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Recently, when I was privileged to be invited to the 'policing our' parade of police recruits, I remember my late mother saying, "When the police begin to look younger, then you are getting old!" How true but I am sure I was never that young looking! I was very impressed with the Governor's speech to the recruits, where he promised military service with service in the police force, with the need for discipline and putting one's life at risk.

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What then, do our police do this? They must rely on good judgement, consultation and hard facts. We all rely on our police; just imagine what sort of a society we would have if we did not have these people to protect us 24 hours a day. It concerns us that when the media are quick to print adverse reports of our police force and the media highlight certain reports that members of the Force are doing in some form or another, I remind these journalists of the saying of 'one bad apple spoils the bush'. That is with small ministrations, because I am informed by all percent of the police force which the media highlight in their reporting, thereby going to the media for hurried or biased or prejudiced that every police officer is 'bad'. Our police are expected to abide by official rules but if they are seen doing things that are contrary to their duties, they are being 'bent'. What happens when a member of the police force is given a free cup of coffee? Can that member be seen to be taking a bribe? I do not condone any members of the police force disregarding the rules and regulations, nor violating our laws. But how are these members expected to carry out their duties?

When looking at our legislation, it is obvious that we are given inadequate legal power to control crime. Yet the media, and the community, expect them to control crime no matter what the consequences are to the members of the police force. One of the problems in our society is that we give the police limited means to enforce our criminal laws. We also expect our police to accept the fact that when people show disrespect for their uniform, our police are expected to accept it and not retaliate. How many members have been in that situation, in that force, when you have complained because of what is said to you? We criticize the police when they do not arrest the perpetrators of crime, yet we think our police members of this important force when they have to use methods which may be justifiable in bringing a criminal to justice? Do our police officers feel when, after spending many hours to apprehend a person who has committed a crime, they see the perpetrators of our law given 'a smack on the back' by the judicial system. This frustration must tell on the morale of these officers. High unemployment and poverty in any society leads to an increase in crime, and who has to combat this increase but the police who I may feel safe? Our police force members of course. It is easy for the media, and the rest of society, to say that the police are inefficient in performing their duties, as defined by law, but what is often forgotten is the fact that the police will be the police to provide the necessary protection means to repress and prevent crime. Our police officers are those in the community, they are not given a good word to say about our police. Yet who are the first people they turn to when the community is in trouble? Our police!

Presently we can see our Governments producing social measures between the community members by giving preference to one particular racial group, this is resulting in high crime rates and does not effectively deal with the social element and, because the police endeavour to bring these 'social misfits' to justice, they are quickly branded as racist. Our police force members of course. Our police members are prepared to lay down their lives to protect us and the community as a whole. Can the consequences be brought to our police force members? This can be done with the cooperation of our police to prevent the crime. Our police force members are expected to lay down their lives to protect us and the community as a whole, but what are we doing to protect our police force members? This must be the question, 'Do we, as a cohesive society, support our police to remove, or should we pass crime at all costs?'

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Unfortunately there are some changes in Anzac House staff. Andrea Hull has moved on from the Anzac Club, where she provided good service for nine years, and she will be sadly missed. On a brighter note, membership is picking up due to the obvious efforts of recruiters within Headquarters and Sub-Branches. Keep it up; strong membership is vital to our existence as a relevant organisation.

M. (Jock) Geldart

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The Executive is composed of the State President, two Vice-Presidents and 18 members. The State Secretary is its Executive Officer. Under the Executive, he is responsible for the day-to-day administration. Three Trustees are appointed, who attend meetings but cannot vote. They do, however, act as advisers.

The elections of President and Vice-Presidents are for a period of 12 months only. Of the 18 members, all are elected for a two-year term, nine being elected each year, so there is always an overlap of at least nine members. In every case the incumbents may be re-elected and there is no limit to the term. All are elected by the Annual Congress.

Ideally as many sub-branches as possible should be represented. However, there is no restriction on how many members a sub-branch has nor on the frequency of election to the State Executive. The final decision is made by the delegates at the Annual Congress. Members of the State Executive are not permitted to exercise individual sub-branch bias.

In addition to attending the monthly meetings of the Executive, every member is required to serve on committees, to perform the duties of Liaison Officer to certain sub-branches and to carry out any other task that may be required, such as representing the State President in official functions to which he is invited but unable to attend.

The committees are either standing or ad hoc. The standing committees meet, usually monthly, at a time to suit members, or additionally as may be required. From time to time, ad hoc committees may be formed to cover requirements. All committees may have co-opted members. All these committees report to the State Executive, which has the final say regarding any recommendations.

The task of Liaison Officer is to act as a contact between the State Executive and its associated sub-branches, to keep in touch with the sub-branch Secretaries, and to visit them as often as possible. At these visits, he disseminates information from the State branch, gets to know the problems and the members, and takes back to the State Branch any problems he is unable to solve on the spot. These are followed up appropriately.

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Such, then, are the duties, functions and privileges of the State Executive. The strength of the League is dependent on it. The future of the League depends on the calibre of its members. Thus, every keen and capable member of the League should set his sights on serving in this capacity, particularly our younger members.

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**Jack Allen Wagland**

Bayswater-Meltham Sub-Branch

Since joining the League in 1958, Mr. Wagland has held the office of Secretary and President of the Bayswater-Meltham Sub-Branch and served on the State Executive Committee from 1968 to 1973. Jack is a natural organiser who for most of his life has devoted considerable time, travel and effort to supporting the League and the community at large. He enjoys maintaining contact with Sub-Branch members, their widows and families and providing or arranging support whenever it is required. In 1969 Jack initiated the Bayswater-Meltham 'RSL Youth of the Year Award', which he continues to enthusiastically support to this day. Although the sub-branch has appointed an official Youth Worker, Jack, as Secretary and usually accompanied by his wife, rarely fails to visit hospitalised or sick members. When he cannot visit he invariably contacts them by telephone.

Mr. Wagland regularly visits members who are in the Narrogin hospital, and is an active promoter of Legacy Benefit days where he participates in golf and bowls.

**Milton Gregory Hogg**

City of Subiaco Sub-Branch

Mr. Hogg joined the League in 1946. Due to the decreasing numbers and few younger members within the Sub-Branch, which resulted in difficulty in finding an Assistant Secretary, Mr. Hogg volunteered his services. Since then he has undertaken all Sub-Branch administration as well as Anzac Day Services, attending William Officer Seminars, assisting members with various problems and supervising Poppies Day Collections; the latter resulted in the Sub-Branch being awarded the Cornell Shield on several occasions. Mr. Hogg actively assists Torch Bearers for Legacy, holds a Certificate of Service from Subiaco Police and Citizens Youth Club and helps organise the Scout Vigil at Anzac Eve at the local War Memorial. A member of the RSL Bowling Club, he has represented WA on four occasions at RSL Bowling Competitions.

Mr. Hogg participates in hospital visits at Hollywood, Sir Charles Gairdner and several 'C' class hospitals in the Subiaco area and also represents the League at Subiaco Council, schools and youth organisations.

**Mr. Edgar Geoffrey Beazley**

Narrogin Sub-Branch

Mr. Beazley joined the League in 1946 and has contributed much time and effort in the many appointments he has held within the Narrogin Sub-Branch. Above all, a conscientious and willing worker for exemplary performance and goodwill to other veterans with a wide variety of sub-branch activities has ensured him a position as a very valued member of the League. Mr. Beazley regularly visits members who are in the Narrogin hospital, and is an active promoter of Legacy Benefit days where he participates in golf and bowls.
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Leon Verdi Goldsworthy was born at Broken Hill (New South Wales) on 15th January, 1929, received his secondary education at Kapunda High School, South Australia, then went on to the Adelaide School of Mines and the University of Adelaide. When the war began he was in business in Western Australia. He married Miss M.E. Rutherford on 4th November, 1939.

Physically Goldsworthy was small and light, but he had a tough and very body which had been strengthened by wrestling and gymnastics. He tried to enter the Royal Australian Navy, but his small stature caused him to be rejected initially. Later he was asked by the Navy to apply. This he did, and on 24th March, 1941, he was appointed to the R.A.N.V.R. with the rank of acting sub-lieutenant. About two months later he arrived in England, and ultimately became a member of the Basingstoke Mines Safe Section of H.M.S. Vernon.

Goldsworthy had already received training in electricity and physics in his civilian days. This was valuable to him in his new career among the complicated mechanisms of German mines and booby-traps, a maze of known and unknown dangers that seldom gave second chances.

His first decoration, the George Medal, was gained by London Gazette, 19th April, 1944 for 'galantry and undaunted devotion to duty in rendering enemy mine safe'. This work involved the removal of a mine from the coal large wharf at Southampton, where it had lain for over two years. He worked in the operation with Lieutenant-Commander G.J. Chee, O.M., B.E., M.B.E. A similar operation was successfully carried out in the River Thames by Goldsworthy and Sub-Lieutenant K.J. Birchall. The dates specified for these acts were 17th September and 7th October, 1943.

Goldsworthy was Mentioned in Despatches in August, 1944, for 'great courage and undaunted devotion to duty', and the following month he received the George Cross in recognition of his work in the series of operations mentioned in the citation.

On 13th August, 1943, he had made safe a German ground mine near coast off Shetland. On that occasion he used the special diving suit which his colleague, Major, helped to develop. It was only the second occasion on which such a weapon had been used under water, and the work was regarded as being particularly hazardous, for the diver had no means of escape should the fuse operate.

Goldsworthy died on 19th April, 1944 with an especially dangerous acoustic type mine near Milford Haven.

The mine had been laid two and a half years earlier. Again using the special diving suit, Goldsworthy successfully removed the fuse and primer, and later removed the mine intact. Other incidents underlying Goldsworthy's George Cross award included rendering safe a mine near Weymouth on 12th June, 1943, and another at West Hartlepool on an unspecified date.

A Distinguished Service Cross was awarded to Goldsworthy in January, 1945, for 'galantry and distinguished service in mine clearance'. This was for stripping, in fifty feet of water at Cherbourg, the first German Type T mine, when the harbour was being heavily shelled for Allied use during the invasion of Europe.

Late in 1944 Goldsworthy, with another disposal specialist, visited the South Pacific theatre for a tour of duty with the United States Navy. This involved work on Japanese mines and booby-traps during General MacArthur's invasion of the Philippines. He performed similar work in connection with the landings in the Bismarcks. He was on his way back to London when the war ended, and in February, 1946, the medals of his O.C. and D.S.C. were presented to him by King George VI at Buckingham Palace. At an earlier ceremony, on 31st May, 1944, he had received the George Cross from the King.

During his service, Goldsworthy attained the rank of acting lieutenant-commander, and was Australia's most highly decorated naval officer of the war period. He returned to Perth upon demobilisation, and became factor manager of an electric sign business.

In 1968 Lieut.-Commander Goldsworthy married Georgette R. Johnston, who wishes to express her deep gratitude for all the messages, cards and expressions of sympathy she has received, and especially to those who attended the funeral of her late husband (Goldy).
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When Veteran Affairs Minister, Mr Con Sciacca, visited veterans at Hollywood Private Hospital in June, he met former State President Jim Hall who was a patient at the time. Mr Sciacca congratulated the Hollywood team on its success and Mr Hall expressed his appreciation of the staff's excellent patient care.

Earlier in the same week, Shadow Minister, Mr Wilson Tuckey visited the Hospital and said he was very impressed with its operations and management.

Formerly the Repatriation General Hospital, Hollywood was sold by the Commonwealth to Australian-owned Ramsey Health Care last February. It is the first Australian repatriation hospital to be privatized and continues to care for Perth's veteran community.

Catherine Archer, Hollywood Private Hospital.

1995 ANZAC DAY IN FRANCE

The 1995 Anzac Day commemorative ceremonies will be held on Saturday 29 April at Villers-Bretonneux in the morning and Bullecourt in the afternoon.

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AUSTRALIAN WOMEN'S LAND ARMY...

On 3 September, 1991, persistent lobbying from Western Australia's State Branch helped enlisted members of the Australian Women's Land Army achieve membership of the RSL.

As a result of men in rural areas being released to join the Services in 1942, the Australian Women's Land Army was formed to continue the production and harvesting of essential foodstuffs not only for military purposes but also to meet the basic needs of civilians. As a result, Mr. Scully, the then Minister for Commerce, considered the Australian Women's Land Army should be placed on the same basis as the AWAS and WAAAF.

It was necessary for the women to complete a Medical and on acceptance be issued with a number, uniform and Record Book making it, in effect, a fourth Women's official service. This decision ultimately received full Cabinet approval on 26 January 1943, but the final draft was not completed until 1944. Due to the cessation of hostilities, the final draft did not reach the stage of promulgation prior to the demobilisation of the Land Army.

The Country Women's Association in WA started the movement in 1940 by training girls who they thought would be useful to the war effort. The Government then took over and trained them at Fairbridge Farm Instructional Training School to provide the basic training in the different types of farm work in which they were likely to be involved. They did four weeks' training before being sent on assignments all over the State.

The Government created the Australian Women's Land Army in 1942. It had 2,500 regular members with the number reaching 4,000 at the 1943-44 harvest season.

The first reunion of the AWLA in WA was held at Donnybrook with 150 of the 300 women who had served all over the State. On 13 September 1994 the first Australia-wide reunion in WA was held at Point Walter Recreation Centre. The program included dinners, a Swan River cruise, a bus trip to Araluen park for a BBQ and a farewell evening.

About 120 members from all over Australia attended - including Jean Scott from NSW, author of the Land Army Book "Girls With Grit."

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As a Digger who fought in every sphere (except Malaya) in which Australian ground troops were engaged, I deplore both Elphick and the DCM newsletter's criminal views maligning dead comrades who are thus unable to defend or reply.

I bracket Elphick and the newsletter with the same journalistic simperings that recent so-called British scribes have so successfully smeared the image of the Royal family throughout the world.

I note that David Irving has now jumped on this infamous 'gravy train' undermining the gallantry of Guy Gibson and his Dambusters which contained more than a sprinkling of Australian airmen.

I ponder the background of the ilk of both Irving and Elphick: have they ever been there, or faced an angry man? I doubt them, as I'm beginning to doubt the sagacity and sincerity of those that are supportive of their snide scribblings.

I'll provide the newsletter and Elphick with some hard indigestible facts:

The newly arrived - briefly trained - Australian Volunteers disembarked in Singapore only weeks or days before Japanese hostilities. The Australians comprised less than 13% of the entire ill-fated Garrison.

The British Regular Garrison had been in occupancy of the Malayan Peninsula and Singapore for several decades in a much vaunted "Impregnable Fortress".

To quote an old axiom "There are no bad soldiers - only inept leaders" and so it proved with their foppish leaders, British Generals Brooke-Popham and successor Percival. Both failed to train their soldiers in the art of jungle warfare, the very term that surrounded them for years. They preferred to sit chatting with rubber planters drinking tea and "chota pegs" in cottages or Singapore Pubs for 20 years until the "bubbleburst".

In 1941, before the South West Pacific War, I would remind you and your readers that Australian troops gave Britain her first victories. First Diggers of the 6th Australian Division swept through enemy armies at Bardia, Tobruk, Derna and Benghazi before being sent to Greece and Crete.

Then Australian Infantry of the 9th Division along with British Auxiliary Troops halted the German Panzers comprising Rommel's much vaunted Afrika Corps at the long range of British Military History at Tobruk in the Western Desert. That occurred in 1941 and was the first British victory in World War II over German Arms. The siege lasted almost six months. Almost immediately, the Australian infantry was followed by British and South African Forces, Tobruk capitulated.

Furthermore the Australians were the last troops to put paid to Japanese victories in the South West Pacific. They defended them at Milne Bay in 1942 and shortly after on a long arduous exhausting struggle over the Kokoda Track.

I refer also to Hugh Ideal Edwards and Ron Middleton - Australians serving in the BAE both Victoria Cross winners - not to mention hundreds of other Australian soldiers under the same banner.

Australians in all the wars in which she supported the Mother Country have an enviable Service Record from the Boer War to the United Nations conflict in Korea. I do not include Vietnam in this statement because only Britain did not reciprocate when we honoured our Anzus Treaty with the United States.

We quote six Victoria Crosses in the Boer War - six Victoria Crosses in World War I and twenty Victoria Crosses in World War II. We can only assume that Elphick and the newsletter are jealous of that record.

The newsletter may yet create a sports page combined with Messrs Elphick & Co. to research our apparent lack of 'guts' in British-created sports such as Rugby Union, Rugby League, Golf, Cricket, Tennis, Boxing, Sailing plus winning the America's Cup. No doubt even in that atmosphere they would dub us as 'Daffodils'.

It saddens me to write thus for several reasons - firstly because of my own heritage and secondly because it may create offence to some true Blue Britishers whom I truly and deeply admire and whom I had the privilege of fighting alongside in the Western Desert, the Royal Horse Artillery, the Hussars and the Northumberland Fusiliers amongst them.

As for Elphick, Irving & Co. and from those who were never there, they are not worth their salt for sheer unadulterated disloyalty and cheap sensationalism.

Thank God I was born an Aussie.

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FINSCHHAFEN - THE AUSTRALIAN TRIUMPH

Part 4

by Waldo Carew and Eric Sydney

On October 18 the enemy succeeded in outflanking the 2/28th Battalion, but at what a cost - 202 dead Japanese were counted by the Battalion. By 5pm the 2/28th was ordered to withdraw to reform a new stronger defensive line. The Japanese mistakenly judged the strategic withdrawal as a retreat and issued an order. Later reported which read: "the enemy would be returning to Finschhafen, the main strength of the 2/28th would advance and demolish the retreating enemy."

Major-General Wootten predicted that the Japanese would try to drive a wedge between the 26th and 24th Brigade positions. His ammunition was correct, because on the night of October 18 and the next day, there were severe attacks on the 2/15th and 2/17th Battalions, but these units held firm.

A further illustration of the Japanese security weakness was shown when a further copy of Katagiri's operations order was taken from an enemy major killed by forward troops.

On October 20, the Japanese attack had all but succeeded in splitting the 9th Division into two groups, but their heavy losses in action and lack of fresh reserves, prevented an exploitation of the position. The 2/28th was ordered to withdraw to reform a new perimeter.

The objective of Army Intelligence Corps is to gather and interpret information of military value and to counter the efforts of the opposing force. This objective is achieved in the field by the maintenance of specific intelligence sections in fighting units, all headquarters and commands. The successful defence of Finschhafen against a numerically superior force, remains as a monument to the efficiency of the Australian field intelligence network. Great credit, for the conclusion of the battle, however, must be given to the staff of the Australian Army, who translated captured battle orders and other documents made available by the security weakness of Katagiri's subordinate officers.

Major-General Wootten, the commander of the 7th Division who had closely followed the battle fortunes of the almost expelled 28th Brigade, was to carry up the strongest position which had developed. In a letter to General Monash, he stated that the original plan to capture Finschhafen, in his opinion, had sent "a man on a crook's errand". General Blamey was quoted as saying in post-war years, "the Japanese had almost wrested the initiative from the 9th Division. Had the 24th Brigade followed the 20th Brigade immediately to Finschhafen, the result may have been different and Finschhafen could have been saved!". Brigadier Windley's request for a second Brigade was, therefore, supported by Windeyer, Blamey and Monash, who on taking command of II Corps, immediately ordered two more brigades into the Finschhafen perimeter.

The Generalship of the Commander-in-Chief of the Australian Army was again illustrated during the Finschhafen operation. General Blamey decided to relieve General Monash and appoint another Corps commander and staff. General Monash had taken command with Blamey, and learned that he was to take command of the newly established II Australian Corps. II Corps was usually relieved, Blamey returned to Australia, and shortly afterwards was appointed Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Victoria.

The subsequent action of General Blamey, Monash and Wootten completely vindicated the several calls made by Windley, through Wootten to Corps Headquarters for more troops, to conduct his campaign. Windley must be credited on appointment of several new faces who emerged from the New Guinea campaign.

He landed at Scarlet Beach with one AIF Brigade and with the full support of the 22nd Military Battalion, and then under his command, counter-attacked and overran a superior and entrenched Japanese infantry and mortar force to capture Finschhafen. He then held
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BICKLEY'S NAVAL GUNS
by Vic Jeffery, Navy Public Affairs Officer

The light cruiser HMAS Melbourne with the No. 2 Port 6-inch gun, which today is on display at Kingstown Barracks, Rottnest Island.

It has been wrongly thought that the two 6-inch guns at the World War I Bickley coastal gun battery on Rottnest Island came from the famous World War I cruiser HMAS Sydney.

In fact they came - one each - from Sydney's sister-ships, the cruisers Melbourne and Brisbane, and had been part of the cruisers' eight single-mount main armament.

The guns were emplaced in 1938 with the prime role of denying the use of the south passage between Rottnest and Carnac Islands to enemy vessels with a secondary role as a 'stand-by battery' for the Arthur's Head Battery at Fremantle.

Gun No. 2309 - the barrel of which is on display at Kingstown Barracks on Rottnest Island today, was the No. 2 port gun aboard the cruiser HMAS Melbourne between 1913 and the end of World War I. It was replaced in 1918 and returned to the Royal Ordnance Factories at Leeds in England for refurbishment on 3 December 1918.

Its whereabouts for the 20 years until its return to Australia in 1938 are unknown.

The other gun, No. 2328 which is on display outside the Army Museum at Bulwer Street, saw service aboard the first Australian-built cruiser HMAS Brisbane in World War I.

OLD SOLDIERS NEVER DIE.

"Old soldiers never die, they just fade away". That's what happened to Usle Garlick in Hilton, South Africa, in June this year at the ripe old age of 101. He was the uncle of Ettie Carrott of Kalbarri.

In a message to us, her husband, Alf veteran Jack Carrott says that Usle had a very humble beginning to his life, living as a street urchin in Kalgoorlie, his home a wood and hessian shack. After losing his mother at the age of seven he and his brother lived with their father.

He remembered getting a school holiday on the day that the American President, William McKinley was assassinated in 1901.

From his humble beginning he soon learned that to survive, he needed a quick mind and a certain amount of cunning. In his teens he was introduced to the art of clay brick making at a kiln just outside Kalgoorlie.

Usle enlisted in Sydney in December 1914, when 21 and his first pay was 10 March, 1915.

One of the survivors of Gallipoli he went on to fight in France for the remainder of the war. After his discharge in Sydney, 7 May 1919, he migrated to South Africa. From Cape Town he went to Johannesburg, where he took a partner, Maurice Cohen, renowned as his old trade of clay brick making, and became very wealthy.

When bricks gave way to steel, they opened a steel furnace in Newcastle, South Africa. The chimney stack still stands today. There is a statue of Usle Garlick at Brice - another company he founded.

"In his lifetime there were two World Wars and a Depression, and he saw changes that included the horse and buggy days and the space shuttle era. He had memories of songs from Barrack to Barrack. It is all testament to what a survivor he was" says Carrott.
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WAR VETERANS' HOMES

We have another successful Christmas in July. All the helpers on the day, including Staff and Senior Executive personnel, agreed the atmosphere shown by our Veterans put the rest of us to shame. The morning wore on, and I was fortunate enough to keep a few eyes open with some men of the sea helping in their day must have spilled a multitude of oil. We could warm thanks to all who were associated with making the day a special one and the piano playing of Mr. Vernon Leonard was again a very enjoyable feature.

The 'Buy a Brick' concept is to be discontinued after a most successful and satisfying period. To all those who over the years, have so generously contributed, our heartfelt thanks. The generosity of the RSL community is legendary, and this campaign has been no exception. Donations of course always remain welcome and will be acknowledged.

If you have any trouble tickets left or require more books, please let the administrator or Ill know as soon as possible. Remember it closes 12 October and drawn 15 October. We have received many positive comments on the introduction of 'Book Sellers' point. We will continue to be innovative whenever possible.

I congratulate Bunbury Sub-Branch on convening an interesting and informative meeting regarding the possibility of War Veterans Housing in their area. After meeting with the Administrator Mr. Dennis Nelson and myself, the meeting proved most effective as their committee members were able to direct pertinent questions and receive accurate answers from the source. Their actions were an object lesson in fast finding before acting.

As a Mandurah Sub-Branch meeting, it was agreed that the RSL Village would be administered from Mt. Lawley. This is in line with the current reorganisation of the War Veterans' Homes and will streamline all processes associated with administration. Mandurah's liaison role will of course continue and remains an important aspect of the management system.

MEADOW SPRINGS

On 27 July, it was Meadow Springs turn for Christmas in July and what an enjoyable day it was. Our thanks go to the incredible staff and our visitors - Board member Dr. Alan King and Trustee Mr. Len Turner. Both were most impressed by the organisation and atmosphere.

It was good to see the Canteen operating, late and our largest appreciation goes to a few dedicated ladies of the Women's Auxiliary.

Geraldton

Stage Two nearing completion, it appears interest is on the increase in the area. Stage Three should begin soon and at the current rate we should sell a lot faster than this. The crew and the crew continue to look for innovative ways to raise funds.

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LEN McKEE, Chairman

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More than $2,295,400 in cash benefits have already been paid to RSL members through this premium refund. Last year alone, 1,192 'No-Cliam refund cheques were automatically sent to RSL members throughout Australia.

You will receive full details of the Cash Accident programme and your personal invitation to join in the post shortly. Your policy can only be issued on the completion of an application form. In the meantime, please take a few moments to review the comments from your fellow members in the announcement regarding the Programme on page 30 of this issue. These members are just a few of the thousands who are already satisfied and who have experienced the service and benefits offered by the Programme first-hand.

We know what great value this service has been to those members who previously enrolled in the Programme, and we are certain it will be equally valuable to you and your family. We therefore urge you to watch your post for details, and return your Enrolment Form as soon as possible.
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AUSTRALIA REMEMBERS THE BATTLE FOR FREEDOM

By Beverley M. Lunt

An article featuring in the many ‘Australia Remembers’ commemorations planned for 1995 to mark the 50th anniversary of the end of World War II.

For some time now people have been holding special 50th year reunions. Documentaries have been made such as “No Surrender” about the role of HMVS Sydney, re-enactments have traced the 2 Force efforts on the Krait and men and women have returned to countries where they fought or were imprisoned.

As part of the ‘Australia Remember’ commemorations, Clay Evans and I are to mount an art exhibition, showing Australia’s part in the war effort, at Allendale Square. It will run for several weeks from 21 April 1995, which will include Victory in Europe Day on 8 May.

When planning this event I asked myself “Naval shipping and World War II planes in an exhibition? If these two are put together someone surely will ask ‘Where’s the Army, the ladies and the home front?”

This was to be a new challenge and a subject which would be both fascinating and absorbing. We are an unusual choice for an artist whose business cards read “Why bother draw you to its source.”

The research is playing a vital part in our work for this exhibition. Trying to come to grips with the overall picture was a nightmare but I began, with a book describing the day by day events. From this I made a list of all the occasions on which Australians were mentioned, and gradually I grasped the basics of what had happened and where.

The United Services Institute Library in Karakatait loaned me the five RAN Naval History volumes and, after slowly absorbing thousands of phrases in them, many other books I borrowed from the Leawarra Barracks Library, I have become sufficiently immersed to feel that I had almost been there – at least in spirit.

I have visited many of those places - Israel, Singapore, New Guinea, New Britain, the Philippines, Guadalcanal and Japan, and have seen parts of Egypt, Syria and Europe.

An article about Clay Evans appeared in the Australian Literature Post featuring HMS Boxer’s visit to Fremantle. He has painted other naval ships, including the dockyard carrier LHSR Ranger and battleship USS Missouri, and welcomes this opportunity to paint scenes where the Royal Australian Navy was involved. He has also spent considerable time on research to achieve an overall understanding both of the war and the various sea battles.

Constantly we have been asked to read of the many painful experiences endured and overcome by men and women with a bravery not recognised by them. Whether fighting on the field, nursing the sick, surviving POW camps or struggling at home, the ability of people to improvise and persevere was incredible. The depth and strength of friendship, together with their peculiar brand of cracking good humour and camaraderie, forged bonds which are still strong today.

To pay tribute to those involved in keeping our country free is one of the main reasons for staging this exhibition, for we believe that people of all ages need to be reminded of how perilously close we were to being invaded by a ruthless enemy. It is vital and ever-imperative that we, as a nation, understand our recent history as a time when very important decisions are being made about our national future.

We are honored to be producing the exhibition as part of the RSL commemorative programme for next year.

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**ACCOMMODATION:** The Committee has reserved Unit accommodation at The Palms, Footscray, for the WA Party. The Units are NOT SELF CATERING (Coffee & Tea making facilities available only - no kitchen provided). Cost per Unit - Single $45; Double/Trin $50; Triple $60. Deposit $50 per person. Phone 08-950 4033 of the type of unit required. Deposit to be paid with booking.

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Registered nurse Roslyn Wiese and enrolled nurse Rhonda Casey won the trip in a competition at Hollywood Private Hospital.

"In open short days I was given the unique opportunity to understand what many, many thousands of Australians went through" says Roslyn. "We were all there for one common purpose - to honour the efforts of Sir Edward and every Australian soldier who left our shores.

"We became known as the 'Hollywood girls' and were made to feel a real part of everything."

Four former prisoners of war were among the other 60 people from WA who went on the trip which included a visit to the war cemetery, the floating of "Weary" Dunlop's ashes in a special ceremony and the Anzac Day dawn service in Hellfire Pass.

Catherine Archer, Hollywood Private Hospital.

NOSTALGIA FOR HOSPITAL PATIENTS

Sitting in their hospital beds recovering from knee operations, two men suddenly realised that their paths had crossed 53 years ago.

During a two-week stay at Hollywood Private Hospital, Robert Guthrie (77) began talking to a patient in the bed opposite him.

Within minutes the two war veterans realised they had both attended the same wartime Australian pilot training school in 1941.

Mr Guthrie was a member of the 16th Course training group, and Richard Kukura, of Palmyra, was a member of the 17th Course - both based at Pearce air base.

Mr Guthrie was then transferred to an airbase in Cunderdin, and Mr Kukura followed about three months later.

"We didn't know each other in our younger days, but we would have been in the same places at the same time," said Mr Guthrie.

"We have memories to share and similar stories to tell."

During his time in New Guinea, Mr Guthrie took part in the Battle of the Bismarck Sea. He was later honoured for his efforts in the battle and was awarded the American Distinguished Flying Cross.

Mr Kukura served as a pilot in England, Cyprus, Palestine, North Africa and Egypt.

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by Bart Dean

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Over 2000 personnel served at the base, mainly RAAF, army and a small group of navy. Some close enemy planes would take off and land to re-fuel and bomb Japanese bases and shipping. Continuous use of nearby West Bay to lay mines at sea.

On 13 May 1944, 50 years after the establishment of the base, several selections were flown over to Truscott as an advance group, along with several volunteers, to prepare the site. However, the base was quickly attacked and destroyed by three Spitfires.

Nungarin Heritage Machinery and Army Museum

On the weekend 8 & 9 October, the Hotham Valley Railway will be running a sleeper train to the wheatbelt town of Nungarin for the official opening of its Heritage Machinery and Army Museum.

A full weekend of activities have been planned, including the participation of Perth Logistic Battalion, an open day at the local National Trust Property of Mangowine, a dramatic rendition of Bill Erickson's 'That Adamin of Mangowine' by Jenny McNair, a Train display, vintage cars and countless opportunities to reminisc and enjoy the wildflowers and fresh country air. The ABC will be broadcasting from Nungarin throughout the weekend.

During World War Two, Nungarin was chosen as the strategic site of Number 5 Base Ordnance Depot, and more than 5,000 troops were stationed in the town. The campsite at Nungarin included numerous buildings and extensive enclosures, serving the needs of the small town for almost 20 years.

The closure of the Nungarin depot involved one of the largest post-war disposal sales of surplus. A full weekend of activities have been planned, including the participation of various groups in Eastern States, beginning February and July 1961, and a further 500 tons of ordnance were sold for pick-up at the depot.

The Vehicle Maintenance Workshop was acquired by the Nungarin Shire Council to use as a depot for the storage and maintenance of Shire equipment. The workshop is a unique timber building of approximately 3,900 square meters and is in remarkable condition.

In an endeavour to record the important contribution made by the Army during its presence in the town, the Nungarin Heritage Machinery and Army Museum has been established. The local people have been collecting army equipment and memorabilia for several years, and following the formation of a committee, the Shire Council agreed to purchase the original workshops building to be used for the display with a view to handing over the remaining area when necessary.
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DEFENCE ISSUES

DEFENCE PREPAREDNESS, MOBILISATION AND FORCE EXPANSION

by Norman Ashworth and Robert Mitchell

Any Australian who has read the recently released Strategic Review 1993 should be deeply concerned at the apparent lack of attention within Defence to the related problems of defence preparedness, expansion and mobilisation. There are no adequate planning problems that can be safely deferred "for future consideration." The recent discussions in parliament and in the press surrounding the recent review, evolution and deployment lead-time times of the Australian Defence Force commitments to Rwanda are a case in point. Much of the debate was less than fully informed, did not appreciate the nature and costs of such a commitment on the Defence Forces and did not look at the underlying issues of defence preparedness, expansion and mobilisation.

In Strategic Review 1993, it is made clear that priority in our defence planning "will be given to the capability to respond to threats that could arise with little warning." Paragraph 5.30 of the Review goes on to say that "attention will be given to planning and development concepts that will allow us to be confident that we can respond to more major threats should strategic circumstances change." This formulation of priority for short-term (small scale) threats, while at the same time giving attention to the longer-term possibility of major threats, is one that has been around Defence for a long time. The mere acquisition of major capital equipment, unless there is a reserve stockpile, and as this is most unlikely in the present climate of "financial stringency", it will be necessary to set up for local manufacture a wide range of resources that will not be available from overseas. Reserve Forces, if they are to be effectively utilised, must be supported by equipment, organisational structures and training opportunities prior to the emergence of the crisis. Legislation must be in place, understood by all levels of government and industry and form part of national debate because the problem impacts on social, industrial, labour, legal and constitutional as well as defence issues. Working with the National Defence Committee, the Defence Policy Committee of the WA State Branch of the RSL and the Defence Department that much more attention should be given to the issues of defence preparedness, expansion and mobilisation. All of these considerations require pre-planning to ensure that the measures taken will be sufficient if a reasonable timetable for defence preparedness and force expansion is to be achieved.

The RSL can and should try to convince Government and the Defence Department that much more attention should be given to the issues of defence preparedness, including mobilisation and expansion. There should be a national debate because the problem impacts on social, industrial, labour, legal and constitutional as well as defence issues. Working with the National RSL Defence Committee, the Defence Policy Committee of the WA State Branch of the RSL will be conducting a major study of the issues of defence preparedness, mobilisation and force expansion. Individual members and sub-branches of the League are encouraged to participate in this study by forwarding their thoughts, comments and opinions. Details of submission, timings and national debate will be provided through Sub Branch circulars and subsequent issues of the Listening Post.

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BACKGROUND

Since the introduction of the Veterans' Entitlement Act in 1986, the Federal Government has been committed to the introduction of a compensation scheme which would meet the unique requirements of members of the armed forces on peacetime service.

Since 1986 members of the armed forces with peacetime service have been eligible for compensation under both the Veterans' Entitlement Act and the Safety Rehabilitation and Compensation Act (SRCA), but any compensation paid for the same disability under the Veterans' Entitlement Act is offset by any compensation paid under the SRCA. These arrangements covered members while they were on peacekeeping or hazardous service, but not members while they were on operational service, who were only covered under the Veterans' Entitlement Act.

MILITARY COMPENSATION SCHEME

With the introduction of the MCS on 7 April 1994 members in addition to benefits currently payable under the SCBA will be covered for any illness and disability suffered as a consequence of medical treatment provided at Commonwealth expense. Also members of the defence forces deployed on Operational, Peacekeeping or Hazardous duty will now have the option of benefits in relation to that service under either the Veterans' Entitlement Act or the Military Compensation Scheme.

Members who are receiving or who currently have an entitlement to lodge a claim under the VEA will not lose that entitlement, and dependents of eligible members will also retain their eligibility to make a claim in the event of the death of such members.

The Military Compensation Scheme is based on the Safety Rehabilitation Act 1984, but has a number of provisions built into it to meet the special needs of defence force personnel. These procedures are

- Cover for the unremunerated consequences of medical treatment provided at Commonwealth expense.
- Cover for 45 weeks on full pay after injury.
- Cover for members receiving retirement training.
- Cover for Cadets and Instructors, former holding honorary rank and members of philanthropic organisations who are providing services to the defence forces.
- Cover under the MCS for future operational service as well as under the VEA.

In the past any member on full-time duty during peacetime had eligibility under both the VEA and the SCBA. The MCS replaces these dual entitlements.

Pre-VEA Members retain eligibility for service on or after the 7 April 1994 if a member of the defence force who enlisted in 1975 and was discharged or redesignated in 1994 retains eligibility for all his service prior to and after 7 April 1994. All of these members would be covered under both Acts. However, if there had been a break in service e.g. the member resigned in 1988 and re-enlisted in 1991, he would be treated as a new entrant and would therefore be subject to meeting the qualifying period criteria only up to 6 April 1994.

Any service on or after 6 April 1994 would only be covered under MCS.

Any member who has not completed the three-year qualifying service prior to the commencement of MCS will only be covered under SCBA for any service prior to the commencement of MCS. However, the qualifying period does not apply if the member was discharged medically unfit for further military service.

The onus of proving that the injury/illness was caused through military service is the responsibility of the applicant, who must provide all medical evidence and any copies of his service records that would support the claim lodged under the MCS.

Members who are covered by both Acts must choose which Act under which they will lodge their claim. Members who are covered under both Acts must lodge their claim under either the Veterans' Entitlement Act or the Military Compensation Scheme.

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It is important to note that members who have dual entitlements should when considering whether to lodge their claim under either the MCS or the VEA, keep in mind that any entitlement granted under the MCS ceases at age 60.

S. PANITING
Veterans' Affairs Committee WA.

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### NEW SECRETARY JOINS DEPARTMENT

The new Secretary of the Department of Veterans’ Affairs, Dr Allan Hawke, took up his appointment on 26 April.

Dr Hawke was born in Canberra and educated at Queanbeyan High School and the Australian National University, majoring in biological sciences.

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During his career he has been actively involved in major inquiries into the Public Service - the Review of Commonwealth Functions, The Review of Commonwealth Administration and the Efficiency Scrutiny Unit.

He was a foundation member of the Management Improvement Advisory Committee and became its chairman shortly before taking up the position of Principal Adviser to the Prime Minister in August 1994. Immediately prior to joining DVA, he had been a Deputy Secretary in the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet.

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Thank you for your letter of 7 March 1994 on behalf of members of the Returned & Services League of Australia requesting changes to the pension assets test.

I have noted your request that the value of an average motor vehicle is exempted from the assets test applying to age and service pensions. I appreciate your concern about pensioners having limited access to public transport and recognise that ownership of a motor vehicle would overcome much of this disadvantage. However, exempting the value of an average motor vehicle may not be an appropriate method of addressing the problem.

The Government believes that the allowable limits of the age pension assets test are set at generous levels, and index them each year in line with changes in the Consumer price Index. A single homeowner can have up to $220,750 in other assets before losing entitlement to pension and a married homeowner couple can have up to $339,500 in combined assets. These limits are higher for non-homeowners.

Since September 1993, the Government has also made it easier to qualify for pension under the assets test by raising the pension withdrawal rate from $104 a year for each $1000 of assets above the threshold to $78 a year. This means that retirees with assets above the upper threshold now receive a higher rate of pension or have been able to qualify for pension for the first time. Therefore it would create an inequitable precedent to make a specific exemption from the assets test on the grounds that it would enhance pensioners' mobility. Such a move I believe would only benefit pensioners with significant assets.

You may be aware that the Government has appointed a consultant, 'Aging Agendas', to undertake a review of the pensions income and assets test. The consultant will be advised by a reference group of experts drawn from peak bodies and veterans, the finance and superannuation industries and relevant Government departments. There will also be consultations with pensioner groups and community and investment industry representatives.

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We encourage all our pensioners to go out and join
organisations such as the RSL, because we believe a
stronger voice by the RSL will not only assist, but
would assist in improving our submissions put forward
to the Government by other Service organisations. I am
pleased to see that Victoria is moving hard to establish
a Joblink Program and commend that State's President
and Secretary on all their hard work.
On a recent trip to Canberra to address the National
Executive of the RSL I also had a chance to put our case
for the Joblink Program to members of the
Defence Force.
Our paper has been presented at the Year of the
Member meeting held between the three Services, and
this office is endeavoring to communicate with the
Joint Chiefs of Staff. We have a very good product
to sell in our ex-service men and women. Our sta-
technology can continue to liaise.

RULES CHANGED ON VETERANS' DISABILITY PENSION

Some ex-service men and women who are entitled
to a disability pension from the Department of Veterans' Affairs will no longer have to provide the Department
with their file numbers.
It has now determined that those pensioners who receive ONLY a disability pension and can provide
testimony that their income and assets preclude them from
receiving an income support pension or benefit may be
exempted from providing their file numbers.
Veterans' Affairs will be writing to those pensioners
whose pension has been suspended or cancelled under
the former guidelines advising them of the new
exemption provision. They can then apply to have
their disability pension reinstated if they meet the new criteria.

TED ROGERS,
President,
Veterans' Affairs and Defence Forces Joblink Program.

WOMEN'S AUXILIARY

Our annual State Conference was officially opened by RSL State President Mr J.C. Keenan BA, who thanked
Auxiliaries for their continued support. On behalf of all
Auxiliaries I handed Mr Keenan a cheque for $5,400
for the War Veterans' Homes, plus a cheque towards the
upkeep of the Home's War Memorial.

Conference this year was well attended by delegates and
observers and agenda items were fully discussed.
Unfortunately, the weather was not very kind to us for
our efforts covering every base and attending every event.
On a warmer note, Conference finished with a useful

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Three of our Executive Committee retired this year
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my best wishes for a happy and healthy retirement.
Since last reporting I have attended functions at
Kojonup, Waroona, Mandurah, Beverley and
Whereham, Mount Barker and Mt Barker, with Mr
Mrs Robson, at the Nollamara/Mandurah, Mrs Taylor and I invited guests
at the Belmont Sub-branch dinner, Nollamara Sub-Branch
and Auxiliary branch.

After attending the opening of the RSL men's
Conference, I read my report to the delegates the next
day. Also at the Conference were Madame Fisher, Norris
Dixon, Skelly, Clark, Lewis and Spencer who helped
with loging in, lunches and afternoon teas. Once
again ladies, thank for a job well done.
I had the pleasure of presenting Certificates to Mrs
William (Winner), Mrs Miles, Mrs Hurton (Mandurah) and Life Membership and badge to
Mrs Pike (Nollamara/Mandurah).

Good wishes for a speedy recovery are extended to
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HUNTER COMMANDO RECALLS DAREDEVIL EXPLOITS

By Mike Scanlon
Staff Report

Tuesday, 28 June has a special significance for the Australian history books, according to Mr Eric Shepherd, of Shoal Bay.

The World War II veteran believes he might be the last known Hunter member of a special commando unit which, in June 1942, took the first offensive action by allied troops against the superior Japanese forces.

At that stage, the enemy was poised to invade Australia via New Guinea.

Mr Shepherd, 83, once a member of the elite 2/5th Australian Independent Company, also known as Kanga Force, said that after 11 years’ research among former members a book has been published on the exploits of the volunteer commando group and its morale-boosting operations.

The small, 100-member guerrilla unit spent 13 grueling months in wartime New Guinea harassing the enemy, most of it behind enemy lines without Army relief or adequate rations and medical supplies.

Mr Shepherd said only 1020 copies of the $50 book, by former comrade Mr Andrew Pirie, had been published but about 900 have already been sold, many to Australian libraries.

The book’s title, Commando - Double Black, refers to the black double diamond colour patch on unit’s uniform.

On the eve of the 52nd anniversary of the historic offensive, Mr Shepherd recalled that his unit, later called the 2/5th Australian Commando Squadron, had remarkably few casualties although two similar units in Timor and the Pacific island of New Ireland were obliterated.

“I believe my unit, with Anzac bushmen and others, was originally formed to sabotage German forces east of their landed in England, because we were issued with British battledress,” said Mr Shepherd.

“For this never occurred because of the sudden Japanese threat to Australia.

Instead we found ourselves in April 1942 near Port Moresby in Eastern New Guinea.

“Then in May came news that there were 1000 Australian soldiers in front of us on the shoreline to repel 25,000 Japanese marines soon to come in landing craft.

“The 320 of us were dug in behind with orders to counterattack the 25,000 marines once the first line of defense failed.”

Despite the Battle of the Coral Sea intervened and
BOOK REVIEWS Cont...

IT'S NEVER DARK ABOVE THE CLOUDS
by S.H. Brett Johnson

This is a true story of army life, the frustrations, the boredom, mateship and the culmination of what Syd was talking about. Indeed, I found the book so fascinating that I could not put it down.

Price, $25.00 available from the author, Tel: 341 7544, or from Legato, South Perth, Tel: 367 5799.

MIST HALL.

SHIFTING SANDS AND SAVAGE JUNGLE
by George Tarlington

This book covers the movements of all major units stationed in Western Australia over the period 1941-45 and the strategic reasons for the movement of units throughout the State over that period. The publication fills in many gaps that up to now have not been made clear in previous books on the subject. The maps showing unit locations have been well researched and provide the reader with factual information on their positions during certain periods of the war. For those who served in the Australian Army during World War II, this book provides a wealth of information put forward in a very readable form. It is highly recommended for the serious study of military history or for those who prefer military history or for those who prefer

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An examination of the military history literature of Australia reveals that there are few detailed accounts of the activities of the many units of the Australian Army that did not have the honour of serving outside Australia during World War II. Much has been written about the units that served outside Australia and the actions they were involved in, but details of the military formations that did not receive the call have elicited little attention as to their duties and the areas of Australia in which they did serve.

This book overcomes the shortcomings of all major units stationed in Western Australia over the period 1941-45 and the strategic reasons for the movement of units throughout the State over that period. The publication fills in many gaps that up to now have not been made clear in previous books on the subject. The maps showing unit locations have been well researched and provide the reader with factual information on their positions during certain periods of the war. For those who served in the Australian Army during World War II, this book provides a wealth of information put forward in a very readable form. It is highly recommended for the serious study of military history or for those who prefer military history or for those who prefer

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2/8TH TANK ATTACK REGIMENT

Information about anyone from WA who served with the above Regiment is sought by the Association Headquarters Queensland.

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J.A. THOMPSON

The above photograph was given to me by a man living in WA who said his stepfather Mr. J.A. Thompson (resident in North Wales) was in Perth at the end of last year and asked him to give the photo to the RSL. Apparently Mr. Thompson was initially with The King's Own Royal Regt. at Tobruk, and finished up with the 'Chindits' in Burma where his group successfully attacked a village ammunition dump at a place called Dot高管. Helping with the 'mopping up' operations afterwards, he came across the body of a Japanese soldier from which he retrieved the photo.

If anyone could give me any information as to where the photo may have been taken, when was the occasion and who the people are in the photo, it would be appreciated.

IAN KEYNES, State President.

DR BRONTE SINCLAIR

Dr. Bronste Sinclair, believed to be originally from Kalbarri, worked for some time for the Australian New Guinea Administrative Unit. His American friend who he met in 1944 - Mr. Wendy Hodge, 1375 Helen Lane, Doolgah, Iowan 52001-0027, USA - would like news of him.

If you have any information about Dr Bronze, please contact:

JUNE M. HEALY
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2/8 COMMANDO SQUADRON

A former serving member of the 2/8 Commando Squadron, I am writing a history of this unit and would appreciate receiving copies of photographs, documents and details of personal experiences during service in Australia, New Guinea and Bougainville. Proceeds will go to Legacy.

DON ASHILL
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NEW GUINEA SURVEY SECTION

I wish to contact members of my old unit, one of the smallest Australian army units to serve in World War II. We hope to march again as a unit, for the first time in more than half a century, in the Commemorative parade on 15 August 1995 to mark the 50th Anniversary of the end of the World War II.

It is the New Guinea Survey Section (later the 8th Field Survey Section AIF), which served on the Kokoda Trail (James Gourley is credited after one of the harrassed and later with Kanga Force, when his field parties mapped the Markham sector months before the Nadzab drop.

The unit last paraded in Port Moresby in November 1943 before being disbanded. Some went to other units. Others, like me, went into overseas.

Including reinforcements, some 70 officers and men served with the unit. They came from every State as well as from Papua and New Guinea. About 20 members of the unit are believed to be still living.

Most of the originals were Queenslanders, Memelans and New Guinean `old hands', and most of the reinforcements were from NSW but the unit included at least one West Australian: our original Skipper, Captain J.K.C. McKay (Herridge), while others may have settled there after the war.

Listening Post - Spring 1995 - Page 83.
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TAREE HONOUR ROLL

Taree Sub-Branch in NSW is searching for service men and women from the Taree area who served Australia overseas in any of the conflicts and peacekeeping forces since the end of the second World War. The names are needed to enable us to update the Honour Roll. Taree Sub-Branch is defined as the area covered by the 2430 Postcode. If you, or anyone you know enlisted in Taree or whose next-of-kin resided in Taree at the time of such enlistment, and has eligible overseas service please contact Sub-Branch Secretary, PO Box 3, Taree NSW 2430.

LOST TRAILS

I am writing my memoirs and would like to contact WAAFs who were stationed in Western Area Headquarters, Signals, during 1942-43. From memory some of their maiden names were Rose Welch, Betty Coulson, Kitten Kohn.

In September/October 1944, some of the WAAFs stationed at No. 4 NFSG Geraldton staged a concert "Comsilk Waf." It proved to be an outstanding success, not only for the personnel on the Station but also for the Geraldton people. If anyone has any information on this would you please contact me.

ERIC McNABB
U3/18 Clearview Avenue,
YOKINE WA 6060

HMAS NAPIER

Members of the "N" Class Destroyer Association are anxious to locate relatives of two sailors lost overboard from HMAS Napier on 8 March 1945: Les Halpin and Bill Black.

The Victorian Branch of the Association is erecting a Memorial to these two men and would like to contact any relatives prior to the Dedication of the Memorial later this year. Any information can be sent to Mrs Dorothy Higgins; 69 Spigl Way, Batehaven 6150. Tel: (09) 332 5723.

PILOT OFFICER LESLIE WAY

I am trying to locate ex-RAAF Pilot Officer Leslie Way. Some years ago I wrote to him, but my letter was returned "address unknown." I shall be visiting Australia this year and would very much like to contact him.

I am unable to provide service number and last known address as it was lost during house-moving about six years ago. The only other information I can supply is that he was the pilot of a 50 Squadron Lancaster at Skelghough, Lincolnshire, during the period January to May 1944.
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SUB-BRANCH NEWS
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Progress has been made on plans for the renovation and redevelopment of our property at Osborne Park. As long as everything has been finalised with powers-That-bodies. The building permit has been obtained from the local council, the works contract signed with the builder and work on the renovations commenced. Some four-and-a-half years have elapsed since we began plans to renovate the property. Many setbacks were encountered, and many of our members may have thought it would be a long time. I had thought that many times over; however, a small light at the end of the tunnel recently became a very bright one and I now know that we are finally on the way.

A period of 12 weeks has been allowed for completion of the project and with kind weather this time could be reduced. Those who have not attended a meeting for some time might like to come along to your revamped sub-branch. By the time you are reading this everything should be completed.

Remember that meetings are now held every second Wednesday of the month at 2.00 pm (except January when we are in recess).

WESULLAN, President.

COCKBURN

Winds of change have blown through the Branch. Secretary Wally Hagan has resigned after 20 years at the helm and we thank him for his years of service in guiding the branch through its formative years.

With a new secretary, president and treasurer, the support of our members and our sound financial position, things look bright.

Sadly the branch has lost two members. Vale to them and condolences to their families.

Welcome to our new members, may you find new friends and new interests and have a long and fruitful stay with us.

Bookings for our Frederick Street hall are steady. There is good parking and easy access for everyone. The Monday group has more members than usual but are keeping things in hand which is a credit to them. Our Sunday meetings at 2:00 pm are well attended, with an average of 60-70. They are held every third Sunday in the month and Tuesday and Friday evening services are still regular.

ERNIE DIBB.

THREE SPRINGS-AIRANO

At the Anzac Day ceremony held at Three Springs, Rear Admiral Kennedy impressed with his precise and informative speech. We were also privileged to hear from our local member for Greenough, Mr Kevin Minson MLA. Both speakers, as well as our President Jack Thorne, mentioned the importance of retaining our National Flag in its form.

Fajans were read by the Reverend Geoff Chadwick, several wreaths were laid and the bugle calls for the two minutes' silence were played by a member of the Batavia Coast Band.

Rear Admiral Kennedy was presented with a hand-crafted penholder made from wood and mounted on jarrah base made by Mr V. Carter and Mr Walters. It was his second visit to Three Springs and he commented on what a very friendly town it is.

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BELMONT

Many of our members have been visiting around Australia. Secretary Harold Fankhauser and his wife went to North Queensland for a holiday. Wendy and Colin Gregore visited the Tzapamere Branch in a storecupboard that they were hired, and others looked for Europe for marina and plantation work. Some of our members have been away on their holidays to help the Club regain strength - one way of helping each other.

Now that our meetings are held on Sunday mornings, more members are attending when they, and visitors, enjoy the company of the Women's Auxiliary members and guests.

At our next meeting, we are invited to see the results of the war-time trees that have been planted in small country towns. This is the norm.

If and new members are invited to see for ourselves what the war-time trees have produced on the Memorial, the patios, the landscaping, the memorial display and the bowling green.

Recently we lost two of our valuable members: Mr. Sam Brindley and Mr. Jim Shelley. Jim was, for sometime, a member of the committee. A large number of people were at his funeral, and our sympathy is extended to Bina and famil. There was also a large gathering of members at Jim's funeral service which was conducted by the Reverend Warren at All Saints Church in Cloonalaba. Beryl will be sadly missed.

The Royal Naval Association, and the BCOF Association of WA settled into our premises and are enjoying the facilities we have to offer.

Narrogin ex-serviceman Geoff Beazley is one of only three West Australians to receive the Meritorious Service Medal this war.

Mr. Beazley accepted his medal from RSL State President Len Keynes before one of the biggest crowds ever gathered at the RSL hall.

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GERALDTON

A prominent member of our sub-branch, Mr. Frank Sharp, has been nominated to fill one of the several positions of County Regional Vice-President, formerly occupied for many years by John Spendlove, also of Geraldton.

Three new members welcomed in May were Kevin Gray from Norse in Queensland, Len Shier and Frank Murray.

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SCARBOROUGH

This has been a sad quarter in which we have lost several old members, including our senior vice-president, Bill Penrose. Others were Alf Parke, our World War I veteran, Peter Sims, an active worker for the sub-branch, Gil Claxton, Bobbie Robinson and Joe Debney. Though we have several new members the deficit never seems to be made up.

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Our members have since increased, and we average 60 to 70 at meetings, which are held every second Monday in the month at 2:00 pm.

Our 75th anniversary culminates in a strong sub-branch with several things accomplished, including the sale of our social hall. The annual dinner at the Doubleview Bowling Club on Friday 25 November will celebrate the Golden Anniversary of the Scarborough RSL.

**BUNBURY**

We have just passed the quiet time of the year when our executive (or most of them) go north fishing. At the July meeting chairman Charlie Ferguson created a record when he closed the meeting at 2030. Some suggested that fishing trips should become more frequent.

After discussions over a long period of sub-committees has been formed to progress the development of a retirement village in Bunbury. The task ahead is enormous with many challenges to be met, one of which is to find about 20 acres of land. We know that the very capable group working on this will provide some positive reports.

Tom, Doug, Max and Ken would welcome anyone who could spare three hours a week to help with welfare work. The job is not difficult and training, company, morning tea and intrinsic rewards are good, but is not too good. If anyone would like to join the team, please see our chief recruiting officer Tom.

Your Committee has done everything possible to make the Sub Branch attractive and to fit in with your lifestyle. If you wish to give us some support, we will be pleased to hear from you. We look forward to seeing you all in October.

**ARMADALE**

To celebrate our 75th Anniversary, three of the planned events are open to all sub-branches and kindred units/associations:

Friday 1 November 1730-1930 hrs social get-together at the clubhouse at 1 Commerce Avenue, Armadale.

Saturday 2 November 1045 hrs March to Memorial Park for a service at the Armadale Roll of Honour Obelisk at 1100 hrs.

Sunday 3 November 1230-1500 hrs BBQ lunch for all members, Armadale social members and families.

The State President and all State executive members have been invited to attend, as are all sub branches and kindred units and associations.

**CITY OF PERTH**

Your Committee has been concerned for some time with the falling attendances at meetings and our inability to get our younger members to take an active interest in our Sub Branch. For this reason we posted a questionnaire to every Sub Branch member, and we are very grateful to those who returned the completed form.

We received some very good suggestions as to the type of social activity you would like, and we also received a few suggestions so the exercise was worth the effort and expense. Based on the opinion of the majority of our members from the various age groups, this is how we intend to operate from October 1994.

We will hold two identical meetings each month in Arne Hall for all age groups. The first will be held on the second Tuesday in each month at 2:00 pm, followed by a sandwich luncheon in the Club. The second will be held on the third Thursday in each month commencing at 7:30 pm with refreshments provided at the conclusion of the meeting. This arrangement should cater for our older members who no longer come out at night, and also for our younger members who are still in the workforce. None of the age groups wanted a Sunday meeting, nor did they wish to see the Sub Branch divided into two groups, so this should be a satisfactory compromise. Our social activities are always family orientated and provided at little or no cost to members. Future functions will be advertised in the Listening Post.

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President: Mr John Long, 70 Mt Henry Road, Como
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F3228 Potts, D.A., Kojonup, 28 Aust Inf Bn
WX17941 Prendergast, C.W., Scarborough, 2143 Aust Inf Bn
WX40507 Morris, B., City of Perth, 211 ACCS
WX36326 Mills, LP., Mount Barker, 2111 Aust Inf Bn
WX35413 King, G.J., Bassendean-Guildford, 1 Aust Fld Regt
16690 Lynch, C. V., North Beach, RAAF
WX12246 Hawkins, A., Geraldton City, 2132 Aust Inf Bn
28645 Harford, B.C., Claremont, RAAF
41593 Donaldson, K.A., City of Perth, RAAF
WX19585 Gallagher, F., City of Perth, 125 Aust Gen Trans
WX19511 Connolly, F.H., Applecross, 218 Commando Sqn
WX17968 Cumming, W.H., Bellevue, 2111 Aust Inf Bn
29263 Billinghurst, H.F., Busselton, RAAF
2642 Buchanan, P.G., Cockburn, Burma Aux Force
WX12266 Fissioli, W.D., City of Rockingham, 2/16 Aust Inf Bn.
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NX10051 Ashton, R.S., Murray, 2112
WX13818 Williams, R.C., Boyup Brook, 2128 Aust Inf Bn.
F5/1216 Abercrombie, G.M., Belmont, 11 RANC
WX8565 Young, J.F.C., Mandurah, 2111 Sut Inf Bn.
232 Randall, J.H., Albany, 1 Bn King African Rifles
WX39914 Sims, P.B., Scarborough, 415698 Trewanack, G., City of Rockingham, RAAF
WX4330 Plotter, J.H., Mandurah 2/16 Aust Inf Bn.
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2726088 Pickston, N., Bunbury 68 2 263 FSS
40606 Piper, [ ], 2/11 Aust Inf Bn.
351226 Balfe, H.P., Darling Range, WAAAF
WX2284 Boyle, T.D., Esperance, 2/11 Aust Inf Bn.
7356 Parker, A.H., Scarborough, 51 Bn.
WX21266 Fissioli, W.D., City of Rockingham, 2/10 Aust Armd Regt.
4609113 Healey, F., Dowerin, Duke of Wellington Regt.
WX25196 Mohr, [ ], Mandurah, 138 Aust TSPT
WX21505 Ware, D., Esperance, 172 LAA
WX3234 Thompson, F.J., City of Rockingham, V22 Fld Pk
WX41086 TrewD.D., Central 55 Port Craft Coy
NX21899 Sumich, L, Cockburn, Artillery
VX15666 Simmons, J.O., Busselton, 2112 Sut Fld Regt
82417 Rinaldi, LV., South Perth, RAAF
WX9470 Ward, H.G., Cottesloe, 2143 Aust Inf
WX14256 Stewart, J.H., Northam, 2132 Aust Inf Bn.
80526 Marshal!, A.C., Busselton, RAAF
WX11208 Marriott, B.N., Mandurah, 1 Landing Craft.
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VX42970 Jehu, J.C., Esperance, 5 CE WKS
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CHIX100775 Harding, H, Millkye-Inwood, Royal Marines
WX1212 Blackbourne, S.K., City of Perth, 1 CTR
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WX34615 Edney, W.S., Erindale, AA
WX28381 Emtu, B.F., Narrandara, AASC
411816 Gribben, J.G., Wembley-Foel Polig, RAAF
WX62200 Jull, L.C., Experience n 2D OE
40917 Larwill, W.H., City of Rockingham, 20 Sqn RAAF
WX4976 Larkman, W.M., Baird st, 20 Reg
CHDX010370 Larkman, J.W., City of Rockingham, Bn
VX29067 Hatfield, N., City of Rockingham, RAAAF
WX29054 Pascoe, R., North Beach, 2/2 Fld Bn.
WX12010 Zilletti, D., City of Rockingham, RAAF
WX25233 Wallace, H., Sorrento, 2/10 Aust Inf Bn
WX2304 Marks, H., Mandurah, 212 Fld Bn.
WX20189 Williams, P.O., Royal Inf, 2/14 Aust Inf Bn.
WX28695 Young, J.P.C., Mandurah, 212 Fld Bn.
WX28251 Young, W.C.S., Dongara, 237 Field Coy.
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652121 Abnerley, M.T., Belcarra, 11 RMC
108861 Addis, B.J., City of Perth, 37/92 Fld Regt
233898 Penny, L.S., Busselton, 211 Fld Bn.
H0010051 Ralston, P.E., Murray, 212 Aust Inf Bn
218250 Bellingham, H.T., Mandurah, RAAF
208242 Greimann, P.O., Capel, 213 Aust Arm Force
WX22995 O'Connell, S.O., Mandurah, RAAF
WX19911 Cronnelly, P.H., Applinac, 23 Commando Sqn
WX13388 Connolly, W., Mandurah, 212 Fld Bn.
411007 Donaldson, A., City of Perth, 1 Aust Arm Tug
WX19956 Edwards, J., City of Perth, 1 Aust Arm Tug
324145 Hastings, E.G., Claremont, R.A.
CHX1007435 Harris, N., Mandurah
WX18198 Hawke, A., Gawkers City, 24 Aust Inf Bn
WX19844 Henry, J.M., Fremantle, 81 Inf Bn
H0010024 Hook, D.R., Armadale, RAAF
WX12010 Zilletti, D., City of Perth, 1 Aust Arm Tug
WX31481 King, C.J., East Fremantle, 1 Aust Arm Tug
WX64955 Logan, H.L., City of Perth, 10 Aust Arm Tug
30800 Lynch, C.V., Rockingham, RAN
WX66305 Mills, L.P., Mount Barren, 211 Aust Inf Bn
WX66494 Marine, H., City of Perth, 211 ACS
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WX72545 Rose, R.W., Mandurah, 212 Fld Bn.
WX70746 Stockwell, C.W., Busselton, 213 Aust Inf Bn
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WX19696 Holmes, C.R., Geraldton, 211 Aust Inf Bn
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WX31202 Williams, J.P., Thornlie-Cafle, 2 Fld Coy
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