outskirts of Baidoa to begin a mission that would help provide a future for the local Somalis, who had been the victims of a brutal civil war and a drought that caused widespread famine in the southern part of the country.

The mission of the Australians in the Baidoa Humanitarian Assistance Sector was to provide a secure environment for the delivery of the tonnes of food aid which poured into the country from donor nations around the world. Every day, four or five large transport planes landed at the airstrip where the soldiers were based and off-loaded hundreds of bags of grain and clothing. From there, the non-government organisations such as CARE Australia loaded the food onto trucks that were escorted to outer areas by the soldiers. The diggers carefully escorted convoys carrying more than 5,500 tonnes of grain to outer villages and in many cases supervised its distribution.

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In the past, the town had provided a haven for a small criminal element who preyed on the people by stealing and extortion, but life for these criminals was made more difficult. The regular patrols ensured that the local people could get their water without the risk of gunmen extorting money from them.

Although the Australians were not able to be everywhere, they maintained a presence in some of the larger settlements outside of Baidoa including Buur Hakaba, a former bandit “hot-spot” on the road to Mogadishu. Essential to the long-term recovery of Somalia is a viable police force, and Lt.-Col. Hurley and his officers worked to help the locals re-establish such a force.

An Auxiliary Security Force comprises trained former Somali police officers who were paid and equipped by the United Nations. Lt.-Col. Hurley said it is crucial that the Somalis themselves have a security force which has the support and confidence of the people. The multi-national forces can't stay forever and, in the long term, security for Somalia must be provided by Somalis, he said.

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The massacre on 16 February 1942 was of 22 Australian nurses by Japanese soldiers who marched them into the sea and machine-gunned them in the back. Only one, Sister Vivian Bullwinkel, attended the commemoration service at the Memorial, which is part of the wall from the kitchen of the POW camp where the nurses were imprisoned.

On behalf of the RSL's WA Branch, Mike Hall expressed thanks to all members of the medical team, the car drivers, the organiser, the RSL and everyone involved in planning the Pilgrimage. "I sincerely hope that bringing together women of Indonesia and Australia will in some way help cement a more friendly atmosphere between our two countries," he said.

Although just discharged from hospital, Mrs Statham made the tiring journey to pay tribute to her former sisters-in-arms. Many dignitaries from the Indonesian Government and the Australian Embassy together with a large number of residents attended the ceremony and, with tears in their eyes, laid wreaths on the streets on route to the site, about 50,000 paid their respects to those brave ladies.

John O'Shaughnessy, an ex POW and editor of his Association's newsletter, wrote:

"Of these 65 nurses who left Singapore in an effort to aid the Japanese, 12 were drowned at sea, 21 died on the beach at Bangka Island, 38 were taken prisoner (of whom 8 died in captivity) and 24 returned home.

"The conditions under which these nurses were forced to live were insurmountable. They were plagued by rats, lice, and bugs made to work long hours and lived with the continual threat of both physical and sexual assault. They were even forced to dig graves and bury their own dead. Water was at a premium and it was not unusual for them to go up to two weeks without having a decent wash. But their spirit was never broken, and by sheer determination they rose above the filth, starvation and disease.

"Besides the nurses there were a number of Dutch and English women including two brilliant musicians who formed a choir. They gave their first performance late in 1943 when members of the audience were asked to close their eyes and imagine they were in a concert hall listening to Toscanini or Sir Thomas Beecham.

"Many survivors have said that this was the greatest morale booster encountered during their imprisonment. The audience 'dressed-up' for these concerts wearing clothes they were keeping for the day they would be released. By 1945, half the original choir had died, but the survivors carried on.

"As one woman said, 'each time it seemed a miracle that among the bugs, cockroaches, rats, among the stench of open latrines, hunger pains, fever and cold, women's voices could produce so much beauty'.

"Is it any wonder that 51 years after the massacre on Bangka Island so many should return to pay homage to those who did not return. For those who survived there must be bitter memories, but I am sure that at least they must recall those 'Songs of Survival' that kept hope in their hearts when hope of survival seemed so low?"

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NOTE:

Mr Hall advised that a video of the Bangka Island Pilgrimage will be available shortly. Grateful thanks are extended to the Australian Government's Department of Veterans' Affairs and the War Graves Commission who were all involved in making this possible.

A JOB WELL DONE cont.

have seen the effects of a devastating civil war in Somalia, especially in Baidoa. It has had an extremely important on me and taught me the value of the simple things in life. I believe the Australian Army's Operation Solace was a very successful operation for the people of Somalia.

Capt Chris Webbdane, B Sqn. The deployment to Somalia was a considerable and a great opportunity for preparation or pre-deployment training. Therefore it is with some satisfaction that the low-level operations training conducted over the last few years held us in good stead.

Pte Jason Attrill, 1 RAR. The operation here in Baidoa was conducted in a very professional manner from the start. There were substantial changes in the attitude towards the relief forces being in the manner in which we conducted ourselves and the attitude shown. The standard and quality of everyday life for the locals increased by at least 150 per cent from what it was. The people now have a more prosperous future ahead of them.

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Brigadier Nolan's staff experience includes a posting as S03 to OCGS in 1974-75, as a Captain to the Minister for Defence in 1978-79. He was appointed Commander Special Forces in December 1990 and subsequently promoted to Brigadier and appointed Commander Western Region in February 1993.

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"They've got a machine-gun clamped down on it," I said.

"I know," he replied.

"You can't go out there," I said.

"I've got to," he answered, and did.

Five minutes later he returned with another wounded man, and was out again, and back with a third. At intervals the machine-gun blasted bullets across his path. There were now three wounded men in the trench, but he went out once more, and this time returned alone.

"I can't do it by myself," he said. "You've got to come out and help me. He's too badly wounded to lift or move him and it's too big for me to carry."

What to do? Another burst came from the machine-gun. I did not like it but out he went and I followed him. About forty feet away in a shallow rifle-pit we found the fourth man. He was wounded in the neck and in the thigh, and while unconscious, still lived. As we reached him a flight of bullets swept past and we stationed ourselves on the ground.

Then the Anzac runt said: "You get down on your hands and knees; I'll hold him on your back, then I'll walk beside you and steady him while you crawl across."

At last I am a small man, being five foot seven in the height, and at that time weighing 122 pounds. The wounded man was an over-size in Anzacs, and an over-size Anzac is a very big man. The ground was rough and there was considerable thick. But I was thankful that I was to do the crawling and carrying and not the walking and steadying.

I went down on my hands and knees and the wounded man was slowly and carefully hoisted on my back, instead tugging over my shoulders and his arms about my neck. Tied together with my one and only khaki handkerchief. As the Red Cross man completed his job a burst of bullets swept past and we stationed ourselves on the ground.

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Suddenly, as I reached the butt-end of the trench, I heard a sobbing voice: "For God's sake, digger, help us down." There, in the open, stood two men, two men supporting the other. I helped them down into the trench. One was a heavy tall Anzac wounded in the leg, and the other a little runt of an Anzac in the Army Medical Service. When I say he was a runt, I mean he was not over six feet tall. All the Anzacs seemed to be over the fact.

Under professional instructions I made the wounded man as comfortable as possible, and the Red Cross man started back out of the trench the way he had come. He was put on the edge of a burst of bullets that spread across in front of his nose. I caught him by the back of his tunic and pulled him down.

"They've got a machine-gun clamped down on it," I said.

"I know," he replied.

"You can't go out there," I said.

"I've got to," he answered, and did.

Five minutes later he returned with another wounded man, and was out again, and back with a third. At intervals the machine-gun blasted bullets across his path. There were now three wounded men in the trench, but he went out once more, and this time returned alone.

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nonchalantly, passed the Red Cross man one and two, and asked another between my paraded lips. Then well down, and between my cuffed hands, I struck a match.

"My God, you're wounded!" cried the Anzac, starting back in alarm. But I warned him that the bandage on my neck had slipped. I was a gory spectacle.

Soon afterwards I was left in charge of our little advanced clearing station with a wounded rifleman and his friend, who went off to get assistance and stretcher-bearers. He was not gone long, and on his return my assistant clearing station was duly evacuated, but I did not want to sleep.

"I don't want any more of that," I said to myself. "I'll dig this trench across and connect with the next one." But I was not there any more of that. I had to dig the trench across and connect with the next one.

So I sat my rifle about fifteen feet away and fell to with pick and shovel. At home I had always considered myself a delicate sort of chap, unsuited to rough work, but I quickly found that under fire I could dig faster, deeper, and longer than any man in my unit. As I dug, the enemy machine-gun would attempt at irregular intervals, and from time to time dark figures would appear at the end of the trench, and I would shout out, "Here! Dig in quick!"

Just as the darkness was lifting I became aware of two figures looming up above me at the end of the trench. I tried to tell them to jump. Instead of doing so they shouted out something in German. Keeping up, I saw against the sky two men in long coats, and on returning found that the men had turned over the bandages of my shoulder.

I sent C.P.O. Mansell to take charge of the two guns on the crest, sent a message to the commander, and as I was considering the situation a message was brought to me that my sub., Lord Kitchener, had been shot. I had taken in the position in the pit I would have stuck me square in the middle.

While Pain dressed Wilton's wound I had to discuss matters with Commander Bothby. It was the first day of May. As we talked together there was the ear-splitting crack of a sniper's bullet, and one of the empty canisters, whirling over and over, plumped into the gun-pit and struck Watson. It caught his head, completely mangled the flesh and crushed the bone. He was dead in his position in the pit, and it would have stuck me square in the middle.

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"You can't drink that water," he said; "but I'm boiling the billy and I'll give you tea." And we did. It was the best tea I have ever tasted.

When we picked up our burdens again prepared to move on, Huskey, one of my gunners, remarked advance of the guide. He started to the far side of the path. There was a crack. A sniper had shot him, the bullet passing through both legs. We carried him to the spring, gave him first aid, and made him as comfortable as possible until he had to wait for a stretcher.

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"Their trench is up there, right against the Turks," one of the officers told me. "The Turks have bombéd; we haven't. We cleared out the trench. Then they bombéd it. Then they attack. We pour back into the trench and make the Turk pay for himself."

In a short time we heard the bursting of bombs among the crest. The huge officer stood up. His men stood up. The scene was like one of those highly coloured plates illustrating battle on which we looked at in the Boys' Own Annual when we were boys.

The sky was robin's egg blue, without a cloud, the marble columns brought all detail out with hard edges at great enchantment of the cliff, in colour, the complete scale of all the yellows from the palest lemon to burnt sienna. Some of the men on the cliff were turkeys, some were in their shirt sleeves, some were stripped to the waist, but all were the broad-brimmed Anzac hat. The explosion of bombs caused suddenly. The officer threw up his arm, and at the end of which, glanced in his face, was a big, long blue-barred revolver. He shouted, "Another attack!" Come on boys!"

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"Where's Captain Curtis, the machine-gun officer?" asked the Anzac. At once, a boy stated: "He's in the trench. He's in charge of the trench."

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"Where's the officer in charge of the trench?"

"There isn't any, there's a sergeant, though," he answered.

I found the sergeant, who had wandered in from another unit with two days before, and from him learned something of the position. I asked to see the place where the guns were located. He showed them to me. The trench of this time was only about one hundred feet long from one end to the other. There was no support trench. If you were driven out, you went over the edge of the cliff and became the meat of the snipers.

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"What's happening to them?" I asked. "Anything unusual?"

"There isn't anything, they're just being shelled," he answered.

"They all seem to be shot from the side or back," the sergeant replied.

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As dusk turned to night we picked up our guns and ammunition and prepared to climb the path to Courtney's Post. But a man came stumbling down the path, his head in a bandage and his arm in a sling. "Wait," he said, "I'll have that gun coming down." And down that path came a collection of broken men, some staggering down by themselves, others crawling, some on stretchers.

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The official history of Australia in the war hardly does justice to the fighting that saw Hill 60. In the official language: The trench was at first so slight that, while the men in the firing line occupied a position from which they could cover the whole front of the hill, they were unable to prevent the enemy from attacking them from the front. The delay was due to the fact that the guns were not in position, and that the men were not trained for machine-gun work. The men were trained for machine-gun work, but were not trained for machine-gun work.
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My men were deadbeat and would lean against the wall of the trench and go to sleep, and would either do. But I knew daylight was coming. I would hammer the sides of the trench with a pick-handle until they cursed me; but they would get up and work on. It was a case of get up and dig or die.

The trench was very shallow, and the last thing we did was to attempt to deepen it. When we had got down about eighteen inches the spade of one of my men gouged into something soft. We struck ash and looked, and it was a horrible spectacle. The match had blown away. One of my men screamed and went completely off his head. He started to flail at me much of a chance, for they quickly disappeared into the support trench. Just as our men started to come out they blew the machine-gun and crew to pieces. We did not lose a man of our unit that day. It was the heaviest casualties at the sides of the pit that we ever had. But the sand-bags on each side and at our backs were tore to pieces by rifle-fire, and in the afternoon we had to renew them.

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Stand-to-time came. Light machine-gun fire, and then we discovered firing from the Turkish trench. It was hard on the nervous wait. Would we be discovered before we did the job? We held our breath and lay still. Suddenly I found I was looking right down the Turkish trench. Its nearest end, where it curved back around a rise in the land, was over a hundred feet away; I could see Turks moving about in it.

Trusel handed the belt to see that all was clear.

"Now," said, pulling back the cocking-handle.

"Fire!" burst after burst I raised the trench from end to end. The machine Turks could not retreat down the trench because it ended on the cliffs of Monash Valley. They attempted to come up towards me to escape round the bend. The gun leaped under my hands and the lead tore into them.

At this time we should have time to start in daylight. The path from Courtney's to Monash Valley was still under fire from the Germans. It was until the very end of the campaign. Two Anzacs offered to guide us back down the trenches and paths on the crest, but after we had covered a short distance they lost their bearings and suggested that it would be safer to slip down into Monash Valley.

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"No," I decided; "the first and second man would be all right, but they'd draw the attention of the snipers and they'd get the rest of us. We'll go over at the same time; but we'll spread out.

So we cautiously approached the edge of the cliff, and suddenly all together leapt over the edge. Then, bag and baggage, we did a slide for life down into the valley, sending up a huge cloud of dust. The Turks were taken by surprise.

Relief guns arrived in the trench at 7.30 p.m.

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We jumped into our trench and ran down it towards the gun-pit. Just in time. Shells after shells searched the position we had occupied; the trench had become a shooting gallery of dust. Then the gunners began systematically to bomb out our trench. We lay crouched, and nobody was hurt, but it was an unpleasant fifteen minutes, and when it was over I found I was shaking like a leaf.

The cleaning out of this Turkish trench seemed to quieten things at this particular spot for the day, and there were no attacks. My guns, however, were kept busy picking up targets here, there, and everywhere. It was local work for machine-guns, and our position was excellent.

Under the blazing heat our the earth in our trench of sand-bags dried out and broke, and early in the afternoon they were no longer water-proof.

Bullets began to smash through. We noticed that every time our guns opened up, bullets would come through one of the sand-bags and break up on the other side of our gun-pit. This gave us an idea. The bullets were coming from our trench and not from some distance behind the trench. So I went down the trench and consulted my friend the old kangaroo hunter.

"Well do this," he said. "From the shape of the ground the sniper can't be far away, and I'll try to find him when you do, so that he won't be spotted. Half a dozen of us will hold the trench and end of the trench. You go back and fire bursts about every minute.

So we did, and I did, and after the third or fourth burst I heard an individual rifle crack two or three times and then yells. I happened down the trench to find three Anzacs coming in near the back, one with a wound in his arm. The sniper had been spotted in a shallow but well-hidden pit to the right and behind our trench. The three Anzacs rushed him, and as we continued to fire, he bayoneted him.

Later in the day, by the same method, another sniper was found behind us in a bottle-shaped pit, but he promptly surrendered and was disarmed alive. We took him.

At half-past six in the evening I received a signal from the infantry. "We have to re-embark for Cape Helles. They cannot spare your guns. Report to Major Fasten and he'll come out to you."

Relief guns arrived in the trench at 7.30 p.m.

We found that they had been brought up in daylight by a slow and laborious route along the trenches and paths on the crest of Monash Valley. If we were to get down to the coast at a reasonable time we should have to start in daylight. The path from Courtney's to Monash Valley was still under fire from the Germans, as it was of the very end of the campaign. Two Anzacs offered to guide us back down the trenches and paths on the crest, but after we had covered a short distance they lost their bearings and suggested that it would be safer to slip down into Monash Valley.

"The cliff is steep here," somebody said, "and if we go over, we shall be all right!"

"No," I decided; "the first and second man would be all right, but they'd draw the attention of the snipers and they'd get the rest of us. We'll go over at the same time; but we'll spread out.

So we cautiously approached the edge of the cliff, and suddenly all together leapt over the edge. Then, bag and baggage, we did a slide for life down into the valley, sending up a huge cloud of dust. The jump was at its worst place; it was made sudden, and although one or two snipers took a crack at us, nobody was hurt.

We arrived on the beach near midnight and could not find Major Fasten. We found, however, our temporary quarters built each containing an office on the headquarters staff.
Quinn's and Courtney's Post.

The second man I tackled said if I could have his two guns I could have a boat. Naturally I refused, I then asked what was the hut of the senior officer, and it was pointed out. I do not know if it was General Birdwood I interviewed; whoever it was he was very pleasant, but he wanted my guns. I protested vehemently and politely. My guns were needed at Cape Helles; I could do no more.

Finally, he gave an order, handed me a drink of coffee, and ten minutes later, guns and men, we were on board a picket boat on the way to the Anzacs.

Fortunately her accommodation ladder was down, I could not have climbed a rope ladder.

The feel of the iron plates of her side under my hand is one of my pleasantest memories of the war.

...one of my pleasantest memories of the war:

The man in the firing-line is like a man in the depth of a forest: he cannot see the forest for trees. I have only described what I saw and did.

After a determined night attack on the evening of 2nd May, in which the Anzacs lost a thousand men with no advantage gained. General Birdwood received instructions not to attempt to make any general advance, but to strengthen his line so that he could hold on, and just show sufficient activity to compel the enemy to maintain a large force in front of him so as to relieve pressure on the troops at the toe of the peninsula.

The two strongest Anzac brigades were withdrawn and sent to Cape Helles, leaving General Birdwood with a garrison of 14,500 men, 10,400 actual rifles, with about thirty guns, to hold Anzac for some months.

Their entire line was overlooked by the Turks from higher ground, so that the strengthening and consolidation of their positions had to be done by sapping. In the months that followed, the Anzacs, under these extraordinary circumstances, built an impregnable fortress. Trench warfare had started. Eternal vigilance was the price of safety; for any time if the Turks had succeeded in rushing the defenders off a few yards of higher, the narrow break through would have enabled them to drive the Anzacs into the sea. They could not go forward. The Turks could not crack their position.

Fighting for Quinn's and Courtney's Posts continued throughout the campaign. Sir Ian Hamilton in his Gallipoli Diary says he was in Monash Gully below Quinn's Post on 30th May. He described it thus:

'All the time, overhead, the shell and rifle bullets groaned and whined, touching the same note of violent energy as was in evidence everywhere else. To understand that awful din, raise the eyes twenty-five degrees to the top of the cliff which closes in the tail end of the valley and you can see the Turkish hand grenades bursting along the crest, just where occasional bayonet flashes and figures hardly distinguishable from Mother Earth crouch in an irregular line. Or else they rise to fire and are instantly mown down by fire from the Antipodes and your heart goes into your mouth as a whole bunch of them dash forward suddenly, and as suddenly disappear. And the bomb shower stops dead — for the moment; but all the time, from the fiery crater line which is Quinn's, there comes a slow constant trickle of wounded — some dragging themselves painfully along, others being carried along on stretchers. Bomb wounds all: a ceaseless, silent stream of bandages and blood.'
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New CO leads way for women

WGCDR Julie Hammer has become the first woman to be given an RAAF operational command, taking charge of the Electronic Warfare Operational Support Unit (EWOSU).

EWOSU, based within the Defence Science and Technology Organisation (DSTO) compound at Salisbury, near Adelaide, was established in 1990 to provide electronic warfare support for the F-111 bomber force. EWOSU's activities have since been extended to cover all of the RAAF's electronic warfare systems.

More recently, EWOSU amalgamated with the Aircraft Research and Development Unit (ARDU), with the unit now known as EW Squadron of ARDU.

WGCDR Hammer's former assignment as Project Manager for Project Air 5140, the new Electronic Support Measures (ESM) system designed, developed and integrated into the P3C aircraft, was closely related to her new job.

With a background in physics and engineering, she has impressive credentials for the CO posting at EW Squadron.

"Electronic warfare, as an operational discipline, is in its infancy. It's starting to grow and its importance is becoming more widely recognised in the operational theatre," she said.

Why did she join the RAAF?

"When I was in my final year at university the employment prospects were quite poor at the time and I found that one of the few prospective employers of physics graduates was the air force. I thought, well I'll join the RAAF for a year or so until the employment situation improves. More than 15 years later, here I am and loving it," she said.

However, when WGCDR Hammer joined the RAAF in 1977 the opportunities for women were limited. The WRAAF still existed and there were only a few women in the RAAF. Initially, she became an education officer, and when eventually more opportunities opened up for women, she was able to transfer to engineering.

Julie Hammer believes that gender should not be a measure for employment or promotion. "The air force has given me a lot of unique opportunities over the years. The RAAF is not an anti-female organisation. I believe that in the future we will see a far greater acceptance of women at all levels."

Courtesy RAAF News

SAS TO HELLFIRE PASS

The Special Air Service Regiment intends to conduct an Adventure Training activity to Thailand to retrace the World War II route of the Thai-Burma Railway and relocate POW camps used during its construction. While retracing the railway, the men will carry out maintenance and restoration to the access route leading to the Hellfire Pass Memorial. (A similar activity was carried out in 1992 when the access staircase to Hellfire Pass was dismantled. During the early part of 1992 a new staircase was erected, this time in unrottable concrete which should last a longer period than the previous one.)

A contingent of 14 soldiers will leave from Fremantle in the ship Lady Satu (constructed by SBF ship building for the Landkari Development Authority) for Penang in Malaysia, and then go by train to Bangkok. The train trip will retrace the route taken by POWs from Singapore, where they were packed like sardines into utility trucks, enclosed and constructed wholly of steel, the trucks measured about 4.8 m by 2.4 m.

The soldiers will travel from Bangkok to Hellfire Pass and back by a similar route and will return to Australia by air from Butterworth. The Thai-Burma Rail activity will be supported by the RSL and Australia-Thai Chamber of Commerce.

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Peacekeeping operation in Cambodia

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Beersheba, El Alamein and Sollum
by Kelvin Crombie

"All this interest in war will make you go crazy," was a comment I'd often heard as a young boy growing up in the wheatbelt town of Babakin. Indeed, upon reflection, I was quite absorbed. But the schoolboy fascination in war was the beginning of a journey for me – culminating in an 11½ year residency in Israel. My initial interest in Israel was aroused when I saw some photographs of the Holocaust in 'Pamphlete, History of the Second World War.' Why did 600,000 Jewish people have to die in a place to be with a passport full of Israeli visas? The reality of the Anzac involvement in the Middle East during both World Wars and, in October, went to Egypt for the 50th anniversary celebrations of the battle of El Alamein.

Travelling by myself from Jerusalem to Cairo and then on to El Alamein was an experience. Veterans from all the Commonwealth countries (plus a delegation from Israel) as well as from Germany and Italy participated in the celebrations. An international service was held at the German memorial, followed by a memorial service at the Commonwealth War Cemetery during which British Prime Minister Major presented poppies to El Alamein widows. Veterans wore their medals, some their kilts, and others their slouch hats and berets. I chatted to a number of veterans and observed them as they talked to each other, sought out the graves of their mates and relatives. At the wreath laying ceremony, I noticed a New Zealand soldier striking up a conversation with a middle-aged Australian. Tears came to his eyes when he said that his father had died there.

Not only was it important to attend that ceremony because of its historical significance, but to be able to gain a deeper awareness of its importance for the Anzac identity. As the generation who were involved passed away – who will preserve that awareness?

The following day I went to the Egypt/Libya border to the small village of Sollum – not the best place to be with a passport full of Israeli visas! The object of the visit was to locate and photograph the grave of my uncle, Pte John Crombie, 6th Division, 2nd AIF, who died on 20 January 1941. Sollum was typical of many Arab villages in the Middle East, quiet and dirty. Yet the surroundings were impressive. Behind the village lay the Halfaya ridge which in 1916-18 was captured by the New Zealand and Australian Light Horse charged and captured Beersheba on the same day; a slide presentation and lecture by an Israeli historian at the Municipal Gallery.

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Along with her sisters, HMA Ships Napier (flotilla leader), Nepal, Nestor (lost 16 June 1942) and HMAS Norman they had a very busy war.

Napier and Nizam were known as the “fighting twins”; the two destroyers were parted only by damage or refitting in wartime operations which ranged from the Atlantic to Tokyo Bay.

Built in the yards of John Brown's Clydebank, HMAS Nizam was commissioned on 8 January 1941 under the command of Lieutenant Commander M.J. (“Nobby”) Clark, RAN, a very popular captain who had previously commanded HMAS Yarra and HMAS Doomba before being appointed to Nizam. He later commanded HMAS Warramunga.

By 1945 HMAS Nizam had served in Malta convoys, the evacuation of Crete being the last British vessel to leave Suda Bay before the Germans occupied the port (only four hours later) and in company with her sister ship HMAS Napier evacuated over 1400 troops.

Further service included the 'Tobruk Ferry' run, Madagascaran operations during which time Nizam put an armed boarding-party on the French slip Mareschal Galline, which was sent as a prize to Durban, and sinking by gunfire the Vichy French ship Admiral Prieur.

During July 1943, HMAS Nizam picked up survivors of two merchant ships and then joined the British Eastern Fleet, participating in a fleet aircraft carrier strike on Sabang, Sumatra.

Nizam had been a reasonably lucky ship; she had been near-missed by enemy bombs and shelling in the Mediterranean and on 17 October 1943 survived a submarine attack in the Indian Ocean where a German U-boat fired two torpedoes which missed.

HMAS Nizam had just completed a refit at Williamstown Naval Dockyard on 9 February 1945 and, with new Commanding Officer Lieutenant Commander W.F. (Bill) Cooke in command, sailed for Fremantle.

While 11 nautical miles off Cape Leeuwin on the southern West Australian coast on the dark night of 11 February at 10:15pm, the Nizam was attacked on the starboard side almost simultaneously by a heavy squall and a freak wave. At the same time, the southeast winds were increasing greatly in force.

Steaming at 21.5 knots, Nizam rolled a terrifying 70 degrees and veered sharply to starboard causing the helmsman to lose his balance with no compensating wheel put on.

Before the order could be passed from the bridge, the Engineer Officer, who was in the engine-room at that moment, stopped both engines to prevent damage to the starboard shaft which was reeling as the screw left the water.

Ten ratings were hurled or washed overboard from 'B' gundeck, the port signalling projector platform, number ‘2’ portside Oerlikon 20mm gun platform and the upper deck.

HMAS Nizam was a hammering ship; her engines, safety valves, anti-aircraft gun platforms, shields and guard rails were damaged and her electrical system was in tatters.

A tremendous amount of water had been taken on board the lower deck in the incident.

Owing to the enforced delay in getting underway and restoring power to the signalling projectors, time was unavoidably lost in attempting to mount a rescue attempt.

Climbing onto the forecastle, the pilot signalling projector was immediately lost in attempting to mount a rescue attempt. The near gale-force winds and the spray whipped up by the high winds kept visibility to only 20 meters and the hope that a task was abandoned after an hour.

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A UNIQUE EXPERIENCE
by Phil Jay ex RAN

Watching a film about the Scott expedition in Antarctica, I saw on the screen a man with whom, 18 years later, I was to become acquainted.

Included in the party Scott took on the expedition, was Lt Edward Thaddeus Gurney Russell Evans, who went back to the Navy after Scott's death. During World War I, Lt Col Evans commanded HMS Broke which, with another destroyer the Swift, was ordered to patrol the English Channel. During one night they sank six German destroyers.

After that exploit, Evans was always known as "Evans of the Broke". He received promotion quickly and at one stage was O/C Far Eastern Fleet, based in Hong Kong. He would never send a man to do what he wouldn't do himself. Once in the China Sea, an SOS was received from a passenger liner in trouble. Evans took his ship to the rescue and joined the motor boat's crew taking a line to the stricken ship. On the way, a trailing line fouled the boat's propellor, so Evans stripped off, went over the side and cleared the screw.

In 1930, with the rank of Rear Admiral, Evans took command of the Royal Australian Navy. I served with him in Nagoya, Australia and Canberra and found him a thorough gentleman, easy to talk to and to serve under. He had a great sense of fun and loved to take the fleet to "General Drill", where we carried out some sort of drill at a moment's notice, like "boiling about the port sea boat" or "fire on the lower mess deck". He also came up with offbeat things, like 'officer' cows to the flagship with two Fred appes or "beard to play the Turkish National Anthem".

By giving lantern slide lectures on "Scott's Expedition to the South Pole" in any town we visited, he raised a lot of money for charity. Popular everywhere he went, Evans always insisted on being called "Taffy" or "Taddy".

I never saw anyone with as many medals, orders and decorations as able to wear them all at once, as well as his Antarctic medals, two Albert Medals for saving life at sea.

Nizam's Night Of Terror cont.

Searching aircraft bombarded the area the next day in a fruitless effort to find survivors or bodies. No trace of the missing man was ever found.

Those lost were LS Col in Ryder, ABs Alfred Kerr, Victor Keys, Alan Milich, Vincent Richardson, O.Ds John S.W. Garnett, Garnett Hill, Leslie Holloway, Keith Miles and Stanis John Pfeiffer.

After carrying out repairs in Fremantle, HMAS Atlantis joined the British Pacific Fleet for the assault on Okinawa in the final strike against Japan in October 1945.

HMAS Swift paid off at Sydney after steaming more than 285,000 nautical miles on wartime RAN service and reverted to the Royal Navy on 18 October 1945.

In 1955, Nizam was sold for scrap, arriving at the yards of T.W. Ward of Grays, Essex, where she was broken-up.

The memory of the ten sailors lost on that fateful night has at long last been perpetuated with a memorial erected at Cape Leeuwin, Western Australia, by the N Class Destroyer Association.

In a dedication ceremony performed by naval Chaplain Peter Tinney from HMAS Stirling on 11 February 1993, the former Commanding Officer of HMAS Nizam, Capt Bill Cook, LVO, RAN (Ret) unveiled the memorial on this lonely and windswept stretch of coast.

By giving lantern slide lectures on "Scott's Expedition to the South Pole" in any town we visited, he raised a lot of money for charity. Popular everywhere he went, Evans always insisted on being called "Taffy" or "Taddy".

I never saw anyone with as many medals, orders and decorations as able to wear them all at once, as well as his Antarctic medals, two Albert Medals for saving life at sea.

Beersheba, El Alamein & Sollum cont.

For a special event I'd helped organise at Christ Church inside Jerusalem's old city, the 75th anniversary of the issuing of the Balfour Declaration and the promise to the Jewish people of homeland in Palestine. Amongst our special guests were Jerusalem mayor Teddy Kollek and the great nephew of Lord Balfour, Lord Gerald Balfour.

In a lecture I gave that day, I was able to relate the connection between the Balfour Declaration to the events in Beersheba two days earlier. The Balfour Declaration would have remained an empty promise, just a piece of paper, had not Beersheba been captured and the conquest of Palestine begun.

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Indeed the Anzac soldiers have played a significant, if unrecognized, role on behalf of the Jewish people in the Land of Israel. A new nation has arisen, and to small nations, Australia and New Zealand, have been closely involved in the birth of this ancient/new nation. Our contribution is no more apparent than in the military cemeteries throughout Israel, Egypt, Syria, Lebanon and Libya including those at El Alamein, Sollum and Beersheba.

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Fifty trees lining Llewellyn Drive in Kings Park stand as memorials to the 50 men who died from the 2/2nd Commando Squadron. The Unit’s Association, which has maintained the grassed surrounds, regards the area as hallowed ground.

Since it was dedicated by Archbishop Moline on 5 December 1948, the 2/2nd Commando Association has worked diligently to make it a great memorial; grass has been grown after much effort and the whole area reticulated and properly kerbed. For many years the watering, mowing and kerbing was done by Association members until Anno Domini crept up, when the Kings Park Board kindly took over all maintenance.

A small Unit Memorial was erected and a special annual service is held there on the third Sunday of November. The Association is now assisted by the Special Air Services Regiment with which it has a close liaison.

The Association thanks the Public Service sub-branch, particularly Mr Max Bryce, Liaison Officer since 1947, for all he has done to make the area the symposium of all war. He was responsible for providing the plaques and replacing them when they were broken or vandalised.

Formed in 1946, the 2/2nd Commando Association is the post-war organisation of the former 3rd Independent Company — renamed the 2/2nd Commando Squadron. The Company trained at Wollongong, Victoria in July 1941 and built the first permanent army camp at Katherine.

When the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbour on 7 December 1941, the unit was among others sent to Timor. The 3rd Independent Company moved to Portuguese Timor (now East Timor) almost immediately where it carried out a successful guerrilla campaign against the Japanese during 1942.

Next sent to New Guinea, it carried out a counter campaign lasting 16 months to deny the Japanese access to the formidable Bismark ranges.

Finally, a nine-month campaign was waged in New Britain where the unit — now the 2/2nd Commando Squadron — found itself at Rabaul on the surrender of the Japanese Army.

The RSL expresses its full support for the Friends of the Australian Army Band in their protests against the decision by Canberra to abolish the band.

This cost saving measure applies to Perth only while Eastern States bands (although reduced in size) will remain in each capital city.

Protests can be sent to the Minister for Defence, Senator Robert Ray, and the Minister for Defence Science and Personnel, Mr Gordon Blitney MP, Parliament House, Canberra, ACT 2600.
EMPLOYERS ENCOURAGED

The Committee for Employer Support of Reserve Forces (CESRF), which has supported the reserves in all three services for the last 15 years, was established as a result of one of the principle recommendations of the Committee of Inquiry into the Citizen Military Forces (The Millar Committee).

The Millar Committee saw a need to encourage employers by personal representation, to adopt and declare policies conducive to their employees serving in the reserves.

CESRF was established with the approval of the Minister for Defence in February 1977.

A National Executive was created on 22 April 1977 and subordinate committees were subsequently formed in each state and the Northern Territory.

The role of the ADF Reserve Forces has broadened as a result of the 1991 Force Structure Review.

The Minister announced on 30 May 1991 that ADF reserves would represent a larger proportion of the total force, the ready reserve element would be at a higher state of readiness and greater emphasis and reliance would be placed on the ADF reserve force.

As a consequence, COSC endorsed a broadening of the role of the committee to encompass the mobilisation of community support and a change of name to the Defence Reserves Support Committee.

ORGANISATION

The organisation comprises:

a. a national executive to provide guidance national and state level on the execution of policy, oversight of performance and management of national programs;

b. a national committee to develop broad policies and provide guidance on the development of national programs; and

c. state committees to provide input to policy development, implement national policy and develop and implement state programs.

AIMS

The aim of the committee is to foster reserve recruitment, to improve reserve retention and provide training with a more cost-effective formal, community-based and supported training through the use of reserves by:

a. educating employers to the benefits of reserve service;

b. gaining acceptance and providing the benefits of reserve service within the community including:

(1) self-discipline, reliability and responsibility;

(2) self-reliance, self-confidence and initiative;

(3) teamwork;

(4) respect and care for valuable tools and equipment;

(5) communication, leadership and management skills as people are promoted; and

b. effective Defence Forces at lower cost.

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Chairman, Mr Paul Conti, Senior Partner, Time Conti Sheffield Real Estate.

Deputy Chairman: Brigadier Terry Nolan AM, ADC, Head, Defence Centre - Perth.

Senior Reserve Officers:

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Chamber of Commerce and Industry Representative, Mr Ken Cheyne.

Track and Labour Council Representative, Mr Peter O'Blenes, Retired Clerk Union.
VETERANS' AFFAIRS

WELFARE

Homewest

After a great deal of pressure over an extended period, with a change of Government, the counting of a disability pension as income for rent assessment has been dropped. All those people who were affected should have been notified by now. It is timely and appropriate that this measure has been taken by the Government, and those who contributed to this change should be congratulated.

Welfare Seminar

The seminar at Anzac House proved interesting and informative, but it was disappointing that so many sub-branches, particularly in the metropolitan area, were not represented. These types of gatherings give members a chance to contribute to making our welfare efforts more effective, so this lack of interest is very puzzling.

All sub-branches will receive a comprehensive set of minutes prepared by the Veterans' Affairs Committee Secretary, Mr Trevor Lloyd, who is to be congratulated on an excellent job.

The recommendations put forward by the seminar will be considered by the Veterans' Affairs Committee and, where necessary, forwarded to the State Executive for approval. Our thanks go to Mr David Watson, the Deputy Director of Veterans' Affairs, for his contribution and to other representatives of VFA, who again gave their time and supplied information.

The recommendations are:

1) Format could be tightened with less time for registration, with a cup of tea or coffee with biscuit available on arrival. Some delegates are from the country and would appreciate the hospitality earlier.
2) OVA representatives would prefer, on a future occasion, to arrive with a condensed list of items on which the delegates want information. They would thus need to comment only on the matters raised.
3) Endeavour to have these welfare matters referred to briefing days already organized by VFA, and for the rest of the day discuss welfare issues raised.
4) Convenor Frank Verdi suggested late September for a meeting at which budget papers and other matters would be raised by sub-branches and kindred organizations.
5) The State Executive Veterans' Affairs Committee is very happy to receive questions from sub-branches and kindred organizations. Perhaps representatives who wish could attend afternoon meetings of the committee — say four times a year.
6) Bunbury sub-branch asked to be placed on the mailing-list for Veterans' Affairs Committee minutes and handouts.
7) Dalwallinu sub-branch suggested that weekly seminars be held instead of weekends.
8) Stan Panting explained that welfare is the reason for the existence of the RSL. He commented Bunbury for their views in seeking more information from Anzac House and hoped there would be four annual meetings as required by the Congress decision.
9) Bunbury and Rockingham sub-branches showed enthusiasm for the four meetings. Perhaps other sub-branches and kindred organizations might like to attend the Veterans' Affairs ordinary committee meetings four times a year, at 2 or 3 pm.
10) The Bunbury delegate said that it would be very helpful if Bunbury and Rockingham could attend committee meetings once every three months.

Rehabilitation of Veterans

Ten veterans Australia-wide have been selected to take part in a pilot scheme to assess the viability of such a course of action becoming an integral part of DVA activities. All those who are taking part are volunteers and have been notified, and have been assured no other veterans will be approached. Results will be made available at the conclusion of the study.

Statements of Principle (SOP)

All veterans should be aware that the Repatriation Commission has accepted and issued to all Branch Officers at time of completion some 100 SOP.

Purpose of SOP

The SOP are a general standard to assist determining officers when deciding claims, and are consistent with current medical knowledge and case law. They are not to be blindly applied or do they subvert the statutory requirements of the Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986 (the VEA). Commission delegates are still required to consider the facts of individual cases. Once the facts are found, the SOP will promote a consistent outcome in similar medical fact cases, regardless of which determining officer is deciding the case or in which state the claim is determined.

Aims of the SOP are:
- To promote national consistency in decision-making.
- To provide useful guidelines for Repatriation Commission delegates.
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NEW GUINEA BATTLES

The story of the battles for New Guinea, up to and including the capture of Lae, has been published in the Listening Post. We thank your editorial staff and all concerned.

During the period the story has been running, we have received many telephone calls. The interest shown in the story has pleasantly surprised us. Some of the calls have come from Papua New Guinea, interstate, country areas of Western Australia and members of the Defence Forces.

Many callers have said that the little diversions, away from the heat of battles, have been of great interest to the younger ex-servicemen and their families. The inference is that they like to learn about weapons, etc.

We have continued the story beyond Lae to the Sepik River area. Some of the history, we suggest, may not have been given previous publicity and will provide interest, particularly from ex-naval men and the former militia who took part in these operations with little previous credit.

The operations for the capture and defence of Finschhafen developed unexpectedly into the most vicious fighting in New Guinea.

We have been urged by many callers to mention "this and that unit" in the story, but we have tried to cover the overall scene, without favouring any particular unit. Some former militia have expressed that "his unit had been more active than any other unit in the militia units, if the unit had been more active, more of them would have joined the RS". If this is a true statement, the League membership may have shown some benefit. We hope so.

We are aware that in our story, air force personnel are not given the recognition they deserve for the outcomes of the military operations. They were, particularly at Milne Bay and Finschhafen, a very vital factor. This of course is a weakness which always occurs when the author are military men.

In the continuing story, we have included information on the Fijian Corps, also the Americans and Australians who translated captured documents. These men all worked closely with the Intelligence Corps and will be pleased to see some acknowledgement of their excellent service. We especially appreciate the efforts of the men who flew Wirraways, Doomsangs, medium and fighter bombers directing 25-pounder artillery fire, also pounding the enemy forward of the "burning line".

All the people who have contacted us (not all members of the League, or even returned servicemen), praised your magazine and its contents. This is pleasing to us both as it must also be to the Listening Post committee. You are undoubtedly producing a first class publication - keep up.

ERIC STALLARD and WARD CUREDALE

OVERSEAS PENSIONS

At a time when our Federal politicians are promising to right past inequalities, improve our present living standards and enhance our futures, many of us depend upon overseas pensions.

Recently an Early Day motion was introduced into the British House of Commons by Mr Winston E. Churchill, grandson of Sir Winston Churchill. The motion calling for support from all political parties, associated the Government's "outpost" behaviour towards 350,000 expatriate British pensioners now living in Australia, New Zealand, Canada and South Africa.

Mr Churchill has advised me (see following letter) that this motion entitled "Inequality of Treatment of British State Pensioners Living Abroad", calls upon the British Government to end the present discrimination of no cost of living increases for
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to certain British expatriate pensioners living abroad. It may interest your readers to learn that if an expatriate British pensioner went to live in Germany or Italy, cost of living increases would be paid annually! Also if they moved to the Philippines, the USA, Sweden or even Yugoslavia, they would receive annual increases but not if they reside in Australia, New Zealand, Canada or South Africa.

Mr Churchill has asked me to tell any expatriate British pensioners to support his efforts to redress the present discrimination by the British Government.

In his letter, Mr Churchill stresses that his motion is supported by members from all of the other political parties in the House of Commons, in principle, but he seeks massive support from individual members. He says "To date only 66 MPs have registered their support for the motion and its amendments," however he says he will shortly be having a 'blitz' on the others.

He has asked me to encourage all expatriates, both in receipt of pensions or with aged parents who cannot join them due to the existing lack of cost of living increases denied those living in Australia and New Zealand, to support his fight on their behalf.

I hope that all concerned will join Mr Churchill in his fight and at the same time help themselves to obtain just and equity for their future.

R. STONE

"Yarunga"
Lot 83, Hawkestone Rd
Roleystone 6111

Dear Colonel Stone,

Very many thanks for your recent letter of support for my Early Day Motion (No. 915) entitled 'Inequality of Treatment of British State Pensioners Living Abroad'.

That this house expresses its grave concern at the inequality of treatment by Her Majesty's Government of British state pensioners living abroad; believes that the denial of pension increases to British subjects, who choose to retire to Canada, Australia, New Zealand or South Africa, is indefensible; and calls on the Government to end this discrimination without further delay.

To date only 66 MPs have registered their support for the EDM and its amendments; however I shall shortly be having a 'blitz' on the others. But anything you are able to do through friends or contacts of your own to drum up support by writing to MPs that you know, would also be of great help.

I have no doubt that if sufficient weight of Parliamentary support can be demonstrated for redressing this clear injustice, the Government will have no alternative but to back down.

With renewed thanks for your kindness in writing.

Yours sincerely,

Winston S. Churchill

Lost Trails

STAN WHITE
We are trying to locate Stan White, an Australian soldier who married Cissie Fry of Morden in Surrey, England. He became station master at Bowelling after returning to Australia in 1945. He became station master at Bowning again following the death of his wife. George and Floss Fry, later followed to Australia, and their last known address was 63 McCourt Street, West Leederville.

Phone (09) 433 2391 or write to
RUBY MITCHELL
10 Felhurst Crescent
Dagenham
England, UK

SGT. C.H. KESSELL
I would like to hear from anyone who served with my late father Sgt C.H. Kessell in the Maintenance Section RAAF 481 Squadron at RDIFJ Japan from 1945 to April 1947.

(Mrs) YVONNE MATTHEWS
10 Felhurst Crescent
Dagenham
Essex, EN10 9HE
England, UK

CAN YOU HELP?

RAR VETERANS

As the State representative for the 2RAR Association, I have received numerous calls from ex-2RAR veterans wishing to form a branch here so that social functions and get-togethers can be arranged for special occasions.

The only criteria for membership is that veterans must have served in 2RAR, whether they were in theatre or not, with details.

G.D. BURLING (Bazza)
2 RAR Association
Ph: 342 3286

2/8 ANZTANK REGIMENT RAA
7th Div 2nd AIF

Former members of the unit who are not on the mailing list for the Regimental Association newsletter are invited to forward their full name, address, army number and phone number to the Association at PO Box 107, Crestmeade, Q. 4032.

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NO. 38 PILOTS COURSE 4 SFTS
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Last year a group of former members of this course met many for the first time since 1943—at a reunion lunch. Unfortunately, despite all efforts there was a number of former members whom we were unable to trace.

As a 50th Anniversary Reunion is planned for December this year, we would be grateful if anyone could help us contact any of the following:

No. 436297 T. Brown
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After 15 years continuous service in the Royal Australian Navy in various sea and shore establishments, five years Royal Australian Fleet Reserve concurrent with two years as CO of a Naval Cadet Unit I am concerned that the only un-official (non Imperial) medals I can wear as an ex-Serviceman are those which I had to purchase myself.

I hope that RSL members concerned with the welfare of their veterans in any of the above cases will also request, through their State RSL, an appeal to the Australian Government for formal, retrospective recognition of what should be their entitlement.

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN CORPS OF SIGNALS

The Royal Australian Corps of Signals is beginning, as a long-term project, the compilation of a Mess History. It will also cover the messes' predecessors, both the Malaya Area Signals' Mess and the Signals' Mess at Balcombe from World War II to the closure of the School of Signals at Balcombe in 1971.

Contributions are sought from members of the above messes. The information these books encompass will include anecdotes, mess appointments, history behind items of mess property, photographs and any other memorabilia that may be of interest. If required, any documentary material will be returned after being copied.

D. G. WAVE
Women Officer Class One
Main Hospital
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Victoria 3085 (03) 4807313
Lost Trails cont.

BRIAN TAYLOR
Would Brian B. Taylor, ex-RAAF 450 and 462 Squadrons, or anyone knowing his whereabouts, please contact M.C. Sharman, 92 Rowland Avenue, Wollongong, NSW 2500.

K.G. BULTER
Would Kenneth Gordon Bautler, ex-Royal Australian Army Ordnance Corps No EX54008, or anyone knowing his whereabouts, please contact P.C. Bautler, 7/31 West Coast Drive, Watermans WA 6155

REUNIONS

WAAF LUNCHEON
We are having our third luncheon reunion of "the girls" who came to Australia as war brides or who emigrated here since. This will be a great day of reminiscing and fellowship — so do join us on Saturday 4 September 1993 at AFA Estate, Bull Creek.
(Mrs) CYNTHIA LYALL
2/6 Gerald Street
Como 6152 Ph (09) 450 6141

JAYWICK (September 1943) - RIMAU (September 1944)
Relevant to the commemorative visit to Bali, Lombok and Singapore in September 1993, the committee of the Z special Krait 50th anniversary wishes to contact relatives of any servicemen who took part in either of these operations.
L.B. WITHERS
6 Hockley Road
Eastwood NSW 2122 Ph: (02) 674 4621

4RAR, 4RAR/NZ ASSOCIATION
A 30th anniversary national reunion will be held in Brisbane from 29 January 1993 to 6 February 1994. This is to be a family affair and will include luncheons, dinners and tours. For details
4RAR ASSOCIATION SEQ
PO Box 259
Alderley Old 4051

HMAS ASSAULT ASSOCIATION
Members OLD, NSW, VIC, SA, WA. Contact ex-assault personnel.
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COMBINED EX-SERVICE & SERVICEWOMEN'S COMMITTEE (WA)
All ex-service and servicewomen are invited to attend the annual luncheon at Anzac House on Sunday 8 August 1993. Pre-lunch drinks in the Anzac Club between 11.30 and 12.30 will be followed by lunch in the Gallipoli Room.
Tickets are $25 which includes pre-lunch drinks and the first round of drinks on the table. Please contact your own Association Representative/Secretary for tickets or Mrs Moira Ball 391 1416 (Ticket Secretary).

2ND HEAVY ANTI-AIRCRAFT BATTERY (DARWIN)
A reunion of members, and their partners, will take place on 14 September 1993 to coincide with the visit to Perth of other members, and their partners, from the Eastern States. For further information:
PETER HACKETT
11 Orizaba Place
Rockingham WA 6168, phone (09) 527 6689
or
DICK MOLLER
32 Mitchell Street
Ardross WA 6154, phone (09) 364 6492

145 AGH NORTHAM
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**NEDLANDS**

As part of the centenary celebration for the Claremont Local Government in western suburbs of Perth, a commemorative service was held on 10 April at the Claremont Museum. The occasion commemorated the great number of men and women formerly in the Defence Forces who, in the past century, were recruited, trained and served in the region as well as the many other ex-service personnel who have lived there.

The MC was our President John Slattery Jnr, the address was given by Peter Firkins OAM and the service was conducted by Major K. Bartlett, Senior Chaplain, Australian Army Western Region.

**BUNBURY**

Our meeting attendances are averaging around 40 and nearly double that were at the AGM.

**ANZAC DAY**

Our two services drew excellent attendances, and about 800 people packed into the hall for most of the afternoon. Features of the day included the presentation of the RAAF Flag to the Shire of Bunbury and 1000 Australian flags which were actually made in Australia. (We're still working on the poppies).

Guest of honour was Jim Cunniffe.

**HALL IMPROVEMENTS**

Replacement of the entire ceiling was a major project made relatively easy by a massive 50-plus busy bee and the usual support from our ladies. Les James deserves credit for being the only one who really knew what he was doing by co-ordinating all the electrical work.

**RAFFLE**

Our Mothers' Day raffle bought in $10,000 profit for the second year in a row. This looks like being an annual event and should help to keep us in the black.

**WELLARE**

Our consultants are available every day between 9 and noon, and if you can spare an hour or two each week to help with this work (and/or hospital visitors), your services would be welcomed.

**MEMBERSHIP**

There are hundreds of veterans who, if asked, would join or rejoin the RSL. Bringing one along and introduce him/her to our meetings on the third Wednesday of each month. Guests are always welcome.

Our best wishes go to Ken Littlejohn who has been nominated for a position on State Executive with full endorsement from the April meeting.

**BELMONT**

In February high school students Natasha Orr and Derek Craig were each presented with a $250 cheque. They were invited to the Club with their parents and friends for the presentation, which was

**GASCOYNE**

Our newest Life Member is Credric H. (Peter) Tomlinson who served in the RAAF. After discharge he joined the City of Perth sub-branch in 1945, transferring to the Gascoyne sub-branch the following year. He became Secretary/Treasurer in 1980 and held that position until February 1993. Prior to this, he was President from 1957-59.

During that time the sub-branch, in co-operation with the Shire of Carnarvon, renovated the War Memorial (1914-18 War) and erected a fence around the site. Also during that period, the Shire decided to close down pensioner units. Because a returned man could not get any accommodation, the sub-branch through the Gascoyne Memorial Trust, took over the units and upgraded them.

During the past eight to ten months, the sub-branch's fund raising activities have increased considerably. We have donated $510 to local projects, $500 to the Australian National Flag Association, $200 to Legacy and in 1993 $260 to PCYC. This was made possible through a number of raffles while a lottery raised $500 to buy a trumpet for the Carnarvon Senior High School band.

We now occupy new club rooms and have installed floor coverings, tables, chairs and a sofa-daybed and hope to acquire a permanent bar to replace the temporary one. If any members of the League are in Carnarvon, the Secretary, Roy, can be contacted on 099 411 829 and President Peter Chapman on 099 411 946.

R.G. LEIGHTON
Secretary

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A wonderful example of public relations with young people in the district.

Some 35 ex-service men and women took part in our local Anzac service and march on Sunday 18 April. The march was led by the WA Police Pipe Band, assisted by the City of Belmont Brass Band. Present were Air Commodore Smith of Pearce Air Base, Lt Col Hein of the Navy, Major Crossman of the Army, John F. Orwood, principal of the district, and serving and ex-service men or women at the RSL Club - the site of the War Memorial. Marchers comprising RSL members of the Forces who live in the district, and invited to join us on a game on Wednesday afternoons.

Members from other branches who move into our district, or ex-service men or women, or serving members of the forces who live in the district, are invited to join us on Wednesdays 3-7pm, Fridays 4-10pm, Saturdays 11am-5pm, and Sundays 4pm-7pm. Our meeting is on the third Monday at 8pm, our bowling green is looking good and is attracting players from other sub-branches. Come and join us for a game on Wednesday afternoons.

The ladies of our Women's Auxiliary are busy with numerical functions and fundraising, without their work, the branch would be in the red.

The Anzac Day Address, sub-branch secretary, Jock Manderson gave a short address and wreath-laying ceremony. Scouts from the Shire of Swan District ceremonially took their positions. Dianella Scouts have now undertaken this task for some 30 years and with number of just on 100, they willingly set about facing the chilly night ahead.

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BELLEVUE

ANZAC DAY SERVICES

We again hosted the Anzac Day services. The school children's service at Blackboy Hill on 18 April was well supported by local schools and co-hosted with the Shire of Mundaring and the Government Primary School. John Forrest, principal of the school which is actually sited on Blackboy Hill, again put effort into ensuring the success of the service which saw each child place a small flower on the Bilboom Commemoration.

Guest Speaker Ian McDonald, of Haget MRA and architect of the site, was most inspiring as he explained to the children the meaning of Anzac and the historical significance of the site. He also encouraged them to continue their research into the history of Blackboy Hill and to develop the museum, as it was from this World War I training camp that the Spirit of Anzac was born.

Next was the service for senior citizens at the Urological Nursing Home where sub-branch secretary, Jack Manderson gave a short address to more than 35 residents and staff. Several veterans were visibly impressed by the service and, despite their age, showed keen interest in the proceedings. They were also only too willing to recount their wartime experiences to the official party.

Sunset on 24 April saw a small gathering of members of the public witness the posting of the night vigil at the Blackboy Hill Ellipses. Following a short address and wreath-laying ceremony, Scouts from the Shire of Swan District ceremonially took their positions. Dianella Scouts have now undertaken this task for some 30 years and with number of just on 100, they willingly set about facing the chilly night ahead.

Dawn was signaled by the large numbers of members of the community emerging from the darkness and descending upon the flickering lights of their campfires. By 7am the cold grey light of dawn was starting to allow over the hills to the east - assigned for the Scouts to take up their ceremonial positions for the dawn service. Bugler Chelsea Brooks broke the silence of the morning with the 'Last Post' followed by 'Reveille' — a cue for the official party to place wreaths on the memorial.

Following the service the Scouts retired to their camp leaving small groups of officials, guests and the public to mingle and enjoy each other's company and the early morning bush setting picturesque Blackboy Hill.

BELLEVUE SERVICE

Some changes to the format of the traditional march and service at Bellevue resulted in a more reflective service with better presentation.

The proceedings commenced with the march from the Bellevue service to the RSL Club - the site of the War Memorial. Marchers, comprising RSL members, serving Defence Force personnel and members of 561 RCL were acknowledged at the starting date by Mayor Bill Bayliss of The Western Australian University Regiment before moving to the Memorial for the services.

Guests included local members of parliament, Mrs Judi Moylan MHR, Member for Swan, Mrs Joan and de-Kolsher MLA, Member for Swan Hill, Shire of Swan representatives, including Dr Ron Cullen, Deputy President, and Shire of Mundaring President, Cr Ron Dullard.

During the Anzac Day Address, sub-branch president Arthur Elder spoke of the sacrifices service personnel made during times of war and...
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paid particular reference to Australian Forces currently serving in Cambodian and Somalia. He also challenged RSL members to ensure the League's survival through an active recruiting campaign.

At the conclusion of the program, the opportunity was taken to present Mrs. Sheila Gunston with a large arrangement of flowers as an expression of thanks for playing the piano at ANZAC Day services - a task she has done and enjoyed for so many years. Mrs. Gunston is 89 years of age and hopes to play for us next year.

Major Bruce Paynes, our Salvation Army Chaplain, was also presented with a donation to assist him and the Church in their welfare work.

Following the service all moved to the RSL Club to enjoy the hospitality of the sub-branch.

W.E. GAYNOR

SCARBOROUGH

Dorothy Devaney has reported on members in hospital and those who had passed away. Notable amongst whom was our long-time Treasurer, Syd Lewis. A life-member, and a great worker for the sub-branch, he will be missed. Quite a number of other organisations' members attended his funeral.

Pat Elliott presented a Notice of Motion that $500 from our Amalgamation Fund be presented to the Honourable Welfare and Counselling, who do such a good job, and that we donate $500 to Touchborders for Legacy to sponsor six wards.

Wally Evans, Junior Vice-President, is organizing a trip to Bunbury and the committee is planning more bus trips.

A welcome has been extended to Len Hall, a Light Horseman of Gallipoli days, who is back with us again.

The ANZAC Day service was held at the magnificent Memorial Garden next to the Scarborough Bowling Club. The gardens are a credit to sub-branch President Doug Piggott and those who have worked with him.

After the service, everyone adjourned to the Bowling Club for afternoon tea and a later barbecue. Many people met old friends at this 'one day of the year', which was once again a success.

Our meetings are held on the second Monday of each month. For information, ring Doug Piggott, President, on 644 1231 or Ken Bridge, Secretary, on 644 2710.

JIM HIGGINS

COCKBURN

Our AGM saw the retirement of longtime President Jack Burchard and the election of Raymond Gray in his stead. Bruce Prior as Treasurer and myself as Secretary.

Membership is still increasing and the branch is functioning very well. New extensions to our meeting room meet the approval of all and bring pleasure to the members who built themselves and the facilities. Our monthly dances are popular, and meetings are often attended by more than 100. Prior to ANZAC Day all members pitched in to paint the hall in new curtains and tidy up lawns and gardens. Welldone members.

At our ANZAC Day service, more than 400 people listened to Pastor Arthur Smith, His Worship the Mayor, Councillor Ken Nolan, and President Ray Gray who gave an inspiring address. Veterans turned out in good numbers and it was encouraging to note the number of Scout, Girl Guides and Brownie Packs joining in the Parade and March Past.

After an hour of 'hearing in the Mayor's reception room, veterans and friends returned to the RSL Hall to enjoy an excellent lunch prepared by our ladies and served by the men in splendid white tuxedos.

It is pleasing to note that besides the South Coogee Primary School, who have joined us in ANZAC services, this year the new Coogee School asked for a similar service and other schools have approached us for 1994.

A grant from the Veterans' Affairs to purchase machinery to further our community work for elderly members and pensioners was most welcome and will help us to keep going.

WALLY HAGAN OAM, JP, Hon Secretary

OSBORNE PARK

As in past years the sub-branch in conjunction with the Vietnam Veterans conducted the wreath-laying ceremony on ANZAC Day at the City of Stirling Memorial. The wonderful weather brought out many new faces which was encouraging. Wreaths were laid by the Federal Member for Stirling, Mr. Bob Carr, the former Member for Stirling, Mr. Ron Edwards, Mr. N. Calma representing the State Opposition and Councillor Mr. Adam Spagnolo for the City of Stirling. The President of the Scarborough sub-branch, Doug Piggott, one of the Vietnam Veterans, spoke to say that I did not obtain his name and I also laid wreaths.

Following the wreath-laying service we all adjourned to our memorial hall to enjoy a BBQ breakfast, prepared by the usual band of volunteers who lunched at the hall quite early in order to have everything ready. Many thanks go to those members who gave up their time and missed the service to ensure that the steak, sausages and onions were sizzling away by the time we all arrived back.

The most important item is the 1993 State Congress. The sub-branch will be represented by three delegates: John Bridge who incidentally is again nominating for State Executive, Rod Logan and myself. One subject that will have to be addressed is that of recruiting new members; there is quite a reduction in the number of members not only here in WA but throughout the nation. Now that

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membership eligibility is open to any person who served for a minimum of six months, but overseas service or not. I feel certain that we are all able to get at least one new member each.

Sadly, our World War veteran, Bill Bevis, passed away a few weeks before his 96th birthday which would have been on Anzac Day. Bill funded at Ballarat on his 90th Birthday. Many members from Osborne Park sub-branch attended his funeral, which his family much appreciated.

Our monthly meetings are every second Wednesday night of the month (except January), commencing at 7.30pm. Please come along and give us your ideas.

W.F. SULLIVAN
President 949 2787

BAYSWATER/MELTHAM

Sgt. Kevin Bronsby, a member of the 57th Regional Cadet Unit for the Australian Army Cadet Corps since February 1990, is currently completing the requirements for the Silver Duke of Edinburgh Award which he hopes to receive later this year. Kevin has devoted much of his time to the Cadet Corps and has always displayed a willingness to assist members of the community.

Bayswater/Meltham Sub Branch has been involved with the Youth of the Year since 1963, with the aim of assisting all young people in the community. Cadet WO2 David Taylor of the 97th Regional Cadet Unit and Donner Owens Cadet WO1, later RSM of the Cadet Corps GMC 1987, are now in the Army Reserve attending Reserve Officers' course. They were both Youth of the Year recipients.

Bayswater council has paid a warm tribute to the 57 Regional Cadet Unit by granting the local unit freedom of entry to the city. More than 50 caddes marched through Bayswater streets to the music of the Army Reserve Pipes and Drums, executing their new right with the traditional parade. The unit is the first in WA to be granted this honour, which was awarded in recognition of its contribution to the local community.

As tradition dictates, the unit marched until it reached the city entrance at the council offices in Brown Avenue. Then the parade was halted by Police Commissioner Brian Bull and the cadets asked to prove their right to enter the city with swords drawn, bayonets fixed, colours flying and music playing. Commissioner Bull was then presented with a scroll authorising entry and he allowed the unit to pass.

The 'freedom of entry' tradition started in England more than 500 years ago and dates from a custom observed by British regiments. The 'Fathers of London' claimed they had the right to forbid the armed forces to march through the city with swords drawn, bayonets fixed, colours flying or music playing. Any unit attempting to do so was challenged by a marshal and had to defend its actions. Freedom of entry was granted to military units which protected a city. This has been modified to suit modern times and is now usually given in recognition of community service.

JACK WAGLAND
Secretary

MANNING

We welcome new members George Brown, Des Dulat and Bernie Henschel. We now have 141 financial members.

During last year we were approached by Canning District and Victoria Park suggesting an amalgamation; as yet Manning has no intention of moving in this direction.

The Anzac Day memorial service organised by the Women's Auxiliary was attended by Bill and Margaret Taylor, former members of the Manning Senior Citizens Committee, was featured in the summer issue of the "Listening Post". Congratulations Margaret on your appointment as State President of the Women's Auxiliary.

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The Anzac Day memorial service organised by four sub-branches (Cannington, Manning and South Perth) was held in glorious weather with an excellent attendance from the public. Vice President R.J. Gardner, joined by the Mayor, Parliamentarians, students, representatives from the other sub-branches, Bayswater and students from Canning Senior High School gave a wonderful address.

Life membership was bestowed on Bob Gardner at the December meeting. I was pleased to pin the medal on Bob, and Jack Davie presented the certificate. The citation well summarises the dedication Bob has given to the sub-branch.

Mr. R.J. Gardner, who has been a member of the Manning Returned Services League for 45 years, was elected Secretary in 1970, a position he has held with dedicated endeavour for an success of 15 years. As Secretary, he became the first in WA to be granted this honour which is now usually given in recognition of community service.

W.F. SULLIVAN
President 949 2787

The cadet unit is led by Commissioner Brian Bull at the head of the parade of units to the City of Bayswater.
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Editor of a very informative monthly newsletter, of which he also arranged distribution and delivery. His efforts in this regard are much appreciated by the members for the up-to-date workings of the League and sub-branch activities. All correspondence is carried out in a most capable way, no adverse reactions were held by other sub-branches in the local area.

In 1979 Mr Gardiner was instrumental in organizing and supervising an Essay Competition between the three primary schools in the Manning district. The essay subject was directed to Good Citizenship.

Mr Gardiner is a dedicated and strong supporter of Remembrance Day Poppy Sales, and for many years has sold poppies in Lord Street, East Perth. His friendly way and manner no doubt are reflected by the weight of the containers he returns.

Mr Gardiner also represents the sub-branch at the Dawn Service conducted at Fremantle each year. He is a life subscriber to the League and is held in very high esteem by members of the sub-branch.

W.J. McGHIE

GERALDTON ANZAC DAY

An original Gallipoli veteran was on the saluting dais on Anzac Day: Wally Fletcher of Exmouth who served in the RAN at Gallipoli when only 14 years old. Now aged 92, Mr Fletcher is a valued member of the RSL.

Mayor Ted Whelan welcomed a crowd of some 2,000 before President Allan Ellis paid tributes to the Anzacs and their successors and the men and women now serving overseas. The ceremony included a Fly Over by four aircraft from 25 Perth Squadron at Pearce and a Prayer of Remembrance composed by former member Norman Rogers and read by Pam Burgess.

The well-attended dawn service was marshalled by Captain Ron Watkins of 506 Army Cadet Unit which also provided the Memorial Guard commanded by Sergeant Chris Zanfihi and included Matthew Merritt, Natalie Cole, Kallow Shaddick and David Stuart, with Jack Carroll as flag-handler.

The Ode to the Fallen was recited by John Spendlove who, accompanied by Wally Fletcher and Allan Ellis, laid the one wreath.

After the service, Captain Ron Watkins was presented with his RSL badge and Code of Citizenship Certificate.

Several of our members attended well-conducted and impressive school activities held in connection with Anzac Day.

RETURNED SISTERS

VALE: Marjory Frances Adam Thomson

Marjory Thomson's early inspiration to become a nurse stemmed from the fact that an illustrious forebear, Sarah Anne Terrett, was one of a band of eight nurses who accompanied Florence Nightingale on her epic journey to the Crimean war zone in 1854 which laid the foundation of army nursing.

Marjory was born in Bridgetown and, after completing her training at Fremantle Hospital, joined the Australian Army Nursing service in September 1941 and was posted to the 119 AGH based in Darwin. She was duty in the wards when the Japanese bombed the area in 1942; the hospital was later evacuated to Adelaide River some 70 miles south of Darwin where conditions were primitive. On return to Perth she was reassigned to 110 AGH at Hollywood when the onset of ill-health led to her early discharge from active service.

To her colleagues she was an inspiration and the positive answer to the verse in Kipling's moving poem:

"If you can force your heart and nerve and sinew to serve your turn long after they are gone and so hold on when there is nothing in you except the will which says to them 'hold on'"

Marjory, who had an indomitable spirit and a rare type of courage, died in hospital on 31 January 1993.

VICTORIA HOBBS
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RETURNED EX-SERVICEWOMEN

Our sub-branch celebrated the 45th Anniversary of its founding by Miss Mary Meares MBE in 1948 with an afternoon tea in the Gallipoli Room to which representatives of Ex-Servicewomen's Associations and Groups were invited. After a shawl parade the birthday cake was cut by Mrs Joan Dowson, MBE, a foundation member and our first Vice-President. Several other foundation members were present. The afternoon tea was organised by the Welfare Committee in conjunction with the Social Committee.

Welfare Committee Convener Mrs Beryl Sunley organised a ferry trip which was enjoyed by all, even the excitement of being stuck on a sandbank. Our sub-branch enjoys many happy outings and activities while those who are not well are always remembered. All ex-servicewomen are welcome to join. Please contact Joan Dowson 384 6712 or CECILE HINTON President 387 2237.

North Beach sub-branch members (from left) Frank Hamilton, Laurie Moirley and Frank Kent pictured in front of the Anzac Memorial, North Beach.

Photo courtesy Community Newspapers

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Executive members met in February when arrangements for our annual State Conference were discussed.

I attended Nollamara-North Perth birthday lunch, the opening of the new hall for the Collie-Cardiff sub-branch and set a wreath at the pre-Anzac service at the War Veterans' Home. At the Dawn Service at the State War Memorial, I placed a wreath on behalf of all Auxiliaries and the Senior Vice-President Mrs Barrell and I were at the Anzac Service on the Esplanade.

Our new membership drive continues with 25 new members this year; a very good effort by all concerned.

I am looking forward to seeing you all at the Conference and to those members on the sick list, we hope you have a speedy recovery.

M. TAYLOR
President

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TUESDAY, 4 JANUARY
Morning - Round Five. Lunch at Venue Club. Afternoon - Section Winners Knock-Out.

WEDNESDAY, 5 JANUARY
Morning - Winners play off. Lunch at Venue Club. Afternoon - Quarter Finals.

THURSDAY, 6 JANUARY

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IN TIME FOR WAR -
Pages From The Life of The
Boy Brigadier
by Professor Gordon Rimmer,
published by Mulvan Publishing NSW

Shades of General Sir John Monash! The subject of the biography, Brigadier John O'Brien, was born into a Victorian Irish Catholic family, became an Army Cadet at school, graduated as a civil engineer, joined the Militia in 1907, and became an active member of the United Services Institute of Victoria. Whilst working for the Metropolitan Tramways Board in Melbourne he applied himself diligently to his CMF career, visiting the American Civil War battlefields and completing a course at the UK School of Artillery, Larkhill.

At the outbreak of war in 1939 he was a Major and was posted to the Middle East as a liaison officer. He then became an Artillery officer and liaised with industry to upgrade their outdated artillery equipment - applying his engineering skills to design and manufacture.

In 1940 he went to the Middle East as 21st of one of the 9th Division Field Regiments but was soon promoted to Lieutenant Colonel and to command of 86th Field Regiment at the age of 32. His only active service was short and intensive in the Syrian campaign against the Vichy French forces. He and his unit performed splendidly, O'Brien being awarded the DSO and one of his young lieutenants, Roden Cutler, the VC. After only 12 months, O'Brien was shipped home and promoted to Brigadier at 33. He was then appointed Deputy Master-General of Ordnance.

Anyone interested in the problems to be overcome in galvanising Australian government and industry into action and expansion should read this book; the battles to produce the excellent Own Gun rather than the UK Snet or USA Thompson, to manufacture a medium tank or to construct landing craft are described here in detail.

O'Brien was determined to extend his military career for as long as possible. Postwar he utilised every political and service contact to achieve this. First he found himself on MacArthur's Staff in Tokyo as Chief of the Scientific and Technical Division, later becoming President of a Military Tribunal & trying high-ranking Japanese war criminals. In 1949 he was formally retired but made Honorary Major-General and went to Washington as Senior Supply Representative in USA, retrospectively a political fiasco.

In 1953 O'Brien had to accept that his distinguished and varied part-time military career must end, and he settled down to eventually found his own machine tool manufacturing company. He died in 1980.

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Incidentally, whilst in Tokyo the O'Brien family became friendly with and often entertained the young Japanese Crown Prince, Akihito, who subsequently made a private visit to their home in
Book Reviews cont.

Washington whilst on a State visit. Australia therefore, played some part in the democratising of the present Emperor through the O'Brien family.

BRIGADIER ABLE DACRE

ABOUT FACE
The Odyssey of an American Soldier
by Col. David H. Hackworth (US Army Retired)
Published by The McMillan Company of Australia Pty Ltd.
This book gives an excellent insight into the many differences between the US military and our own, both tactical and in the areas of management. It covers the period of the Korean to the Vietnam wars and is a personal account of the service career of America's most decorated living soldier, Colonel David H. Hackworth (US Army Retired).

The author describes Hackworth's progression from private soldier to colonel and all the "bumps" along the way. The account of life during the Korean War is dramatic and very descriptive of the way American Army operates. At times it seems very exaggerated, reading more like a cowboy movie script than a true story.

The book is a detailed study of the infantry soldier during operations and the intrigues and politics of high level staff appointments. The Vietnam conflict is described in detail and Col. Hackworth discusses his disillusionment with the conduct of the war generally and the operations that were carried out during the period of the war which he describes as unworkable. Since coming to live in Queensland he has become an active campaigner for nuclear disarmament and the Peace movement.

The book is written in an easy-to-read style but the reader will need time to study some of the lessons and theories that are expounded. It also gives an excellent insight into the many differences of organisational and structural between our Army and that of the United States.

R.O. WERGER

AUSTRALIAN NURSES SINCE NIGHTINGALE
by Elizabeth Burchill
Although the subject matter is of great interest, I found the book difficult to read mainly because of a certain lack of cohesion and balance as it is heavily weighted in favour of nurses and nursing practice in one small state, with those in the western third of the continent largely overlooked.

Another puzzling feature is the emphasis on the "medal" side of things. It breaks little new ground and much of the biographies and reminiscences have already been researched and published in greater detail by other authors, and there is nothing to be gained by repetition.

Australian nurses and nursing is such an immense subject that it is impossible to collect the few and do justice to the many. However, the book gives an excellent example of the unreliability of the oral historian.

I wish that Miss Burchill had directed her talent to creating a nursing story with a newer and fresher approach. I recall an occasion when, sitting in the soldiers mess at Gaza Ridge, I listened to Miss Burchill who told of her adventures in nursing in other lands and gave us a glimpse of what we thought could be a brave new world.

VICTORIA HOBBS

LEGION OF THE LOST — HOME DEFENCE
by Ray Buttery
It is amazing the number of books written about service in Australia during World War II and especially in the Northern Territory, more so since the Battle of Australia celebrations in 1992. Why is the Infantry Battalion made into an Artillery Battery overnight? Anything can happen in wartime and that is what happened to the 48 Battalion (AIF) which became the 108 Aust. LAA Regiment (AIF). The 48 Battalion was from South Australia with companies from the Riverland and the metropolitan areas.

At all times the men strove to go overseas and be part of the AIF fighting on all fronts, but this was not to be as the defence of Australia was more crucial. The battalion became one of the best trained units in Australia but frustrations caused some friction among the officers and men.

I recommend strongly that you obtain this book which provides good, truthful reading. It can be purchased from Ray Buttery, 1/18 Battams Road, Marden, 5070, SA at a cost of $19.95 plus postage $3.35. A donation of $8.00 will be made to the Westra Section of the WA Branch of the RSL from the sale of every book.

The author is a former member of our Highgate sub-branch.

MC. (MIKE) HALL JP

POETRY ON THE SERVICES
by June Farrell

ANZAC марчers
(Adeula 1989)

Sun shone down

on marchers, old and new.
Strains of past songs
played, as those able
headed for the Centopath.

Medals hung from proud chests
of people who shared

camaraderie,

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HMAS SYDNEY — THE GREY GHOST

To sail the high seas no more
is the fate of a once good ship.
Gone are the long trips "up top"
and the short ones "down under".
A veteran of peace and war
with the cries of sailors fading away.
In her glory, her decks alone
benty feet scurried from stem to stern keeping her parts clean and workable
but no, now longer new,
he waits,
his rust eats at her bulky frame,
while white ants gnawing on wood.

We salute you, oh silent "grey ghost"
Well done, good and faithful servant.

A TRIBUTE TO THE BRAVE

Silently; the grey bulk docked,
bringing green heroes from the war.
Returning them home to peace
after a long, bloody battle.
No rousing reception awaited them
as they disembarked; friends cried,
shook hands, kissed loved ones.
But others went unnoticed.
Of them we should be proud.
They fought and died for us,
but ashamed of ourselves, we should be
for not showing them our thanks.

On behalf of my countrymen,
I accept the unspoken apologies
of a nation too mute to speak.
May you now always live in peace.

INVASION

(for the crew on HMAS SWAN-Adelaide)
Friends from the stormy seas
sail into port on a balmy breeze
"To shore", the cry rang out,
then all aboard; short and stout,
long, lean and in between—
faces of men could be seen, anxiously waiting for the break.
I only, they could stay awake.
Then, swarming off the deck,
Sailors in port again — OH HECK!
Down to the local for a drink
it doesn't give one time to think.
Tomorrow is another day,
but now they haven't any pay.
Where to go and what to do,
perhaps a visit to the zoo.
But then again off to the pub,
Hey, there's always the NAVAL CLUB!

HONOUR MY DEATH

Come find the place where I lie
And kneel there but do not sigh.
Gaze down to read what people say
Remember me as you pray.

CHORUS

Honor my death by the way you live
Bring joy to my spirit, let your heart forgive.
Honor my life with each new day
Do not afraid, I will show you the way.
I stay behind to care for my mate
Now we're together in one holy state.
We keep on a course called freedom
And not for an earthly kingdom.

CHORUS

I see that your child has no rest
And you live a life of emptiness.
Listen in silence and I will speak
The words that make strong the weak.

CHORUS

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This song was televised nationally as part of the ABC's live coverage of the Australian Vietnam War Memorial dedication in Canberra. I have been told that the telecast was also linked to New Zealand.

The four factors that influenced me to write the song were six years in the Australian Army; a twelve month tour of duty in South Vietnam; two years of research to write a manuscript entitled "Your Loving Son"; and witnessing the post trauma and resentment of a number of Australian Vietnam veterans together with the deep sorrow still felt by the next-of-kin who lost their sons. I wanted the song to convey hope in times of despair and grief.

To write my manuscript I used a collection of personal testimonies from veterans and their families and quotations from letters sent home by seven soldiers who were killed in action, alongside each other, at the Battle of Long Tan, 18 August 1966.

I will always remember the events leading up to writing and composing the song; I was63 searching for the graves of the young men mentioned in my manuscript and had been told by the local of-in-law that their sons were buried in the Anzac cemetery at Mt Gravatt, Brisbane. I also visited graves sites at Pinaroo, Brisbane.

To find their resting place, I started at one end of the Anzac cemetery and walked down each row, reading the name-plaques as I went. My attention was focused on finding selected graves but the untold number of ex-servicemen's graves left me feeling that I had walked through history.

Eventually I found the three graves side by side. The words inscribed on the plaques read: "Greater love has no man, than to lay down his life for his friend."

I silently said a short prayer asking that all those who died directly in my writing had a yearning to reconcile the grief and misery still haunting their next-of-kin and the thousands of young men who had been catapulted into the Vietnam War.

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Book Reviews cont.

The book, "Catalina Squadrons - First & Furthest" by Jack Riddell

The book "Catalina Squadrons - First & Furthest" was placed second in order of merit from eight entries received for the 1992 RAAF Annual Heritage Awards.

It relates to the operations of RAAF Catalina Flying Boats in the period May 1941 to March 1943, during which time Australia went through its hardest hours under threat from the Japanese.

The book gives details of many operations using Catalinas as front line bombers after the fall of Rabaul, Catalinas on daylight reconnaissance in Japanese airspace prior to and during the Coral Sea Battles, the successful evacuation of RAAF and AIF from the Catalina Base at Tulagi, and hours before the Japanese landed. How many Australians know of these events or similar bases at Vila and Noumea?

The aircraft supported both Australian and American ground forces by the night time bombing of Japanese bases in New Britain, New Ireland and Bougainville and, by radar controls, did nightly patrols between New Britain and New Guinea searching out the Japanese reinforcements, which when located were attacked.

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Fleet Air Arm Association of Australia
President: Hollar Davies, 21 Royalty Drive, Tamburlaine WA 6085. Secretary: Mrs Susan Jones, 28 Bank, Wמק, Wוא 6166. Tel: 322 9105. Meets second Wednesday of each month (ladies welcome) unless otherwise advised.

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President: Mr R. J. Lush, Unit 6 St. Paul's Walk, Midland WA 6056. Tel: 532 3511. Secretary: Mr L. E. de Brooke, 43 Philia St, Denmark 6231. Tel: 271 9738. Social meetings held every month (ladies welcome). For further information please contact Secretary.

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