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State President's Message

In response to many requests for a copy of the State President’s Anzac Day Address, it is reproduced below:

On this day each year, we gather to recall the sacrifices of those who made the ultimate sacrifice for their country, and we remember those who have served at risk of life to our country. It is important for all Australians to be reminded of the sacrifice made by our Anzacs on 25 April 1915.

This year, 2004, the ‘Year of the Family’, marks the 80th anniversary of ANZAC Day. Together, let us remember the sacrifices of those who have served our country and our community. The Australian ‘Family’ who is the foundation of our nation, is the cornerstone of our future prosperity and development.

Since that day in 1915, many Australians have contributed to the defence of the Australian ‘Family’ from hostile forces. Community members, both men and women, have paid dearly for this. We must remember that there are families left behind in Australia who have also paid the ultimate sacrifice of losing a loved one from their family. Therefore, Anzac Day has now become an important part of our history, and we think of the sacrifice made by the members of our Australian ‘Family’ on this Australian National Day of Commemoration.

There are many monuments throughout our community with the names inscribed of those Australian ‘Family’ members who laid their lives on World War II through all subsequent wars and conflicts. These names will continue to remind tomorrow’s Australians of this tradition.

Let me assure you that nearly every ‘Family’ member who has served has paid a price for his or her country, and it is important to remember the sacrifices made by our ‘Family’ members. We must be prepared to defend our way of life and freedom for which our forefathers fought.

Australia is a nation made up of many different races, religions, and political beliefs, but for one unit, we must remember we are the Australian Family. We share strength and unity, from the people who come from different countries and cultures, and we welcome the contributions they make in developing and enriching the Australian nation. However, we must not forget that they form part of the Australian Anzac tradition and not try to create mini-cultural enclaves within our Australian culture.

Let all members of this Australian ‘Family’ serve to be proud but unassuming, friendly but independent, united with their own cultural background and beliefs. Let us be respectful and tolerant, but proud but tolerant; friendly but independent; united in our Australian heritage and traditions, and instruct them of their responsibilities in our society. They must be taught that the price of liberty is eternal vigilance.

Len Kevans
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State Secretary's Notes

Anzac Day 1994 proved a major success with maximum participation and capacity crowds at both the Dawn Service and March. The national media reported similar attendances throughout the country, so we are obviously going about it right. Breakfast served at the Anzac Club proved very popular and should be a standard feature on future Anzac Day mornings.

Recruitment of new members continues to proceed well. The threat of erosion of Veterans' benefits is still very real and to carry the message and continue to sell the benefits of membership to our Veterans.

In closing, I wish to advise you of my pleasure at being selected your State Secretary; I look forward to a long and happy association with you all. If you are visiting the city and wish to discuss any matters with me, please do not hesitate to do so. I am here to serve you.

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Roger Snee, Executive Director

"At the time of writing this editorial, our weekly hospital visitor, Honorary Secretary Bill Mahar, has had eight weekly visits to the hospital since the takeover, and I am happy to report that as far as Bill Mahar is concerned, everyone he meets each week is very courteous and cannot do enough to help him whilst he is visiting patients. It is to be hoped this news is correct and keeps up to the same standard as I am sure people were a bit worried as to how the takeover would work out. This, I know, is vital news to all of us as most have been patients in Hollywood at some time over the years."

Extract from Rotto Magazine, Official Organ of The Rats of Tobruk Association WA Branch (Inc.)
His Excellency Major General Michael Jeffery, AO, MC, Governor of Western Australia

His Excellency Major General Philip Michael Jeffery, AO, MC was born in Wiluna in 1937 and educated at Cannington and East Victoria Park State Schools and Kent Street High School.

His father Phil was variously a stockman, prospector, gold miner and soldier. He accompanied the explorer Canning during the development of the Canning Stock Route.

The Governor's three uncles were educated at Guildford Grammar School, one becoming a Rhodes scholar, the second a distinguished surgeon, whilst the third was killed in Syria in World War II when serving with the 2/16th Infantry Battalion. His mother Edna, who was educated at Perth College, now lives in Rockingham. He has a brother, Chris, who lives in Perth and a sister, Elizabeth, who is in Canada.

At the age of 16, General Jeffery left Perth to attend the Royal Military College, Duntroon. Following his graduation in 1958, he served in a number of junior regimental appointments with 17 National Service Training Company and the Special Air Service Regiment (SASR) in Perth, before being posted to Malaysia in 1962 for operational service with the 2nd and 3rd Battalions of the Royal Australian Regiment.

In 1964 he was appointed Aide-de-Camp to the Chief of the General Staff, an appointment which was followed by a secondment to the British SASR for an operational tour of duty in Borneo. On his return to Australia he was appointed Adjutant of the SASR From 1966-69 he served in Papua New Guinea with 1st Battalion, The Pacific Islands Regiment. During this posting he was married to Marlena Kerr from Manly, NSW This was followed by a tour of Vietnam as an infantry company commander in the 8th Battalion, The Royal Australian Regiment. It was during this tour that he was awarded the Military Cross and the South Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry.

In 1972 he was selected to attend the British Army Staff College at Camberley and from there was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel and became Commanding Officer of the 2nd Battalion, The Pacific Islands Regiment. In 1975, in recognition of his service in Vietnam as an infantry company commander, he was awarded the Military Cross and the South Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry.

In 1985 he attended the Royal College of Defence Studies in London, on completion of which he was promoted and appointed to command of the Army's 3rd Division. He became an Officer of the Order of Australia in June 1989 for his service to the Army.

Mr Jock K. Geldart, OBE of Duncraig has been appointed to succeed Mr John Hannah as State Secretary. Mr Geldart served in the Australian Army from 1959-1993, enlisting in the United Kingdom after service in the British Forces which included active duty in the Middle East. He served 14 years in the SAS with tours in South Vietnam and was commissioned in 1974, retiring with the rank of Major and the decoration of the OAMD.
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Mr Percy Pearson, CMG, OBE

Mr Percy Pearson's contributions to the League are far too numerous to mention in detail in this brief resume.

Educated in Perth, he subsequently became a Fellow of the Australian Institute of Management, a Fellow of the Institute of Sales and Marketing Executives, and an Associate of the Market Research Society of Australia.

He joined the Australian Army in 1940 and served in Australia and New Guinea during the Buna Campaign. After the war, he served in the CMF from 1945 to 1955.

He joined the League in 1947 and since then served continuously. He was a member of the Highgate Sub-Branch and served more than 30 years as a committee member and Sub-Branch President. In May 1962 he was elected to the State Executive and was State President from 1965 to 1973. Mr Pearson was a member of the State Branch and had been a member for many years. He was married to Dorrie Pearson and the OBE in 1950, and the CMF in 1955 for his services to the community and general community.

He was State Commissioner for the Australian Forces Overseas Fund from 25 September 1969 to 1 August 1975.

The passing of Mr Percy Pearson was a real blow to the NSW and residents of the War Veterans Homes. He was Chairman of the Board, his contributions were enormous. The residents have lost a real champion whose genuine concern and affection was so obviously represented by him. He was honored by the KSt who named a section of War Veterans' Homes 'Pearson Village'.

The sympathy of all associated with Mr Percy Pearson is conveyed to his family.

Mr Dorrie Pearson and her family wish to express their sincere appreciation to the wide circle of friends who have conveyed their sympathy in a variety of ways during their recent bereavement. This support has provided great comfort to them all. Words cannot adequately express the significance of those indications of love and caring concern.
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The commencement of construction of the Republic of Singapore Air Force facilities at RAAF Base Pearce was commemorated at RAAF Base Pearce with the unveiling of a historic plaque on March 30. The plaque was unveiled by Australia's Minister for Defence, Senator Robert Ray, and his Singaporean counterpart, Or Yeo Ning Hong.

Senator Ray unveiled the commemorative plaque at RAAF Base Pearce. The ceremony acknowledged the close ties between Australia and Singapore and the mutually beneficial arrangements, such as this initiative, which will contribute to regional security and stability.

Senator Ray congratulated all those involved in bringing the project to fruition and welcomed the Singapore Air Force and their families to Australia. In his address Senator Ray said, "Australia welcomes Singapore's use of our training facilities, such as the Delamere Air Weapons Range, as a contribution to our respective self-defence capabilities and to regional security."

"Since the end of the Cold War, these common interests are perhaps stronger than ever before with the growing importance of the Asia-Pacific region, changing relationships between regional powers and new approaches to regional security, and the greater complexity of today's strategic picture."

In concluding Senator Ray acknowledged Dr Yeo's significant contribution to the bilateral defence relationship during his time as Singapore's Minister for Defence. Senator Ray stated: "As a measure of the importance of our cooperation, Dr Yeo and myself, on behalf of our respective governments, signed a Letter of Intent on Monday which provides a framework for extending and enhancing the reciprocal activities between our defence organisations."

Dr Yeo responded saying how pleased he was to note the political, economic and defence cooperation and significant progress between the two countries over the past two years. "Our presence at RAAF Pearce today is a testimony of the close and shared vision on our defence and security missions."

"Singapore and the Singapore Air Force are deeply appreciative of your efforts, and those of your staff in the Department of Defence, the ADF and the RAAF in providing the facilities for RSAFs smooth and rapid transfer of the Flying Training School to Pearce."

"Without your assurance, RSAF presence at RAAF Base Pearce today, only a year after the MOU was signed in March 1993, would not have been possible."

Dr Yeo continued: "The airspace available for pilot training around Singapore is limited. In contrast, Western Australia provides a conducive and safe operating environment for pilot training. Apart from the excellent weather conditions which allow year-round training, the flying training around Pearce is much larger than the RSAFs current training areas in the South China Sea."

"Fundamentally, instead of flying over the sea, our trainees now experience flying over different types of terrain. We eliminate also the wasteful transit times to and from the South China Sea."

After the official party inspected the construction site in a post-ceremony news conference, Dr Yeo said, "We have a lot to learn from the RAAF."

The Republic of Singapore Air Force began relocating elements of its Flying Training School to RAAF Pearce in September 1993 along with 16 Marchetti S211 jet trainers. When the RSAF Flying Training School is fully operational it will boast 30 Marchetti S211 aircraft, 55 staff, 38 students and 160 maintenance personnel.

RAAF personnel will not be directly involved in training RSAF pilots, but will provide air traffic control and other aviation and base services.

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Mrs Patricia Balfe, B Ec, then a resident of the Air Force Memorial Estate, Balke, was presented with a Certificate of Life Membership of the RSL by State President Len Keynes and members of the State Executive on 27 April 1994.

The award was in recognition of her service to the League for 30 years and served as chairperson of the Listening Post committee and editor of the magazine, which is published quarterly and distributed to all WA members.

She was President of the Darling Range Ex-Service Men's Group and was a member of the RSL State Executive from 1983.

During World War II, Mrs Balfe served as a Navigation Officer with the RAAF in Air Operations Room, Townsville, from 1942 to 1943 and later in Operations Rooms in Sydney and Melbourne.

Vale

We were all saddened when Mrs Balfe passed away, after a long illness, at the Cottage Hospital on 13 May.

JOHN SURRIDGE
Deputy Editor

WAR VETERANS' HOME

The fete at Mt Lawley War Veterans' Homes proved a real success. Mrs Ann Keynes, fund raising co-ordinator on the Board had suggested the project and then, as vice-chairman for six years, encouraged the residents to join in. Considering the many drawbacks she accomplished a great deal.

Ann was lauded in her praise of Mr Dennis Nelson and staff at Mt Lawley. "They worked tirelessly in every phase and proved it truly was their fete. The staff at Mandurah must also take a bow. To the residents and volunteers who contributed money and material, I extend my heartfelt thanks. Generally the response from Sub-Branches was most disappointing. However, one of the Sub-Branches about the fete, 'We are very grateful that you have provided us with such a high standard dinner.'"

I thank Ann and those on the Board who assisted, including the State President of the RSL, who worked the full day, a much appreciated gesture. To those few who were absent, I hope you find your way to the next fete. As usual, the RSL Women's Auxiliary provided their usual high standard support.

To those few who sent donations, I also give thanks. Next year's fete will give the Veteran community another opportunity to involve themselves in assisting the fund raising activities of the War Veterans' Homes.

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MIYAWIE

Natalie, one of our most popular Administration Staff, has given birth to young Ryan. Both are well and we congratulate her.

While the fete has been the major focus these past months we should not forget the Anzac Eve Service. General consensus was, it was most successful and a tribute to the Staff and those organisations that contribute so unselfishly each year. The slightly altered format proved popular, allowing the time in the afternoon heat.

SHADOW POINTS

I congratulate the Staff and residents for the way they are cooperating and making their village a real home. It appears the staffing difficulties have been resolved and there should now be a period of consolidation.

KEN KAIRER
Chairman

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MINISTER FOR VETERANS' AFFAIRS DID IT THE HARD WAY

The new Minister for Veterans' Affairs, Con Sciacca, admits he has made it into the Ministry the hard way.

Mr Sciacca, who was sworn in as Minister for Veterans' Affairs at the end of March, was born in Sicily almost 47 years ago and migrated to Australia when he was four.

On arrival in Australia, his father Sam worked as a cane-cutter near Innisfail. Later he managed hotels at Mt Morgan, Proserpine and Gladstone before moving to the Redlands area on the outskirts of Brisbane to farm vegetables, which gave young Con a more comprehensive knowledge of his adopted country than many a native-born Australian.

Mr Sciacca took an early interest in politics and contested his first election for an unwinnable seat in the Queensland Parliament in 1969 at the age of 21. The following year he was admitted as a solicitor and established his own law firm. He continued to be active in the Queensland ALP and in 1972 became president of Queensland Young Labor.

In 1986, he was endorsed as the candidate for the Federal Seat of Bowman, which takes in some of the outer south-east suburbs of Brisbane including the areas along the shores of Moreton Bay as well as Moreton and North Stradbroke Islands. He was elected to the House of Representatives in July 1987.

Re-elected in March 1990, he was appointed Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Social Security. In the 1993 elections he retained his seat and, once more, was made Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Social Security.

In addition to this position he was appointed Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Arts and Administrative Services. Between 1987 and 1990 he served as a prominent member of the House of Representative Community Affairs Committee and took a leading role in the "After the March" Parliamentary inquiry.

On March 25 he was appointed Minister of Veterans' Affairs and sworn in as a member of the Keating Ministry - he is the first Italian-born Australian to become a Federal Minister.

"It just shows you the opportunities this country offers," Mr Sciacca said.

"I have been fortunate enough to have had the opportunity to visit places like the Somme Valley and a number of the War Cemeteries. One cannot help but be moved by the dedication and sacrifice of the Australian men and women who served their country with such distinction.

"I see my top priority as Minister for Veterans Affairs as consultation with veterans and ex-service organisations to ensure my department meets the needs of veterans throughout the '90s and into the 21st century.

"I am sure resources organisations welcome the decision to place Veterans Affairs under the umbrella of Defence that shows how with today's defence forces we will enable my department to implement more informed policies about the expectations and needs of ex-service men and women and their dependants," he said.

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The Museum is operated by a committee which represents Western Australian army units, honorary executive associations and affiliate members. It is responsible for its own financial management and is affiliated with the Western Australian Museum, the Royal Western Australian Historical Society and the WA Branch of the Military Historical Society.

A fine collection of military items collected during the end of World War II includes a well-preserved display of the Colours and Guidons of Western Australian units which were previously displayed in the State War Memorial, the War Nurses' Gallery and the Women's Services Gallery.

The Museum has recently taken possession of three colours and banners, held for many years by the Perth City Council. They were recently installed in the Colour Room after extensive conservation and restoration by Textile Care of East Fremantle and Glyde Galleries.

On display in the main gallery are Victoria Crosses awarded to Private Martin O'Meara, Sergeant Tom Starcevich and Private Percy Gratwick, whose medals were housed at the Special Air Service Regiment for many years.

Post-war exhibits cover the British Commonwealth Occupational Forces in Japan, the Korean Conflict, the Malayan Emergency, the Indochina Conflict with Vietnam and the Vietnam War, Taroom and other galleries to include the United Nations, which will effectively complement the existing post-war gallery.

Services provided include access to the library and other material for bona-fide researchers and an excellent medal mounting and repair service, including supply of miniature medals and service ribbons. This service was established at the suggestion of the WA Branch of the League, Mr. Arthur McNeece, who operates the service on Thursday and Sunday afternoons.

Most of the items on display have been donated by individuals and by successful organizations from the WA Branch of the League, who have also contributed to the purchase of the uniform of the 1st Australian Light Horse, which is a most significant addition to the collection.

While the committee is responsible for all financial aspects of the Museum, funds are secured through the voluntary efforts of an Ladies' Auxiliary, profits from the medal-mounting service and donations from the public.

The Museum is open from 1.00 pm to 4.30 pm on Sunday and arrangements may be made for group bookings at other times.

Greetings from the Immediate Past President

When I recently visited Mr. Hall, the Immediate Past President, he spoke of the many good wishes and cards that he has received. Due to health problems he is finding it difficult to respond and he asked me to personally thank all those people who have sent best wishes to him. Maybe a phone call or a visit would brighten up his day.

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Thousands of RSL members are already enjoying the Plan's 15% saving off their car insurance premiums, and this new opportunity allows those not already enrolled to take advantage of this money-saving discount.

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VIETNAM VETERANS' AFFAIRS

More than 4,500 people have applied to the Vietnam Veterans' Trust with the wording being given up.

Under the Court approved arrangements, the Cash Payments Program started at the end of 1993 in all, a little over $1 million was distributed in 1993, slightly lower than the previous year. There were 100 applications received from veterans or family members in need, down 12% on 1992. To be eligible for benefits from the Trust, a person must:

a. have served in or near Vietnam with a unit of the Australian Defence Force at any time between 1961 and 1972, or be a dependant of such a veteran;

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c. be in necessitous or deserving circumstances.

As many veterans would know, the Australian share of the United States Agent Orange non-embattled settlement was $13.5m. Overall, the United States Agent Orange payments reached $3310m and is expected to finish at the end of 1994, having completed its distribution to the nearly 40,000 United States veterans and dependants who have applied. New Zealand received $9.7m in its own war and paid about $2m. 

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The aftermath of two world wars left this nation with a veteran and widow population of about one million. Conflicts in Korea, south east Asia and in Vietnam added about 100,000 more veterans. Australia has ironed its roll so that just in hundred of World War II veterans survive whilst the ranks of World War II veterans grow thinner each day.

In the post world war era, the Veteran community was so large that it permeated every institution and bureaucracy in society. Veterans could be sure that laws would be enacted to look after their welfare and interests. Public servants would administer statutes with experience and sympathy. Many medicos were themselves Veterans. It would be unthinkable of Governments and their servants to renege on debts owed by veterans or widows.

Ageing and retirements have changed this picture in more recent years. The hallowed chambers of Parliament have but a few veterans, and administrators are imbued with a spirit of cost-cutting to prove their accountability. The cost of a service or benefit has overtaken its value in the minds of many. The battles over benefits and pensions can get fierce at times.

The Veteran community needs to close ranks as never before to ensure that benefits and compensation are not sacrificed to enhance careers or fatten coffers for vote catching in marginal electorates.

We must also defend hard-won principles for the benefit of those Veterans to follow from later conflicts, or unexpected suffering.

As in guerrilla warfare, little by little benefits are picked off and new offences opened against Veteran interests. The innocent coloured is within us and we must stand and fight. We all know that in these situations, aggressive guerrilla tactics is called for in an enemy's land, in enemy territory, against the enemy's interests. As in guerilla warfare, little by little benefits are picked off and new offensive opened against Veteran interests.

To take action we can first of all get behind our Veteran organisations and give them the ammunition (membership) to defend our interests. Demand from your federal member information on what reviews and action are being proposed for Veterans' entitlements. Let the Federal Minister for Veterans' Affairs know what you think about his Government's plans and if you get no satisfaction, send newspapers the information or write a letter to the Editor about it. If you watch "Yes Prime Minister" you'll see how the politicians respond to public attention. Squeaky wheels usually get oiled.

But where have all the Veterans gone in this hour of need? Could they be sleeping? "Sleepers wake! The watchman on the heights is calling ...” J.S. Bach (Cantata no. 140, Wachet Auf)

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DIGGERS ENJOY ANZACS

Mr Stan Hamilton was one of more than 200 patients at Hollywood Private Hospital in Nedlands who enjoyed an Anzac biscuit with their cup of tea to commemorate Anzac Day. Mr Hamilton, who was in the 2/33 Infantry Battalion, 9th Division, served in World War II in the Middle East, New Guinea and Borneo from 1941-1946.

There several theories on when and how Anzac biscuits got their name. Mr Hamilton said he believed it was because they were easy to make and soldiers in World War I would bake them for the troops with the few ingredients they could find. They're easy to make and use a lot of treacle,” he said. “Have a mate in Geraldton who still makes them!”

Another source said the biscuits were baked by the women at home, who sent them over to the serving troops.

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The Eichstatt Job

Oflag VIII was located in a former Gebirgsjager barracks on the banks of a river not far from the town. The town, 90 miles north of Munich, had been created on one side of the parade ground and was known as “Garden City.” These were occupied mainly by Australians and New Zealanders.

On the night of 3-4 August 1943, 65 officers (including 7 Australians) escaped via a tunnel. The majority had been prisoners since Dunkirk in 1940; some were taken prisoner in Greece and Crete and a few from Dieppe. All were recaptured and eventually transferred to Oflag NC (Colditz).

The tunnel started from a toilet in one of the blocks and ran some 133 feet up and under the highway to a small chicken coop inside the fence skirting the roadway. For the last 77 feet the gradient rose at 19°. The workers had overcome several boulders and at one stage the overhead cover was less than 12 inches. At one time there was only a nine inch opening to work in.

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A system of signals for evacuation was arranged and practised. Officers were advised to “stand to” from 3 May on to await the first windy and moonless night after that date. However, conditions were unfavorable, and on 7 May officers were stood down until 23 May. Conditions were again unfavorable until the afternoon of 3 June when a slight wind arose.

The Escape Committee’s policy was that as little notice as possible would be given and escapees would not be notified until after Evening Appel, which parade normally around 1900 hrs.

On 3 June the order was given for “off.” The procedure for escape had been carefully prepared and each officer was given a number. No’s 1 and 2 were to break and to proceed up the hill laying a guide rope. No’s 3 and 65 were to act as controllers. When all had gone, No. 65 would follow collecting the guide rope as he went. The “stooges” and assistants successfully camouflaged the exit and withdrew.

Though there was a sentry on the roadway, his beat extended a great distance on each side of the exit and it wasn’t until the early hours of the morning that the sentry became suspicious of some noise he must have heard and came up to the fence. He couldn’t see anything but sent for an NCO. Coinciding with the arrival of the NCO, an early-rising German started to chop wood in a neighbouring house. This satisfied the NCO that the sentry’s suspicion was unfounded and he went away.

The first intimation the Germans received that all was not as it should be was when they came to put the chains on the officers in Block I and found some left over. Some were ambushed by “Hitler Youth,” but most were recaptured by Landwache (Home Guard) road blocks.

After the escape, some 60,000 were reported to have been turned out between Eichstatt and the Swiss frontier — 4,200 German air
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THE EICHSSTATT JOB Cont....

About 50 Americans who had spent some time in Oflag VII B departed for their new camp the same night as the escape. Four of the Americans jumped off the train. The conducting officer despondently reported over the telephone that he had lost four Americans. The officer at the other end is alleged to have replied, "That is nothing, we have lost 65 British.

As they were recaptured, the escapees were transferred to Wittleschberg Schloss just outside Eichstatt, where they completed their 14-day punishment. From there they were removed in two different parties to Oflag JVC Colditz.

The night following the departure of the first party to Oflag JVC, two Canadian and one British officer escaped from the Schloss but out of the officers injured in the escape and the party did not get very far. They were recaptured by an SS soldier who had been in a 'waiting booth' beside the railway track with a rather attractive girlfriend.

L. DONALD

FAMILY DAY SAUSAGE SIZZLE IN KINGS PARK

Members of the Vietnam Veterans’ Motor Cycle Club and 1994 RSL Poppy Day Lunch Committee have pleasure inviting you to a Family Day Sausage Sizzle near the Vietnam Veterans’ Memorial in Kings Park.

11am to 3pm Sunday 7 August 1994.

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4. All nominations must be accompanied by an entry fee of $20 per team.

5. Participants are responsible for their own transport and accommodation.

6. All sectional games will be of 21 ends. Post sectional, Quarter Finals, Semi-Finals and Final will be of 21 ends.

Programme

TUESDAY, 3 January

Morning - Round One. Lunch at Venue Club.

Afternoon - Round Two.

WEDNESDAY, 4 January

Morning - Round Three. Lunch at Venue Club.

Afternoon - Round Four.

THURSDAY, 5 January

Morning - Round Five. Lunch at Venue Club.

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As part of its commitment to reducing the length of waiting lists in WA hospitals, the Health Department of Western Australia has allocated $15 million towards the 1993-94 Waiting List Management Program to fund a range of initiatives at public metropolitan and country hospitals aimed at increasing throughput for targeted specialties.

Funds of $8.5 million have been allocated to new hospital initiatives which cover a range of specialties including Ophthalmology, Orthopaedics, ENT, Plastic Surgery, General Surgery, Gynaecology, Neurology, Gastroenterology and Urology. In total, over 2,800 procedures will be purchased within these specialties.

Separate funding of $87 million has been allocated for General Surgery initiatives.

An additional $1.5 million provided by the Commonwealth Government has been dedicated to funding further management improvement strategies.

Aside from these new projects, a range of programs which started in 1992/93 have been extended to continue in 1993/94 with a budget of nearly $2 million and a target of over 900 extra procedures.

PATIENT TURNOVER

Chart A illustrates the turnover of cases awaiting elective surgery on the largest waiting lists in the teaching hospitals.

As can be seen from this chart, more patients were added to the ENT, Ophthalmology, Orthopaedics and Urology lists than were cleared in the three months to September 1993, while an equilibrium was achieved for General Surgery with more patients were cleared than were added to the list for Plastic Surgery.

It also should be noted that some patients on certain teaching hospital lists at the end of September 1993 had been issued with permission to provide all the necessary medical and other evidence for their applications.

WAITING LISTS IN TEACHING HOSPITALS

Table 1 shows the change in selected waiting lists at teaching hospitals for the three months to September 1993. The total number of persons on selected waiting lists at the end of September 1993 was 11,244.

This total represents an increase of 324 over the June 1993 figure.

Despite this small increase, the median waiting time on these waiting lists is less than the same time in September 1992 (1,124 days).

In addition, the median waiting time on these lists has decreased from 46 months in September 1992 to 42 months in September 1993, while the median waiting time for those admitted to hospital for their operations has decreased from 46 months to 42 months during the same period.

REIMBURSEMENT OF COSTS IN PROVIDING MEDICAL EVIDENCE TO SUPPORT CLAIMS AND APPLICATIONS

The Department of Veterans' Affairs encourages veterans to provide the necessary medical and other evidence in support of their claims for pension or service connections for service injury or illness at the primary level.

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It is worth mentioning that the costs may have been incurred by the claimant or applicant and that the medical evidence must have had some effect on the making of the decision in favour of the claimant or applicant.

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The Repatriation Commission is the producer of supporting medical evidence.

The new form has been arranged to set aside a night or day where members can get together. Branches and Unit Associations can join forces for sessions to gatherings of veterans and war widows remain unchanged with the introduction of the new form.

THE REPATRIATION PRIVATE PATIENT SCHEME

Mr David Watson, Deputy Commissioner, Department of Veteran's Affairs is keen to provide information to veterans on the Repatriation Private Patients Scheme (RPPS) and Lupus, Repatriation Hospitals move into the private sector.

Essential information has been arranged to set aside a night or day where members can get together so the Department can answer any questions that may arise to the new health care arrangements which came into effect during February 1994. Mr Watson suggests the larger the group the better. Neighbouring Branches and Unit Associations could join forces for the occasion.

The Department wants to ensure that everyone is getting the right information in a timely fashion and has been a step in the right direction. Mr Watson says everyone in the veteran community is made aware of the changes personally.

In my capacity as State President, I have been actively involved in monitoring the development of the RPPS and I support Mr Watson's efforts to inform the veteran community.

Form one with a clearly annotated section plan. Address either Mr Watson (09) 451 3982; Mr Sexton (09) 381 5434; Neville Gilbert (09) 261 1924; Doug Eason (09) 451 3862.

NEW COMMON RPBS/PBS AUTHORITY PRESCRIPTION FORM

A new common authority prescription form is soon to be introduced for the use of doctors prescribing under the Repatriation Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (RPBS) and the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS).

Further notes to pharmacists for war widows remain unchanged with the introduction of the new form.

The new form has been introduced to make prescription easy for you, doctors, and offer positive, helpful, non-medical advice.

Entitlements to pharmaceuticals for veterans and war widows remain unchanged with the introduction of the new form.

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HEART PROBLEMS

Have you a heart problem or does a member of your family have a heart problem? If so, the Australian Cardiac Association may be able to help you.

The ACA is a national voluntary community service organisation which provides medical, emotional and educational services to people facing or recovering from cardiac surgery or who suffer from heart disease. It offers support to patients and foster of rehabilitation.

Contact the nearest office of the Australian Cardiac Association for assistance.

AMPUTEE CLINIC

The former Central Development Unit (CDU) was formally transferred to Monash University on 20 December 1993. Under an agreement between DVA and Monash, all amputee services provided by the Department through the CDU will now be provided by Monash. This arrangement was agreed upon as part of the Monash Rehabilitation Project. Monash University, 1995.

Monash Rehabilitation Technology Research Unit (MRTU) is administered by the Centre for Rehabilitation Engineering at Monash University. It will provide the support of the University's academic staff.
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and students from the faculties of Engineering and Medicine. It will also enhance the Unit's research and education function, and also provide leading edge teaching and laboratory access to build a world class rehabilitation facility.

The transfer involves relocation of the Unit from RGH Heidelberg to Caulfield General Medical Centre, which has a strong commitment to the provision of rehabilitation services and houses the largest amputee clinic in Australia. The move will take place once refurbishment of the new site is completed.

Under the arrangement between DVA and Monash, the staff of the former CDU have transferred to Monash with the Unit.

Mr Bill Contoyannis now holds the position of Manager of MRTRU, telephone (03) 499 6099. The telephone number of MRTRU at Caulfield is (03) 528 1960.

WAR WIDOWS

Motor Vehicle Registrations - $50 premium

The following information has been received from the Minister for Finance:

"Thank you for further correspondence of 5 April 1994 concerning the $50 premium increase effective 1 August, 1993 on Western Australian registered motor vehicles and whether War Widows might be entitled to a concession on the premium increase.

"These are further advice that a War Widow who is in receipt of a Pensioner Concession Card (PCC) will now be entitled to a 50% concession on the vehicle registration and a 100% concession on the $50 Compulsory Third Party premium increase.

"War Widows who wish to participate in a Pensioner Concession Card (PCC) must lodge an Application Form with the Police Licensing and Services before the concession will be granted. Application Forms can be obtained from the Police Licensing and Services.

"The above information is in response to the RSL request.

TK JOW
Chairman
Veterans Affairs Committee

ANZAC DAY 1994

This year's Anzac Day parade was led by the Governor, Maj.-Gen. Michael Jeffrey. The atmosphere of the day was stirring and enthusiastic, proving that both those on parade and those who watched were there to honour the people who gave their lives in defence of their country. The people lining the streets - young and old - showed great enthusiasm as they cheered the defence forces of the day and the ex-service men and women. It is great to march behind a flag and see the respect and appreciation showing in the faces of the crowd. It is great to see people from other countries cheering and joining in, but it is greater still to see children in attendance. There is a new awakening in our younger generation, who are now being taught to appreciate the real meaning of Anzac Day.

The motor-parade with the aged and those unfit to march, followed by the younger service personnel, the colourful banners of the units and the bands with the beat of the drums automatically raising the pace and setting the parade off on a brisk step, provided an emotional experience.

His Excellency, the Governor was the Parade Reviewing Officer, and Colonel M.A. Count, MBE was parade Marshal. The compere was Mr Richard Carter and Musical Director Mr John Christmass.

The hymn "Lest We Forget" opened the service, followed by the prayer for the Queen's Majesty, read by Ken Murphy, senior Vice-President, RSL. The next hymn, "For the Queen's Majesty" was followed by the In Memoriam (Summers) sung by the NOCI Choir. The parade was called to attention for the sounding of the Last Post and two minutes' silence in memory of departed comrades was broken by the sound of the Reveille.

"O God Our Help In Age Past" was sung before the address by State President, Les Rognon, who reminded those on parade that we were privileged to pay homage to those who had given their lives in conclusion he stated that Anzac Day should be our official Australian National Day of Commemoration, for this is the day when we say thanks to those who gave their all so we could live in peace.

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DEFENCE ISSUES
WOMEN IN COMBAT UNITS
by ALEX BARTSCH

The question of women serving in combat units has been on the agenda for a number of years, seeking a variety of responses mainly in the negative. It is difficult to achieve any particular result for this attitude, but undoubtedly men who have suffered the pain and trauma of combat, few rows and former heroes with officer rank find it difficult to envisage that women can be part of such an experience. There are instances by a cultural background that clearly define women's roles as supporters rather than participants who are able to function and contribute effectively in the brutal conditions of combat.

Attitudes on this subject are changing everywhere. The new feminism equality now the last of war has bestowed unacceptable roles. Women are no longer prepared to play a purely supporting role, particularly since the Defence Force is a multi-cultural society and has not discriminated against women in the past. Women have contributed and performed during conflicts and we now have the US, Canada, Belgium, Holland and Norway opening all frontline jobs to suitable women.

In addition, the RAF and US Air Force have admitted women to combat roles, partly due to equal opportunity legislation and partly to the demographic trough reducing the number of available young men, but significantly the US administration introduced new guidelines for employment. A woman in combat roles will be on equal terms with men, although not regarded as suitable qualified soldiers, regardless of gender.

The number of women employed in combat roles has increased, with the Royal Navy and US Navy having admitted women to board ships; in the Royal Navy a batch of women were used as radio operators and secretes. Women were accepted by the community as it was for men.

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12th BATTALION

In World War I most infantry battalions were comprised of men from their own state of origin. There were several "composite" battalions though, the 32nd Battalion being formed by men from South Australia and Western Australia.

The 32nd Battalion fought with great courage in France and Belgium after an initial disaster - the major hill fortress of Fromelles. The Commander of 1918, Major W.R. Green, was awarded the Victoria Cross for his extraordinary bravery in leading the Battalion in an attack on the Hindenberg Line.

I wish to compile a history of this unit, and would be pleased if any of your readers who have information concerning the 32nd Battalion, and access to photographs, diaries, letters etc. would be very useful.

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ROBERT LITTLE

Robert Little was born on 19 July 1895 at Hawthorn, Melbourne and spent most of his early years in Melbourne. In July 1915 Robert joined the Royal Naval Air Service in England where he learnt to fly at Hendon.

He then joined the Royal Naval Air Service in January 1916 as a probationary mid-lieutenant. He was killed whilst on active duty in May 1918. Once again if anybody can supply me with any information on Robert Little's early years in Australia and his career as a pilot it would be greatly appreciated.

Also if anyone knows of any family members of these two men and would put me in touch with them I would appreciate it.

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THANK YOU

I am writing in thanks to Mrs. Rowlands and State Office of the RSL for giving me the chance to do a Special Education Course during this term of the current school year.

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PROPOSED ROYAL NAVAL MEMORIAL AT FREMANTLE

In light of the Royal Naval Association in Perth having committed themselves to create a Royal Naval Memorial at Fremantle, the Memorial, which may be the first in Australia to commemorate the Royal Navy, will consist of a ship's anchor raised base. The construction, which will combine seating overlooking Fremantle Harbour, will be of clay brick, which is unique for this type of structure.

It will perpetuate the memory of all who served in the Royal Navy and WRNS and will be a reminder of the 550,000 who served through the region during World War I. Perhaps some of your readers can recall RNAA-Antedel, with her submarine alongside, 50 years ago.

Next month a new project like this requires financial support. The appeal seeking donations towards the worthy project. Should any of your readers wish to assist it would be greatly appreciated. Donations can be sent to the Secretary, RNAS Perth Branch, PO Box 1932, Mundaring 6073 with cheques payable to "RN Memorial Board Perth 1994". All donations will be acknowledged and the unveiling has been set for October 1994.
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We are preparing a family history and need information about Herbert Waring who served with the Anzacs in World War I. He was born in Middlesborough, England in 1897. These are the only details we have except that he and his brother were orphaned at an early age and shipped off to Australia at the turn of the century.

Anyone with information please contact

Lesley Watson (Waring) 11 Atricale Way
Bullcreek WA 6106

F.E. MITCHELL

Our client, Frank Edward Mitchell, has been unable to obtain a discharge certificate from the Army which has been unable to confirm that he served during World War II.

The facts of the matter are somewhat unusual as our instructions are that Mr. Mitchell enlisted in the Army in Perth in 1942 under his late brother’s name, that is, James Mitchell, as he was too young to enlist at the time, being 17 years of age.

The difficulties in attempting to obtain formal recognition of our client’s wartime service are compounded by the fact that our client has only vague recollections of his military service as he suffered “shell shock” and was returned to Australia.

It is a matter of great concern to our client that he obtains a formal acknowledgement from the Army that he served during the war. Notwithstanding certain definite recollections that our client has regarding his service and the names of certain people that he served under and served with, he has been unable to obtain a formal acknowledgement from the Army.

The purpose of this letter is to enquire if the Army can assist Mr. Mitchell.

The following details that our client can recollect:

1. Mr. Mitchell recalls enlisting in Perth in March or April 1942 with a friend, James Alexander Armstrong.
2. He recalls certain instances which he believes took place in Egypt including some time under enemy fire.
3. He recalls having acted as a driver for a Colonel Arnold W. swung.

The Army has advised that P. Stewart Maitland George Davies served from 15 July 1940 and was killed in action on 6 July 1941. His unit at the time was 2/3rd Machine-gun Battalion. The Army has further advised that Cpl. Edward Alexander Armstrong served from 11 June 1941 to 6 November 1944. His unit in 1942 was 2/16th Battalion and he served in the Middle East, Australia and New Guinea during the year.

We have obtained a statutory declaration from Joseph William Armstrong that his brother James enlisted in the Army with Frank Edward Mitchell and that they were not with another.

The Army has advised that Brigadier Potts is recorded as having served in the Middle East with the 2/16th Battalion from 26 November 1940 until 29 January 1942. They have, however, advised that records held by their office do not include details of the names of his personal staff, such as a driver.

Mr. Mitchell has also advised that he may have had some contact with 2/16th Battalion.

We would be grateful for any assistance that you or your members may be able to provide.

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SURVEY CORPS

Any person who may have served in the Survey Corps with their detachment being camped at Mount Gregory in the Northampton area in November 1944 is asked to please contact

PETER WESION
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VICTOR ROBERT TRENBERTH

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know his whereabouts on 12 November 1988, I am wondering whether someone in our Association perhaps in the branch to which he belonged might be able to tell me about him or may have a picture of him. I have pictures of him as a little boy but would like to know what he looked like as an adult.

I am a member of the Doncaster Branch, an ex-WAAAF originally from WA, and hope that someone can assist me. I would like to know what branch of the services he served in during World War II and where he saw service.

MRS JOCELYN DAVIS
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WAR CEMETERY, KRAKOW

Last year I revisited my old hometown of Krakow in Poland and again went to the war cemetery. Looking through the British Commonwealth section, I saw three headstones for men from WA units. Two years ago these somehow escaped my notice.

Pvt HN Bishop WX966 2/11 died 20 July 1943
Pvt W Henderson WX617 2/11 died 7 November 1943
UBmdr RL Bethune WX97 2/3 Aust. Fd Regt died 11 January 1944

If any relatives of these men write to me, c/o the State Executive, Anzac House, Perth, I will gladly send them the photos of the headstones and the overall one of the British Commonwealth section of the cemetery.

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LION OVER KOREA
by David Wilson

This is a well researched story of the exploits of 77 Sqn, RAAF, during the Korean War. It begins with Mustangs in ground attack roles and later re-equipping with the less suitable Gloster Meteors.

The book is particularly relevant today as tensions between North and South Korea are again nearing flashpoint.

The story contains many verbatim quotes from pilots and squadron records which are interesting, although sometimes difficult to understand.

Lacking, perhaps, are more 'from the cockpit' narratives. The reader is often left wondering what it was like to fly and fight that war from the cockpit of a fighter.

We see 77 Sqn losing its Mustangs because the Canberra politicians wanted the RAAF to take a higher profile role in Korea. It was thought that Meteors would allow the squadron to engage in air-to-air fights with the MiGs, but instead the MiGs out-performed the Meteors in most areas. The British jets could not use US weaponry, making life much more difficult for the squadron to maintain full operational capability.

A severe shortage of pilots also restricted the squadron's ability to participate fully when compared to US squadrons. Again, the reader cannot but help compare the situation then to that in the armed services today.

At $35.50 the book is a good buy for anyone interested in Australia's role in the Korean conflict. It is published by Banner Books, Canberra, ACT.

PETER BALFE.

A superb historical book on the RAAF Nursing Service from 1940 to 1990.

About the author

Gay Halstead has been engaged in historical research and writing for over 20 years. She is the author of three published histories and, in 1984, received an Australia Award for her outstanding contribution to Australian literature.

Gay joined the RAAF Nursing Service in 1951, and served in various RAAF hospitals before being posted to Japan and Korea, during the Korean War, where she nursed Commonwealth casualties and often accompanied them on medical air evacuations from Korea to Japan, Singapore and Australia.

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ANNUAL EX-SERVICEWOMEN'S BOWLS DAY

This event, which has been organised for the past eight years by Dorothy Needham, was held at East Fremantle Bowling Club on 25 March, and attended by 110 ex-service ladies who enjoyed a game of bowls and the dinner which followed. The winner of the Perpetual Shield, donated by the Ex-WRANS Association, was an Osborne Park team, captained by Nan Eggleston with Billie Dow and Nancy Evill. Runners-up were Dot Bridges, Marj Kelly, Beryl Miller and Avis Kenny from the East Fremantle Club.

Next year's function will be held on Friday, 24 March, at the same venue. The day will commence at 10.30 am followed by a luncheon.

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A reunion of members and their partners will be held from 17-21 October 1994 at the Port Macquarie RSL Club NSW. Further information may be obtained by contacting either:

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The joint planners for this proposal are operating from personal funds. As postage is expensive, you can help by contacting other ex-shipmates who know the area. With your reply, please include a stamped self-addressed envelope so we can contact you nearer to the event.

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ARMED SERVICES LINGUISTS AND EX-LINGUISTS
Half-Century Anniversary - RAAF School of Languages

The RAAF School of Languages celebrates 50 years of operation in 1994. A commemorative three-day reunion is planned (probably at Point Cook, Victoria), from 28th to 30th October 1994.

All serving and ex-linguists will be welcome - Canberra School, Melbourne, Central Euros, Alphonso House, South Africa, RAAF School of Languages at Coogee Bay Hotel and Oceanic Hotel, Sydney, Harrington and Alexandra, Melbourne, and Point Cook, Victoria 1946/1949, and ex-military linguists from UK, Canada and New Zealand.

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We commemorated Anzac week by attending the William school's parade at the Air Force Association in Bullcreek, with His Excellency the Governor in attendance plus approximately 1,000 children and VIPs.

Anzac dinner on April 22 had a 100% turnout.

The bugler for the night was Alex Torringe of the City of Canning band and our guest speaker; Mr Tony Thatcher of the University of WA, who talked about the Anzac Spirit.

Anzac Day started with the Dawn Service at our Memorial in front of our club rooms. Ninety-three people were present and a breakfast in our club rooms followed.

We then joined the march at Canning along with Canning and Victoria Park Sub Branch, and a great day it was.

BUNBURY

Welfare

This year is now our Senior Welfare Officer and has assumed on duty each morning between 0900 and 1200 to answer queries and help solve problems. Welfare is where the strength of our Sub-branch has come from and our main energy is still focused on providing assistance to veterans. Office space is a major problem caused by welfare expansion and the interview areas are being upgraded with some new furniture. A new computer has made work easier for staff in the main office.

Honour Board

An Honour Board, made some years ago by Blue Mountford, is finally hanging in the main hall listing all major office-bearers since 1945. Unfortunately we have no records before that time.

Flag-poles

Owing to an over subscribed appeal to repair the damaged memorial, it has been possible to replace three flag-poles at the memorial as well as one at the hall. The new ones are noticeably higher and made to correct specifications.

Raffle

Once again the Mothers' Day raffle tickets were all sold before the required date, netting us a profit of $10,000. This will help our very efficient Treasurer, Curlie Tremble, to keep us in the black for another year.

Anzac Day was held with reference to the South-west, especially when they have such a distinguished history in Osburnes. The day was enhanced by the presence of ANZAC veterans and guests. RSL members spoke at at least ten schools where Anzac Day services were held before school break-up.

LADIES AUXILIARY

As always the ladies are available in their continuing support especially in the area of catering which has been made easier by the recent donation of a large new fridge to the kitchen. We are indebted to the Royal Reserve Cadets for this timely gift. Membership of the Sub-branch continues to grow and we are always welcome at our meetings on the third Wednesday of each month.

OSBORNE PARK

Anzac Day 1994 has, of course, been commemorated, with many services throughout the Commonwealth being conducted by sub-branches and ex-service organisations to honour those who paid the supreme sacrifice in the defence of our freedom.

As in past years, our Sub-Branch again conducted the wreath-laying ceremony at the City of Stirling Memorials with a short march from the assembly point in the main carpark to the memorials adjacent to the Council Chambers from where we were the group leader. At the conclusion of the wreath-laying ceremony, we gathered at the home of one of our members to enjoy our traditional BBQ breakfast for which I extend the Sub-Branch's sincere thanks and appreciation to Dorrie and Keith Kendricks.

To those members who have not been to our meetings and perhaps are unaware of the latest development regarding expansion to our property. I advised that a long-term lease agreement has been made in conjunction with the sale of a portion of the land. This agreement has been forwarded to RSL headquarters and all members donated a special mortgage fund to assist our bank in Osburne Park. The Building Committee is now looking for a builder for which I extend the Sub-Branch's sincere thanks and appreciation to Bernie and Keith Boreals.

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During her service with the regular army, Florence Welch gained significant experience in organizing the Corps’ Activities with the Occupation Forces in Japan and in the Malayan and British occupied territories. She retired from the army nursing service on 22nd March 1994 after a comparatively short illness. At the time of her death, Florence Welch had a distinctive military background.

Florence Welch died in the Cottage Hospice on 22nd March 1994, at the age of 74, while in hospital with a comparatively short illness. A Memorial Book in her honour has been placed in the Library of the War Veterans’ Home.

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Florence Welch was a stalwart of the WAA Army Museum and was a staunch supporter of the Australian Red Cross Society and a staunch supporter of the Australian Red Cross Society. She was awarded Life Membership.

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Last year, parades were held at Geraldton and also at Geraldton and Yaksich, lan Baird, Tim De Hollander, Dane Carstens, Young, David Brockwell, sounded, by Bugler Peter O'Dea and a wreath was laid.

Walkaway Primary Schools on 14 and 15 April. He said:

"Fellow Australians, respect yourself, respect other Australians, no matter what their differences, stand tall and proud; ruling for no one; be the very best you can be in all that you do - for yourself, your mates, your family, your nation and your school."

Sixty Years' Occupation Force

Another brother, Dennis Moss and John Spendlove.

About 40 wreaths were laid at the Cenotaph and three were a drop flyover by four Kiwi jets from 22 Squadron in Perth.

The Army Reserve Guard at the Cenotaph was commanded by Corporal William Gerald and included Yvonne Yerrick, Ken Bernard, Tim de Hollander, Dan Cameron and Linda Voss, with Bruce Bradfield at the Flagpole.

The dawn parade attracted about 100 teachers who presented to Northcote House to the military drum beat, by Det. Gunner Corn. The Last Post and Reveille were sounded by Corporal Steve O'Dea and a wreath was laid by Steve Carroll, who also recited the Ode. Warrant Officer Henry Watkins commanded the Army Cadet Cenotaph Guard, which included Tom Gillmore, Kyra Young, David Brockwell, Ken Cameron and Tom Voss, with the latter bearing the flag, and the A and Guides conducted by the Cenotaph Wird. The Mayor of Geraldton for the main commemoration was Nance Smith, and the RSL Co-ordinator for the day was Steve Carroll and his brother Ray.

Women Auxiliary President Gillian Sharp and her husband David were thrilled with their gift of all the freedom paid with their lives, others with their health, and to them was owed an unpayable debt.

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Inspiring Anzac Day addresses were given by Geraldton Secondary Brian Cooper 1934 at St John's Primary School, a Celebration of Australia Day at Geraldton and Walkaway Primary School on 21 and 12 April. He said:

"For the men who made a quick return to the shore in his dingy. Some Geraldton residents thought it might be a Japanese submarine, particularly the fisherman, who made a quick return to the shore in his dingy.

Throughout the night, Sergeant General section

Inspector, Field Officer Tracey Watkirs commanded the Army Cadet Cenotaph Guard, which included Tom Willison, Hatley Smith, Sharon Connolly and Craig Voss, with Bruce Bradfield at the Flagpole.

The City Band led by Philip Jones took part in the commemoration, together with the Choral Society, and the band was conducted by Peter O'Dea and Michael Jones. A group of Remembrance was offered by Senior Vice-President: Create Hope and a Prayer for the Defence Force, by Junior Vice-President: Bob Howard. About 40 wreaths were laid at the Cenotaph and there was a drop flyover by four Kiwi jets from 32 Squadron in Perth.

The Anzac Day Ceremonies for the main commemoration was Nance Smith, and the RSL Co-ordinator for the day was Steve Carroll and his brother Ray.

The medals and naval documents of a man who served in the Royal Netherlands Navy during World War II were on display in Geraldton. The medals he received from Queen Wilhelmina included the Distinguished Service Cross and the Distinguished Service Medal. He also received a "Mentioned in Dispatches" citation.

When Java fell to the Japanese, Dirk's submarine was moved to 14 for the body of the men for about 10 days.

At the end of the century, they found themselves in a war like no other, South Africa because of the Fash-Top hills. Some Australian residents thought it might be a Japanese submarine, particularly the officers who made a quick return to the shore in his dingy.

As a result of the great welcome and unforgettable hospitality they received on that occasion, Dirk migrated to Geraldton.

Inspired by the Marines

Dirk Cooper, who as a young Australian Army serjeant, inspired men of the US Marines in Korea 40 years ago, is the new Secretary of our Sub-Branch.

Sergeant Cooper's address was given by Geraldton Secondary Brian Cooper 1934 at St John's Primary School, a Celebration of Australia Day at Geraldton and Walkaway Primary School on 21 and 12 April. He said:

"For the men who made a quick return to the shore in his dingy. Some Geraldton residents thought it might be a Japanese submarine, particularly the fisherman, who made a quick return to the shore in his dingy.

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Knightoff repeated attempts to examine their position. On several occasions, on his own initiative, Cooper called on the Royal Australian Navy, where he received his commission and the necessary training to help break up the German forces off shore.

Throughout his service, Sergeant Cooper proved both his valor and courage. Information about the activities of the unit in this recent war scene. He was responsible for the destruction of the man who had been wounded, accompanying this to the road beside a shunted position across which shells were still falling and when several men were moving about.

Prime Minister William McMahon wrote:

"Throughout the night he set an example of cool, clear and congregated leadership which was a special inspiration not only to his unit and nation, but to the men of the United States." The main duty of this still longed for his action in the face of great odds, his skill in controlling the enemy in this most crucial sector. He also supervised the evacuation of the men who had been wounded, accompanying them to a sheltered position across which shells were still falling and when several men were moving about.

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World War I Digby departures

A well-known Geraldton man who was one of the first to join the war in World War I, Victor Norman Davis, passed away peacefully on February 24. He was 90.

Mr. Digby, as he was affectionately known, retired from the Perth suburb of Leederville and lived in the metropolitan area. He sailed from Fremantle in August 1916 and served in France and Belgium with the 25th Battalion. His medical profession included a set of blue and a corresponding issue, now restored from Prime Minister Bob Hawke on the occasion of the 75th anniversary of the Royal Australian Navy in 1980.

During his early days at Geraldton, he was associated with the City Council and was a well-known member of the Sacred Heart and St. Patrick's. He was president of the popular Catholic Theology Society and was a loyal supporter of the Catholic church both in Sydney and in the local community. He was also a member of the Council of the Catholic Library until his retirement.

Mr. Digby is survived by his wife, Libram.

A special service was conducted at the Geraldton Cemetery by Bishop Kevin Donnell on March 28, 1990, and included the presentation of a special letter by Prime Minister Bob Hawke to the occasion of the 75th anniversary of the Royal Australian Navy in 1980.

Signor "Edward P.," the neatly written letter was issued by RSL, Women's Auxiliary Secretary Betty Reasons among the memorabilia left by his mother, Dorothy Ashplant, who died in 1980 after 25 years as Auxiliary President. - 13 to Senator, and four to Senators.

"Edward P." would have been 93 years of age when the letter was written. He died on October 20.

"My own letter to Australia is to say that I wish you all the best wishes. All of you whom I have seen have given my most heartfelt wishes of your health, and I hope that I could have gone everywhere and met the men of your communities."

"I should like you all to remember my first visit, which I have enjoyed so much myself and to have visited you in a special corner in the world you may have this month's birthday some time this year."

"Australia is a magnificent country and I think you are very fortunate to have your own Make up your minds to serve Australia well, for the honor of every country depends on all things on the spirit of the girls and boys."

"You have a splendid example of patriotism before you in the men and women of Australia who fought and worked and lost in the First World War. You have shown the greatest of all countries, the British Empire, and the Empire, not of yourselves, the army gave up everything, even their lives in order that Australia and the Empire might be free and free. Many of Australia's women gave up their lives for the war effort, and others did all they could to help at home. If you follow in their footsteps, you will make Australia one of the greatest and happiest countries in the world."

Tears to the Australian Army. You have all been told how great the British Empire is. Our flag, the Union Jack, flies in all British Territories throughout the world to a sign that all British peoples stand together in peace. You have a splendid example of patriotism before you in the men and women of Australia who fought and worked and lost in the First World War. You have shown the greatest of all countries, the British Empire, and the Empire, not of yourselves, the army gave up everything, even their lives in order that Australia and the Empire might be free and free. Many of Australia's women gave up their lives for the war effort, and others did all they could to help at home. If you follow in their footsteps, you will make Australia one of the greatest and happiest countries in the world.
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Mr. Steve Berryman presented B. J. "Peter" Barden with a framed Sub-Branch pennant in recognition of his work as PRO since 1961, at the time he was made an RSL Life Member in 1980. Mr. Bert Berryman served as a member of the 2/2nd Battalion, including service in New Guinea in 1963. His overseas service included Malaysia 1959-61, Borneo, Malaysia and Vietnam, Robert Bray who served in the 11th Battalion in this campaign, in which those who participated became known as the Rats of Tobruk. Paul Isles, who served in the RAN in 1964-65, and Vietnam 1966-67 and '71-72, in addition to foreign service in New Guinea in 1979.

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Belleview

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Donations were made to the War Veterans’ Hostel, Ask.

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The Anzac Address was delivered by former Anzac of the Year (1990) Lt Col Robert Pearce (RAAMC), FRCS, FRACS, OStJ and Hon Consul for France. In his talk he delivered a challenge to the children by asking the younger generations not to let the Spirit of Anzac, born on Blackboy Hill during World War I, fall by the wayside. The children responded to his address and following the Anzac Ceremonial participated in the wreath-laying.

Following the service, visitors consisting of State and Federal politicians, Shire councillors and staff, RSL Executive and members, Legacy representatives and parents were invited to the school to share hospitality with the children and inspect photographs and memorabilia from Blackboy Hill displayed by the children in the museum.

Anzac Day at Blackboy

The spirit of youth was certainly alive and well on Blackboy Hill on Anzac Eve and at the Dawn Service on Anzac morning. Scouts and Guides from the Oceanella and Hills districts gathered in force to stand the night vigil at the Ellipses Commemoration as their acknowledgement of this important occasion.

In all, just over 120 members camped on the site and shared the duties throughout the night, as well as the comfort of a welcome campfire. A special point to make is the passing of the night vigil by Chelsea Edwards, making a point to Scouts around the Blackboy Hill Campfire. The Sunset Service was well attended and as the sun set along the axis line of the Commemoration, Major McDonald, architect of the site and commemoration, explained how the site held special significance for the past and present and hopefully the future generations of our country.

The sounding of the Last Post and Reveille by Chelsea Edwards and the placing of wreaths by the RSL and visitors provided the signal for the vigil party to mount duty till the Dawn Service.

As dawn broke on Blackboy Hill, a large crowd gathered to take part in the traditional Dawn Service. The playing of the bugle calls, placing of wreaths and march-off of the vigil party ended a moving and sincere acknowledgement to those who gave their lives in defence of their country.

Following the service, it was time to share a cup of hot coffee with the children before venturing to the next service and march.

Bellevue

Under the command of veteran parade marshal, Clarrie Lamont, the Bellevue parade consisted of RSL members, veteran, cadets and women, cadets from the 503 RCU and a contingent from the Polish Ex-Servicemen. They marched from the Bellevue war memorial to the War Memorial at the RSL Club. At the starting point outside the Club, Major Bill Cipar from Western Australia University Highschool and Bellevue Sub-Branch President Arthur Elder acknowledged the "spot right" from the parade prior to moving into the memorial area for the Service.

The Service was well attended by RSL members and the public and was presented by Mrs Jezna Moylan, MLA Daniel, Mr John Chisholm MLA, Mr Bill Field, Mr Stephen Smith, MLA (Perth) representing Mr Gordon Hill, MLA, Dr Margaret Kiljan (President of Shire of Swan) and Dr Ron Dullard (President of Mundaring Shire Council).

In his address, Arthur Elder spoke of the importance of keeping the Anzac spirit and tradition alive not only in time of adversity, but at every possible opportunity.

The conduct of the service was assisted by Chelsea Edwards (trumpet), Mrs Sadie Calnon (piano), Salvation Army Major Bruce Foynes ( padre) and Officers and Cadets of 503 RCU, all of whom were suitably acknowledged at the end of the Service.

Last, but not least important, was the hospitality session organised by the Bellevue Ladies Auxiliary and the committee of the RSL Club.

SUBIACO

On Friday 8 April 1994, a plaque in memory of fallen comrades from the Malayan, Korean and Vietnam campaigns was consecrated at the Subiaco War Memorial by Chaplain John Miles.
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The service was attended by Mr Max Evans, Minister for Sport and Recreation, who represented the Premier, Mr R. Johnston, MP, of Subiaco, the Hon. L. Preedy, Mayor of Subiaco, Mr T. Preedy, President of Subiaco Sub-Branch, Mr J. Austin, President of Shenton Park Sub-Branch, members of Subiaco Sub-Branch, members of nearby sub-branches and the general public. An apology was received from Mr S. Rocher, MP, who was overseas. After the service, the marchers were invited to a reception at the Subiaco Council Chambers.

Consecration of Plaque, Subiaco War Memorial, 8 April 1994.

The Sub-Branch wishes to thank the Council for its financial help and co-operation with the plaque.

On Anzac Day this year, we proposed to have a larger attendance of members and members of the camera club at the Service at the Subiaco War Memorial. It was also planned to have more stands, due to several new organisations participating.

MILTON HOGG
Honorary Secretary

SCARBOROUGH

This has been a busy quarter for the Sub-Branch, during which we welcomed new members: Derrick Donnelly, Tom Hall and Nick Gustev. We had a visit from the Deputy Commissioner Veterans Affairs, David Watson, who introduced Nigel Stewart and Roger Snell, the Chief Executive of the Ramsay Group which has taken over Hollywood Hospital.

A collection for the New South Wales bush-fire appeal resulted in a donation of $300 and a donation of $250 has been given to the State Welfare and Counselling section.

State Congress delegates have been nominated: Norm Elms, Doug Piggott, Wally Evans, Dudley Docking and Len Hall.

Allan Hogan is having a bad time in hospital and we hope he improves very soon while Cliff Prendergast is recovering slowly after being very ill.

A good night was held by the Sub-Branch at the Doubleview Bowling Club in which we played against our hosts. The Sub-Branch won and Doubleview won in a return night.

Our Anzac Day service at the Memorial Gardens was attended by approximately 230 people, several of whom commented on the neat and green appearance of the lawn and gardens - all due to the work of Warder Doug Piggott and his helpers.

Several notable people were at the Service including George Strickland, the Chairman of the Council and Doubleview Bowling Club President, and his wife. The Last Post was played and prayers were said by Laura Beahan, who did very well, and afternoon tea was later served in the Bowling Club.

NOLLAMARA-NORTH PERTH

Since our last report things have been really moving. The interior of the hall has been painted, a new gas grill has been installed in the kitchen and a cafe-style eating area has been enhanced. Remember members - for an inexpensive night out - try our Sub-Branch for a meal on a Friday night (meals start at 1800 hours).

The Standing Committee for 1994 comprises: President, Keith Boxshall; Senior Vice President, Robert Marsden; Junior Vice President, Mario Bernasconi; Secretary, John Larkin; and Treasurer, Alan Wray.

Attendances at the last few monthly general meetings have been rather poor. The meetings are held on the 2nd Monday of the month starting at 2000 hours. We hope to see you there as it is in your interest to attend so you know what is happening.

By now you will have noticed that our newsletter comes out on a regular basis, the preparation of which takes some considerable time. Keith is always on the lookout for contributed articles so do send some in.


What a spectacular occasion our Anzac Day was. After heavy rain as we were forming up (which did not dampen our spirits), we marched on bravely and proudly.
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Bouquets go to Keith Bland, John Larkin and others who put in such a grand effort to organise the event which went off like clockwork. This year we must have had more than 400 people in attendance, and it was pleasing to see so many young people there to witness this true spirit of Australian unity.

To all Army Cadets, Air Cadets and Navy Contingent and ourOCs and COs, thanks for your continued support in making this day memorable. A special thanks to the Northern District Pipes and Drums who kept us entertained throughout the day and to Roger Randall for leading us in song.

To the Ladies Auxiliary what a feast you prepared for us. Thank you Vera and ladies for your dedication and loyalty, we appreciate it immensely.

In closing a special mention must be made of Robert (Honest Bob's Chook Raffle) Marsden for all the effort he puts in to running the raffles and organising the Horse Club, which all comes to fruition with the Christmas function. Those who had the privilege of attending last year will recall what a fantastic night it was. Thanks Bob for some great enjoyment.

Lest We Forget.

MARIO BERNAON

NEDLANDS

Keep the Flag Flying

At our AGM in February the Premier Richard Court handed over a new WA flag to Sub-branch president John Slattery and, in turn, handed the flag over to Mairead Dawson our Honorary Warden of the War Memorial at the corner of Birdwood Parade and Waratah Avenue, Nedlands, who is 16 years old and a student at the Hollywood High School, has been looking after the Memorial and raising and lowering the Australian and State flags every day for the past two years. Last January at a ceremony at the Nedlands City Council Chambers, Mairead was awarded "The City of Nedlands Australia Day Young Citizen of the Year".

John Slattery, Mairead Dawson and Premier Richard Court hand over the new WA flag.
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ANDY WILKINSON

BELMONT

The Anzac Day Dawn Service was held around the flagpole in our new Memorial area. The Service was well-attended and the Gallery filled afterwards by all.

The Belmont and Rossmere Branches attended the March-past aided by RAAF guards, Army Reserve, Sea Cadets and the Anzac House Band. The Police Pipe Band and we are extremely grateful to both services for their top performances.

Our membership is growing steadily, but we need more members as a number have passed away. Again credit must be given to the Women's Auxiliary and the many volunteers who keep the Branch going. We can only move ahead.

Our bowling green has been extensively used, and it is pleasing to see that Veteran's Health Week has had a good effect on the Branch.

WOMEN'S AUXILIARY

EXECUTIVE members met in February to begin work for 1994, hospital visiting resumed and arrangements for our State Conference were discussed. The President and Executive members held a morning tea in Anzac House to say thank you to Kinema Organisations for their friendship and hospitality given to us throughout 1993 when a very enjoyable time was had by all.

Early in March, with State Secretary Mrs Fisher, I attended the Tasmanian RSL Women's Auxiliary 45th conference. We found it very interesting and were impressed at how many Auxiliary present, even though some had made the trip for the occasion. The President and Treasurer, Mrs Fisher, and State Treasurer, Mrs Clarke, and three days later I attended Cockburn Auxiliary for a Fundraising lunch.

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

THE BURMA STAR ASSOCIATION
(WESTERN AUSTRALIAN BRANCH)
President: Mr John Barton, Unit Y/5 Sepia Crt, Rockingham 6168, Tel: 527 3351. Secretary: Mr Len Keating, 17 Parkwood St, Parkwood 6147, Tel: 457 5027. Meetings: Every third Wednesday of the month. Contact either of the above for more information.
THIRTYNINERS' ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA

Meeting date: Sat 4th. Place: Anzac House. All Tuesday each month (except January) at 10.00am. Anzac House. Parking across the road in Council House, and Hay and Irwin Streets - Fire Station Car Park. Contact Secretary for information.

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Treasurer: Mr Ted Haines, Lot 32 Mallee Drive, Rawe, 20 Elmfield St, Carbon St. Tel: 412 4749. Meetings: Arranged monthly at members homes. Contact Secretary for information.

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President: Mr Ric Gilling, 137 Waterford Dve., Hillarys 6065. Tel: (H) 332 6481 (B) 385 9140. Meetings: Bi-monthly at a venue to be announced.

VIETNAM VETERANS M.C. AUSTRALIA

President: Mr Rob Cox, Tel: 332 4964. Secretary: Mr M. Davison, Tel: 330 3033. Treasurer: Barry Sue, Tel: 309 5353. Meetings: Held three monthly, announced.

Z SPECIAL UNIT ASSOCIATION OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA INC.

President: Mrs E. Southern, 31 Larrissa Road, Willetton 6155. Tel: 457 8628. Secretary: Mrs J. Bland, 2 Graphic Street, Scarborough 6019. Treasurer: Barry Sue, Tel: 309 5353. Meetings: Third Tuesday each month at 11.00am Anzac House.

Z SPECIAL UNIT INTERNATIONAL (INC.)

President: Lt. Col. H.R. Wenn EO RL, 202 Burniston Parade, Maylands, Tel: 370 3011. Fax: 332 4964. Meetings: Third Tuesday each month at 11.00am Anzac House. Management Committee meets the third Monday of each month at the Royal Park Bowling Club, Charles Street, North Perth at 11.00am. President: Mr K. Ewell, MBE, JP, Tel: 337 1908. Address for correspondence: PO Box 198, Palmyra 6157.
## Unit Associations cont...

### 27th Australian Field Regiment Association
- **President:** Mr. Peter London, 1 Harbourside Cl, Canning WA 6102. Tel: 446 3555. Secretary: W. W. Whelan, 170 Lyndhurst Rd, Madora Bay, WA 6164. Tel: 446 1059.
- Meetings: Every Wednesday at 7:30pm.

### 2/48th Battalion Association
- **President:** Mr. J. A. Sheil, 184 Mcdonald St, Joondanna WA 6012. Tel: 384 6321. Secretary/Treasurer: Mr. C. J. Porteous, 349 0799.
- Meetings: Third Thursday of each month at 7pm.

### 2/32nd Battalion Association (NA Branch)
- **President:** Mr. T. E. McFadden, 31 Victoria Ave, Dianella WA 6055. Tel: 276 2146. Secretary: T. J. Whitfield, 458 7959.
- Meetings: Third Thursday of each month at 7pm.

### 2/28th Battalion and 24th Anti-Tank Coy. Association
- **President:** Mr. Robert Pass, Ambrose St, Guildford WA 6155. Tel: 332 8884. Treasurer: K. H. Hidayat, 31 Viburnum St, Dianella WA 6055.
- Meetings: Third Thursday of each month at 7pm.

### 2/16th Australian Infantry Battalion Association
- **President:** Mr. A. J. Smith, 184 McDonald St, Joondanna WA 6012. Tel: 367 1001. Treasurer: K. P. Wright, 31 Viburnum St, Dianella WA 6062. Tel: 276 2146.
- Meetings: Third Thursday of each month at 7pm.

### 11th Division Bn's Association
- **President:** Mr. J. R. Lord, 238 Charles St, Mount Lawley WA 6050. Tel: 525 2324. Secretary: F. R. Whitfield, 249 Cornwallis St, Mount Lawley WA 6050. Tel: 325 2482.
- Meetings: Third Thursday of each month at 7pm.

### 11th (1914-1918) & 21st AIF Bns Association
- **President:** Mr. W. K. L. Munday, 103 Zetland Rd, Mount Lawley WA 6050. Tel: 271 2319. Secretary: M. J. Wells, 66 Cornwallis St, Mount Lawley WA 6050. Tel: 325 2482.
- Meetings: Third Thursday of each month at 7pm.

### 11th Battalion, The Cameron Highlanders of WA Association
- **President:** Mr. B. J. Callander, 107 Read St, Mt Lawley WA 6050. Tel: 325 2482. Secretary: Mr. F. E. Callander, 107 Read St, Mt Lawley WA 6050. Tel: 325 2482.
- Meetings: Third Thursday of each month at 7pm.

### 21st Australian Infantry Battalion (AIF) 1939-45 Association
- **President:** W. E. M. (Gerry) Bateman, DFC, 221 South Terrace, Enfield SA 5061. Tel: 325 2482. Secretary/Treasurer: Mrs. L. J. Donaldson, 14 Redfern Rd, Enfield SA 5061. Tel: 325 2482.
- Meetings: Third Thursday of each month at 7pm.

### 7th Armoured Corps Coy RAAF Association
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### 7th Battalion The Royal Australian Regiment (BIG Red)
- **President:** Mr. J. C. Webster, 633 Henley Rd, Madora Bay WA 6164. Tel: 325 2482. Secretary: Mr. A. J. T. Johnston, 633 Henley Rd, Madora Bay WA 6164. Tel: 325 2482.
- Meetings: Third Thursday of each month at 7pm.

### 11th Battalion AIF of 19th Bde WW2
- **President:** Mr. J. R. Lord, 238 Charles St, Mount Lawley WA 6050. Tel: 525 2324. Secretary: F. R. Whitfield, 249 Cornwallis St, Mount Lawley WA 6050. Tel: 325 2482.
- Meetings: Third Thursday of each month at 7pm.

### 1940 Veterans Association
- **President:** Mr. J. R. Lord, 238 Charles St, Mount Lawley WA 6050. Tel: 525 2324. Secretary: F. R. Whitfield, 249 Cornwallis St, Mount Lawley WA 6050. Tel: 325 2482.
- Meetings: Third Thursday of each month at 7pm.

### 349 Squadron RAAF Association (WA)
- **President:** Mr. W. E. M. Bateman, DFC, 221 South Terrace, Enfield SA 5061. Tel: 325 2482. Secretary/Treasurer: Mrs. L. J. Donaldson, 14 Redfern Rd, Enfield SA 5061. Tel: 325 2482.
- Meetings: Third Thursday of each month at 7pm.

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- **President:** Mr. R. B. Marston, 11 Boundary St, Mosman Park WA 6012. Tel: 325 2482. Secretary: Mr. A. J. T. Johnston, 633 Henley Rd, Madora Bay WA 6164. Tel: 325 2482.
- Meetings: Third Thursday of each month at 7pm.

### 1540 Dunkirk Veterans Association
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