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In September I attended National Congress, where five nominations were submitted for the position of National President. The successful candidate was Maj-Gen "Digger" James. "Digger", as he refers to himself, is looking forward to visiting WA and meeting as many members as possible. Congratulations were forwarded to him on behalf of all members of the WA Branch of the RSL.

Also whilst on congratulations, our best wishes have been expressed to the new Governor, Maj-Gen M. Jeffrey, AO, MC, and I am pleased to report that he has agreed to be patron of this State's Branch of the RSL. I am sure that the members will see a lot of the new Governor at the many ex-service organisations' functions in the future.

Many of our veterans have expressed their anger over the Government’s ruling regarding unrealised capital gains. This matter, which affects many of our veterans, was quickly taken up with the Government by the RSL. The lobbying was extensive and we thought effective, until the Government’s decision was that the iniquitous part of the legislation would remain and only the retrospective portion be amended.

The RSL does not intend to let the matter rest there. It has again begun lobbying the concerns on behalf of our veterans, and it appears that the Government may initiate an inquiry into means-testing of pensions. The RSL will continue to press to have the opportunity to present the veterans’ case regarding means-testing of pensions in the hope of resolving this matter.

A major concern for the RSL is the release of the Australian National Audit Office report title “The Auditor-General Audit Report No. 8”. This report is an audit in the economy, efficiency and effectiveness of the Department of Veterans' Affairs compensation pensions to veterans and war widows. In this report it states:

"The ANAO considers that the Department needs to improve the way in which the Compensation Sub-Program is managed and delivered and can achieve substantial savings in its administrative costs. The Department recognises the need for improvement to current claims-processing procedures and is implementing major changes."

There are 50 recommendations in this report. Some are related to standard of proof and the statutory time limit; the granting of War Widows and Disability Pensions on the basis of smoking related service; the need to review an alternative to the present TPI Pension, and to review the appeal process for assessments and reconsidering the procedure for impairment and lifestyle ratings.

One is left with the feeling that the Government is once more determined to “get at” the veteran community. I say this because, on reading the report, I noticed a small sentence that said “more claims could be accepted within the current legislation”, and the ANAO's concern highlights the need to address these problems.

Justice Toose in his report “Independent Enquiry to the Repatriation system” in the 1976 spoke of the nation being indebted to those-who gave service in time of war in the Armed Forces, endangering their lives etc. and suffering economic loss. He further emphasised that the nation has a duty to ensure these people who served are properly cared for and that they should never have to beg or rely on charity! At this time I would like the politicians to read and contemplate the significance of these words of Justice Toose, because I cannot see why else this review needs to be carried out other than [and I use the ANAO's own words] that the Department "... can achieve substantial savings in its administrative costs.

This highlights again the reason why we continue to express the need for ex-service and serving personnel to be financial members of the League. With a large membership, we can be a successful force in carrying on the fight with the Government of the day, whose bureaucrats I consider may have lost any sympathy for veterans and their dependants, and are merely focusing on creating small empires for themselves which result in fat pay packages and superannuation payments.

Both the State Executive and myself are trying to visit over a short period as many sub-branches as possible, to meet members personally, for we have found that, in this way, we obtain more feedback on problems being experienced by the members. Therefore, please let us know if you want a visit; we make no promises, however. We are hoping to be able to travel north before June next year, to visit the sub-branches and members there, but that never-ending “finance” problem keeps rearing its ugly head. So we continue to pray that some “fairy Godmother” will come out of the woodwork to enable us to travel to all sub-branches.

Finally, on behalf of the members of the State Executive, I extend our best wishes for the festive season and pray that in 1994 we will continue to work together in keeping with the spirit of the Objects of the League.

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He graduated from DUNTROON in December 1951 and was posted in early 1952 to Infantry units (incl 15 National Service Battalion) in Australia as a Platoon Commander prior to joining his battalion 1RAR in Korea later that year. On 7 November, whilst leading a 13 man fighting patrol tasked to capture an enemy-held outpost, he was seriously wounded in a mine explosion at the time of engagement with the enemy. He was subsequently evacuated home after surgery in a US MASH in Korea and a British Commonwealth hospital in Japan.

During 1953 he received extensive medical care for his injuries and in February 1954 returned to duty as Adjutant of the Armoured School at Puckapunyal. In late 1955, after completing a driving and maintenance training course on the Centurion Tank he was posted to the 12/16 Hunter River Lances at Muswellbrook in the Hunter Valley, NSW. Perceiving a limited career in a combat arm of the Army due to his permanent lower limb problems, he retired from the Army and commenced medical studies at the University of Sydney in 1957.

Following graduation with a Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery in 1963, he proceeded to Resident Medical Officer at Ryde District Soldiers’ Memorial Hospital for a year. In December 1964 he was commissioned Captain into the Royal Australian Army Medical Corps and undertook medical officer duties at 2 Camp Hospital Ingleburn during 1955-6. In 1966 he was appointed Medical officer at RMC DUNTROON.

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On return to Australia in 1971, he was posted as Deputy Director of Medical Services Northern Command (Brisbane) and promoted to Colonel. Later, following reorganisation, he became Director of Medical Services, 1st Military District. Whilst in Queensland he was much involved with medical teaching at the University of Queensland and College of Nursing and medical needs for Cyclone Althea in Townsville, Cyclone Tracey in Darwin and the 1974 Brisbane floods.

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On retirement he moved to Brisbane and accepted the position of fulltime Director of the Pratt Group of companies in Queensland. His involvement in ex-service activities began in 1953 on becoming a member of the Victorian Branch of the Limbless Soldiers’ Association. He has maintained his membership and allegiance with each army posting.

He is currently Chairman of the National Advisory Committee to the Minister of Veterans’ Affairs on the Vietnam Veterans’ Counselling Service, a member of the Repatriation Pharmaceutical Benefits Committee, a member of the Committee of Inquiry into Defence Awards and holds several positions with the Queensland RSL.

 Married in 1954, he and his wife Barbara have four children - two sons (Bill and Jack) and two daughters (Lee and Cathy). An elder brother, Jack, a fighter pilot in the RAAF in World War II, was lost in action in Egypt in July 1942. He was never found. An elder sister Ruth served as a nurse in the VAD [later AAWMS] at the same time. He is currently Immediate Past President of the United Service Club in Brisbane and Deputy Chairman of the Queensland Corps of Commissionaires, and his hobbies include gardening, swimming and carpentry.

WAR VETERANS’ HOME

October saw the retirement of the long-time Chairman of the Board, Mr Jim Hall, owing to ill health. Few could doubt his commitment to the Homes or his legendary fund-raising activities. The incoming Chairman, Mr Ken Murphy, had much to say of Jim Hall, both personally and at Board level, emphasising there was much to learn from his tenure at the helm. He is wished a long and fruitful time ahead.

With the gradual shift of Government policy away from institutionalised care, the Board and staff are facing a number of challenges which will require careful planning. The achievements of those who have served in an unpaid capacity over the years, as well as and the staff, have been magnificent. Yet, as always, there is still much to do.

Under the guidance of Mr Dennis Nelson, administrator of all the War Veterans’ Homes, a number of changes will be taking place. It is hoped in the near future to appoint managers at Meadow Springs, Mandurah and Geraldton. Centralising the accounting functions should streamline the finance area and allow even greater concentration on the care aspect in the homes.

Mr Lawley

A number of options re capital works are being considered, particularly in relation to the Howes and Colbette Wings. A visit by the Government assessment team provided residents and staff with an opportunity to examine many of the facilities and systems from a different perspective. All in all, it proved a valuable exercise although some of the methods, employed by the team and the conclusions reached may need closer examination.

Meadow Springs

The departure of Mr Jim Hall as temporary Administrator closes the initial phase. Although the homes are not yet full, the prospects look bright for the future. Areas to be more closely looked at include recreation and administration and, with the marvellous staff, the little that needs to be done should be accomplished smoothly.

Geraldton

Despite some early difficulties, Allan Ellis and his tremendous team are making real progress. There is a strong determination within the Geraldton Sub-Branch to see the Village project through. The Hostel continues to be run effectively by the small but professional team.

Fund Raising

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Your sincerely,
Mike Jeffery.

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By Vic Jeffery, Navy Public Affairs Officer (WA)

The tourist town of Exmouth, home of the RAN’s Harold E. Holt Naval Communication Station, was the site of two moving 50th anniversary ceremonies recently, one an offshore remembrance ceremony and the other the dedication of a memorial.

These activities honoured one of the most audacious and longest sea raids in naval history, launched from Exmouth Gulf in 1943, and an ill-fated follow-up raid launched from Careening Bay, Garden Island, in 1944.

Thursday, 2 September was the anniversary date, with the ceremonies conducted to honour the 1943 top-secret raid, code-named “Operation Jaywick” and a follow-up raid, “Operation Rimau”.

The offshore remembrance service saw four large Kailis Fisheries trawlers form a circle around a lone and empty Special Air Service Regiment camouflaged twoman canvas fold boat, moored a kilometre offshore in the approximate position from where MV Krait had sailed on the “Jaywick” raid.

Crammed with former Z-Force personnel, VIPs (including Captain Crispin George, CO of H E Holt Naval Communication Station, Brigadier Terry Nolan, Head-Defence Centre Perth and the Officer Commanding RAAF Pearce, Air Commodore Neil Smith) and other invited guests, the trawlers were a mass of colour.

A veil of silence quickly fell over the gathering as they watched the foldboat, with folded paddles, and the sun’s rays glinting on a prismatic compass lying with a wartime sketch map of the proposed attack-plan resting on the bow.

The commencement of the ceremony was heralded by the lamenting sound of the bagpipes of the Exmouth Pipe Band playing the emotive “Road to the Isles”; the favourite tune of the commanding officer, Major Ivan Lyon of “Jaywick”, who was later lost in leading the second raid, “Rimau”.

Naval Reserve chaplain, Ray Hughes, gave a short but moving address before Captain George cast the first wreath upon the sparkling waters.

After a minute’s silence, 23 bright yellow daffodils were cast on the water by former members and widows of deceased members of Australia’s special forces, who individually stepped forward, one for each member of the 23 man ill-fated follow-up “Rimau” raid.

The final salute came from three RAAF PC-9 aircraft from RAAF Base Pearce, led by Lieutenant-Commander Mark Jerrett, as they roared overhead in an arrowhead formation.

That afternoon a large crowd of those who had attended the morning memorial service combined with townspeople and visitors for the dedication of the Krait Memorial in the heart of the town of Exmouth.

The memorial, a large rough-hewn four-tonne piece of grey granite with its bronze plaque is positioned near the Exmouth War Memorial as a permanent tribute to the MV Krait and Operations “Jaywick” and “Rimau” by the people of Australia.

In his address Captain George said: “As we look at the stone itself, please note that it is rough and hard, thus symbolising the nature of our irregular forces.

“Much of the stone is underground and hidden from sight just as a considerable part of the story of special operations remains unrecorded and unseen.

“The stone comes from Garden Island and, I am told, comes from the same origins as the memorial to special forces located there. For these reasons, I believe it appropriately serves its purpose. I pray that it remains relevant. Lest we forget.”

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Masquerading as local fishermen and flying a Japanese flag, the 21.3 metre, 68-tonne former Japanese vessel, which had been renamed Krait, had sailed from Exmouth Gulf on 2 September and safely returned to Australia some 47 days later after covering 9600 kilometres - mainly through enemy infested waters, finally arriving at Exmouth on 19 October, still under a shroud of secrecy. 

Led by the raid’s mastermind, Major Ivan Lyon, of the Gordon Highlanders who had seen his wife and child captured in the fall of Singapore, he had vowed he would personally strike back at the Japanese invaders. 

The successful raiding-party of eight Royal Australian Navy, three Australian Army and two Royal Navy personnel had trained in Queensland before sailing from Cairns via Darwin to Exmouth, where they prepared for the clandestine operation. 

Having previously broken down offshore, MV Krait had sailed from Exmouth with temporary repairs to the coupling key of the intermediate propeller shaft after she had been repaired by US Navy personnel with the caution to nurse the ship as the repairs were only temporary. Understandably they were unaware that Krait was heading for Singapore - not Fremantle! 

The highly successful “Operation Jaywick” raid was followed up by a similar operation in 1944, code-named “Rimau”, launched by the Royal Navy submarine HMS Porpoise from Careening Bay at Garden Island, today the site of HMAS Stirling. 

Although the second raid enjoyed some success, all 23 participants, including six from the original “Jaywick” raid, were either killed in ensuing skirmishes around surrounding islands with the Japanese or captured and beheaded at Singapore by the Japanese as “heroes” only weeks before the war ended in 1945. 

The names of these gallant young men are recorded on the Services’ Reconnaissance Department Memorial located within the precincts of HMAS Stirling on Garden Island. 

Former commando, Major Tom Hall, presented a full-sized original attack plan of Operation “Rimau” to Captain George of Harold E. Holt as a gift to the people of Australia to be kept in perpetuity in Exmouth. 

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A museum is to be established in the town of Exmouth to house a collection of historical artefacts and photographs relating to the MV Krait and the "Jaywick" and "Rimau" raids to ensure their links with this north-west Australian town are never forgotten.

AIR COMMODORE PETER NICHOLSON
Commander Northern Command

Air Commodore Nicholson, born and educated in Northam, joined the RAAF after graduating from the University of WA. After completing pilot training and operational conversion, he was posted to Butterworth, Malaysia, where he flew the Mirage aircraft in the tactical fighter role. In 1973 he attended the Empire Test Pilots' School at RAF Boscombe Down, Wiltshire, graduating as dux of his course. He subsequently completed three tours at the Aircraft Research and Development Unit as a test pilot, flight commander and squadron commander. Air Commodore Nicholson has flown 2800 hours on more than 40 different aircraft types and was most recently current on the F/A-18 Hornet.

He holds a Commercial Pilot Licence and is current on several types of twin-engined aircraft, using this facility to fly himself and his staff to remote and distant parts of NORCOM, thus adding to the mobility of the command.

Air Commodore Nicholson has held staff appointments in the Engineering and Air Staff of Air Force Office and as the Director of the Office of the Chief of the Air Staff. He was the first Officer Commanding RAAF Base Tindal and in that capacity was the Sector Air Defence Commander for the Northern Sector. He exercised this responsibility during Exercises K89 and Pitch Black 90. He was the Director of Project Requirements for the Jindalee Over-the-Horizon Operational Radar Network until late July 92 when he was posted as Commander, Northern Command.

In addition to an abiding interest in military strategy and the application of air power, he has contributed to a number of publications on the subjects. A graduate of the RAAF Staff College, the USAF Air War College and the National Defence College of Canada, he holds the degrees of Bachelor of Engineering and Master of Public Administration. Air Commodore Nicholson is an enthusiastic squash player, skier and windsurfer. He and his wife Marie have two children: Jeremy who is studying at the School of Art in Canberra, and Amelia who is studying medicine at the University of Melbourne.

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My husband, Max, and I were fortunate to be among those on the recent Coral Sea cruise and we thank the organisers for this privilege and the benefits it included. There were 11 of us including Peter Firkins who escorted our party, made many arrangements on our behalf and looked after us very well.

The Chaplain on board the ship, the Rev Dr Douglas Abbott OAM MA Lt Col (Retd) ARA had served in the Navy and Army during and after the war. He specialised in the history of the Pacific Islands especially Papua New Guinea. As well as conducting daily interdenominational services, he gave interesting and informative talks and showed films on PNG and the boats that were fought in the Pacific. He arranged a meeting of ex-service men and women and war widows which gave us an opportunity to meet and know who others were including a party of about 60 from South Australia led by Kathy, secretary of the RSL in that State. Also with them was their Vice President, Chas Gardner. I seemed to be the only returned nurse, having been with 2/1 AGH when we were stationed in Port Moresby and then in Bougainville.

Dr Abbott asked me to cast a wreath at the memorial service on the Saturday. I was delighted and felt really privileged. It was a beautiful morning - calm sea and sun shining when we took our places on the after-deck for the service. There were prayers, hymns and an address by Dr Abbott. Then the wreath-laying party, comprising the ship's captain and officers, followed by representatives of the Navy (Dr John Lister), Army (Melita Law), Air Force (Peter Firkins) and Chas Gardner (RSL), marched up the aisle to the rear of the ship where the captain cast the first wreath "In honour of all who died as a result of war. I cast the second "In honour of the war dead of Australia, New Zealand, the Pacific Islands, the United Kingdom, the United State of America and other Allies" and Chas Gardner cast the third which was made of fresh flowers. The Last Post and Reveille were sounded followed by the Ode to the Fallen, a brief prayer and blessing to end the ceremony. It was a very special service and an emotional time for us all. Last year was the 50th anniversary of the sinking of HMAS CANBERRA during the assault on Guadalcanal on 9 August, 1942. In 1992 FAIRSTAR stopped over the exact location of CANBERRA which only a week earlier had been found on the sea bed near Savo Island. On this year’s voyage in the vicinity our service was held also to mark the occasion.

In the days preceding our Commemoration Service we spent a day in Vila, capital of Vanuatu. As well as being probably the most undeveloped of these islands, this small country was earlier this year devastated by cyclone, leaving plantations stripped of fruit and trees uprooted. Then we went to Honiara, situated on Guadalcanal Island, the capital of the Solomon Islands. Here we visited Red Beach where the Americans landed in their assault at Guadalcanal and nearby Henderson air strip. On top of a high hill we saw the magnificent American war memorial with its lists of war dead in various battles inscribed on large stone walls erected within a compound which commands scenic views of the surrounding valleys and hills. On another hill was a large but simpler Japanese memorial. Honiara was a very pretty place, very hilly with steep valleys and the town had some nice public buildings and houses although there were some quite primitive dwellings just out of town.

When we anchored in the China Straits off Milne Bay (a very special place for many of us), we were ferried ashore in the ship’s tenders for a visit to the island of Samarai, a delightful place with lovely people who danced for us after their Sunday church service.

Our day in Port Moresby included a trip to their out-of-town Parliament House and Museum and then to MacDonald’s Corner near the start of the Kokoda Trail. It was just 51 years ago that our forces were able to turn back the enemy advance on Port Moresby. We had reached the spot after a trip along mountain edges around Z bends and valleys alongside with rivers far below. I looked for the place where the 2/9th hospital was in 1943 near Rouna Falls (alas now only a trickle); the site is occupied now by a chicken farm. There were about 13 bus loads in the tour so there was not much opportunity for commentary, but the Papuan organisers gave us a lovely lunch 48kms from Port Moresby in the Varirata National Park, a beautiful grassy place in the thick tropical jungle. Closer to town we visited the well-kept Bomana War Cemetery. Finally we were taken to a lookout on the coast where we could see the high rise buildings on hillsides above the town and get a glimpse of Bootless Bay, the location of the 2/1st AGH before its move to Bougainville between October 44 and Jan 45.

Peter Firkins had prepared a number of papers to give talks on board the ship; they covered the reasons for Japan’s involvement, the Kokoda campaign and some of the more intimate experiences of the tiny force of our RAAF in the early stages of the war in Papua New Guinea. Dr Abbott’s talks covered civil and religious development in PNG and were accompanied by films, including Angels of War about the Papuan stretcher bearers and supply teams - the Fuzzy Wuzzy Angels. Dr Abbott urged us to write down or record on cassette the stories of our war experiences before they are lost to the younger generation.

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When the Australian Militia Force was at its greatest strength during World War II a third of its establishment came from New South Wales and another third from Victoria. The remainder was from Queensland, South Australia, Western Australia and Tasmania. The force was reorganised during and after the Papuan Campaign. Some New South Wales and Victorian battalions were disbanded to reinforce Queensland and Western Australian units. Of the 32 remaining battalions at the commencement of the operations at Bougainville, Wewak and New Britain, only eight came from New South Wales and nine from Victoria. Queensland still had eight battalions, Western Australia three, South Australia and Tasmania two each. The three Western Australian units were sent to New Britain with the 5th Division.

Twelve battalions were sent to Bougainville, of these eight were from Queensland. The Western State, however, was well represented in the action in a different manner. Western Australia had provided to the Army (Imperial Force and Militia) double its quota, per capita, of infantry leaders and specialists. This disproportionate provision had been brought about by the prewar education system of Australia. The State had spent much more money, in proportion to its population, on secondary and tertiary education than any other State (Queensland and Tasmania had expended by far the least). Western Australians were to fight on Bougainville as officers, specialists and infantry reinforcements, especially to the Queensland-raised battalions. The last brigade to be disbanded for purposes of reinforcement was the 5th, which contained the Western-Australian-raised 44th Battalion. The militiamen of this unit were sent to the 7th Brigade, mostly to the 25th Battalion. These men were to become important players in the bitter Easter battles of southern Bougainville.

The State's greatest contribution to the defence of Australia was, however, drawn from its scarest pool of human resources at the turn of the century. A teachers' training college had begun to produce primary teachers in the year 1901, but immigration was still the source of advanced, or secondary masters. A young man born at Lake Albert in southern New South Wales migrated to Western Australia to take up a position in its secondary education system. He had initially envisaged becoming a teacher in New South Wales and taught as a trainee for a short period at Wagga Wagga, where he applied for advanced training. The training was granted, but in the meantime he had decided to migrate to Western Australia, where his cousin, Henry Walburn Wheeler, was an established headmaster.

He commenced to teach, at the age of 19, what history records as an unruly class at Fremantle Boys' School, where his kinsman was headmaster. The young teacher soon began to take an interest in the school cadets and was appointed the unit's commander. As the master-in-charge of cadets, he organised camps on the banks of the Swan River, usually at Blackwall Reach: they were well attended by the pupils. He was also a Wesleyan lay preacher and conducted services for the Methodist Church on Sunday mornings at North Fremantle, and in the evenings at East Fremantle. The church asked him to become a full-time minister but he declined the offer.

The Army was at that time seeking suitable young men for its Cadet Instructional Staff, so he applied for a commission and was accepted. He had been a well-respected master at Fremantle Boys' School for four years and regarded himself by then as a West Australian.

While employed at the Fremantle school, he lived at Claremont and travelled to Fremantle each work-day by train.

The Army commission he was granted led him to become Chief-of-Staff of the Australian Imperial Force before the end of World War I. During World War II, he commanded the Second Imperial Force in the Middle East to 1942, and for part of this was deputy commander of all British forces in the Middle East. From 1942 to 1945, he was Commander-in-Chief of Allied ground forces in the South-West Pacific Area. The King, in recognition of his services, granted him a knighthood and awarded him the rank of Field Marshal.

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There was some strengthening of the force in the latter part of 1941, one important addition being the recruitment of Torres Strait Islander and Torres Strait Employment Companies.

During 1942 the force was increased as more troops and equipment came to the region. Important additions were the arrival of an RAAF Lockheed Hudson Squadron in early 1942 and a Boomerang Squadron later in the year.

May 1942 saw the Torres Strait on the western edge of the Coral Sea Battle, and from that time there was an influx of Australian and Allied service personnel. On 1 March 1943, the Torres Strait Light Infantry Battalion was raised, with Islander soldiers being transferred from the Torres Strait Islander and Employment Companies.

From 1943 there was a significant force located in the Torres Force area of responsibility, which extended from Portland Roads (Cape York) in the south to Merauke (Dutch New Guinea) in the north-west and Daru (New Guinea) in the north-east.

MEMORIAL PLAQUES
During 1992 Torres Force Veterans were invited to mount a memorial plaque in the crypt at Anzac Square, Brisbane. Contributions were made by veterans and a generous donation was received from the Hon. Ben Humphreys MP (previous Minister for Veterans’ Affairs). It was then decided to obtain two plaques - one to be mounted at Anzac Square and the other at Thursday Island, where Torres Force Headquarters had been located.

At 11 am on Friday 13 August 1993, 75 Torres Strait veterans, families and friends gathered at Anzac Square to take part in a very moving Torres Force Memorial Plaque ceremony. The plaques honour Australian sailors, soldiers, airmen and servicewomen and members of Allied Forces and civilians who served in Torres Strait and adjacent areas during World War II from 1941 to 1945.

The service was conducted by Brigadier Keith Colwill CBE (OC Torres Strait Signals - Captain) and a brief history of the Force was given by Mervyn Nargar (Convenor Torres Strait Veterans’ Group). The plaque was unveiled by Major George Brown (Deputy Commander Torres Force) and dedicated by Army Chaplain Graham Ramsden. Major Jock Swain (CO Torres Strait Light Infantry Bn) recited the Ode and following the Last Post and Rouse, five separate intercessions were offered. The Intercessors were Lieut Commander Harold Crawford OBE VRD (Naval Staff Officer - Intelligence, Thursday Island), Mr Paul Barlow (Torres Strait Signals Coastwatcher), Air Commodore Deryck Kingwell CBE DSO [OC 32 Squadron RAF Horn Island], Major Bill Bentson (US Army Rtd) and Commissioner George Mye MBE JP (ATSIC Commissioner for Torres Strait).

The dedication service was followed by a luncheon at the United Services Institute, attended by 100 veterans, friends and guests.

The second plaque will soon be mounted in the Quetta Memorial Cathedral Church of All Souls and St Bartholomew at Thursday Island. The plaque will be dedicated by the Right Reverend Anthony Hall-Matthews Th.L. during a service at which the centenary of the Quetta Church will be celebrated.

THANKS
The Torres Strait Veterans express their thanks to the RSL in Queensland for the help with the plaque ceremony, to those who contributed to the Plaque Project Fund and to Senior Chaplain Greg Flynn and Chaplain Graham Ramsden for their help with the dedication of the Brisbane plaque. Thanks also to the Bishop of Carpenteria for his interest and support with the forthcoming Thursday Island dedication.

Anyone requiring information about the Torres Strait Veterans’ Group should contact the Convenor (M.J. Nargar) at 14 Durimbil St, Camp Hill, Qld 4152 - telephone (07) 395 2479 or the Secretary (ER. Barlow) at 6/4 Woodland Street, Ashgrove, Qld 4060 - telephone (07) 366 7763.

MERVYN NARGAR

Torres Force Veterans prior to reunion luncheon following unveiling and dedication of a plaque in Anzac Square, Brisbane.

Four of the participants are shown with a second identical plaque to be mounted in Quetta Church, Thursday Island. From the left: Mervyn Nargar (Army Signals Coastwatcher), Major George Brown (Dep. Commissioner Torres Force), George Mye, MBE JP (ATSIC Commissioner for Torres Strait), Brig Keith Colwill, CBE.
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The roles of the League include the tendering of advice, participation in the process of policy formulation, a right to consult and be consulted and a right to present the views of our members. In a parliamentary democracy these roles can be actioned through access to elected representatives at all levels of government, through committees, working groups and inquiries and through the administrative access available to all citizens.

In a parliamentary democracy the exercise of these rights carries with it parallel responsibilities. Participation in the process of consultation and development of policy should be based on informed debate, logical and reasoned options and a focus on issues rather than detail. A national organisation like the League, with its broad and diverse membership base, is well placed to facilitate discussion at community, regional and national levels. Through its internal processes such as state and national congresses, standing policies, state and national committees, publications like the Listening Post and discussion papers, the League can consider issues, discuss options and consolidate opinions. The results of these deliberations can then be presented with confidence and authority through the institutions of our democratic processes.

The State Defence Policy Committee has recently had two such opportunities to participate in the policy formulation process. In the first instance, general support was given to the submission from national headquarters to the Committee of Inquiry into Defence and Defence Related Awards. This was followed by a presentation to the Committee when it was recently in Perth to gather evidence and submissions first hand. In its presentation to the Committee of Inquiry, the Defence Policy Committee was able to utilise the various resolutions from state congresses and committee and state executive minutes to document its submission.

The ability of the state branch to be able to document the considered opinions of its members through representative bodies such as state executive and state congresses was a strong point in our presentation. We were able to speak and demonstrate that we spoke from a broad base of support within our membership.

In the second instance, the Defence Policy Committee submitted a paper on peacekeeping to the Joint Committee on International Relations and Defence. In preparing this paper we were able to draw upon the opinions of members through discussion of articles appearing in the Listening Post as well as committee discussion. Again the ability to demonstrate active interest of our membership in the topic, informed discussion in the Listening Post and at state congress enhanced the confidence with which we could present our recommendations.

Yes the RSL is apolitical. But no, we are not passive bystanders in the processes of democracy. As a national organisation representing the opinions of Australians from all ages, nationalities, financial condition, education and regions, the League is unique. We have a right and responsibility to participate in an informed manner in the consultative process which is a basic feature of our democracy. It is a responsibility which the League takes seriously, exercises with probity and common sense and always tries to do better. We all have a role to play in this aspect of eternal vigilance.

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The 50+ Motorist Plan is available to RSL Members and their spouses over the age of 50. A spouse over the age of 25 can be included as an additional driver. Under special arrangements made by the RSL with Oceanic General, the Company behind this unique programme, RSL Members and their spouses are guaranteed to receive a 15% discount on their most recent renewal premium, on any car insurance policy taken within the next 12 months, provided the details you have supplied have not changed since you last renewed.

Simply return the attached Request for Quotation with a copy of your most recent car insurance renewal or premium notice, and we will send you the proof — in writing.

Your RSL 50+ Motorist Plan Also Protects Your No-Claim Bonus in Three Ways
First, if you have earned a No-Claim Bonus on your present car insurance policy, you will receive full credit for it when you enrol in the RSL 50+ Motorist Plan. There’s no new qualification period required, so your No-Claim Bonus of up to 60% will take effect straight away.

Second, your RSL No-Claim Bonus has a special “No-Fault” Guarantee built-in. If you are involved in an accident that proves to be the fault of another identified driver, your No-Claim Bonus will not be reduced. However, should you have an accident in any 12 month policy period where you are unable to identify the driver, we will still allow you one claim with “No-Fault” protection guaranteed.

Our exciting third feature: your policy now includes a special “At-Fault” guarantee. This means, if you are involved in no more than one claim in any 12 month policy period for which you are “At-Fault”, your No-Claim Bonus will not be affected in any way.

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Apply or Register Now
If you wish to save money on your car insurance premiums, it pays to switch to the RSL’s 50+ lower-priced motor cover. The quote we send you now will be guaranteed for your next renewal.

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Of course, current RSL 50+ Motorist Plan policyholders are already benefiting from lowered premiums, so Oceanic cannot offer a further 15% discount on premiums currently being enjoyed.

Please note that members of the Insured’s immediate family aged 25 and over are covered as additional drivers under the Plan. However, to keep premiums low, cover does not extend to family members under the age of 25.

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APPLY NOW OR REGISTER NOW to secure this valuable saving. It’s Easy To Do. To get your quotation:

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2. Include a copy of your present insurer’s most recent renewal or premium notice.
3. Clip and post to: Reply Paid 372, Oceanic General, P.O. Box 1560, North Sydney, N.S.W. 2059.
4. No stamp is required — Reply Paid means Oceanic pays the postage.

Important: REGISTER NOW — EVEN IF YOUR RENEWAL IS NOT DUE. Even if you choose to wait for your present policy to expire, you must reply before the deadline to qualify for this offer. Reply today so that Oceanic can send you a quote now, plus a request before your next renewal.

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RSL 50+ MOTORIST PLAN REQUEST FOR QUOTATION

Please rush me a quotation GUARANTEED to give a 15% discount on my attached Renewal Notice. I wish to: Apply Now ☐ Register Now for my Next Renewal ☐ (PLEASE PRINT)

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2. Is it fitted with turbo equipment? ☐ ☐
3. Is air conditioning or any non-standard accessories to be covered? ☐ ☐
4. Is the vehicle normally kept at an address different from yours? ☐ ☐

If yes, give details:

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C. PRESENT INSURANCE

The car is insured with ___________________ until ___________________.

Current No-Claim Bonus or Rating No. is ___________________.

Exclusive to RSL Members and Their Spouses Aged 50 or Over

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Clip and return your completed form, together with your current car insurance renewal or premium notice, to: Reply Paid 372, OCEANIC GENERAL LIMITED, P.O. Box 1560, North Sydney, N.S.W., 2059. A.C.N. 000 17 126.

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USE OF EFT FOR PENSION PAYMENTS

"That due to problems arising from Pension payments by Electronic Funds Transfer, DVA be requested to ensure that Pension recipients are paid on the correct day."

COMMENT: On 29 October 1992, the Department of Veterans’ Affairs implemented the Reserve Bank of Australia’s Government Direct Entry Service (GDES).

Since GDES was implemented, there have been two instances where delays with the direct credit of pension payments have been experienced. On both occasions the delays were caused by processing difficulties at the relevant financial institutions. The Reserve Bank, on the Department’s behalf, is continuing to work with all financial institutions to further minimise the risk of future delays.

GLASSES - COST OF FRAMES

"That the RSL ask DVA to ensure a consistent policy so that a veteran requiring glasses through DVA, to alleviate the discomfort caused by the standard frame, prefers another type, should be required to pay only the difference in the price of the standard frame and one preferred."

COMMENT: The Department does provide non-scheduled Australian or New Zealand manufactured frames on a cost sharing basis. That is the Department pays the schedule cost of the frame and the veteran pays the difference.

The Department will also accept financial responsibility for overseas manufactured frames if the required lenses do not fit the schedule frame and prior approval has been obtained.

Under the Government’s current purchasing policy, local industry is given preference in Commonwealth purchasing of all goods and services. All Commonwealth Agencies are required to comply with these arrangements.

The Repatriation Commission, in endorsing the current scheme in 1986, was conscious of ensuring that the requirements of the Government’s preference policy would be adhered to in relation to the supply of both lenses and frames.

In view of the Government policy and the position adopted by the Commission, extension of the cost-sharing arrangements to include overseas manufactured frames would be contrary to the Government’s policy.

THE AGENT ORANGE FUNDS - 1992

The Vietnam Veterans’ Trust recently issued its annual report for the calendar year 1992.

This was the Trust’s biggest year yet with more than 1100 applications received and just over $1m in payments made to Vietnam veterans or their families in need.

There were also 25 grants under the Trust’s merit and means-based educational assistance scheme, VVTEAS, bringing to 53 the number of veterans’ children being helped with full-time education after secondary school.

Since 1989, when distribution started of the $5.5m Australian share from the United States Agent Orange out-of-court settlement, the Trust has given out over $2.8m to Vietnam veterans or their families in need.

More than 3500 applications have been received, 83% from veterans and the rest from dependants. Of that $2.8m; $2.6m was to individuals, nearly 80% of whose applications resulted in a payment.

Of the remainder, about $100,000 has gone to projects for the collective support of those of the Vietnam veteran community experiencing hardship, such as Vietnam veterans’ emergency housing centres around Australia. Education assistance makes up the rest.

The distribution plan approved by the Court is for 90% of the Australian share of the settlement to be paid out by the end of 1996, when Fund A (the Cash Payments Program which started with $5m) is to finish.

Overseas, by the end of last September, the United States Agent Orange Payments Program had distributed over $US146m of its share of the original $US180m settlement plus interest, to more than 31,000 applicants and various class assistance projects. The Australian and United States schemes have different eligibility criteria and finish dates. So too does the New Zealand Agent Orange Trust which had paid out $NZ340,000 of the $US500,000 New Zealand share to their veterans and families.

The Vietnam Veterans’ Trust has Regional Offices in each State capital city which can provide more information or advise how to apply. The details are in the telephone book.

HELP WITH THE COSTS OF EDUCATION FOR THE CHILDREN OF VIETNAM VETERANS

If you are a Vietnam veteran and have a child who is planning full-time education beyond secondary school next year, or know a child or family who is thinking about it, and money is a bit of a problem, then read this. It could make life a bit easier.

The Vietnam Veterans’ Trust Education Assistance Scheme (VVTEAS) provides help with the costs of education beyond secondary school for selected children. Under the scheme, there are a limited number of grants of $3,500 each year. This financial assistance continues for the duration of the student’s course provided certain conditions are met.
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To be eligible to be considered for a VTEAS grant a person must be:

a. The child of a Vietnam veteran and applying under the age of 25.

b. Enrolled, or planning to enrol, in a full-time, post-secondary course up to first qualification level at TAFE, University, Business College, etc.

c. Be within the means test.

The course has to be of one or more academic year’s duration. Step-children are eligible, provided they have lived with and been supported by the veteran for five of the last ten years. As its means test, the Trust is using the general rules for the Commonwealth Government’s educational benefit, Austudy. If the student receives any amount of Austudy, or the financial circumstances would enable them to receive Austudy, the means test has been met.

Obviously, with many potentially eligible applicants and only a limited number of grants possible, there are other criteria for selection. Those selected to receive VTEAS are the most deserving candidates of merit. The scheme seeks to encourage courses which will help Veterans’ children to gain satisfying employment or enter rewarding careers. From those eligible applicants who meet the academic and other requirements of their chosen course, those in the most financial need are favoured.

Fifty-three grants have been made since the scheme started in late 1990. These are enabling veterans’ children throughout Australia to undertake education and training at universities, TAFE or colleges, which they may not have been otherwise able to attempt or complete without real financial difficulty.

Applications open on 1 September and close on 31 October each year. Forms and more information are available from the Trust’s Regional Offices. There is one in each State capital and the addresses are in the telephone book.

Veterans’ Health Week 1994

The third national Veterans’ Health Week will be held from 13-19 March, 1994.

‘Living Life to the Full’ is the theme for next year’s Veterans’ Health Week. We are asking for nominations for individuals in the veteran community who ‘live life to the full’ within their capabilities. If you know someone you would like to nominate, ring me at the Department of Veterans’ Affairs and I will send out nomination forms.

There are many ways you or your club can be involved in Veterans’ Health Week.

You could:

- Organise an activity on your own or with the assistance of your club.
- Put yourself forward as a role model for making a healthy lifestyle change.
- If you have a special interest, hobby or sporting activity, think of ways that you could promote it to others and encourage people to ‘Go & Try’.
- Organise a walking group and participate in the Veterans’ Affairs walking program.
- Let your local community clubs, health and community agencies know about the week and see how they can support it.

For further information contact Sudha Coutinho, Health Promotion Officer, Department of Veterans’ Affairs. Phone: 425 8365, Country callers: (008) 11 3304 ext 365.

Defence Service Homes

The Defence Service Homes Scheme, formerly known as the War Service Homes Scheme, was originally set up to provide assistance to help eligible service personnel to acquire a home.

In recent years the Government has reviewed the policies and introduced a series of changes to the scheme to enable housing assistance to be granted for a wider range of purposes. These changes may benefit some of our members who have never used their entitlement or have not received the maximum advance of $25,000 and have a current loan.

The most recent changes are designed to enable an eligible person to enjoy living in their own home by allowing housing assistance to be granted to: carry out repairs to the home e.g. re-roofing, re-wiring, re-painting or modify the home e.g. installation of heating or air-conditioning, security screens, new kitchen or bathroom etc. Enquiries: 425 8300 Steve Carroll.

New Advisory Council on Veterans’ Issues

The Minister for Veterans’ Affairs, Senator John Faulkner, has established an advisory council to provide him with a source of independent advice on repatriation matters during the life of this parliament.

The new body will be known as the Ministerial Advisory Council on Veterans’ Issues. Senator Faulkner has invited the seven major ex service organisations to nominate members of their organisations for the Council. Members will initially be appointed for a period of 12 months.

Senator Faulkner also announced that there will be an independent review of the veterans’ compensation pensions system and related issues, including issues raised by the Australian National Audit Office in its report last year on the Compensation Sub-program and the effects of the recent decision of the High Court of Australia in Repatriation Commission v Bushell.

The review will be conducted by three independent experts:

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Air Vice Marshal Richard Bomball AO, who had a distinguished military career, and was Commandant of the Australian Defence Force Academy in Canberra.

Ms Robyn Layton QC, is an Adelaide barrister and served as Deputy President of the Administrative Appeals Tribunal from 1985 until 1989.

The review committee is due to report to the Minister in March next year, so that any appropriate legislative changes can be prepared for the 1994 Budget Sittings of Parliament.

Senator Faulkner said that the review committee will liaise with the Minister’s Advisory Council throughout the review.

The RSL Bowls Section has moved to Royal Park Bowling Club in North Perth.

**BRISBANE NATIONAL CARNIVAL**

All states have, or are in the final stages of selecting, teams for the National Carnival to be held in Brisbane between late December and early January. The WA contingent is some 60 strong, including partners of players. A number of new players are among the stalwarts who have attended many previous carnivals.

Again, I advise bowlers who contemplate playing that they must be financial members of the League and have paid their subscription by 1 January each year.

We are supporting Veterans’ Health Week in 1994 by organising a day of mixed bowls. Further details are available from the State Secretary, telephone 450 4033 or Keith Alberthsen on 349 2870.

**BRUCE ROCK CARNIVAL**

The country teams completely outclassed the metropolitan teams in the game held on 12 October. Despite the result however, a good time was had by all, and we thank the Bruce Rock ladies for an excellent lunch and afternoon tea.

Members are reminded that in all games played under WA RSL Bowls rules, players must wear white regulation dress. Club shirts are not to be worn.

President Dudley and the Committee extend season’s greetings to all members and their families.

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The RSL needs the support of every serving member of the Armed Forces and every Ex-service man or woman in our continuing campaign for better conditions in the Services, improved retirement benefits, fair treatment for all Ex-service personnel in repatriation matters and for a continual upgrading of pensions and benefits.

The RSL's voice in Canberra is only as strong as the membership it represents and this is where we need your support.

In return, membership of the League can give you many benefits including:

- Professional assistance and representation with claims to the Department of Veterans' Affairs.
- Advice and assistance to members or their dependants in time of need by the RSL Welfare Service.
- The opportunity to continue that special bond of friendship which exists between Ex-service personnel.
- Automatic membership of the Anzac Club in Perth which provides first-class bar and catering facilities for members and their friends.
- Participation in the many social activities organised by the RSL.

YOU ARE ELIGIBLE to join the RSL if you:

- Have served in the armed forces of Australia or her Allies for a period of six months in the Regular or Reserve Forces at any time either within Australia or abroad.
- If you are still a serving member of the Regular or Reserve Forces with a minimum of six months service.

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15% Saving on Car Insurance Available Once Again to RSL Members

Thousands of RSL members are already saving 15% off their car insurance premiums. By popular demand, members who haven’t already applied now have another opportunity to obtain the RSL 50+ Motorist Plan with a guaranteed 15% discount PLUS the no-cost protection of Oceanic General’s new “At-Fault” claim feature. This new guarantee means that if you are involved in any 12 month policy period for which you are “At-Fault”, your No-Claim Bonus will not be affected in any way.

How is this possible? Simply put, statistics prove that the maturity and extensive driving experience of most men and women aged 50 and over make them less likely to be involved in an accident than younger, less experienced drivers.

Because of this, Oceanic General, selected to design the RSL’s Car Insurance programme, has agreed to guarantee that you will save 15% off your present car insurance premiums, regardless of what you are currently paying. The Programme is available to members and their spouses aged 50 and over. Family members over age 25 are covered as additional drivers.

In addition to the savings, members also receive top quality cover including:
- Full credit for any No-Claim Bonus applied to your current policy;
- An in-built “No-Fault” guarantee which protects your No-Claim Bonus should you be involved in an accident caused by another person. If you have an accident in any 12 month policy period where you are unable to identify the driver, we will still allow you one claim with “No-Fault” protection guaranteed.
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- A basic Excess of only $180.00.

The RSL urges every member aged 50 and over to examine the details of this Programme for themselves. All you need to do is complete the Request for Quotation form on page 33 and send it, together with your current renewal notice from your present car insurer, to Oceanic General today.

Once you receive your quotation, you can switch your car insurance cover immediately. Or, if you prefer to wait until your current policy expires, Oceanic General will automatically send a duplicate quotation prior to your current expiry date, still guaranteeing to reduce your renewal premium by 15%. But please note that to qualify for this saving, you must send your Request for Quotation now – even if your next car insurance renewal is several months away.

Remember, there is no obligation on your part. Once you receive your quotation, compare the benefits of the RSL 50+ Motorist Plan with your current cover in the privacy of your own home, and see how much you will save. Then decide for yourself whether you wish to take advantage of this exclusive RSL Programme.

It gives me great pleasure to announce this new registration period for the Programme to every RSL member aged 50 and over. We believe it is well worthy of its designation as “The Official Car Insurance Programme of the RSL,” as it offers the best possible value for our members.

Please don’t miss this opportunity. It will mean large savings for you on car insurance premiums now and in the future.

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Letters to
The Editor

THANKS RSL

Your most kind letter of 26 July, 1993 reached me today, together with the condolence book and copies of the memorial service which was held at Wesley Church.

Rather like Perth, Monday, 12 July [Sir Edward’s birthday] was a pretty bleak day in Melbourne. As I had to attend to things over there, I was unable to join the Perth mourners at Wesley or to represent the family as I would have liked to have done. For this I offer my sincere apologies.

You may be aware that I had a little to do with arrangements for the State Funeral and, largely as a result, was able to see to it that the RSL and the Ex-POWs featured prominently in the goings-on. It was the least I could do for all the “old lags” who came from all over the place and so wanted to farewell my father.

The family has received a great deal of mail - it will take at least six months to answer - but amongst it all was a letter from Paul Keating saying how much he approved of the gesture of setting aside the front rows at St. Paul’s for the returned prisoners. The rest you probably already know about.

Please convey the family’s thanks to all the WA Branch membership for their kind thoughts and generous words of appreciation.

JOHN S. DUNLOP

Editor: The above is in reply to a letter from the State branch.

EVACUEE’S POEM

In 1946, I travelled on the first passenger ship after the war from WA to South Africa.

Walking one day along a Johannesburg street [dusty and windy as always], a torn sheet of newspaper wrapped around my leg. Printed in it was a poem written by a European evacuee. The words of that poem haunt me still:

“Love much, the world has need of love
To still the heart grown old in grief.
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PALESTINE RAILWAYS

I am preparing a PhD thesis on 'Palestine Railways 1939-1948' and would like to contact any of your readers who may have served in the Middle East and had any knowledge of this subject or transport in general in that theatre of war.

In particular, I'd be pleased to hear from any former member of the 3rd Railway Construction Unit, AIF; or anyone who worked on the Haifa - Tripoli railway, the Hedjaz Railway [Naqb Ashtar or Nablus Branches] or the Sinai Military [Kantara - Rafah] Railway. Any memories, however random or bizarre, would be of use, even if not at first sight relevant to the topic!

I also edit and publish a little amateur newsletter on the railways of the Middle East, past and present, and would be pleased to be able to publish memoirs in this.

RABBI WALTER ROTHCHILD.
Harakeket
9 Primley Garden,
Leed LS17 7HT,
Great Britain.

D.W. ECKINGTON

I would like to thank the RSL for the help they gave me when my husband Driver D.W. Eckington passed away on 30 April 1993.

I must especially thank Mrs Patricia Rowland at Anzac House, Mr J. Hawkins President of the RSL in Broome and Mr J. Barlop who acts on behalf of Legacy in Broome.

During this sad period of my life, they gave me much needed support. May God bless them all.

CATHIE ECKINGTON,
PO. Box 1032,
Broome WA 6725.

LIBRARY REQUEST

May I make a plea on behalf of the United Service Institute Library? This library has a small but significant collection of books housed in the Institute Rooms at Irwin Barracks and specialising in military and political affairs. It has an important collection of historical military materials.

Although primarily serving as a library for the members, it also offers a back-up service to the Defence Centre library for members of the Defence Forces and is open to members of the public for reference purposes on Tuesdays and Thursdays 0900 to 1600 by appointment.

A large number of demands are made upon the library for Unit histories, many of which are held. Often, however, a search identifies histories produced by "Unit" Associations which have escaped attention for collection, and the Institute has limited funds.

Could I, therefore, ask that Unit Association [all services], who have or are producing Unit histories, consider depositing a copy with the Institute library. Such an act would ensure extra preservation and promotion of the publication and provide satisfaction for present and future student of military history.

TONY FLETCHER,
Secretary,
United Service Institute of WA
C/- Irwin Barracks,
Karrakatta WA. 6010.

STUDENT'S REQUEST

I am in year 10 at high school and putting together a collection of advertising artwork material.

I want to obtain magazines etc. that have advertising and artwork for some after-school work I'm doing to help with my education.

At the moment I have an issue of the "Listening Post" which I noticed has an advertisement of your businesses in it, so I have written to some of the people in the magazine and yourself to see if you had any others like this one that you don't want anymore. I want to get hold of as many magazines, like the "Listening Post" that contain advertising material, as I possibly can.

If you could send me any of these books I would be most grateful and put them to good use. When I receive them I would happily refund postage costs if necessary. So please remember to drop a note in the parcel to say how much I owe you.

DESIREE HAZEL,
Unit 23B/207 Currumburra Road,
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51ST BATTALION

I wish to borrow photographs and diaries of ex-members of the 51st Battalion for use in my publication.

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The Alzheimer's Association has recently moved to the Mary Chester Centre, at 9 Bedbrook Place, Shenton Park, WA. If you are looking after someone who is confused, has memory loss or perhaps shows changes in behaviour, assistance is available.

The Association offers the following services for people with dementia and their carers:

- Support and information;
- Support Groups;
- Counselling;
- In-home respite;
- Centre-based respite;
- ID Bracelet.

Our Centre-based respite service has recently commenced and people with dementia can spend the day whilst relatives have a well deserved break from caring. Bus transport is available for people living in the vicinity of the Mary Chester Centre.

We welcome telephone enquiries or visits to the Centre. For further information please contact us on (09) 388 2800, if you live in country areas we have a free call line 908 644 333.

Alzheimer's Association WA
PO Box 1099, Subiaco, WA 6008

We gratefully acknowledge funding received through the Home and Community Care Program, the Department of Health, Housing, Local Government and Community Services, the WA Health and the Lotteries Commission to provide these services.
FLOWER CLASS CORVETTES RN

During World War II, I had the honour to serve in the RN as AB Submarine Detector. During that time, while based in Freetown, Sierra Leone, West Africa, many ratings from the Australian Navy were drafted to join us for convoy service between the RN based on Freetown and all ports south, i.e. Takoradi, on what was then known as the Gold Coast [now Ghana] and Lagos Nigeria.

The English ratings all made special friends amongst the Aussies, and my closest friend was Alan Trayor who came from Perth and was, I think, 24 in 1943. He called at my home when he came to Britain but I haven't heard from him since.

I would very much like to make contact again with Alan.

MORRIS L. FOWKES
84 Marjorie Road,
Chaddesden DE 26 PS
Derby, United Kingdom.

ARMY SMALL SHIPS

Would Mr. N.D. Vergin, who is believed to have served on Army Small Ships in New Guinea, please contact G.P. Latta, "Tyntynder" 2 Bessell Court, Jacana Vic 3047.

CARO AHQ 1953-57

I served in a unit called CARO AHQ Albert Park Barracks Melbourne 1953-1957 [Central Army Records Office]. If anyone is interested to form a care Association, would they contact me. CARO had all corps but very few Western Australians. Merv Scriven 35 Ollander Way, Kallaroo (09) 401 6401.

LCT 441, 442

I would like to hear from fellow crew members of LCT 442 which landed tanks on Normandy beaches on D-Day, and, on behalf of a fellow ship-mate in the UK, from crew members of LCT 441.

JOHN GOLDSMITH P/JX425320
7/38 Bourke Street,
Yokine WA 6060
Phone: (09) 443 2352

CHINESE EX-SERVICE MEMBERS

A reader would appreciate any information of any ex-service member [male or female] of part or full Chinese descent who served in either the Boer, 1914-18, 1939-45, Korean or Vietnam wars. This information is being compiled for the State Library. All replies to: GILBERT JAN
15 Pavilion Street,
Queenscliff NSW 2096.

2/1st AUST RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION COY RAE

We are assisting the widow of WX26422 Sapper David S. Mayes who left Sydney for Port Moresby on 2 September, 1943 in the ship Taroona. Sapper Mayes had eight children and died in 1971.

If you can provide any information on his New Guinea service, location, etc. it would be appreciated.

Hon. Secretary,
Association of First Infantry Battalions (WA)
39 Planet Street,
Carlisle WA 6101
Tel: (09) 361 3483
Lost Trails cont...

ROYAL NAVY

We will be visiting Perth in January 1995 and would very much like to contact our former neighbours who moved to WA in the late 1960s or early 1970s. Mr and Mrs Eddie Taylor who lived at Mausonolien Road, Elgin and after that at Yeovillon. They had a son and a daughter and Mr Taylor's service number was FX 837. Any information would be greatly appreciated.

MR & MRS AJ. GARRARD
Dundornic Heath
5 Bailies Drive,
New Elgin,
Moray Scotland.

HMAS TOOWOOMBA

I am a retired staff member of Swatow Post Office in China and am trying to trace two Australian friends, Mr Len Wright and Bill Woodger. I have forgotten their addresses.

Immediately after World War II, four Australian mine sweepers came to Swatow Harbour. I can still remember one of the mine sweepers had the name of Toowoombal. Because Swatow Harbour was then under blockade conditions, we tried our best to ask the Captain of these mine sweepers to carry mail to Hong Kong Post Office to start our first mail exchange. Since then, I had the opportunity to make friends with the above-named sailors and kept in touch until 1949 when I lost contact with them.

I miss my good friends and would be most grateful if you could help me find them.

RICHARD TAN
C/- Mr Tan Tai Seng
No. 112 Green Road,
93150 Kuching Sarawak
Malaysia.

144th BATTERY 35th REG. ROYAL ARTILLERY

I would like to contact George Wopshot, who came from Reading in England. He, too, was a member of the above and we were prisoners-of-war in 1942-43.

CYRIL CREW ("Crewie")
54 Parkland Units,
Samson WA 6163.

HONOUR ROLL WORLD WAR II

Mr Allan C. McClelland, 22 Campbellfield Avenue, Bradbury, NSW 2560, is seeking the names of ex-pupils of Hurlstone Agricultural High School who served in the Armed Forces.

The School is erecting an Honour Roll to honour their service and to coincide with the 50th anniversary of the end of World War II.

BCOF ASSOCIATION

I am producing articles for the BCOF Assn concerning the occupation of Japan as well as assisting Film Australia with its one-hour production.

In addition, a friend is compiling documents for future publication on the Occupation Force, and we are trying to track down an old mate who moved to Perth: former Maj J. E. W. Lloyd. "Wes" Lloyd used to run the 'Fox and Hounds' pub in Melbourne and then shut up shop. One hopes he is still in the land of the living.

Any information would be appreciated.

BILL SHERRIFF (CAPT. RI)
47 Haldane Road,
Niddrie Vic 3042.

With Christmas almost here, we are packing and delivering our Christmas Cheer parcels to the ex-service men and women in hospitals and nursing homes. Thanks to the generous donations from all Auxiliaries, we are able to bring a little joy to these people.

Since my last report we have attended the following functions: Belmont Auxiliary Birthday lunch when I presented Life Membership and Badge to Mrs O'Conner and Certificate of Service to Mrs Polak and Mrs Price, Murray Districts birthday lunch, Darling Range 'Cuppa and Chat' lunch, Cockburn birthday lunch and Rockingham and Belmont fund-raising lunches. All were most enjoyable. Senior Vice President Mrs Southern, with her husband attended Armadale Sub-Branch dinner as my representative.

I thank everyone for their help and support throughout the year and wish you all a very happy Christmas and New Year. I hope that 1994 will be a fruitful and prosperous year for everyone,

M. TAYLOR,
State President.
**REUNIONS**

**BRITISH PACIFIC AND EAST INDIES FLEETS 1944-46**

Mr K.G. Jones of Serpentine has advised that HMAS MILDURA was omitted from the list of RAN Manned Minesweepers in the last issue of Listening Post.

EDITOR: The list of ships was printed as supplied to Listening Post. The omission is regretted.

**NOR-WAAF GROUP**

Our inaugural meeting was held in July with a good attendance of ex-WAAF who have found it difficult to travel to Bull Creek for WAAF Association meetings.

A bus trip to Araluen was enjoyed in September and a visit to RAAF base Pearce has been arranged.

It has been decided that our meetings/outing/s, where possible, will be held on the last Thursday in each month.

DEB SADLEIR
349 2598.

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**50th ANNIVERSARY - BATTLE OF MONTE CASSINO**

The 50th anniversary of one of the great battles of World War II falls in May 1994. Named after its focal point, the 14-centuries-old hilltop monastery of Monte Cassino, this costly battle went on for more than four months and involved troops from 16 nations.

Units of the Polish 2nd Corps, then part of the British 8th Army, were the first to fight their way in to the ruined monastery - hoisting the Polish flag there at 1020 hours on 18 May 1944.

The Polish Ex-Servicemen's Association will host a commemorative event on Thursday, 18 May next. Wreaths will be laid at the War Memorial, Kings Park, at 10.20am, followed by a reception at Anzac House.

Formal invitations, giving all details, will be issued in February to various State dignitaries, Consuls of the Allied countries whose troops fought at Monte Cassino and representatives of all Ex-Service Associations in WA.

DR W. GORSKI, OAM
President, Polish Ex-Servicemen's Association.
16 Matthew Avenue,
Leeming 6149, Tel: 332 4324

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**9TH ANTI TANK AND 109TH TANK ATTACK**

Those who served with the 9th Anti Tank (Pt Walter) and 109th Tank Attack [Armoured Division] are asked to contact Reg Axford on 450 5852, Roy Miguel 337 3080, Speed Jones 361 5823 or Don Phillips 244 1539. The date of the reunion and the venue will be advised.

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**2nd HEAVY ANTI-AIRCRAFT BATTERY, DARWIN**

The reunion of the 2nd Hvy A/A Bty Darwin was held in Perth on 14 September. Originally formed in Darwin in November 1941, the unit mainly consisted of gunners from NSW and WA who served in Darwin for some 27 months without home leave or relief. The unit was disbanded in early 1944 and most of the members have not been together since. Reunions have not been held in WA for some years, whereas, in Sydney, the members occasionally got together with similar A/A units, but still maintained their individuality.

From time to time, there has been minor contact with the members from each State and, for many years, it had been discussed that reunion should take place in Perth. At the celebrations in Darwin (50th Anniversary), a small group got together, as an unofficial committee, to see what could be achieved. This resulted in a group of 14 ex-gunners and their wives arriving in Perth on 11 September for a week. Thirty ex-gunners were contacted in WA and 20 were able to make the reunion.

At the airport, a welcoming committee greeted the Sydney members with true WA hospitality. The week in Perth was very hectic for the visitors and included tours of Margaret River, New Norcia, the Pinnacles, York, Northam, Toodyay and other tourist venues around Perth.

At the reunion dinner, the ladies were presented with a small corsage containing rosemary, for remembrance, and boronia to signify Western Australia and tied with a ribbon of the Heavy Anti-Aircraft colours-vermilion red and navy blue. A plaque was made available to all members and one will also be presented to the RSL Club in Perth and Darwin.

The final function - a barbecue - was attended by Glynne Stuber, an ex-orderly with the Adelaide River Military Hospital, who had helped restore to health the “Burns Boys”: Ron Crake, Wilbur Hudson MM and Jack Ryder (dec’d) from the 14th Bty. The “Burns Boys” were so-named because of the horrific burns they received during a Japanese air raid.) Glynne took the opportunity to once again serve dinner to Wilbur “Darkie” Hudson.

A Sydney reunion will be held in September 1994, and a gathering for WA members in Perth is being considered.

Thanks were given to the Committees from NSW and WA and to the individual members who supported the reunion by their attendance and their donations.

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HARVEY DISTRICT

Our Sub-Branch is considering holding a back-to-Harvey Anzac Day in 1995 and we hope that all those from the Harvey District who were in the services (whether active or otherwise) will attend. This is a tentative notice as the day can only be held if enough interest is shown.

All ex-service personnel are asked to write to:
MR J.R. BUIST
Secretary,
60 Third Street,
Harvey WA. 6220.

BUNBURY

Plaque for World War I Veteran

At the end of a commemorative remembrance service in Kings Park, with the assistance of Highgate RSL, Aileen and Blue Mountford laid a plaque in the “Circle” at May Drive Honour Avenue in memory of Aileen’s uncle, Francis Michael Moriarity, who was killed in August 1918 just a few days before his 21st birthday.

When they visited Etretat (France) recently, Blue and Aileen put on a grave some garden soil taken from 52 Tuart Street. Both Francis and his brother Edward enlisted from that address which had been the family home since 1901. The house is now the residence of Mrs Louie Mainstone.

Welfare

Our welfare consultants and office staff have been extremely busy, and DVA visits continue to be fully booked; it is most noticeable that many claims are related now to Vietnam veterans whose average age, incidentally, is 60.

Hall Improvements

A dedicated band of committee men had, at the time of writing, started renovations to the toilet, whilst tenders have been received to remodel and improve the front entrance.

AGM

This is a very important starting point for the new year. Don’t forget the date January 19th. All nominations must be in the hands of the secretary one week before the meeting.
ALF MAINSTONE (Trustee)

COCKBURN

The last six months have seen many changes. Bruce Prior has resigned as Treasurer and his place taken by Mick Andrews, alterations to our premises include window protection around both halls and a new building to house the machinery kindly supplied by Veterans’ Affairs is being well used in our community work.

Our monthly meetings are still attended by some 100 members which is very gratifying. We are still trying to attract younger people to join us.

Congratulations are extended to the State Branch for organising the Seminars, the new team at the top seems to be functioning well.

We send regards to Sub Branches and the President and Staff of the State Branch and wish you all a happy Christmas and a fruitful new year.
WALLY HAGAN,
Hon. Secretary.

SCARBOROUGH

Our daytime meetings are proving popular; several members say this new arrangement suits them best as their wives do not like being home alone at night. So, keep in mind - 2.00pm every second Monday in the month. You will be most welcome.

At a recent meeting our Liaison Officer, Mrs Barbara Clinton, brought us up to date on State Executive activities, Dudley Docking reported on Congress items and two minutes’ silence was held for those members who have passed away - among them, Bert Mathews who was a regular at our meetings.

Dorothy Devaney has reported on welfare operations and Secretary Ken Badge is back after a spell in hospital as is Jim Brisbane after his illness.

Inquiries have been made regarding the name-plates on the memorial wall. Application forms are being drafted so that the main details are available for inscription. The price per plate is $45, which is to be forwarded with the application. It is important that members be financial but if some find that difficult, the Sub-Branch could help out.
JIM HUGILL

CITY OF WANNEROO

On 17th September Jim Clarko MLA, member for Marmion, opened the RSL Villas at Hillarys. Some four years ago Doug Bruce, Roy Bell and Reg Hounsoum suggested that some units be built in the Wanneroo
Sub-Branch News cont...

Shire for Returned Service Personnel and War Widows. Through the good services of Pam Beggs (then Minister for Housing) some villas were built at Hillarys at no cost to the Sub-Branch under the Wise Choice Scheme. These are now occupied by ex-service and war widow owners who enjoy the use of a well-equipped community hall. After the opening the Federal Member for Moore, Mr Paul Filing, broke the National Flag which now flies proudly at the entrance to the units.

On 19 September the Hon Kim Beazley opened the start of the 10th Light Horse Memorial Trail which is being established using labour under the DEET scheme. A pergola will be built just off Wanneroo Rd about one kilometre north of Flynn Drive to denote the start of a trail connecting remnants of the old 10th Light Horse Camp. The project should be completed by April.

We wish the Executive and all members a Happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

JOAN HODSON
Hon. Secretary.

RETURNED EX-SERVICEWOMEN’S

At the 1993 State Congress, our Sub-Branch had the honour of being awarded the Newdegate Cup as the Most Efficient Metropolitan Sub-Branch. We were delighted as this is the tenth time we have won the award since the formation of the Sub-Branch in 1948.

We actively support all RSL Appeals, in particular the War Veterans’ Homes Appeal which is our main fundraising activity. We take part in all RSL functions, Coral Sea events and various Ex-Servicewomen’s activities such as Croquet, Bowls and Golf Days and have presented a perpetual Trophy for the Golf Day. Members attend the Combined Ex-Servicewomen and Servicewomen’s annual luncheon and representatives attend services or lunches held by the various ex-Servicewomen’s Associations.

We have an active Welfare Committee and organise outings for members and trips in the Joint Venture Scheme with the Blinded Soldiers of St Dunstan and the Partially Blinded Association. The chief aim of the Sub-Branch is to foster friendship amongst members and any ex-servicewoman is invited to join. Enquiries may be made to the Membership Officer, Mrs Joan Dowson 384 6712, or the President Mrs C. Hinton 387 2237.

CECILE HINTON.

OSBORNE PARK

As previously reported, part of the RSL property has been sold and we are now waiting for the final clearance from the City of Stirling in respect to the sub-division. This hold-up is connected with the septic tanks that require pumping out and then back-filled which will be taken care of shortly. We had to give our permanent tenants reasonable notice to find another venue for their meetings etc. The hall will be closed at the end of October and the work can then be completed. Once the wells have been filled in and inspected by the City of Stirling Planning Department, the sub-division will be approved and the application for the new titles can then be lodged. At last progress has commenced on the redevelopment; there were times when I wondered if we would ever get the project underway.

The other important news is that the Sub-Branch held a daytime meeting in October and the response to the change was most encouraging with 45 members attending. Well done members, keep this up and also spread the word that all monthly general meetings will be held on the second Wednesday of each month at 2.00 p.m.

Regrettably, we had to say Vale to Joe Fewster, who had only been with the Sub-Branch for a very short while; however, Joe was well known around Osborne Park for many years having been connected with the Bowling Club and Osborne Park Probus. Several members attended Joe’s funeral on 18 October.

WE SULLIVAN.
President 349 2797.

MURRAY

Our membership has grown steadily, sufficiently to acquire membership pennants for 1991 and 1992.

Anzac Day this year was again a highlight and very successful with a good turnout both at the march and at the social gather afterwards. A timely addition to this year’s service was a 10 minute oration by Mrs Jenny Shiner, dedicated to Sir Edward ‘Weary’ Dunlop, which captivated the audience both young and old. Notably this year’s parade was the 30th anniversary of the Perth Highland Band’s participation. Later in the day a beautifully decorated cake was cut and a certificate of appreciation presented to Mr Brian Draper, who has attended every march with the band.
A moving ceremony took place during the year; the planting of the Lone Pine in the memorial garden by Mrs Paul, widow of the late Francie Paul, our last Gallipoli veteran. The Lone Pine was grown from seed, taken from the Lone Pine at Gallipoli, by our good friends at Hamel Nursery.

Renovations have been ongoing at the hall, bituminising of the driveway, internal walls removed and a new bar built with security screening. The roof has been completely renewed and deep sewerage connected and the kitchen has been refurbished with new cupboards, an island bench and cooking facilities. All these improvements required a great fund-raising effort by all members and ladies. Our sincere thanks to the Lotteries Commission for a grant of $12,000 which was enormous assistance.

Outings this year have included a visit to the Casino and a tour of the Swan Brewery, followed by lunches at Anzac House. Further outings, including visits to other branches, are being planned.

We meet on the second Tuesday of the month at 5.00pm visitors are welcome.

WJ. THURLOW

PRO

NORTHAM

Ceremony in Northam marks Vietnam Veterans’ Day

The following is a reprint of an article which appeared in the local press on the anniversary of the Battle of Long Tan.

"Vietnam Veterans" Day is to be marked by a ceremony in Northam.

A wreath laying service will be held at the RSL War Memorial at 11am today.

"It's the first time we've had the service in Northam," the secretary of Northam RSL Derek Smith said.

"It will mean those who can't take a whole day off work to get to Perth will be able to attend.

"All members of the public are welcome to attend, and perhaps to lay a wreath."

Today is the 27th anniversary of the Battle of Long Tan, for which Australia's Sixth Battalion was awarded a Presidential Citation by Lyndon Johnson.

An extract reads: "D Company distinguished itself by extraordinary heroism while engaged in military operations."

But when Australia's forces returned home, it was not to a heroes' welcome.

And for many the horror did not end when they boarded a plane to leave Vietnam.

Returning soldiers, exposed to the horrors of jungle combat, were ostracised for having been part of an unpopular war.

And the incidence of mental health problems, suicide and birth defects in offspring have been higher than average for Vietnam veterans.

Mr Smith said that the reunion of 5,000 Vietnam veterans in Sydney in 1987 had been 'a healing process'.

"We talked about old times," he said. "It's good if you can talk about it: it's like counselling.

"1987 was the most magic thing. It was so healing, it felt as though God was there amongst us."

Mr Smith said that local veterans met two to three times a year, including dinners and family picnic at Jennacubine."

SECRETARY

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GERALDTON

State Governor's Thanks

Retiring WA Governor Sir Francis Burt in a letter to President Allan Ellis, expressed thanks for the hospitality extended to Lady Burt and himself on September 29 and for the presentation of a framed Sub-Branch pennant featuring Birdwood House.

Sir Francis Burt also expressed delight at the excellent standard of the honour guard of Army and Naval Cadets and of the parade and memorial service that
marked the 50th anniversary of Catalina operations from Geraldton.

State Secretary Eric Carpenter of the Catalina Club of WA has thanked the Sub-Branch for its tremendous contribution to the outstanding success of the Governor's visit.

Mr Carpenter said the cadets had done a sterling job and had been thanked and congratulated by letter.

A framed Sub-Branch pennant featuring Birdwood House was also presented to Catalina Club President Brian Buzzard by Allan Ellis during the Governor's visit.

In return he received a framed painting of a Catalina.

Catalina Crews Honoured

A VIP from the US Embassy in Canberra expressed the thought that in honouring the Catalina crews which flew from Geraldton, all American and Australian crews of World War II, who helped to forge such a close partnership between the two countries, were being honoured.

Mr Durwood Franke was speaking at Birdwood House on September 29 at a memorial service commemorating the 50th anniversary of the Catalina Wing that operated from Geraldton. He associated his talk with a plaque in the American Embassy at Canberra honouring a former Embassy Naval Attaché, Lieutenant George "Hutch" Hutchinson, who gave up his job to serve with the RAAF in 1941, before Pearl Harbour. "Hutch" died when his Catalina was shot down near Lae in January 1942, so becoming the first American to live his life in the New Guinea theatre-of-war.

Mr Franke said the Australian-American relationship continued to be a mutually supportive one. Prime Minister Keating's recent visit to Washington had illustrated just how close their relationship was and how much they shared as they looked toward the 21st century - one which promises to be the Pacific century. And as President Bill Clinton and Prime Minister Keating had reiterated, they all shared the vision of a community that would enjoy peace and prosperity.

An impressive commemoration service was conducted by Chaplain Kevin Russell from the RAAF Base at Pearce, with the first wreath laid by retiring Governor Sir Francis Burt, accompanied by RSL Secretary Pam Burgess.

The second wreath was laid by Catalina Club President Brian Buzzard and Mr Durwood Franke and the other wreath by Mayor Ted Whelan and RSL President Allan Ellis.

The Cenotaph Guard was supplied by the Army Cadets; the Ode was recited by RSL Senior Vice-President Nancy Peacock; the Last Post and Reveille were played by Bugler Peter O'Dea and Drummer Betty Gummery of the City Band; and Sue Finlay provided a beautiful rendition of the hymn "God Our Strength and Refuge," accompanied by the City Band under Bandmaster Phil Jones.

Preceding the commemoration service was a march to Birdwood House, with a stop-over in Marine Terrace where an honour guard of Army and Naval Cadets was reviewed by Governor Sir Francis Burt who also spoke to some of the Catalina Club members including Avis Koenig, proudly wearing her husband's medals.

Carrying the American Flag alongside the Australian and Air Force flag carriers, Wally Sumner and Colin Lockyer, was former American Chuck Farkes of Kalumunda who served as a Catalina wireless operator on missions from their Geraldton base when their barracks were in Francis Street and their headquarters in a house in Marine Terrace, now occupied by Zats Flats.

A beautiful bouquet was presented to Girl Guides State President, Lady Burt, by eight-year-old Brownie Jenna Ingram, accompanied by her District Leader mother, Lorraine Ingram.

Captain Ron Watkins of the Army Cadet Unit was the Guard Commander; Lieutenant Peter Jones of the Naval Cadet Unit the Parade Commander; and Dennis Moss of the RSL the Parade Co-ordinator.

A later engagement the same day included a Civic Reception for the retiring Governor and the presentation of Honorary Freeman Certificates awarded to Mr A.J. "Bert" Pepperell MBE and Mrs Norma Wall, whose Certificate was received by her grandson, Michael Wall, as she had had a fall.

Refrurbishment of Flag

A cheque for $395 representing donations mainly from Sub-Branches was received from State Headquarters towards refurbishment of the Australian National Flag that was brought back from Gallipoli by the late Dave Patten.

The Gallipoli Flag fund now stands at more than $800; it is estimated that it will cost $1,500 to have the 1915 flag stabilised, conserved and framed.

PETER BARDEN
PRO
BOOK REVIEWS

CHANGI: THE FUNNY SIDE
by Slim De Grey
Publishers: Writers' World
PO Box 158, Runaway Bay, Qld 4216.
Price $15.00, including postage.

This book, as well as its intended humourous content, pays tribute to those special people who made up the Changi Concert Party.

Regardless of their depression, and the starvation which resulted in painful malnutrition and tropical complaints suffered by all POWs, this band of happy warriors were chosen for their ability to present a bright and cheerful outlook regardless of the odds. Like all good public entertainers the show had to go on, and their task was to boost troop morale. This they certainly did, and their audiences were allowed to live in a world of make-believe, if for only a couple of hours at a time.

Behind the anecdotes you can visualise the improvisation and make-up that came into creation; it was a work of art. Theatrical props were virtually non-existent, and had to be made from what could be scrounged or came to hand.

The one or two concerts I was fortunate to enjoy before being transferred to the northern jungles were amazingly well-presented and joyfully entertaining, despite the conditions under which they came into being. Ex-POWs will recall these shows, as the book unfolds, with pleasant memories as well - known names are mentioned. The readers who were fortunate not to be there will enjoy and marvel at it all.

I recommend this book as well worth reading for the old, and young as a part of history, and vouch for its authority. The Dog Club incident did not give me any joy; if anything it caused me some sadness. However, those readers who were not ex-prisoners may find the tale humorous as Slim intended.

The writer and his companions with the concert party were no doubt chosen for their irrepressible and most essential sense of humour. This is evident throughout the book and has been well handled.

LEN IKIN.

SAYONARA AUSTRALIA
by John Lane

This is a novel by an ex-POW of the Japanese based on the experiences of two members of the 2/4th Machine Gun Battalion and the design on the cover sums up its: 'raison d'etre' a Japanese flag flying on the masthead of our Parliament House Canberra.

The first third of the book is quite a lovely fairytale; Joe, an orphan farm lad, is placed on a farm in the wheatbelt where he experiences true happiness and falls in love with the owner's daughter. Then he enlists with her brother Stewart and joins the 2/4th Machine Gun Battalion.

In brief action at Singapore, where the Battalion lost a third of their initial strength, Joe and Stewart are captured by the Japanese and interned at Changi. Their successful escape led to several weeks in the jungle where they were helped by the Chinese, before being recaptured and returned to Singapore.

Then the real reason for the book, the exposure of the solitary confinement, beatings and starvation at the Outram Road Gaol from April 1942 until October 1943, where Stewart dies from beriberi and pellagra.

With the changing fortunes of war Joe moved to Changi and slowly recovered. After the miracle of liberation, a happy homecoming and reunion, marriage and a family. But Joe does not forget his hate for the Japanese; he joins the RSL and continues to prophesy a long-term commercial economic domination and take over by them. A rather anticlimax at the Singapore 50th Anniversary Memorial Day tends to belittle the book, as a prominent Australian politician insults our Australian Flag.

Sayonara Australia will appeal to those who do not wish to forget that a third of the 22,000 Australian POWs of the Japanese died from their brutal treatment in the work camps and on the Burma railway.

The book is available from the author John Lane from $10.00 post free, telephone 537 6425, Yunderup WA.

ALAN KING.

DIARY OF WWII
- North Queensland

Whatever the north of Queensland may mean today as a "beautiful today, perfect tomorrow" haven for its myriad of tourists, it remains a place of nostalgia for untold thousands of Australian ex-servicemen.

Now that nostalgia has been catered for in a novel way by a former RAN Warrant Officer, Peter Neilsen, in his "Diary of WWII - North Queensland".

The book is, in fact, a diary of events, a 224-page feast of information pertaining in the main to military movements and events within northern Queensland during World War II. It deals at length, also, with RAN
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NX40086 Coomber, A.L., Quairading, 2/6 Aust Armd Regt
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89666 Harding, E.C., City of Perth, RAAS
WX21254 S.A.B., Geraldton City, 1 Arm Div.
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WX22293 Kibblewhite, A.A., Bayswater-Meltham, RAAF
T111956 Lyon, J.D., Nollamara-Nth Perth, RASC
R193719 Maher, S.P., Port Hedland, Merchant Navy
T4697355 Manso, O., Wembley-Floreat, RASC
WX16594 Mauger, L.G., Bunbury, 2/28 Aust Inf Bn
217957 McCue, M., Cockburn, Fighter Command
WX734 Morgan, R.S., City of Wanneroo, 2/11 Aust Inf Bn
415438 Naughton, B.S., Manning, RAAS
825543 O'Brien-Hill, J.D., Eastern Hills, 3 Regt RHA
WX990 Powell, V.J., Mt Lawley-Ingleswood, 2/11 Aust Inf Bn
WX37608 Rob R.F., City of Perth, 19 Garrison Bn
WX40795 Savill E.J., Mandurah, 2 AT Coy
296223 Simsonen, J., Mt Lawley-Ingleswood, RAAS
F4647 Smith, J., City of Perth, RANR
F2453 Taylor, A.H.L., Cockburn, RAN
17224 Tindale, J.M., Bassendean-Guildford, RAAS
38354 Tompkin A.A., City of Rockingham, RAAS
WX22293 Warrilow, J.H., Waroona-Hamel, 2/28 Aust Inf Bn
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WX5633 Brown, J.J., Mandurah, 2/16 Aust Inf Bn
WX10915 Cale, B.E., Bellevue, 2/7 Com SQR
WX39406 Chapman, C.F., Gosnells, W/Como Sigs
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4915731 Cash, J., Bayswater-Meltham, South Staffs
876831 Conway, J.S., City of Perth, WND Fld Rgt RA
47755 Davies, D.E., Gosnells, RAAS
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The aim of the RPBS Prescribing Awareness program, conducted by the Department of Veterans’ Affairs, is to improve health through better communication on drug treatments, and to reduce the incidence of adverse drug reactions in veterans.

Recent analysis of drug use has identified several issues. For example, a patient may attend two medical practitioners who each prescribe different drugs that when used in combination may lead to potentially undesirable side effects. It is possible that neither practitioner may be aware of the prescribing of the other. In this instance it is clearly inappropriate to blame either the practitioners or the patient.

The RPBS Prescribing Awareness Program will identify which drug or drug combinations have the potential to cause adverse drug reactions and will develop procedures to contact the parties concerned. The Department’s aim is to improve communication, particularly where lack of it may lead to undesirable medical outcomes.

In another case you may be referred to a specialist who may not be aware of the full range of your treatment and medication. It is therefore important to tell your specialist of all your medications even if they are unrelated to the visit to the specialist.

The Department will not restrict your doctor from prescribing medication that is necessary for the treatment of your medical condition.

It is important that you let your doctor know of all medication you are taking so you can avoid any problem with your health.

To help you remember the medication you are taking, the Department provides a medi-list card so you can record all your medication, including items bought over the counter. Your local DVA office will provide these cards on request.

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**Book Review cont...**

movements and the RAAF is given an excellent coverage, as are all arms of the US armed forces.

The comprehensive research by Neilson has produced a wealth of detail well worth reading by any World War II veterans who have memories of their time, however brief, spent in the area. His coverage has been extensive, even for instance, to the listing of the types, places and dates of more than 200 RAAF and USAF aircraft that crashed or disappeared whilst on service there.

The “Diary” is aimed at those who served anywhere from Mackay to Horn Island and west to Mount Isa. It is a dedication to the men and women who lost their lives within northern Queensland and were buried in War Cemeteries there, as well as to those who were lost off the coast and have no known grave. There is a full list of such war dead and circumstances of death.

To, perhaps, a majority of Australian veterans of World War II (three divisions of the Australian Army alone served time on the Atherton Tablelands) the Diary will be of relevance.

“Diary of WWII, North Queensland” (Peter Nielsen) is published by Nielsen Publishing and is available from the publisher at PO Box 665 Smithfield N. Qld 4878. The price is $30 plus $5 p. and h.

LJ. OWENS.
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State President: Mr L.C.W. Hutchings, 66 Kinsella Street, Joondanna 6060, Tel: 4444268. Meetings: State Council meets 3rd Thursday of every month at 13th Brigade Headquarters, Irwin Barracks, Karrakatta, at 1.30 pm.

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Listening Post reminds all Unit Associations that it is the responsibility of each to keep its membership list to State Headquarters for this section up to date. Changes to the office bearers must be in writing.
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6009. Tel: 386 3305. Secretary: Mr Reg Kidd, 261
Holmes Road, Forrestfield, 6058. Tel: 453 2393.
Meetings Mid-year general meeting and Christmas ‘get
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54 Federal Street, Tuart Hill 6060, Tel: 344 7949.
Treasurer: Mr Frederick Gordon, 33 Drummond Street,
Bedford 6052. Meetings first Wednesday of each month
(except January) at 13.30pm at Anzac Club, Perth.

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President: Mrs M. McDonald, 47 Wasley Street, Mt
Lawley 6060, Tel 328 5927. Secretary: Mrs M. Clarke,
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6062. Tel: 276 6758. Secretary: Mrs Rena Blackett, Unit
3, 93 Aurelian St, Palmyra 6157. Tel: 339 5030.
Treasurer: Mrs Freda Andrews, 23 Wilcock St,
Applecross 6050. Tel: 364 2269. Meetings: Second
Monday of each month at Anzac House (Unless other-
wise advised).

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Karrinyup 6018. Tel: 448 5204. Secretary: Mrs Grace
Storer, 16 Dowell Place, Bibra Lake Tel: 417 9598.
Meetings last Monday each month except January,
Address for correspondence: GPO Box T1729, Perth.

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WA 6108. Secretary: Teo Bushe-Jones, 26 Baltic Mews,
Walikki WA 6169, Tel: 527 9186. Meets second
Wednesday of each month, 71 West Parade, East
Perth. All correspondence to PO Box 3886, Stirling
Street, Perth, WA 6849.

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President/Treasurer: Mr Peter Murrenna JP, (IG). Tel:
349 7591. Secretary: Mr Frank Lawrence (GG). Welfare
Officer: Mr Arthur Budgen (HG). Meeting: 1st Monday of
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deGrussa, 43 Pitt St, Dianella 6062. Tel: (09) 276 7253.
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ASSOCIATION
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Mr Alf Martin, 12 LeSouef Drive, Kardinya 6163, Tel:
331 2113. AGM November, Committee Meetings as
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Goddard, 80 Derby Road, Shenton Park, 6008. Tel: 381
8705. Treasurer: Mr Jack O’Connell, 25 Stuart Street,
Maylands, 6051. Tel: 271 6787. AGM and Reunion held
February and social functions held about four times
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State Secretary: Mr A. McMorland, 10 Ridgeway Place,
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Secretary: C.C. Brown, 80-82 Henley Street, Como, WA
6152. Tel: 450 6428 (Postal Address): Bag Lot No. 2
Post Office, Como, WA 6152. meeting first Wednesday
each month except January, 1.30pm.

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23.

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

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President: Mr Ken Barrington, Tel: 446 4227. Secretary: Mr Kevin Trent, Tel: (H) 367 7794, (O) 323 4485. All correspondence c/- 3 Broad Street, Kensington 6151. Meetings: Meets second Wednesday in months of February, April, June, August, October and December. Contact the Secretary or President for details of venue and timing.

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President: Mr Pat Trevis, 10 Perseus Crt, Rockingham 6168. Tel: 527 6088. Secretary: Mr Scott MacBain, 20 Manders Way, Singleton 6175, Tel: 537 1186. Meetings: Committee meets at Navy Club Inc., 26 Marine Terrace Fremantle, 1900 hrs second Monday of each month.
General Meeting at 2000 hrs, last Monday of each month, same place.

THE ROYAL NAVAL ASSOCIATION PERTH (WESTERN AUSTRALIAN BRANCH)
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WRAAF BRANCH - RAAF ASSOCIATION
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2/3 FIELD REGIMENT ASSOCIATION W.A.
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President: Mr Fenton Smith, 184 Shaftesbury Ave., Bedford 6052. Tel: 271 6492. Sec/Treasurer: Mr Colin Edmiston, Unit 3, 456 Main Street, Balcatta, 6021. Tel: 349 0799.

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7 ARMY TROOPS COY RAE ASSOCIATION
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11TH DIVISION SIGNALS ASSOCIATION
For enquiries contact- President: Lt Col O.R. Videan, 23 Halley Street, Innaloo 6018. Tel: 446 6304. Secretary: Rob Hutchings, 21 Melbourne Way, Morley 6062. Tel: 276 3158. Regular meetings held at 150 Harbourne Street, Wembley.

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44TH BATTALION ASSOCIATION
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