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Talking of Anzac Day and the media, I was very upset at the irresponsible attitude of one television channel which reported an unfortunate incident concerning a battalion and a granddaughter of a member of that Battalion. The interview was portrayed to achieve the journalist’s prime objective; subsequently, my statements were taken out of context when I answered certain questions from the interviewer. Not only was it recorded the day before Anzac Day but the TV station decided to take a few words and highlight them instead of televising my complete reply to a specific question. This resulted in phone calls to my home and letters from people who were misinformed of what I actually said. One tends to want to refuse any future opportunity to comment on such matters but, as is often the opinion of the media and the viewers, a refusal to comment is seen as an admission of guilt. This incident has created concern within my mind that the media can be a very productive tool in creating disharmony and unrest within our society. Take the time to listen to one of those talk-back radio shows and tell me one does not become frustrated and angry for the rest of the day? Thanks must go to radio station 6NR for its pleasant morning music programmes for offering an alternative to talk-back radio.

Anzac Day was a huge success. The crowds of people at the Dawn Service were virtually double that of last year, and it was pleasing to see so many young families attending. One only had to see all the families there to know that the overwhelming majority in our society is grateful for the sacrifices paid by those in the past, so that present day families can live in a country free from turmoil and strife, and that we can still at least voice our objections, openly, against our politicians.

The Anzac Day parade also was bigger than usual, so much so, that the service on the Esplanade started 10 minutes late. Unfortunately, due to circumstances beyond our control, the aircraft were late for the fly past, so they decided to abort their mission and fly over Claremont. Hopefully, the cut back in flying hours for the RAAF will not affect next year’s fly past.

In March it was my pleasure to extend RSL hospitality to a Victoria Cross recipient: Mr T.W. (Nat) Gould, resident of Peterborough in Cambridge, England. Mr Gould received this award for valour during his time on board the Royal Naval Submarine Thrasher when being attacked from the air in the Mediterranean off Crete. Mr Gould was attending an International Submarine convention held in Fremantle to mark the 50th anniversary of the submarine base leaving Fremantle. His friends here brought Mr Gould in to Anzac House when I was somewhat astounded to hear the problems he had before he could visit WA. The recipient of the highest award for valour that many of our own troops have received over the years, and also what our present Australian Government today can award to our own Australian service personnel, Mr Gould had trouble obtaining an entry visa into Australia although he had been here several times before.

Applying through the normal channels, Mr Gould’s request for an entry visa was refused. It was only through pressure from several sources that the Australian authorities finally decided to issue him with a visa but only for a three-month duration. This leaves one wondering what the Government and its bureaucrats are endeavouring to do to our country. We see illegal immigrants given accommodation, food, money, etc., paid for by the Australian tax payer, quite willingly and openly without hesitation by our Government Departments. Many end up being granted resident status, yet a recipient of our highest bravery award is initially refused permission to enter our country for a visit and with no intention of staying. Any recipient of a VC deserve the respect and protocol that goes with that award, and I fail to understand the reasoning behind this disgraceful action. I can only say to Mr Gould that there are many veterans who uphold the tradition of a VC and still respect it. The recipient of a VC is held in the highest esteem, and I think the Australian Government should investigate why this man was treated more harshly than an illegal immigrant!

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The Dawn Service in Kings Park was attended by record crowds with perfect weather conditions. The use of a narrator to set the scene for the ceremony and provide a suitable explanation of events as they occurred was generally well received as was the post-Service address by His Excellency, the State Governor.

The Parade and Service at the Esplanade was equally well attended with an increase in both marchers and onlookers. I believe this proves to all that Anzac Day, as the important day that it is on our national calendar, will be with us for a long time yet.

Once again thank you all for your participation.

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A POSSIBLE EXPLANATION FOR HER LOSS

The loss of HMAS Sydney with all her complement on 19 November 1941 has been the cause of more conjecture, misleading statements and theories than probably any other maritime disaster in history. The fact that the researchers had only one side of the story to work from has given rise to this situation and, as the principal witness, Korvettenkapitan Theodore Detmers, the Commanding Officer of HSK Kormoran, was an advocate of his own cause, he could not be expected to tell the whole truth.

The crucial time frame in all the theories is from when Sydney sighted Kormoran until the engagement commenced and, because the crew and armament were concealed during this period, there were probably no more than four members of Kormoran's crew who had firsthand knowledge of what signals were exchanged or what manoeuvring Sydney carried out. It was established that Detmers was not the type of captain who kept his crew informed of what was going on. The interrogation of the survivors was conducted very badly, and as all the crew of Kormoran told basically the same story it must have been obvious that they had been schooled by their officers to present a united front to their inquisitors.

The four major works produced on this action were by G.H. Gill, the official historian for the RAN, Barbara Winter, H. Montgomery and T. Frame. The first two believed the account given by the Germans. Montgomery did not and Frame, who had served in the RAN and was research officer to the Chief of the Naval Staff, presented all the facts as they were known and left the reader to form their own conclusions. Gill and Winter placed the blame squarely on the shoulders of Captain Joseph Burnett who commanded Sydney in her last action, and blamed his inexperience for the loss of his ship, but this is in direct conflict with his record in the Navy. Joseph Burnett was in the first intake of Midshipmen into the RAN in 1913 and was the third RAN Officer to be promoted to the rank of Captain behind Captains Collins and Farncomb. His knowledge and ability must therefore have been of a very high order, which does nothing to support this theory.

Montgomery was convinced that a Japanese submarine was involved in the sinking of Sydney, but a search of Japanese naval records in Japan after the war revealed that there were no Japanese naval units anywhere near this area on that date, and as the action took place only 18 days before the Japanese launched their attack in the Pacific that would appear to be correct.

When the mass of material contained in these four works has been sifted there are seven points to which they all make reference at some point in their narrative on which there appears to be no dispute. When these points are sorted out into a logical sequence they would read:

1. Sydney commenced her interrogation of Kormoran at a range of 14,000 yards.
2. Sydney fired no warning shot to make Kormoran heave to.
3. Sydney lowered a boat prior to the commencement of the action.
4. The vessels were only about 1200 yards apart when the action commenced and were either stopped or just making steerage way.
5. Kormoran fired her underwater torpedo tubes, and at least one torpedo struck Sydney between “A” and “B” turrets.
6. Sydney opened fire from “X” and “Y” turrets, and Kormoran opened fire with all her main and secondary weapons. An interesting statement by Detmers was that it took only six seconds to decamouflage, raise his 5.9” guns on their hydraulic platforms and open fire.
7. On three separate occasions during his captivity Detmers expressed his concern that he would be court-martialled by the Australian authorities. If the German account of the action was correct, why should he be?

From the above facts a more likely explanation of what transpired on that day can be constructed. Sydney commenced her interrogation of Kormoran at a range of 14,000 yards in accordance with the well-established drill, which was out of gun range for Kormoran but not for Sydney. When Sydney told Detmers to hoist his secret signal letters, Detmers would have known that his bluff was called, struck his colours and surrendered. Sydney closed on Kormoran's quarter to about 1200 yards and lowered a boat to transfer a boarding party. Detmers slowly manoeuvred his bows around until his underwater torpedo tubes would bear and fired both tubes. At that range the running time for the torpedoes would have been about 65 seconds, but the bubble trail would not have surfaced for about 10 seconds. His 3.7cm guns would have come quickly into action and fire directed at the bridge and directors. The torpedo hit between “A” and “B” turrets probably wrecked Sydney's gunnery control system, as this was a weakness in this class of cruiser which had been recognised in 1938. “X” and “Y” turret on Sydney would then have had to shift to local control.

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by Lyndell Whyte

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Clearly, Mr Mouchemore has taken that challenge to heart in his devoted caring for the site.

"It's very important that we maintain it," he said.

The avenue carries tributes to fallen soldiers killed in several conflicts including the Boer War, World War I, World War II, Korea and Vietnam.

"Many people don't have a clue about why it's here," he said.

"They don't even stop and look, they just drive past.

"The RSL never glorifies war," he said.

"If we hadn't put out lives on the line, things would be very different."

Mr Mouchemore says "we" because he was one of those who put his life on the line in World War II. Joining the permanent army in 1938, he served in the artillery in Papua New Guinea, Borneo and Darwin.

When he returned from the war things were very different.

The biggest problem faced by returning servicemen was lack of employment. If you didn't have a trade before you joined up, you weren't able to get one when you returned.

Luckily Mr Mouchemore had a family tradition to turn to.

His grandfather began the family fishing trade and this was taken over by Mr Mouchemore's father and uncle. In 1948, when he returned from the war, Mr Mouchemore and his cousin became fishermen. This continued until he retired 16 years ago.

His family has always fished just in the harbour and supplied markets as far afield as Kalgoorlie.

He has seen many changes in the fishing industry over the years, but one thing that has not changed is the fisherman's reliance on nature and the respect in which they hold it.

Mr Mouchemore has lived his life on the moon and the tides and has a knowledge far beyond we landlubbers.

Using ordinary nets, and his grandfather's then 60-year-old boat, he and his cousin made a living from the sea for more than 20 years.

"There's still the same amount of fish in the harbour as there was when I was fishing," he says.

"There were always changes in the numbers, sometimes there were more and other times there were less."

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**FIGHTERS SCRAMBLE TO SAVE FREMANTLE**

I was intrigued to learn that Royal Perth Hospital, which lost 100 nursing staff to war service, created an air-raid shelter in its basement for patients and took emergency precautions to care for injured civilians. The hospital was thought to be at risk because of its proximity to the rail line and the East Perth power station.

Obviously this was only a small part of the general emergency, so I researched the matter. Let me quote from George Odges’ book Air War Against Japan, 1943-45, at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra.

Odges, who I knew as a public relations officer in the RAAF when I was federal political and defence roundsman for the Melbourne Herald, wrote that in March 1944 the Australian Chiefs of Staff Committee reported to the Australian Government that a Japanese naval force might have entered the Indian Ocean with a view to attacking Fremantle. Accordingly:

“All local defences were manned - anti-aircraft guns, searchlights, army shore defence radars on Rottnest, coastal observation points, the fighter sector at Mount Lawley, special port and coastal defences and so on.

Five submarines in Fremantle were ordered to form a patrol to seaward;

· Steps were taken to clear the harbour by the afternoon;

· General headquarters was asked to send air reinforcements to the west coast immediately;

· The Australian Armoured Division, which had been re-equipped with American tanks and was training near Gunnedah, NSW, moved to the Moora/Geraldton area to counter any possible landing in the north-west. Lt. Col. (later Colonel) Frank Statham was a chief engineer with the force at the time.”

Many of you will know this story, but I believe it is worth repeating.

A conference was called at Allied Air headquarters in Brisbane, and General Kenney then ordered No. 380 Bombardment Group to return from New Guinea to its base at Fenton in the Northern Territory. If the threat to Fremantle developed this group would move to Cunderdin or Geraldton. He also ordered Air Vice-Marshall Bostock to take charge of the air defence of WA and send a number of his squadrons there. Bostock signalled all Australian air force areas concerned ordering them to carry out emergency dispositions as follows:

· No 43 Catalina Squadron to move to Darwin;

· Nos 452 and 457 Spitfire Squadrons to Perth as fighter defence;

· No 18 Squadron with Mitchell medium bombers to Potshot (Exmouth Gulf);

· No. 31 Beaufighter Squadron to Potshot;

· No 84 Squadron from Horn Island to Straus to take the place of Spitfires in the defence of north-western area;

· No 120 Kittyhawk Squadron to Potshot from Canberra.

Routine operations which interfered with the preparations were cancelled. Extra fuel supplies and 500 lb bombs were sent to the West by sea, and a large number of American Dakota air transports were allotted to carry light equipment and maintenance crews.

Air Commodore Brownell, the Air Officer Commanding Western Areas, had been organising air defences around Perth and Exmouth Gulf since the first hint of a possible Japanese naval attack, so when the Australian army placed transports and equipment at his disposal, he rushed bombs and supplies to Cunderdin for the use of heavy bombers.

News of the emergency in WA leaked out to the public and rumours spread of a coming Japanese invasion or air raid. The rumours strengthened with the sudden disappearance of all Allied shipping from Fremantle harbour. Army garrisons were strengthened. The local Volunteer Defence Corps was called to duty and manned anti-aircraft batteries, and members of the Volunteer Air Observers Corps were placed on full alert.

The Dutch pilots of 120 Squadron flew their Kittyhawks across the Nullarbor through Ceduna, Forrest and Kalgoorlie. At Kalgoorlie, Dakota and Kittyhawk aircraft were landing every 10 minutes and ground crews were engaged continuously on inspections and refuelling.

Meanwhile, the Spitfires were coming down the west coast. Alternate dust and drenching tropical rains accompanied by high winds made flying difficult, while mosquitoes, blinding heat and flies made living conditions on the ground uncomfortable. One Spitfire crashed at Carnarvon while another had a forced landing at Gingin. A final hazard for the weary pilots was a dense pall of smoke around Perth caused by bushfires.

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No 457 Squadron had 14 aircraft ready. The two Spitfire squadrons together with No 85 Squadron armed with Boomerangs assumed the defence of the Perth-Fremantle area.

All three squadrons were concentrated at Guildford, instead of Pearce as originally intended.

No 25 Squadron, flying Vengeances, was to make dive-bombing attacks if the enemy force came within 200 miles of the coast.

The radar station at Geraldton reported the approach of an unidentified aircraft. There were three indications of this aircraft and, on the advice of Brownell, Lieut-General Gordon Bennett, commanding III Australian Corps, ordered the sounding of air raid sirens in Perth and Fremantle.

The fighter squadrons were warned, hospitals evacuated and air raid wardens sent to their posts.

Wendy Flovig, of the Country Women’s Association, recalls, “I was feeding my three-week-old daughter when the siren went. A trench in the backyard was supposed to be an air raid shelter, so down we trooped, complete with thermos of boiled water, rug and corks to put in our mouths for protection against a bomb blast.”.

However, no raid developed and the all clear was sounded after about 20 minutes.

While Japanese naval force, believed to be a carrier force, had not entered the Indian Ocean on this occasion, Australia indeed had been under serious threat from the Japanese.

On 19 February 1942, four of the six Japanese aircraft carriers that bombed Pearl Harbour launched 81 planes against Darwin and two hours later 54 Japanese bombers from Ambon and the Celebes struck - the two raids resulting in nearly 600 people killed, missing or wounded.

These two raids were the first of 64 raids on the Darwin area and nearby airfields and signalled the start of about 17 months of air attacks against northern Australia.

Broome suffered Australia’s second worst air raid on 3 March, when 70 people were killed and 24 aircraft including 16 flying boats were destroyed.

Simultaneously, eight Japanese fighters hit Wyndham, setting a petrol dump on fire, destroying an aircraft on the ground and contributing to the loss of the State Ship Koolama.

Besides Broome and Wyndham, the Japanese attacked Drysdale Mission, Carrot Bay between Broome and Derby, Onslow, Port Hedland and Exmouth - a total of 22 air attacks on WA with people killed on four occasions, including five Aboriginal people.

Aborigines and mission monks built the Drysdale strip in 1940 under contract to the RAAF. It is recorded that Aborigines provided considerable support to the RAAF at Drysdale and nearby Truscott, especially helping to rescue downed Allied airmen in the area.

What memories. So much for Australia to remember.

As the Minister for Veterans’ Affairs, the Hon Con Sciacca, said at the September launch of the Australia Remembers Project in WA, “Every family in this country has been touched in some way by World War II. The histories in some of these families may be dimmed by time, but this year those histories will be reawakened. A bridge of knowledge, understanding and compassion will be built spanning the generations”.

And underlining the non-political character of the Australia Remembers program, Sir Charles Court said: “I hope all Western Australian join in the commemorations, provided no one tries to re-write history. Now is an opportunity to have a better informed public as we go into the next generation”.

Let us look back on those sad and trying years when the personal freedoms we now enjoy were won.

Almost one million Australians enlisted for active service in our Navy, Army and Airforce.

Tragically, 27,000 Australian men and women were killed in action or died as prisoners of war, while another 23,500 were wounded or injured in action.

By June 1943, 190,000 Australian women were in direct war work (including the services) and the total number of women in employment releasing men for front line service had increased by 280,000.

One might say that talk of “interesting” statistics is a contradiction in terms. But I believe that the figures I am quoting so truly reflect the tremendous service, sacrifice and suffering of our men and women during and since the war that they are the very essence of what the Minister for Veterans’ Affairs is asking us to remember.

* Keith Mattingley, who was rejected for war service because of ill health, is a former Warden of the State War Memorial. Formerly Managing Director of West Australian Newspapers Ltd, he was appointed an Honorary Life Member of the RSL last year in recognition of his service to the RSL and veterans over many years.
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In the two months after Italy entered World War II, more than 1,000 Italian men were interned in Western Australia. Many of them were naturalised Australians; others had been born here to Italian parents. They were interned because their home country, one that many had left to escape the Fascist regime, was at war with Britain and its Allies, and these people were now classified as ‘enemy aliens’. Internment of enemy aliens occurred throughout Australia.

The process of internment of enemy aliens was a reaction to fear. Fear of the unknown. Fear brought on by the threat of war. Fear perpetuated by the press and fuelled by the propaganda and scaremongering of many associations. Anyone who was ‘reasonably suspected of being likely to act in a manner prejudicial to the public safety or the defence of the Commonwealth’ could be detained. In Western Australia this was mainly Italians.

Initially, the Italians, including adults and teenagers, were registered by the police, which involved taking fingerprints and photographs. Files were opened on each person and investigations into their activities and associations undertaken. Known Fascists were interned but, for others, the reasons for their detention were often sketchy and circumstantial. There were also cases of mistaken identity between brothers with the same initial for their Christian name, but with opposing political sympathies.

For many internees, Fremantle Prison was their first taste of detention. The Australian Army had annexed almost half the building, under the control of the 11th Australian Detention unit, early in the war for use as a military prison and it was here that many Italians were processed before being taken to a temporary camp at Rottnest Island. A more permanent establishment was built at Harvey, south of Perth, and the men were transferred there in September 1940. The Harvey camp remained operational until April 1942 when it was closed, possibly because of its proximity to the coast at a time when the threat from the Japanese in the north became a reality. The internees were then transferred via Parkes and Kalgoorlie to camps at Tatura and Loveday in South Australia. Conditions in these camps were in general good, the food was plentiful and the men had access to recreational facilities and various education courses.

While some were detained for a short time only, from several weeks to a couple of months, others did not return to their homes until 1946.

In all, 15% of Italians living in Australia were interned; of those, 1,194 were in Western Australia.

Families were devastated by the internments. The husband was usually the breadwinner of the family and consequently many women had to go out and find work for the first time in Australia or try, often unsuccessfully, to keep the family business going. In towns like Harvey which had a large Italian population, the community worked together to help support those families who had been affected by internment.

Economic rivalry, intolerance of the different customs of Italians, hatred fanned by war and fear generated by insecurity and danger, contributed significantly to incite public opinion against the Italian migrant community.
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Enemy Aliens in Western Australia cont.

Avoided for many years, the story of interment during World War II was finally recognised by the state and federal governments in parliament and at reconciliation dinners in 1992. An exhibition, which explores this part of our history, will open on 10 June 1995 at the Fremantle Prison. It will also help people gain a better understanding of the war years and how our multi-cultural country can learn from its past. The exhibition has been assisted by the Australia Remembers 1945-1995 Program.

If you have any information or memorabilia relating to the Fremantle Prison or any of the other interment camps during this time, or want further details about the exhibition, please contact Anne Brake Curator, Fremantle Prison 335 9473

Phoenix Rising from the Ashes

Late 1941 and 1942 were depressing times for those serving in the India-Burma theatre. The seemingly invincible Japanese steadily advanced through Burma before being held north of Akyab and east of Imphal and the Chin Hills. [Some hills! Rugged up to 10,000 feet high and covered with almost impenetrable jungle.]

The Allies were desperately trying to regroup and defend. The RAF was equipped with ageing aircraft which had seen service in Europe and Africa before being passed on to the South East Asian Command. Worn out Blenheims and Hurricanes were outmatched by the Japanese Zero Aircrews, mostly products of the Empire Air Training Scheme, led by some survivors from the European theatre, comprised a mixture of races - English, Scottish, Irish, Welsh, Canadian, New Zealand, Australian, Rhodesian etc. as well as a few Americans. In my squadron we had, for a short period, a North West Frontier tribesman, Shah Mahomed Zahid, who had refused to fly with the Indian Airforce because it was employed in bombing and strafing his own people!

The army comprised predominantly British and Indian regiments assisted by Ghurkas and as time went on West and East African troops. They were trying to acquire the skills of jungle warfare whilst desperately hanging on to their forward positions, referred to as the bomb line. Conditions were very bad, supplies poor, tropical diseases rife and rations crook. Aply known as the forgotten 14th Army they just had to hang in at any cost, whilst a gradual build up of equipment and properly trained personnel was effected. That this was eventually done under the leadership of Lord Louis (Dickie) Mountbatten and General [late Sir] William [Bill] Slim was a great credit to all involved. [For those interested I recommend the latter's book “Defeat into Victory”. He served Australia well after the war as Governor General]

During 1943 the pressure was intense to maintain morale. In 1944 Spitfires, Thunderbolts, Beaufighters, Liberators and other modern aircraft gradually replaced the Hurricanes and Blenheims, giving the Allies ascendancy in the air. Later in that year, the Allies were able to break out of the seige of Imphal, created by the final Japanese thrust to break through into India, and commence the victorious drive into Burma and to victory in August 1945.

The very mixture of origins of squadron personnel, the high turnover of aircrew due to tropical diseases, losses in action and adverse flying conditions, combined to result in very few squadron mates returning together to march on Anzac Days. Hence there were a number of unattached airmen wanting to be in it but with no squadron mates to join.

In 1962 Ron Kendrick and the late Bob Fletcher sponsored the new group “South East Asia Command” which, for the first time, marched on Anzac Day 1963 behind a banner depicting Phoenix rising from the ashes. This was the emblem used as a symbolic gesture of defiance by Lord Louis Mountbatten during the revival of the fortunes of the 14th Army. After the ultimate victory he gave permission for its use by units and associations of forces under his command during the campaign. You can see it each ANZAC Day proudly borne by a small, mixed group of survivors.

Legend has it that the Phoenix was a mythical bird of gorgeous plumage; the only one of its kind, it lived for 500 years in the Arabian desert, after which it burnt itself to ashes on a funeral pyre later rising to live another cycle of years.

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On Anzac Day, 25 April 1915 - the day of the landing on Gallipoli - the Royal Australian Navy submarine AE2 became the first submarine to break through the enemy-held Dardanelles into the Sea of Marmora.

For coolness in crisis and non-stop action, AE2's five days in enemy waters before mechanical failure forced her crew to scuttle her were among the proudest traditions of the RAN.

Commanded by Lieutenant Commander H.G. Stoker RN, the 730-tonne submarine lay off the entrance to the Dardanelles until 2.30am on April 25 and entered the Straits at 2.30am under the cover of darkness in calm conditions.

In the words of Commander Stoker: "As the order to run amok in the Narrows precluded all possibility of passing through unseen, I decided to travel on the surface as far as possible.

"Searchlights continually swept the Strait, but AE2 continued unmolested until 4.30am when batteries opened fire from the northern shore."

Surrounded by geyers of water from enemy shells, AE2 quickly dived and began her hazardous passage through the Turkish defensive minefield.

Stoker continues: "Wires continually scraped her sides for the next half-hour. Twice she surfaced in the minefield for observation purposes. At 6am she was within two miles of the Narrows submerged to periscope depth. The sea was flat calm."

The forts on both sides of the Narrows sighted her and immediately opened fire with every available gun.

Observing proceedings through his periscope, Stoker surveyed the ships in the area and made the decision to attack the small Turkish cruiser, Peik-i-shevket.

At a range of less than 400 yards, he fired the bow tube and ordered diving to 70 feet to avoid a fast-closing Turkish destroyer intent on ramming AE2 from the portside.

The torpedo was heard to detonate as the submarine dived, narrowly avoiding the destroyer which passed close overhead.

After a brief interval, Stoker decided to come up to periscope depth and survey the situation.

"As the vessel was rising, she hit bottom and slid up on the bank to a depth of nine feet, at which depth a considerable portion of the conning tower was above water," he wrote.

"Through the periscope, I saw that the position was immediately under Fort Anatoli Medjidieh."

The Turkish fort opened fire, and for some minutes shell rained down on AE2 until efforts to refloat her succeeded and she slipped into the sanctuary of deep water.

There was little relief for the 35 crew members aboard the submarine as it was not long before AE2 was again stranded.

"Through the periscope I judged the position to be immediately under Serina Burnu, and I further observed two destroyers, a gunboat and several small craft standing close off in the Straits, firing heavily, and a cluster of small boats which I judged to be picking up survivors of the cruiser. As my vessel was lying with inclination down by the bows, I went full speed ahead," wrote Stoker.

Shortly afterwards, she began to move down the bank, bumped, gathered way and then bumped very heavily.

"However, she continued to descend and at 80 feet, I dived off the bank. The last bump was calculated to considerably injure the vessel, but I considered my chief duty was to prove the passage through the Straits possible so I decided to continue."

Shortly afterwards, AE2 again rose to periscope depth and was seen to be approaching Nagara Point surrounded by pursuing warships. Every time AE2 raised her periscope, the destroyers tried to ram her, and every time she eluded them. Finally, Stoker decided to lie on the bottom to await further developments as the hunt went on.

All day on 25 April, AE2 lay in 80 feet of water while the searching enemy ships zig-zagged overhead. During this time AE2 was hit by a heavy metal object being trailed along the bottom in an attempt to snag her.

Under the cover of darkness, AE2 rose to the surface to recharge her batteries at 9pm with all traces of enemy shipping gone.

At 4am on 26 April, AE2 proceeded on the surface up the Straits. Stoker commented: "As soon as light permitted, I observed two ships through the periscope - both men-of-war. Sea was glassy calm, and I approached with periscope down. On hoisting periscope I observed a ship on line of sight of port-tube.

"I immediately fired, but the ship altered course and the torpedo missed. I discovered I had fired at the leading ship and found it impossible to bring another tube to bear on second ship, a Barbaross class battleship, with any chance of success. I therefore did not fire.

"I continued on course through the Straits, examined the Gallipoli anchorage, found no ship worthy of attack, so proceeded into the Sea of Marmora, which was entered about 9am."

About 9.30am AE2 sighted several ships, but since only six of her eight torpedoes remained, Stoker decided not to fire until he was certain his target was a troop transport.

Stated Stoker, "With this intention I dived close to the ship foremost - a tramp steamer of about 2000 tons, passing about 200 yards abreast of her, I could see no troops but as I ran under her stern she ran up colours..."
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and opened fire at the periscope. I dived over to the next ship and attacked at 400 yards with a starboard side torpedo. The torpedo failed to hit.

Half an hour later AE2 surfaced and spent the rest of the day on the surface charging batteries and making good defects.

Shortly after dark she was attacked by a small anti-submarine vessel and during the night of April 26-27, she was attacked on several occasions shortly after surfacing.

At dawn, AE2 sighted a ship escorted by two destroyers and after evading the warships, manoeuvred into position at 300 yards, but was let down by a torpedo misfire. AE2 crash-dived as a Turkish destroyer tried to ram her, then spent the rest of the day without incident.

On 28 April, AE2 made two attacks to see her torpedoes narrowly miss the target.

At dawn on 29 April, AE2 dived towards Gallipoli and observed gunboat patrolling head of Strait off Eski Farnar Point which she avoided, then returned up Strait with her periscope raised to give the impression a second submarine had broken through.

Stoker wrote: "Destroyers and torpedo boats came out in pursuit; having lead them all up towards the Sea of Marmora, I dived back and examined Gallipoli anchorage, but found nothing to attack."

AE2 then proceeded out into the Sea of Marmora pursued by anti-submarine vessels, surfacing 30 minutes later and firing a torpedo which narrowly missed a gunboat.

Later that day she met the Royal Navy submarine E14 off Kara Burnu Point, the second submarine to break through. A second rendezvous was arranged for 10am the next day.

The following day, arriving at her rendezvous position, she sighted a torpedo boat approaching at high speed.

Stoker commented on subsequent events: "Dived to avoid torpedo boat; whilst diving sighted smoke in Artaki Bay, so steered south to investigate. About 10.30am the boat's nose suddenly rose and she broke surface about a mile from torpedo boat. Blew forward tanks but the boat would not dive.

"Torpedo boat firing very close and ship from Artaki Bay; a gunboat, was also firing; flooded a forward tank and boat suddenly assumed big inclination down by the bows and dived very rapidly."

Fitted only with 100-foot depth gauges, AE2 quickly surpassed this depth. After the sudden descent, the submarine rose rapidly and, in spite of attempts to check her ascent, broke the surface stern first.

"Within seconds the engine room was hit and holed in three places," said Stoker.

"Owing to the inclination of the bow, it was impossible to see the torpedo boat through the periscope, and I considered any attempt to ram would be useless. I therefore blew main ballast and ordered all hands on deck. Assisted by Lieutenant Haggard, I then opened the tanks to flood and went on deck.

"The boat sank in a few minutes in about 55 fathoms off Kara Burnu Point at 10.45am. All hands were picked up by the torpedo boat and no lives were lost."

AE2 was the RAN's first loss by enemy action after a five-day reign when she literally drove the Turkish Navy into a nervous frenzy following her order "to run amok". It was an action in the finest Anzac tradition.

Except for one officer and three sailors who died in captivity, the remaining 31 personnel from AE2 survived the war.

The Anzac submarine - AE2 underway on the surface
NEW RSL TRAVEL INSURANCE PLAN HAS NEW BENEFITS FOR RSL MEMBERS

After conducting a comprehensive review of the travel insurance needs of RSL members and the various types of cover available, the RSL's National Executive in Canberra has officially approved a new RSL travel insurance plan.

Called the "RSL Pathfinder Smart Cover Travel Insurance Plan", it was negotiated on behalf of the League nationally by Lowndes Lambert, the RSL's insurance brokers.

Lowndes Lambert's Managing Director, Mr Noel Weston said that the new plan is designed to meet the changing needs of RSL members, and to provide them with the best travel insurance protection possible, for the least cost.

COVER FOR PRE-EXISTING MEDICAL CONDITIONS

Mr Weston said, "One of the most exciting aspects of the new RSL Pathfinder Smart Cover Travel Insurance Plan is the fact that it squarely addresses the issue of pre-existing medical conditions.

"In the past, many people have undertaken their travel in the belief that they have been covered for their pre-existing illnesses, only to find that when they've tried to make a claim there were loopholes in their cover which let their insurer off the hook.

"Under the new RSL Plan, once your doctor has given unqualified approval in writing that you are fit to undertake the journey that is planned, your cover will be automatic.

"Obviously no doctor is going to allow someone with, say, severe angina to go on a mountain climbing expedition in the Himalayas or to carry heavy suitcases up the Eiffel Tower.

The idea is that if the traveller is medically and physically capable of undertaking the planned trip, then the RSL Plan will cover them."

Mr Weston added that the RSL Plan helps to look after the traveller in other ways too, because it could alert them to the fact that they are attempting to take on something that might put their health or even their life at risk.

ALL AGES COVERED

Mr Weston said that there were no restrictions on the age of those who could seek cover under the new RSL Plan.

He also said that, unlike some other travel insurance policies, there were no additional premiums to pay because of the traveller's age.

24-HOUR, WORLD-WIDE MEDICAL ASSISTANCE

One of the outstanding features of the new RSL Plan is the fact that it gives travellers access to medical assistance 24-hours a day, anywhere in the world.

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MANY OTHER BENEFITS FOR MEMBERS TOO

As well as these more prominent new features, the RSL Pathfinder Smart Cover Travel Insurance Plan provides a range of other benefits for RSL members too.

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Mr Weston also said that because the RSL Pathfinder Smart Cover Travel Insurance Plan has been specially designed for RSL members, it's the only one that's been officially approved by the RSL, nationally.

He said that even if any RSL member was presently planning to travel, either in Australia or overseas, and had already investigated travel insurance cover, they should do themselves a great favour and take a look at the RSL Plan.

He said that it is almost certain that they would find themselves to be better off under the new RSL Pathfinder Smart Cover Travel Insurance Plan.

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Members who want more detailed information about how the RSL Pathfinder Smart Cover Travel Insurance Plan can be of benefit to them, should call the RSL Travel Insurance Team at Lowndes Lambert on 1800 020 010 (for the cost of a local call) during east coast business hours.
National RSL President Major General “Digger” James visited Hollywood Private Hospital on Thursday 11 May, accompanied by State President Len Keynes, and caught up with some veterans and war widows as well as nursing and medical staff.

The meeting was well timed, with International Nurses’ Day to be celebrated on that Friday and the 50th Anniversary of Victory in Europe Day celebrated earlier in the week.

A surgeon, Major General James has a distinguished army and medical career, and was in Perth as a guest speaker at the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons’ Annual Scientific Congress.

Major General James and his wife Barbara, who now live in Queensland, met and spoke with many patients, including a veteran of the Korean war who had served under Major General James.

Major General Digger James and Mr Len Keynes are pictured in Ward 2B of Hollywood Private Hospital with registered nurse Lissa Ruble and 82-year-old veteran Arthur Owen, who served in the Navy in World War II.

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"NO GREATER LOVE HAD OUR SISTERS AND BROTHERS"
"THAN THAT THEY GAVE UP THEIR LIVES FOR ALL OTHERS"

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NB: The above is a copy of a silent tribute placed on the War Memorial on Anzac Day - EDITOR

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As this year is the 50th anniversary of the end of World War II in Europe and the Pacific, many Veterans will be asked to remember their old mates who were killed or died as a result of those hostilities or who have since passed on. As we all grow older, it becomes harder to remember them. The same applies to our forebears, but for whom we should not be here today. So perhaps we should give a thought to them now and make sure we really know who they were; because of them we are mainly what we are today.

I started delving into my past just after the war, had limited success and then went off to work in India and had to put the family tree on the back burner. I had traced my family back to and beyond 1837 when Civil Registration began in England and Wales and that was when I knew I had to find out where my "roots" were. In those days to find a birth record really involved finding baptism details and to confirm a date of death one had to look for a burial record. This meant that to find an ancestor one had to draw a circle on a map of the likely area that the family came from and systematically visit every old church within this area (after first contacting the vicar or rector for permission) to inspect the parish records. Of course this takes time and money with no real guarantee of success since, due to the sometimes illegible writing, it is possible to miss the entry.

After arriving in Australia in 1970, with my wife and seven children, I was again busy earning a living to support my family. Then one day I heard about the International Genealogical Index (IGI) which came on the genealogical scene about 1974. This world-wide index is the result of members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints visiting a vast number of churches of all denominations and microfilming the baptism and marriage records. These were then extracted, checked and indexed on computer to produce what is now the IGI and available on both microfiche and on CD-ROM. It is now possible to check a whole county or country quickly and efficiently for birth, baptism and parents' marriage records just by inputting the barest details with a reasonable chance of a match! You don't have to be a member of the LDS to do this! Spelling is not as vital as many would have us believe since, in the 19th century, many persons were unable to read and write and had to depend on the clergyman who again wrote what he heard!

The Western Australian Genealogical Society Inc. (WAGS), founded in 1979, has about 2,000 members throughout WA, all of whom are interested in tracing their family trees and digging into their family histories. There is a wealth of Australian and world-wide information available in the Society's headquarters in Units 5 & 6, 48 May Street, Bayswater 6053. Phone/Fax (09) 271 4311.

Many members have traced living relations that they didn't know about until they started working backwards. In fact my brother, over from New Zealand to visit his daughter and her family in Melbourne, found an 86-year-old cousin on our mother's side (Terry). I have since traced back to find a great, great-grand-uncle John Weston (#429), a farrier with the 14th Light Dragoons, born in Painswick, Gloucestershire and baptised 25 April 1813. Farrier John Weston died on 29 May 1838 in Edinburgh leaving a widow, Jane Weston and a young son, John Henry Weston, born 14 January 1838 and baptised at St James, Leith (Episcopalian church), on 31 May 1838, two days after the death of his father. So somewhere there could be other descendants of my great, great-grandfather, Richard's brother John! The search continues.

WAGS runs courses for members and others on how to start and where to look. They also hold monthly meetings with guest speakers on a variety of subjects. WAGS is a non-profit organisation, staffed voluntarily by our members. So if you would like to marshal your facts and information and trace your ancestors, for your benefit and for your descendants, please call us and we will give you all the help we can to get you started.

The writer, Maurice Weston, is a member (315923) of the RSL and served with the 1st King's Dragon Guards (armoured car regiment) in Italy, Greece, Egypt, Palestine, Syria and the Lebanon. He has just been re-elected for his third and final term as President of the Western Australian Genealogical Society Inc.
Off. Cdt Tim Alsop being presented with the RSL Prize for Leadership by Mr P. White, on behalf of the President of the RSL.

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We finally drew up in the town of Wehen. A new
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"Russians".

It was now winter with heavy snow and temperatures
around -30°C. On 20 January 1945, we moved out to
join a column already on the march as the Russians
were developing a pincer movement in their drive to
Germany.

We were issued with one 2kg loaf, 1/2lb tin of meat
between two men, and one Red Cross parcel each to
last six days when we were told that we were to entrain
for the rest of the journey. However, late on the third
day [after marching 12 hours a day] we stumbled into
Gnadenfeld which lay almost in the jaws of the pincer
which were only 18 miles apart. We were billetted in a
large barn on the outskirts of the town which already
containing many men who had been on the road ahead
of us. Our column had increased from 600 to about
1,400.

No one could sleep: the rumble of guns which we
had heard in the distance now seemed to be drawing
closer - even the sound of machine guns was quite
plain. At around midnight the German guards came
screaming to get us on the move again - the Russians
had almost closed the gap and the Germans were
falling back. Most of the POWs now found great
difficulty in getting their boots on (having taken them off to
relieve aching feet) as the sweat had turned to ice and
the leather was now like iron. Further, the big toe on
my right foot was frostbitten and both my heels were
red raw. Struggling through the straw on my way to
the door, I came upon a small group of about 15 men
where were too tired or sick to carry on and were being
left behind for the Russians to pick up. So, taking a
chance on being shot, as this was often the way of leaving
men for the Russians to pick up, I joined the group.

The main column had departed. I began to think
that perhaps it was not a good idea; it may have been
clearer to stick with the main column.

After about an hour our attention was attracted by
the sound of a heavy vehicle coming up the drive
towards the barn. Every man rose to his feet thinking
"Russians". A voice speaking German ordered us to
climb aboard. The lorry then quickly drove after the
column with stray bullets striking the road and the lorry.
We finally drew up in the town of Wehen. A new
German front was now holding.

The column was drawn up one side of the main
street while in the centre carts of all shapes and sizes,
some drawn by horses, others by ordinary dairy cows,
were battling to get out of town as quickly as possible.

On 26 January we reached Auschwitz where we
stayed for two days. Inmates from the concentration
camp joined us and we linked up with other groups of
POWs including many Russians. It was said that the
column was now 20,000, a large portion being German
troops and equipment using the column for security
against air attack. We were on the end of the column
and were a group of about 1500 POWs together with a
large number of guards and wagons - we saw little of
anyone else.

On leaving Auschwitz we were warned that any per-
son falling out of the column would be shot. We were
soon to see evidence of this as bodies partly covered by
snow were seen along the roadside - political prisoners,
men in khaki and in brown [Russians].

Prior to reaching the town of Unter Jellen on 14
February, we passed through the town of Wildernshwert
where the Czechs handed out some food. This was a
life saver as many were suffering from frost bite, a short-
age of food and were chewing snow for liquid and food.
We were now 370km from the start.

During the next 15 days we passed through the out-
skirts of Prague and Lidice, heading north to Lipa then
cross to Tuhein arriving on 27 February having cov-
ered 580kms.

The march now became even more gruelling as food
was non-existent, but then on 8 March the column
reached the town of Krippau [629kms] to see a long line
of International Red Cross trucks loaded with parcels.
The column stayed in Krippau until 10 March. At this
stage large numbers of American super fortresses were
seen flying overhead on their mass bombing raids.

The route now lay over the Mooseback Pass and after
many days of heavy climbing and slippery descents the
column reached the town of Letzen just inside the
Bavarian border and about 870kms from Poland.

From Letzen to Weidon where, during the night of
26 March, the POWs were loaded into cattle trucks to
travel via Nuremberg to arrive at Regensburg on 27/28
March.

The POWs were in Regensburg for about two weeks
during which time there were many air raids. The
POWs were then moved again, this time on the road to
Munich. The writer and 15 other POWs who were
injured or wounded were left behind as they were
unable to face the march. Instead of guards they were
left with a German doctor and nurse.

For two days the party remained in a large foxhole
while the battle rolled on. Then the rumble of heavy
tanks as Patton's Army arrived - the date was 27 April,
1945.
PUNCH PAYS TRIBUTE TO SERVICE ALLEY

RSL efforts emphasise stress of overseas service

One of the ADF’s greatest allies when it comes to remuneration issues was thanked recently for its support in pushing for tax exemption for overseas service.

The Minister for Defence Science and Personnel, Mr Gary Punch, paid tribute to the RSL’s continuing support in a letter to the National President of the RSL, Maj-Gen ‘Digger’ James.

Mr Punch said in the letter that pay and allowances for soldiers on ‘warlike’ deployments had been tax exempt for some time and thanked the RSL for its efforts to obtain similar conditions for soldiers on ‘non-warlike’ operations.

“The decision of the Government to extend tax-exempt status to the Deployment Allowance for Rwanda, as well as for all other ‘non-warlike’ deployments, provides appropriate recognition for the particular requirements and stresses we place on defence personnel involved in such operations,” Mr Punch said.

“I was personally very pleased with this decision. Let me again thank the RSL for its support, which was very important in achieving this outcome.”

Maj-Gen James said he was very pleased the minister had acknowledged the RSL’s initiative and promised to continue to support the ADF well into the future.

Courtesy: Army News 15 December 1994

RED CROSS APPEAL NEEDS SUPPORT

Barbara Clinton was only 15 when she started work as a volunteer in the Red Cross transport service during World War II.

She would ride her bike carrying messages and blood between hospitals and repatriation homes.

Barbara, of Wembley Downs, was on hand when health minister Graham Kierath launched the Red Cross Annual Appeal on March 10.

World War II veteran Sir Charles Court addressed invited guests and recognised the tremendous contribution of Red Cross volunteers abroad and at home between 1939 and 1945.

While remembering the achievements of 50 years ago, Red Cross is looking to meet today’s changing needs.

Now the priorities for Red Cross are through its community services, caring for an ageing population and a new generation placed under increased pressures.

The appeal target for 1995 is $1,350,000.

If you can help please send your donation to:
Australian Red Cross Society
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Perth 6001

Courtesy: News Chronicle.

N.B. Barbara is a member of the State Executive of the WA Branch of the League - EDITOR

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Bowel Cancer - A Memo to advise from the Australian Pensions officer

Smoking, at the level of 20 cigarettes a day for 10 years, (or more) has now been implicated in the development of bowel/colon cancer.

Any veteran with operational service, who commenced smoking during service and is suffering from bowel/colon cancer, should consider re-applying for acceptance of that condition. Please do not hesitate to contact (09) 325 9799 Anzac House and make an appointment with the Pensions Officer [Margot Harness] if assistance is required.

Increase in Deeming Rate will affect some Service Pensioners

A one per cent increase in the deeming rate will affect some pensions paid by the Department of Veterans' Affairs.

The Federal Government has announced the rate will increase from the current rate of four per cent to the new rate of five per cent from the first pension pay-day after 1 July 1995.

Most special pensioner accounts operated by banks, building societies and credit unions pay the deemed interest rates so pensioners will not be disadvantaged by application of the deeming rate.

The Government has had discussions with the major banks and is confident they and the other financial institutions will increase the rate on special pensioner accounts to the new deeming rate.

Single pensioners with savings deposits of more than $2,000, and couples with $40000, are deemed to earn the specified level of interest. A single pensioner with no other income can have savings of $46,800 earning five per cent and a married couple $81,120 before their pensions will be reduced.

[These figures are likely to increase slightly when the pension income-free amounts are increased in line with the CPI in July].

Australian Vietnam War Veterans Trust

When the Vietnam Veterans Trust issued its 1994 annual report, its Executive Director, Brigadier Patrick Gowans, a Vietnam veteran, said:

"The Trust started to distribute the Agent Orange out-of-court settlement in Australia in 1989. Since then over $4.3m has been given as financial assistance to Vietnam Veterans or their families in need. With payments under the Vietnam Veterans Trust Education Assistance Scheme and grants to projects supporting groups of veterans, the total distributed was almost $5m by the end of 1994.

Over 5,400 have applied to the Trust's Regional Committees under the Cash Payments Program, with the majority of applicants being given help. That program continues to the end of 1996.

In all, a little over $1m was distributed in 1994, almost the same as last year. There were 906 applications received from veterans or family members in need; down 8% on 1993's numbers." To be eligible for assistance 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 to 1972, or be a dependant of such a veteran
b. Affirm that, to the best of his or her information, knowledge and belief, the veteran was exposed to Agent Orange, and

c. be in necessitous or deserving circumstances.

There were also 32 new grants made in 1994 under the Trust's merit and means-based educational assistance scheme, VVT&AS. With 32 more in early 1995, there are now 117 veterans' children who have been helped with the costs of their post secondary education.

The Australian share of the United States Agent Orange out-of-court settlement was $5.5m, of which $5m of this was invested for use in the Cash Payment Program, the Trust's current operation. The remaining $500,000 was invested for the Future Assistance Program. This is to start in 1997 and is to be dedicated to VVT&AS. Overseas, the United States Agent Orange Payments Program stopped in mid-January 1995. The New Zealand distribution scheme is continuing.

Contact (09) 221 1159 for more information.

Determining claimed conditions where RMA SOP not yet gazetted

Decision and commencement of Section 31 action.

1. Claims will be fully investigated and all known possible connections with service will be considered by Claims Assessors.
2. If a connection with service cannot be established and a condition or death is rejected, the claimant will be advised of the decision in the normal manner with Reasons for Decision detailing the reasons for rejection.
3. The Reasons will also advise that a review under Section 31 of the Act has been commenced on the basis that the RMA SOP when issued may contain contentions not known to the decision-maker at time of decision.
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allows the claim to be accepted then a decision under Section 31 will be made to vary the original decision and accept the condition or death. Date of effect would be that which would have applied to the original decision (ie generally three months prior to claim).

5. If a SOP is gazetted and there is nothing in it that would now enable the claim to be accepted, the Section 31 review would be null and void and the original decision would stand. The claimant would be advised of this.

Rights of review by VRB

6. Even though a Section 31 review had been commenced, the claimant will retain the right to request a review of the original decision by the VRB within the prescribed period in the Act [ie. within 12 months of notification of the original decision but within three months if maximum arrears are to be preserved].

Claimants who lodge VRB applications

7. If the claimant lodges an application for review by the VRB within the prescribed period and the VRB indicates it is ready to hear the application before a SOP is gazetted the claimant will have the choice of:
   - letting the hearing go ahead - in which case the Section 31 review action lapses
   - requesting the Board to defer the hearing until a SOP is gazetted - in which case the Section 31 review will continue until a SOP is gazetted.

8. If the applicant to the VRB chooses to wait until the SOP is gazetted then action under point 4 or 5 will take place on gazetall:
   - If a decision under Section 31 is made to grant the claim [para 4] then the application to the VRB will be treated as an application for review of the Section 31 decision if the applicant wishes to continue with it. [eg. review of date of effect or assessment of pension]
   - If the Section 31 review is finalised without a decision being made [para 5] then the original application for review by the VRB is still valid and can be continued with. The VRB will of course be bound by the RMA SOP.

Claimants who do not lodge VRB applications

9. If the claimant has not lodged an application for review of the original decision to the VRB within the prescribed period and a decision is made under Section 31 to grant the claim following gazetall of a SOP [para 4], the claimant would have a right of review to the VRB against the Section 31 decision. [eg. review of date of effect or assessment of pension]

10. If the claimant has not lodged an application for review of the original decision to the VRB within the prescribed period and a decision is made under Section 31 following gazetall of a SOP [para 5], the claimant will not have a right of review to the VRB.

11. These options will be fully explained to claimants and staff will be prepared so that they can discuss options with claimants if they have any concerns.

Courtesy of DVA

Veterans get Expanded Appeals System

The Veterans’ Entitlement Act 1986 was amended last year to provide for the determination of claims for disability pension made on or after 1 June 1994 by reference to Statements of Principles. The Act still requires certain claims, where there was overseas service, to be determined on the basis of a “reasonable hypothesis” standard of proof with questions of medical causation to be determined by medical experts.

Some concern has been expressed that appeal rights have been taken away from veterans.

Consultation

Provision has been made to enable the RMA, where necessary, to consult with veterans and their organisations at stages during the process of formulation of Statements of Principles and for the Statements to be open to review in light of subsequent research findings. Veterans and their representative organisations are able to initiate action by the RMA to formulate or review the contents of Statements of Principles, and have the opportunity to make written submissions to the RMA.

In essence, the aim of the Government in setting up the RMA is to take decision on service-related compensation claims out of the courts and into the medical arena. In this way, it expects to achieve consistency in decision-making and therefore, even-handed treatment for Australian veterans.

The Statements of Principles issued by the RMA will be binding on decision-makers at all levels: the Repatriation Commission, the Veterans’ Review Board, the Administrative Appeals Tribunal and the Courts. But that does not mean the end of appeal rights for veterans and widows. Appeals can still be made to the VRB and the AAT and the Courts on matters of fact and on the law. However, the changes to the Act now allow an appeal path on just the medical issues to be decided by medical professionals rather than laymen.

Medical appeals

Determinations made by the RMA will be reviewable by the Specialist Medical Review Council (SMRC), the membership of which will be eminent medical practitioners and medical scientists suggested by the professional colleges.

The SMRC will be constituted whenever a review is sought by an organisation or individual of a SOP. That SMRC will be selected from names provided by the relevant college, e.g. if the matter were to concern coronary disease, then the Royal College of Physicians would be appropriate. The college would supply a list of names to
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the Minister who will appoint a Council to review the decision of the RMA.

In hearing an appeal, the SMRC will be chaired by the Convener, or in his absence a Presiding Councillor, and consist of at least two, but not more than four, other members expert in the fields of knowledge relevant to that appeal. Professor Alex Cohen, Chairman of the Committee of Presidents of the Medical Colleges, has been nominated by the Colleges and accepted by the Minister as the Convener of the SMRC.

What about the VRB and the AAT?

Veterans and their representatives retain the right to continue appeals to the Veterans Review Board (VRB), the Administrative Appeals Tribunal (AAT) and the Federal Court on all matters of fact and law.

If a veteran or widow felt that the facts had been recorded incorrectly or that the law applied to the facts in his or her claim was wrongly applied then an appeal can be directed to the VRB or the AAT just as in the past.

Thus veterans, widows and their organisations have an expanded appeal system that should serve to separate issues of fact from medical causation and allow for speedier determinations of those appeals.

Whereas in the past every appeal had to be determined separately by the VRB or the AAT or the Federal Court it will now be possible that a single decision of the SMRC will result in a general change to the SOP of the RMA and any appeals that concerned that issue would be able to be determined by the Commission within a very short time after the decision of the SMRC.

Enduring Power of Attorney

For some considerable time controversy has existed between a Power of Attorney and Enduring Power of Attorney. What is the difference? A Power of Attorney is prepared as a deed while an Enduring Power of Attorney allows people to give authority to another person of their own choice to make financial and other decision on their behalf.

Unlike an ordinary Power of Attorney, the authority carries over in the event that a person may lose their decision-making power either through sickness or old age.

When the original legislation was passed in 1992 allowing the practice, it was not clear whether stamp duty needed to be paid. The exemption not being specified in the initial legislation raised concerns that unstamped documents may not have legal status.

The problem concerning the legality of documents conferring enduring power of attorney has been overcome with the passing of legislation in State Parliament to make the relevant documents exempt from stamp duty. The legislation provides a stamp duty exemption effective from 1 July 1992. The retrospective nature of the Act means that people who have already paid the $5.00 stamp duty would now be eligible for refund upon application to the State Taxation Department. Refunds can be requested by letter enclosing the Enduring Power of Attorney from the office through which it was obtained.

The Enduring Power of Attorney provisions are important for people because they avoid the necessity of having an administrator appointed to manage a persons affairs if the capacity to do so is lost.

Claim for Disability Pension and Medical Treatment

It is essential that the Welfare/Pensions Officers assists the claimant with the preparation of his claim form. This is necessary in order that at the first level, i.e. lodgement with the Department of Veterans’ Affairs, every endeavour is made to have a successful decision in your client’s favour. Remember, appeals will be a thing of the past.

1. Establish what the medical complain is and was it contributed to by war service.
2. Was the injury, illness or disease reported while on service and therefore be on the service and medical records. (POWs excluded)
3. Prepare a Freedom of Information application requesting Service/Medical records with copies of claims and rejections and the hospital file. Have them sent to you to reduce time.
4. These records will confirm if the claimant did report his alleged disability. You will find that that injury is the one which causes the most problems.
5. Should there be no record, then see if he can contact anybody who was with him at the time of the accident/injury or when he took ill.
6. Ask him to contact the person or persons and obtain a statutory declaration to confirm the complaint/s.
7. Proceed now with the claim form. The delay is worthwhile up to this point. Unless you can substantiate the claim you are wasting your time.
8. Ensure that all questions are answered fully from 1 to 15.
9. Question 16. DO NOT ABBREVIATE any details of the accident or illness; get a full statement and use extra paper if necessary.
10. Have your client list his disabilities.
11. Have him complete questions 20 to 30 where they apply.
12. Have your client then take the form to his local medical officer to complete the other half of question 17, and make sure that the doctor does a full diagnosis. If he issues a certificate or report on his condition all the better. Have your client obtain it and keep it till he sees you again.
13. Should a report from a specialist medical practitioner in that particular field of medicine be of benefit, then have his local doctor make a referral and secure a report. All possible evidence is required.
14. When your client returns gather all the evidence, make copies and open a file containing a copy of his claim form. Staple all evidence to the claim on the pages necessary.

This is a recommended practice when he calls to see you with his documents. Also suggest he brings his spouse or a person who lives with him. Then introduce the LIFE STYLE REPORT and discuss this with them, making sure it refers to the complaints he is claiming. Have it signed and attach the section to the claim but take a copy. If you can follow these suggestions then we will be watching progress very carefully.

APPLICATION FOR INCREASE IN DISABILITY PENSION.

This is much easier than the original claim.
1. Have your client fill out all questions without abbreviations.
2. Ensure that question 2 is answered fully no short cuts.
3. Do the same as above with the Life Style Report.

Changes at Lemnos Hospital

State President
The Returned and Services League of Australia
WA Branch (Incorporated)
Dean Len

Thank you for your letter of 30 January 1995 concerning the League's request to be kept informed about any proposed changes to the role and function of Lemnos Hospital. The Hon Richard Court MLA, Premier, has forwarded your letter to me for my attention and asked that I reply directly to you.

A contract has recently been let to a private consultancy firm, KPMG. for a review of mental health services for the elderly in Western Australia. The review of services will include, amongst other things, an investigation of the future role and function of Lemnos Hospital.

In recognition of the League's long term interest in the welfare of patients, particularly veterans, who make use of the Hospital, I have instructed the Health Department to ensure that your organisation is fully consulted on all matters which directly impact on the Hospital or the welfare of veterans in any other mental health services. I have further asked that the League be briefed on, and provided with, a copy of the terms of reference for the review. The Chairperson of the Steering Committee for the review is Dr Geoff Smith, Director Psychiatric Services, who would be happy to answer any questions that you may have. He can be contacted on 222 2465.

GRAHAM KIERATH MLA
Minister for Health

Correspondence to blind veterans in braille or on audio tapes

The Department of Veterans' Affairs will initially introduce the proposed arrangements for correspondence with blind veterans who are in receipt of the special rate of pension for war-caused total blindness and those who receive service pension free of the income and assets tests due to blindness. These two groups of blind veterans totalling 800 can be readily identified on the Department's data-base.

DVA is aware that there are other veterans, veterans' spouses and war widows who may be blind but they cannot be identified because their eligibility for a Veterans Affairs pension or benefit is not related to their blindness. When these people are identified, the Department will offer the same arrangements as for those who can be identified readily.

Effective implementation will require a survey of the actual needs of blind veterans to ensure that the assistance provided is appropriate to the needs of each individual. It is necessary to do so as some blind veterans may not be able to read braille, some may not use audio tapes and of course some might prefer to continue relying on family or friends, or both, to read correspondence. This will require the Department to contact the 800 blind veterans and this will probably be done by telephone.

Implementation will have regard to the Department's responsibilities under the Commonwealth Disability Strategy recently approved by the Government.

Chronology of events from World War II from June 1 1945

On this day 50 years ago ...

1 June 1945: The Air Department disclosed that nine Australian fighter pilots were among personnel who had been given "plum" post-European war assignments in Copenhagen.
2 June 1945: Increased movement had been observed from the air from south to north on the Bangkok to
Singapore railway suggesting that the Japanese may be withdrawing partly from the Malay Peninsula.

3 June 1945: Fighting in the Dove Bay area, east of Wewak, flared suddenly with the Japanese making a number of bold attacks and attempting to infiltrate and harass Australian positions on the coast, the Army reported.

4 June 1945: The Chairman of the Rationing Commission in Canberra announced that circular rayon hosiery would become coupon-free for six months, and circular hosiery of wool and lisle would be reduced from four coupons to two. Four coupons were still required for full fashioned hosiery.

5 June 1945: Margy Hill, a valuable strategic point on Tarakan had been captured by a Victorian infantry battalion and was now securely held by “our” troops.

6 June 1945: The Japanese part of Kobe was reportedly left “a smouldering ruin” following a massive fire bomb attack by nearly 500 Super-Fortresses.

In Australia, vegetables were “in brisk demand” at wholesale markets following recent shortages.

7 June 1945: The Minister for Supply and Shipping announced that since the war began, 161 factories with more than 5500 employees had been established in country areas throughout Australia. They were part of Australia’s decentralised clothing and textile industry assisting in providing goods to Australian Services and civilians.

8 June 1945: Australian troops landed on Bonis peninsula, northern Bougainville.

9 June 1945: The Minister for Supply and Shipping was inquiring into numerous complaints of poor quality petrol being supplied to Australian motorists and the possibility of an improvement in petrol allowances.

10 June 1945: Australian troops landed at Brunei Bay in north-west Borneo, and Labuan and Muara Islands.


The England Eleven to meet Australia in the Second “Victory Test” at Sheffield on 23 June was announced with Hammond as Captain.

12 June 1945: The Australian 9th Division which landed simultaneously at four points in north Borneo on 10 June had quickly gained a grip on the important Brunei Bay area on the north-west coast.

13 June 1945: It was reported that the annual conference of the Country Women’s Association had been told that “all was not well with the Australian women’s lot”, and that the Australian male was responsible. Sir James Steel-Maitland said that during the war, Australian women had proved that they could serve in the humblest job and in the highest executive position. He was sure that they would not be willing to return to “a hole-in-the-corner, dull, dreary existence”.

14 June 1945: Advancing steadily from their Borneo beach heads, Australia’s 9th Division troops had started a two-pronged drive against the Japanese garrison in Brunei city.

At home, large areas of Queensland and New South Wales were flooded following storms and Melbourne was cloaked in its heaviest fog yet.

Despite the weather, in Sydney, Gracie Fields delighted 4000 servicemen at a new British centre. One sailor jumped on to the stage, put his hat on Gracie and kissed her. It was reported she took the incident “in good part”.

15 June 1945: HMAS Australia, which was damaged in five days’ concerted attack by Japanese bombers in the Leyte Gulf operations, sailed from Australia for Britain via New York for repairs and refitting. The Navy Minister said 27 of the ship’s personnel had been killed, 17 were missing presumed killed and a further 69 were wounded.

16 June 1945: Australian troops began a drive against the Seria oilfields in Sarawak, their first objective being the refinery at Tutong, 18 miles south-west of the captured town of Brunei. Allied air and navy units were reported to be paving the way for the operation.

17 June 1945: Australian troops pushed six miles beyond the captured Brunei town in their drive towards Seria, the site of the largest potential airfield in the British Empire.

Meantime, 770 former Australian POWs from Germany arrived home to emotional scenes at the Sydney Show Ground where they were met by relatives.

18 June 1945: An official Army statement said a feature of fighting in southern Bougainville was the brilliantly executed drive by troops of the 3rd Australian Division. It reported that in spite of huge losses, the Japanese were still a formidable force with more than 21,000 remaining in Bougainville and New Guinea.

19 June 1945: The Air Department described as “a classic in audacity and persistence” the feat of an RAAF - Army Co-operation Squadron at Labuan Island, Borneo, in clearing an airstrip. They were hassled constantly by Japanese snipers and obstructed by large bomb craters and swamps.

20 June 1945: Australian troops had pushed well inland from their new beachhead at the captured port of Weston on the north-eastern shores of Brunei Bay without meeting opposition.

21 June 1945: It was reported that the Japanese on Okinawa were committing suicide by jumping from high, rocky cliffs on the southern shores of the island. They were the last of an estimated force of 85,000, most of whom had died since the US landing of 1 April.

A new amphibious landing had been made by Australians, 12 miles south-east of Brunei town.

22 June 1945: Newspapers reported that Australian troops had further strengthened their grip on British
North-Borneo by making a third landing on the shores of Brunei Bay in three days.

In Sydney, the Acting Premier announced the rationing of electricity would come into effect from Monday due to a serious shortage of coal arising from strikes on the coal fields.

23 June 1945: It was announced that some of the most furious fighting of the Borneo campaign had suddenly swept part of the Labuan Island foreshore in the darkness when more than 100 Japanese had broken out of the pocket in which they'd been trapped and attacked the Australians. 39 Japanese were killed, Australian casualties were reported to be "light".

News reached home that Australian 9th Division troops had landed on Sarawak and occupied the refinery of Lutons and a nearby airfield.

On the home front, a future meat shortage was predicted due to drought losses and necessary restocking.

24 June 1945: Organised Japanese resistance on Tarakan ended. Australian troops made a 25 mile advance down the coast of British North-West Borneo and over ran the Seria oil fields. Other Allied units on Sarawak had advanced a mile south to capture the Miri airfield.

Hammond made 100 in the Second Victory Test in Sheffield. He was caught by Lindsay Hassett, the Australian captain, who ran in from square leg to take a magnificent catch.

T.K. LLOYD
Chairman

SAVE THOSE CORKS

The next time you open a bottle of wine (or whatever), do not throw out the cork as we are recycling them to assist RSL fund-raising.

We ask all members and their families and friends to keep corks and deliver them to the War Veterans' Home at Mt Lawley, to Anzac House or to your local sub-branch.

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A reunion for service personnel who enlisted in Northam will be held at the Northam Sub-Branch on 19 August 1995 to commemorate “Australia Remembers 1945-1995”

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**MOORA**

Concurrently with the Moora Centenary Committee, set up by the Shire of Moora to co-ordinate the celebrations of the centenary of the gazetting of the town of Moora, the Moora Branch of the RSL has assisted with a project of making and erecting sign posts and maps which identify the sites at which many Australian soldiers were camped in the district between 1941 and 1945.

An estimated 30,000 troops passed through these camps during those years and as part of the dual celebrations commemorating both the 50th anniversary of the signing of the Pacific War surrender and the 100th anniversary of the gazetting of Moora, a reunion of those who were camped around Moora between 1941-45 is taking place on Sunday, 3 September 1995.

1000hrs Morning tea (Moora Town Hall)
1045hrs Commemoration service and unveiling of the Military Sites Project
1115hrs Guided bus tours of military sites leaving the Moora Town Hall hourly
1230hrs BBQ lunch and drinks at Moora Town Hall ($5 per head plus drinks)

The identification of these sites has been greatly assisted by the publication of a book by Graham R. McKenzie-Smith titled “Australia’s Forgotten Army” though any errors in siting should be regarded as ours.

Accommodation can be arranged at the Moora Motel, Drover’s Inn, Rosewood and Rosemore, Watheroo Station Tavern, Moora Caravan park and Farmstays at Spencers and Hilliers.

Details about accommodation and the arrangements can be obtained from the Moora Shire Offices (096) 511 401. Could groups coming please advise the Shire.

WARREN GARDINER

**110 LAA BATTERY, RAA**

(Woodside & Malaya 1965-67)

A reunion of personnel who served with the Battery from 1965 to 1967 is to be held in Adelaide on Saturday, 14 October 1995.

The reunion will commemorate the 30th anniversary of the raising of the unit at Woodside and celebrate the 50th birthdays of the 1st and 2nd Intake “Nashos” who made up nearly half the first complement.

Venue to be decided. For further information contact Tony Rout, Box 2708, Mt Gambier, SA, 5290. Phone (087) 232845.

**OPERATION RECALL**

The Australian Army’s premier infantry battalion, the 1st Battalion The Royal Australian Regiment, has issued a recall to arms for all former members.

In October 1995 1 RAR, as the Battalion is known, celebrates its 50th birthday. To mark the occasion, a week of celebrations including a Trooping the Colours Parade will be held in Townsville. To make the celebrations complete the Commanding Officer, Lieutenant Colonel Ray Martin, has issued a ‘Recall’ to all former members to return to the Battalion for a week of displays, reunions and memories.

1 RAR was formed after the end of World War II from the 7th Division. Originally it was known as the 65th Battalion, but was renamed the 1st Battalion in the post war rationalisation of the Army. In its 50 years the Battalion has served its country in times of conflict and at home. The Battalion has distinguished itself in Japan, Korea, Malaya, Vietnam and more recently, Somalia. Since the early 1980s, 1 RAR has formed a major component of the Army’s operation deployment force which is always ready to deploy at short notice to serve the nation if required.

In its 50 years many thousands of soldiers have served with the Battalion. Lieutenant Colonel Martin is keen for as many ex-members as possible to return for the celebrations. “Whether they served in 1 RAR in times of peace or war is not important; all former members helped make the Battalion what it is and all former members are invited” he said.

Former members of 1 RAR who wish to know more are requested to write to the:
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28th Btn 13th Brigade

This year got away to a good start with a big crowd at our annual reunion on 9 January at the WACA ground.

We thank those members who attended the Dawn Service and later marched and participated in the Anzac Day Parade and Service.

On 14 August is a 50-year get-together and our old CO (Col) Chuck Chilton has promised to make the trip from Melbourne for this special occasion which will be at the Raffles Hotel. Please bring along for display any memorabilia that you may have.

Also this year, with a date to be decided but probably some time in August, there is a get-together at Sampson Park which was originally the old Melville Camp. This promises to be a really big event and I look forward to seeing you there. If you can’t make it owing to transport difficulties, please contact Phil Wilkinson or myself. Also planned is another trip to Darwin.

GEORGE DHUE
239 Stock Road
Palmyra WA 6157
Ph: 330 6272

2nd HEAVY ANTI-AIRCRAFT BATTERY (DARWIN)

The annual reunion of members, and their partners, from the above unit will be a luncheon on 21 October 1995 in Queenbeyan, NSW.

Accommodation may be available at the Mid City Motor Inn from Wednesday 18 October to Monday 23 October.

Tariff: $55 per day per couple including breakfast.

Further information can be obtained by contacting

MRS JOAN GREEN or BILL APPLETON
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[02] 888 6196 Maidens Brush Rd
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HOLLYWOOD CALLING

The Australian Red Cross is looking for volunteers to work at Hollywood Private Hospital, as is the Occupational Therapy department which seeks people with craft skills to work with patients in groups. Help is also needed with patients’ flowers, book repairs and library trolley duties. Please contact BARBARA IVANKOVICH
346 6276

Volunteer Arthur Owen, of Subiaco, helps Veteran Norm Murphy, of Girrawheen, during an occupational therapy activity session. More volunteers like Mr Owen are needed at Hollywood Private Hospital.

Cavalcade - Can you Help?

Please help us remember those many organisations however small that contributed to victory and peace which we may have overlooked.

Members may know of such groups as ex-Coast Watchers, elements of the Volunteer Defence Corps, Civil Defence Wardens, Forces Entertainers and Voluntary Clubs: indeed any organisation providing succour and comfort to the bereaved and those offering hospitality to Allied forces. There may be many unsung heroes and heroines.

At the Entertainment Centre Perth on 11 November 1995 we will stage a spectacular Cavalcade to commemorate, celebrate and salute Australia’s war effort.

The organising committee looks forward to you jogging your memories.

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We sometimes forget that there are two responses in the Ode: “We Will Remember Them” and “Lest We Forget”. This year, Anzac Day was the 80th anniversary of the Gallipoli landings as well as the 50th anniversary of the end of hostilities in World War II, commemorated under the banner of “Australia Remembers”.

It was particularly heartening therefore that Australians in record numbers did “Remember”. At the Dawn Service at the State War Memorial, it was estimated that 10,000 participated, double recent norms. Similar turnouts were reported at local services at memorials throughout the State. At the Anzac Day parade on St Georges Terrace, both spectators and marchers were substantially up on last year. The spirit of Anzac and our debt of remembrance to those who served was well and truly remembered.

But what about the second response in the Ode? Did we forget something? Did we stop to think about the lack of preparedness which contributed to the early reversals in World War II? Did we hearken back to the anxieties of wartime brought about by direct enemy threat to our shores? Did we remember how many times it was a near-run thing?

One of the roles of the RSL is to ensure that we do not forget. Not forget the sacrifices made to preserve our freedoms and way of life. Not forget the contributions of those in uniform, and those at home who contributed to the war effort. Not forget the loss, the comradeship, the memories of comrades to be sure. But it is also the role of the League to ensure that the Australian public does not forget the lessons of the war with respect to preparedness and security.

The maintenance of adequate defence forces, the maintenance of a high degree of self-sufficiency and industrial capability, the maintenance of transportation, communication, emergency service and medical infrastructure; these are national obligations which every citizen has a right to expect its government to attend to. These are a requirement which every citizen should be prepared to discuss and debate in an informal manner. When it comes to preparedness and security, the League has an important role to play in promoting both the commitment of resources by government and the discussion of issues by the public.

Recently the John Curtin Centre and the Indian Ocean Centre for Peace Studies hosted a two day conference on “Australia, the United Nations, Peacekeeping and Peacemaking”. Speakers discussed the role of the United Nations in Namibia, Cambodia, Somalia, the Gulf and Middle East. Given the lead that Australia had taken in establishing, participating in and commanding these United Nations operations, one would have expected a high degree of community interest. Support of the United Nations in peacekeeping and peace enforcement operations has a direct relevance to the training, equipping, readiness and deployment of Australia’s military forces.

It was disappointing that so few members of the general public participated in the conference. The League was represented, but one could count on the fingers of one hand the other members of the public. The exceptions was a large group of young people, students of international affairs, interested in promoting a better world through the mechanisms of the United Nations. They brought to the conference a sense of vitality, interest and commitment worthy of the excellent speakers who came from Australia, Britain, France and the United States. Clearly however we have a long way to go if we want to have defence and security topics the subject of a lively public debate.

In this year of “Australia Remembers”, one initiative being undertaken by the League in promoting a wider understanding of military preparedness issues will be a presentation entitled “Telling the Story”. This presentation will be hosted in conjunction with the Army Museum of WA in August in Fremantle. A series of short extracts will show the impact of war on Western Australia and Western Australians. The focus will not be on overseas operations which will be well commemorated through other means. Rather it will be on the efforts of ordinary citizens both in and out of uniform, service organisations and government departments and how they went to war in Western Australia. Lest We Forget.

Details of final arrangements for the presentation will be advised through the Sub-Branch circular.

ROBERT MITCHELL
Convenor Defence Policy Committee
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H.W. GLEDHILL

Stan Flaxman, an ex-UK POW, Norway 1940, seeks help in locating Lieut T/Capt H.W. Gledhill - KOYLI Regiments who in 1951 transferred to the Australian Army.

It is proposed to hold a 50th reunion in Kvaam, Norway, later this year.

K.T. JOHNSON
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(on behalf of Stan Flaxman of London/France)

2/11 AUST. INF. BN,
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(City of Perth Regiment)

I served with the above in New Guinea and am now anxious to obtain information on the following:

Lt Col Binks
Adj Teddy Byers
10 Platoon B Company:
1st Platoon Commander, 'Niggly' Bill Mortimer
2nd Platoon Commander, Vern Chidzey, KIA
1st Section Corporal, Bill Ritchie
2nd Section Corporal, Jack Bond
Company Commander, Maj Dowling

Any information would be greatly appreciated. I was unable to trace any of the men during my visit to Perth some years ago.

G. GILL
9/70 Swann Road
Taringa, Qld 4068

ROCKINGHAM HONOUR ROLL

The Rockingham Sub-Branch is helping to compile the names of all ex-service personnel who enlisted from the Rockingham and surrounding districts for service in World War II. The Honour Roll will be dedicated and displayed by the Rockingham Historical Society. Any information assisting this “Australia Remembers” project would be appreciated.

Mrs M. DAVIES
PO Box 504,
Rockingham 6168

KINGS PARK HONOUR AVENUES

I have been asked by many people, both ex-Service personnel and others, why flowers were not placed this Anzac Day on the Memorial Plaques in the Kings Park Honour Avenues. As you are no doubt aware, posies of flowers have been placed on the plaques for several years by the students of Carine Senior High School.

You may wish to publish a copy of the letter received from the school’s Principal which explains the reason why the students did not participate this year.

A. MAXWELL BRICE
Hon Secretary,
Honour Avenue Committee

Dear Mr Brice,

As you know, students and staff at Carine Senior High School have, for the past nine years, laid flowers on the Honour Plaques that line the Honour Avenues in Kings Park on the day before Anzac Day.

The school has continued with this ceremony even though school holidays were changed so that Anzac Day now falls within the holidays. In spite of this, invariably, each year we have had a contingent of between 100 and 150 students and teachers participate in the ceremony.

The school is very proud of this tradition that we have established and considers the ceremony to be a very important activity on the calendar.

Regrettably, because of the bans imposed by the State School Teachers’ Union on voluntary work done by teachers, we are not able to conduct the ceremony this year. The reason for this is that we cannot guarantee our duty-of-care to our students if staff are not in attendance at the ceremony.

Once the bans have been removed it is our intention to return to the traditional ceremony for Anzac Day and once again lay flowers on the plaques.

In the interim, it is our intention to deliver a wreath to the War Memorial in Kings Park as this school’s contribution to Anzac Day this year.

Please accept our best wishes for your Anzac Day celebrations.

CESARE DI GIULIO
Principal

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MALTA

As you may be aware, the Government of Malta recently presented commemorative medals to all persons in uniform in Malta during World War II. This was in celebration of the 50th anniversary of the award of the George Cross to the people of Malta in April 1942. Scores of Australian ex-Service officers have been presented with the commemorative medal.

Many intriguing stories have emerged in the process and I’m sure that many of your members must have a story to tell.

I have been the Australian correspondent for The Times [Malta] for more than 12 years and am now researching and gathering material for a book on Australian involvement in war operations in and around Malta during World War II. The scope of the book is not to glamorise war efforts; rather to expose and, to some degree, immortalise some of the human exploits, the humour even in tragic and dramatic situations, the ordeals, the bravery, the mateship and the endurances of so many heroes whose experiences have not been adequately recorded.

I would appreciate anybody who has a contribution to make contacting me either by phone on (03) 842 2004 [AH] or writing to me.

ALBERT W. AGIUS
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NATIONAL MALAYA &
BORNEO VETERANS’ ASSN

On 1 June 1994 the National Malaya and Borneo Veterans Association was formed in the UK. It is open to all men and women who served in Her Majesty's Forces, Commonwealth Forces, Royal Federation of Malaya Police, the Civil Service, St Johns Ambulance Brigade, and Auxiliary Forces in World War II, the Malayan Emergency and the Borneo Indonesian confrontation and thereafter. The HQ in the UK has had a good response from all over the world, described by the National Chairman and Secretary Peter Dawson, ex 2Rgj (KRRC) as 'more than a snowstorm, a blizzard. Membership already includes many Australians and I have been asked to establish an Australian Branch and am starting to form a base on which to build. Could you please give this worthwhile project as much publicity as possible. Further enquiries should be made to me at 1/121 Coronation Ave, Golden Beach, Caloundra Qld 4551. Tel/Fax (074) 92 1697 Life membership will be A$12.00 and activities from then on will need to be self-funding.

The main objects are to get together those who did serve in this theatre for comradeship, to assist members in need and to remember with pride, respect and gratitude those of all nationalities who made the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty and to ensure that they and the Association are represented on the day of remembrance at home and abroad ... Lest We Forget.

Reunions will be held as and when these can be organised locally, nationally and overseas. The first overseas remembrance tour will be in Malaysia in May 1995 when, amongst other activities, a plaque will be unveiled in the Cathedral in Kuala Lumpur. We have also been asked to assist with obtaining recognition for many members of the crews of HMAS Yarra and Vendetta who have not received medals for the part they played in the campaigns during 1962-66. This will be one of our first projects in this country.

RICHARD H. WEBBER
[Ex-Argyll & Sutherland Highlanders and Malaya Regiment]
Chairman & Secretary Australian Branch
NMBVA

QUEEN’S SCARVES

I was most interested to read in the last Listening Post the letter from Derek Florester regarding the Queen’s Scarves, although I was disappointed that he did not include his address or phone number. Should he read this and care to contact me, I will most willingly send him photocopies of much relevant information gleaned from sources in England, Australia and South Africa.

It rather amazed me that Mr Florester was unable to get any information from the Governor of the Royal Chelsea Hospital as one of the Scarf recipients [C/Sgt. F Kingsley, West Yorkshire Regt] died in that hospital as (comparatively) recently as 26 October 1952.

Incidentally, the Royal Archives are at Windsor Castle not Buckingham Palace.

FERGUS McBAIN
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No. 14 SQN

I am currently researching the air searches for the Steiermark, later known as the HSK Kormoran, and HMAS Sydney and subsequently the survivors of both by No. 14 Sqn. RAAF Pearce during November 1941.

There are inexplicable gaps in the official records which I hope to resolve by examining Flying Log Book records by all aircrew serving in that squadron during November 1941. These include pilots, WAGS, W/T operators, Flight Mechanics/gunners.

In particular I seek the location of the log books of Flt Lts. R.A. Fletcher, H.A. Nicholas, C. Goode and H.O. Cook. I already hold some photocopies but would be grateful for more copies of those pages covering only November 1941.

C. BOURNE
33 Norbury Way
Greenwood WA 6024
Members of the 12th Battalion Association thank the many RSL Sub-Branches, Unit Associations and the hundreds of Veterans and others who generously supported this Medical Centre and advise you of its progress.

The Memorial Cairn (pictured) was cast in South Australia of special, polished concrete in six separate pieces for easier handling. Weighing more than a tonne, it was picked up in that State by RAAF Hercules and flown to Popondetta in Papua New Guinea. We are very grateful to those airmen for delivering the Memorial right to Girua Airfield.

As there is no motor road to the village of New Buna, the Memorial and pre-cut sections of the two buildings which comprise the Medical Centre were sent up the coast in small ships and landed through the surf at Giropa Point. This operation was reminiscent of 1942 when field guns, tanks and other war equipment was put ashore in the same manner.

The transport of both the Memorial and the buildings from Popondetta to Buna, and their erection was in the hands of the Rotary Club of Gosford, lead by their Chairman, Mr John Phillips. To John and his working party we owe a debt of gratitude. To Mr Charles Stening of 10 Battalion Association and Mr Fred Allen of the 2/5th Artillery Association much is owed for their work in helping to bring the project to a conclusion.

We would be remiss if our sincere thanks did not also go to the Minister for Veterans’ Affairs and his Department for their financial help and to the Prime Minister for pointing the way into the Overseas Aid Program.

This entire project was undertaken by our Association as a contribution towards the “Australia Remembers” commemoration and to remember particularly those who gave their lives to drive out the invader from Papua New Guinea and to ensure that Australia was not also invaded. We will be looking at a memorial along the same lines to remember those who died at Gona.

Finally, it is hoped to officially unveil the Memorial, open the Medical Centre and hand them both into the care of the Health Department of Oro Province and the people of Buna during the forthcoming Pilgrimage to Papua New Guinea.

PAUL HOPE
Hon. Secretary
12th Battalion Association

RMS ORANA

A previous request for your assistance was successful and I now seek to obtain information on the following personnel:

John McIntosh
Ronald Ernest Kerr
and Malcolm James Preece

These young men went to England in August 1939 on the RMS Orana, members of a party of 22 who were to take up Short Service Commissions with the Royal Air Force. Unfortunately they did not return.

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John Ross served on HMAS 'Australia' during its visit to Britain in 1934 with HRH the Duke of Gloucester on board. He writes of the time he spent on HMAS 'Sydney' and 'Canberra' during World War II. Post-war he served on Manus Island and Darwin.

He gives his interpretation of the sinking of the 'Sydney' by the German raider 'Kormoran', contending that all we know this action is the German version. He advocates continuing the search for the wreck of the 'Sydney' in the hope that some of the questions that have persisted since the sinking can be answered.

The title of the book refers to the author's luck in being posted from several ships just before they were struck by disaster. One example was when he was posted from the 'Sydney' the day before she sailed on her final voyage.

The book, an excellent record of the period, with many interesting photographs, is highly recommended. It is available from Hesperian Press, 65 Oats Street, Carlisle, WA 6101 at a cost of $30.

R.D. MERCER

WE ARE HERE, TOO
Letters and Diary Entries of Sister Olive Haynes,
No. 2 AGH
November 1914 to February 1918
Compiled and edited by Margaret O. Young, who has generously donated all royalties from the sale of this book to benefit people with Down Syndrome.

Published by Australian Down Syndrome Association Inc., 91 Hutt Street, Adelaide, SA 5000. Price: $35.00, plus postage $8.00.

This unique book gives a rare insight into an Australian Army Nursing Sister's experiences at Gallipoli, Lemnos and surrounding areas in the Middle East during World War I. It contains more than 60 photographs depicting life and conditions in that war zone.

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She fell in love with an Australian soldier, Lieutenant "Pat" Dooley, while both were in action. They later married, returned to Australia in 1918 and had seven children; one of their daughters had Down syndrome. Until Mrs Dooley died in 1978, aged 90, she was a leader in the establishment of schools and organisations for children with intellectual disabilities.

This personal saga is a wonderful gift from the past and would be an excellent addition to any library.

Dawn Lamont, Administrator, Australian Down Syndrome Association, Adelaide (with thanks to Harry Powell, RSL Melbourne)

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by Bernard Young

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Progressing from one type of aircraft to another, and from one training base to another, the reader is taken from Moncton Air Force Base in Canada to Grasse Ile in Michigan and culminating at the Pensacola Air Base flying the "Big Cat", the Catalina Flying Boat where he gained his "Silver RAF Wings".

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The book will revive memories for those who shared similar experiences, and young trainee pilots of today must be thankful for advances made in methods and technology since those times.

Pensacola Pilot is available from bookstores and newsgents or direct from Persimmon Publications PO Box 1024, Port Macquarie NSW 2444. $20.00 includes P & P.

GEOFF TANNER
BELLEVUE

Greenmount Primary School again acted as host school for the annual Anzac Day Schoolchildren’s service at Blackboy Hill. This year’s service commemorated Australians in all wars and marked the 50th anniversary of the end of World War II.

Blackboy Hill, now a site of national importance, was originally an Aboriginal camp, which became a training camp for the Australian Infantry Force in 1914. It was at this camp Australian history was written as many war heroes, including 10 Victoria Cross winners and the famous Simpson (the man with the donkey), completed their enlistment and initial training.

In this setting it was appropriate that some 1,000 children and their parents gathered to share in a very moving service to acknowledge the fallen. At the end of the service, Greenmount students presented a dance performance directed towards remembrance, peace and recognition of the importance of VP Day to all Australians.

The opportunity was taken to make presentations to the school of items for its Blackboy Hill museum. They included a 1915 Prayer Book from an East Fremantle Sunday School to the St George’s Chapel at Blackboy Hill and several mounted sets of World War I Medals and Badges.

The Bellevue community turned out in force to support the Anzac Day service at the Bellevue RSL. Although numbers of veterans marching showed a decline on previous years, the large attendance indicated people wanted to honour those who served their country.

Bellevue Sub-Branch will be active in promoting the Australia Remembers 1945-95 programme in the local community. Between 13 and 19 August static and interactive activities will be in place at our Club. Veterans will be treated to reunions and social gatherings and as a final recognition there will be a March Past and Sunset Service at the Bellevue Way Memorial followed by a “Back to the 40s” night on Friday 18 August, 1995.

WE. GAYNOR
V/President

BELMONT

Our Publicity Officer and Editor of our Branch bulletin “The Belmont Bugle”, Carl Caubo is holidaying with his wife Ada on a caravan trip around Australia. On Anzac Day they attended the service in Cooktown.

Our Sub-Branch is progressing very well. New members have joined and our general meetings, on the third Sunday in the month at 10.30am, have been very successful. Our Women’s Auxiliary meets at the same time.

On Sunday 26 February a party of 60 enjoyed a bus trip to Toodyay which included a roast dinner at the Victoria Hotel and entertainment by the Country Whispers Band.

Our memorabilia display, in the cabinet which is now illuminated, is worth seeing. The former cabinet is now used by Ex-Service organisation for their displays.

If any members would like to visit our Club, they would be most welcome: please phone the Secretary on 277 3587 or the Club on 478 2329 so arrangements can be made.

HAROLD HAIMES OAM JP
Secretary

BUNBURY

More people attended the Bunbury Dawn Service than ever before with five ranks of veterans marching to the memorial this year. The morning service saw six ranks marching and the nine horsemen in the parade: the result of George Baxter’s good work once again.

Guest of honour Sir Donald Eckersley, stolen away from Harvey for the day, presented a sobering address which was well received by the 3000 present. The Sub-branch in recent years has endeavoured to provide Anzac Day guests who are known and respected in the south west. Sir Donald certainly exceeds this criteria.

In an attempt to generate daytime activities and interest, a lunch-time meeting will be held at noon on the second Friday of every month. Members are encouraged to attend and enjoy an inexpensive meal at the hall. Why not bring a prospective new member as your guest?

A surprising number of World War II veterans are either joining for the first time or rejoining after 30 years or so. Alf Mort is doing a sterling job as our Membership Officer.

Don’t forget our VP Day celebrations. A bigger than Anzac Day turnout is expected for the dawn service and breakfast at the RSL Hall on Tuesday 15 August while the Australia Remembers parade in Bunbury will be on Saturday 19 August.

ALF MAINSTONE
Trustee

BROOME

We would like any members who are passing through Broome, on holidays or business, to call in and say hello. We are open most weekends, and occasionally
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during the week.
We are not a big Sub-Branch, but I am sure we can quench your thirst with a hot or cold drink.
R.S. HILL
Sec.
[091] 921 003

COCKBURN
Our annual dinner at the Cockburn Civic Centre, was a huge success and the New Years Eve dance was the best ever, with the "Parade to the Haggis" the highlight.

Anzac Day was a big success with members marching with Army cadets, Scouts, Guides, RAAMC backup and a drummer. Lunch was served to 200 including the mayor of Cockburn Ray Lees and councillors. Member L. Pratt and his good lady spent 72 hours preparing the meal and Ann Lang was responsible for the desserts. Thanks for a job well done.

HMAS Derwent's porthole and scuttle are now mounted and on display.

Our Sub-Branch is open at the following times: Monday 1200-1600. Tuesday 1800-2230, Friday 1530-2230 (dance night each third Friday) and Sunday 1600-1930. Meetings fourth Sunday of each month at 10 a.m.
ERNIE DIBB
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COTTESLOE
At our AGM long-serving secretary Rex Stoker was elected President, Doug Hill Vice-President, John McGuire Secretary and Nipper Backhouse Treasurer.

Doug Hill, who had taken over as President when Ken Porteous was called to higher service, paid tribute to Ken and Rex for their many years of service. Committee members are John McGuire, Jim Campbell, Gordon Smith, Albie Thomas, Claude Larking and Alf Gillies.

JOHN McGUIRE
Secretary

CITY OF PERTH
The Sub-Branch celebrates its 80th year in August. Probably the forerunner of the RSL, it was first formed in 1915 as the 11th Battalion AIF Association by the wounded of that unit who had returned from Gallipoli and Egypt. In July 1916 it became the WA Returned Soldiers Association with headquarters in Stirling Gardens and continued to care for returned men with advice and financial assistance until 1918 when the Returned Sailors and Soldiers League of Australia was formed.

The RSA then became the WA Branch of the League and many of its officers became the first State Executive of the League with Perth as its first Sub-Branch. Other Sub-Branches were formed in the suburbs and in this way the League extended to country areas.

The title City of Perth Sub-Branch was adopted at the opening of the King Street premises by Sir James Mitchell on 16 July 1946 as Monash Club. The Sub-Branch has always been energetic in fighting the claims of returned men and at one time employed its own Pensions' Officer with great success with the then Repatriation Department. At one time it assisted the State branch with financial aid.

The formation of the RSL Memorial Band, the Corp of Commissionaires with 37 men on duty and the RSL Trading Co Ltd were some of the activities of the Sub-Branch. The shop assisted members with blankets, clothing and other surplus military stores.

"White City", at the foot of William Street, was conducted by the Sub-Branch and the proceeds were devoted entirely to the then Relief Fund with the State Executive enjoying donations. Another innovation was a weekly dance run by the Sub-Branch for some 40 years in the old Anzac House ballroom.

The TPI Association was also formed in this State by the Sub-Branch.

At the AGM the retiring President MC (Mike) Hall was re-elected unopposed for his 20th year as President. The Secretary/Treasurer David McClelland was also unopposed for his ninth term.

The early history in this report was by the late Harry Holder and updated by Mike Hall.

MIKE HALL
President

GERALDTON
Lee Townsend, a Vietnam Veteran who was in the Australian Regular Army for six years before joining the police force, is the new President of this Sub-Branch with Mr Dennis Moss Senior Vice-president.

Mr Townsend served in the Australian Regular Army from 1962 to 1968 and did his first tour of duty in Vietnam in 1965-66 when a Crew Commander in the Armoured Corps with the rank of Corporal.

Other officers are Secretary Brian Cooper, Treasurer John Spendlove, Trustees Reg Tubby and Chas Peacock, Club Chairperson Nancy Peacock, Club Secretary-Treasurer Brian Cooper and Public Relations Officer Peter Barden.

A motion associated with land claims and defence will be submitted to State Congress in June following a recent meeting of northern Sub-Branches at Geraldton.

The motion wants the National RSL Executive to establish a policy that security and defence of Australia is of such importance that it transcends any self-interest or rights granted by title, whether it be an existing title, or one to be granted at some time in the future.

PETER BARDEN
**MauriH Cont.**

At our annual dinner, John Babbage, of the State Executive, presented President Ted Davie and Membership Officer Wally Holding, with Life Memberships and George Jamieson, one of our stalwarts, received his 50 years Service Certificate.

Another honour bestowed recently was Life Membership of the 2/2 Independent Co. to Bill Howell.

Former Japanese POWs enjoyed a gathering here on 12 April.

A total of $5,900 has been allocated to the Australia Remembers Committee for use on the various activities programmed.

Our Dawn Service saw more than 200 people pay their respects, and the main service was as usual led by the Wanneroo Pipe Band. On parade were a contingent of 30 sailors from HMAS Stirling cadets from the Training Ship Mandurah and 66 cadets from the 504 Regional Cadet Unit. A record number of Veterans marched, including two of our three World War I members. The salute was taken by Lt Col Jack McRoberts.

Remembers Committee for use on the various activities.

Anzac Day the Sub-Branch held its Dawn Service at the Commemorative Stone in Kitchener Street. There was a very good attendance and refreshments were served at the North Beach Bowling Club which kindly allowed us to use its facilities.

The Bowling Club was awarded a special grant towards the reconstruction of C Green, which will be known now as 'The Australia Remembers Green'.

At the annual bowls challenge match between the Sub-Branch and the Bowling Club, "The Tin Hat" was won by the Club and a barbecue after the game was enjoyed by all.

The Sub-Branch has published a book on its history from 1945-1991. Copies are available at $8 each from the undersigned.

FRANK HEATH
Phone: 447 3995

**OSBORNE PARK**

In the last Listening Post, it was incorrectly reported that the final figure for the renovations to our Memorial Hall was $870,000. The amount should have been $80,000, the figure given to Listening Post.

Another mistake in the same issue gave the name of Jack Call as one of the committee members who had worked so hard to organise the re-opening function. This, of course, should have read Jack Callow, to whom I apologise. His name was correctly submitted to the Listening Post.

Our Wreath Laying service at the City of Stirling Memorials was an outstanding success, with attendance by members of the public exceeding all expectations, as did the numbers of ex-servicemen and women on parade. Wreaths were laid by representatives of the Vietnam Veterans, Scarborough Sub-Branch and our own Sub-Branch, as well as by the Federal Member for Stirling, Mr Eoin Cameron, Mr Nick Catania MLC of the WA Parliament, His Worship The Mayor of the City of Stirling, Cr A. Spagnolo, and a private wreath from Cr Tony Vallelonga. Everyone then returned to our renovated premises at Osborne Park to enjoy a hearty barbecue breakfast.

We are currently working on the preparation of a list of all past Presidents, Secretaries and Treasurers of this Sub-Branch. It would be greatly appreciated if any member can recall names of past office bearers and the
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particular year/years that they served in these capacities. Please give any information to either our Secretary, Fred Guelfi on 349 9463 or to me on 349 2797.

As part of the Australia Remembers 1945-1995 programme, we hope to erect a suitable Memorial at the front of our hall which should be ready by August. It is envisaged that this memorial will be dedicated to all those who paid the supreme sacrifice in all wars and conflicts to which Australian Forces were committed.

Remember that our monthly general meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month commencing at 2.00pm.

BILL SULLIVAN
President 349 2797

N.B. The committee extends an apology to Osborne Park for the two errors. With the best will and intention mistakes sometimes do appear. - EDITOR

RETURNED EX-SERVICEWOMEN

Our contribution to “Australia Remembers” was a memorabilia exhibition at Anzac House on 20 April opened by Lady Kyle who is visiting from England. An ex-British WAAF, Lady Kyle always took an interest in the Sub-Branch, while living in WA during the time her husband, Sir Wallace Kyle, was our Governor. She was delighted to renew her acquaintance with members.

The various avenues of service to our country - land, sea, air and home front support services - were amply portrayed by the wealth of memorabilia on display. Mrs Barbara Clinton, our Senior Vice President, the convenor and her army of workers did a magnificent job collecting, compiling and erecting all the material. The WAAAF display included a full sized model in uniform. The VA/AAMWS went one better, with Rita Kneebone and Vonda Bell both wearing the blue and khaki outdoor uniforms respectively. It was gratifying to overhear several visitors paying tribute to the display. It was a pity it was on for only one day as, in the crush, browsing was a little difficult. Thank to all who participated.

April was a busy month. I attended the Anzac Eve ceremony at the War Veterans’ Home which was the last Anzac Eve function to be held in this form. In future this and Remembrance Day will be combined into a Memorial Day, directed towards the residents of the home, with support from the public. After the ceremony, I attended a most memorable Australia Remembers Anzac Service at St George’s Cathedral.

The Dawn Service is always an experience and this one was particularly poignant. The advent of the sun tipped the eastern ridges as though they were beset by fire and then it rose into a clear apricot and blue sky, the air cool and everything was still.

The march was a tremendous success with 25 of our members marching, the largest number for many years. Best of all, we had the Salvation Army Band, with no other band playing in opposition nearby. It was truly a time of remembering and meeting old friends once again.

HEATHER McMANIS, OAM Cdr.St.J
President

SCARBOROUGH

More people than ever attended this year’s Anzac Day Remembrance Service held in the Memorial Garden. Almost 250 were present to hear President Wally Evans open the Service and give a moving Address.

Distinguished guests included Mr Jim Dalton, Deputy Commissioner for Veterans’ Affairs, State Politicians and Councillors.

Dorothy Lewis played the organ and Laura Beahan again rendered an excellent Last Post and Reveille and said the prayers.

As in previous years, the Wembley Downs Scout troop stood vigil overnight at the Memorial and handled the flags for the ceremony, the young boys complimenting the presence of our World War I veteran Len Hall who attended the commemoration. It was particularly pleasing to see the large number of young children present, hopefully to carry on the Anzac tradition.

Members of the Sub-Branch attended the Doubleview primary school on 13 April to talk to the children about the history and meaning of Anzac Day.

Secretary

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On the plane to Christchurch a fellow passenger, Alan Peart, introduced himself as a President of the Papanui Bowling Club; many of its members are also members of the RSA Club (Returned Services Association) and invited us to be guests of the Bowling Club next day.

Arriving at the Club we were welcomed by the President and some 100 members. An electronic board also greeted us in big, bold, red letters with “Welcome West Aussies from Perth”.

During the afternoon the possibility of holding a National Bowling Carnival at Christmas between RSL and RSA members was discussed. Unfortunately this is not possible as the RSA holds its Carnival at that time. However, it was agreed that a Carnival could be held at some other time with perhaps a trophy called the Anzac Cup or some other appropriate name.

We visited a variety of places during our stay in the “Land of the Big White Cloud”. The French town of Akaroa was very interesting; French is spoken, streets named in that language and many buildings are of French design.

Queenstown is a delightful place and a trip on the TSS Earnslaw, a coal burning ship built in 1912 was a must. She is called ‘The Lady of the Lake’ after Lake Wakatipu where the ship is moored. If anyone is older than the boat they can travel free on any trip.

The Jade Town of Hokitika, the Franz Josef Glacier, Old Arrowtown, the Lakes of Wanaka and Hawea and the Kawarau Gorge were most enjoyable places to see. Of course, one cannot visit NZ without a boat trip on Milford Sound and this we did. A most awe-inspiring place.

Dunedin, “The Edinburgh of the South”, was on the agenda as was Mt Cook the highest mountain in NZ. Lake Pukarki is recognised as one of the largest in South Island, some 50 miles long, 5 miles wide and 1300 feet deep.

Geraldine Town is home to Roma and Ray Worner who were members of the Anzac Day delegation who visited Perth some 15 years ago and were guests of the State Branch of the League. Due to their visiting War Veterans in Timaru the day we were in Geraldine we were unable to contact them. They wrote expressing their disappointment at missing us and saying they remembered with much affection their visit to WA so many years ago. They sent their best wishes to all RSL members in Perth.

Leaving the South Island we joined the ferry at Picton for the Cook Strait trip to the capital, Wellington. Everyone was pleased that the crossing, which took four hours, was as calm as a mill pond and that Wellington was not the windy city we expected. The Fremantle Doctor blows harder than we experienced in the capital.

The Geysers and mud pools of Rotorua were amazing as was the Agrodome, Rainbow Springs with its giant trouts and Whakarewarewa (pronounce that after a night at the Anzac Club) Thermal Reserve. We were fortunate to see Kiwis and I was surprised at how small they are. The stay in Rotorua ended with a Maori Hangi and Concert.

Our final place was Auckland with visits to the Gloworm Grotto at Waitomo and the Kelly Tarlton Underwater World and Antarctic Encounter. A lasting view of NZ was atop Mt Eden.

RSL National Bowls Carnival 1995-96

Members are reminded the Carnival will be held in Sydney from 27 December 1995 to 6 January 1996. Nominations for the National Fours close with RSL Bowls State Secretary, Ted Philp on Monday 23 October 1995. He can be contacted on 450 4033 or at 8A Henning Crescent, Manning 6152.

MIKE HALL
UNIT ASSOCIATIONS

Swanbourne 6010, Tel: 383 3630. Welfare Officer: Mr RD (Bob) Smith, as above. Meetings held after Anzac Day, AGM mid-June, birthday end of July and other as shown in newsletters.

AUSTRALIAN EX-SERVICE ATOMIC SURVIVORS' ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED
President: Mr W.B. Plewright, 23 Kenwick Way, Balga 6061. Tel: 342 6718. Secretary: Mrs D. Jackson, PO Box 411, Midland 6056. Tel: 294 1054. Treasurer: Mrs D. Thomas, 41 Parkfield Road, Kelmscott 6111. Tel: 390 5762. Meets third Monday February, April (AGM), June, August, October, December at Belmont RSL Hall, Leake Street, Belmont, Bus 306 ex Perth Bus Station.

AUSTRALIAN LEGION OF EX-SERVICEMEN AND WOMEN (INC.)
State President: Mr L.C.W. Hutchings, 17 St Johns Court, Kingsley 6026, Tel: 309 9675. Meetings: State Council meets 3rd Thursday of even months at 13th Brigade Headquarters, Irwin Barracks, Karrakatta, at 1.30 pm.

AUSTRALIAN SPECIAL AIR SERVICE ASSOCIATION (WA BRANCH)
President: Frank Sykes, Tel: 387 6251. Secretary: John Harrington, Tel: 401 2382. Meets last Friday each month at Campbell Barracks (The House) at 1800hrs. Ladies most welcome. All correspondence to The House, No. 6 Battery Road, Campbell Barracks 6010.

AUSTRALIAN VETERANS AND DEFENCE SERVICES COUNCIL (WA COUNCIL) AVADSC
Chairman: Air Cdre S.W. Dallywater OBE AE (Retd) Tel: (09) 383 3161. Deputy Chairman: Mr L. Hutchings. Secretary/Treasurer: W01 B.F. Plewright, PO Box 14, Hillarys 6025. Meets on the first Wednesday of the even months at the USI Rooms, Irwin Barracks, Karrakatta at 10.00hrs.

AUSTRALIAN WOMEN'S ARMY SERVICE ASSOCIATION (AWAS)
President: Mrs Alice Corry, OAM, Tel: 361 2824. Secretary: Mrs M. Harvey, 1 Bradshaw House AFME, Bullcreek Drive, Bullcreek, Tel: 332 1305. Treasurer: Ruth Franklin, 126B Basinghall St., East Victoria Park 6101. Tel: 361 5157. Meetings: 1st floor, Anzac House on the 1st Thursday of the even months, 10am-12 noon.

BCOF ASSOCIATION OF WA
President: Mr D. Sexton, 13 Tillman Pl, Wilson 6107. Tel: 451 3982. Secretary: Mr Doug Spice, 110 Daglish St., Wembley 6014. Tel: 381 5531. Treasurer: Mr Greg Flanders, Unit 11, 93 Hybanthus Rd, Ferndale 6148. Tel: 605 9462. Meetings: fourth Monday (If Mon holiday meets next day - Tuesday) 11.00am from Feb to Nov at Belmont RSL Hall, cnr Great Eastern Highway and Leake St., Belmont. Bus 306 New Bus Station or stand 45 cnr Pier St and St GeorgesTerrace.

BLINDED SOLDIERS OF ST DUNSTANS WEST AUSTRALIA
President: Mr W.A. Walters, RSL Retirement Village, Third Avenue, Mandurah, 6210. Tel: 535 3602. Hon. Secretary/Treasurer: Mrs P Dean, 31 Lamond St, Melville 6156, Tel: 330 5458. Meetings: 2nd Tuesday in

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AIR FORCES CLUB (INC)
Meets at RSL Hall, Kintail Road, Applecross. Fridays 4.30-11.00pm. Sunday 4.30-7.30pm. President: Mrs P. McGrath, 41 Reynolds Road, Mt Pleasant, 6153. Tel: 364 2339. Secretary: Mr B. Scott, PO Box 153, Applecross, 6153. Tel: 316 1707. All correspondence to be sent to the Secretary.

AIRCREW ASSOCIATION (WA BRANCH)
President: Mr Maurice O'Rourke, 25 Lillian Avenue, Applecross 6153. Tel: 364 3837. Secretary: Mr Jack Edwards, 1 Cromer Road, Brentwood 6153, Tel: 364 8793. Treasurer: A. Edwards, 66 Wedgewood Drive, Edgewater 6027, Tel: 405 4261. Meets 2.30pm Anzac House, last Tuesday of each month.

ALLIED MERCHANT SEAMEN ASSOCIATION (WA BRANCH)
President: Mr Maurice O'Rourke, 25 Lillian Avenue, Applecross 6153. Tel: 364 3837. Secretary: Mr Jack Edwards, 1 Cromer Road, Brentwood 6153, Tel: 364 8793. Treasurer: A. Edwards, 66 Wedgewood Drive, Edgewater 6027, Tel: 405 4261. Meets 2.30pm Anzac House, last Tuesday of each month.

ASSOCIATION OF FIRST INFANTRY BATTALIONS (WA)
2/1st Aust Inf, 1 RAR also any Allied 1st Bn. President: Mr Ken Alcorn, Tel: 249 9365. Secretary: Mr John Cunningham, Tel: 361 3483, 39 Planet St, Carlisle 6101. Contact the secretary for details of meetings etc.

ASSOCIATION OF WRENS WA BRANCH
Meets fourth Thursday of each month, 10.30am Anzac House. President: Mrs Mary Teanne, 3/63 Corbel Street, Shelley 6148, Tel: 457 9059. Hon. Secretary: Mrs Mary Wyse, 1/16 Rambutan Place, South Lake 6164, Tel: 417 9877.

AUSTRALIAN ARMED SERVICES VETERANS ASSOCIATION (WA BRANCH)
President: Mr R.D. (Bob) Smith, 14 Dundee Court, Duncraig 6032, Tel: 448 5023. Secretary: Mr BG (Barry) Long, 6 Hazeltine Court, Yanchep 6035, Tel: 561 1741. Treasurer: Mr ED (Ed) Harkin, 5 Greenville Street,
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February, April, June, August and October at 1.45pm, Red Cross House, 110 Goderich St, East Perth

BRITISH EX-SERVICES ASSOCIATION INC.
President: Mr D. Clarke, Tel: 309 1046. Secretary: Mr K.R. Crane, Tel: 310 9099. Treasurer: Mrs J. Turnell, Tel: 497 3812. Meetings 3rd Tuesday of the month at Anzac House, at 1.30pm. Correspondence to: 35 Westminster Rd, Leeming 6149.

CATA LINA CLUB OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA
State President: Mr Ivan Peirce, 14 Abjohnson St, Manning 6152 Tel: (09) 450 1231. All correspondence to Catalina Club of WA, PO Box 866, Canning Bridge 6153. General meetings 10am second Thursday in March, June (AGM), September and December at Anzac House.

DEFENCE RESERVES ASSOCIATION (WA BRANCH)
President: L.Col. (ret'd) P. Farrell RFD, ED, 9 Bonito Way, Sorrento 6020, Tel: 246 1367. Vice President: L.Col (ret'd) T. Arbuckle RFD, ED, 4 Camelot Street, Carine, 6020, Tel: 447 5956. Secretary: Maj (Ret'd) P.C. Pickersgill, RFD, EF, 191 Kitchener Road, Booragoon 6154, Tel: 330 4015. Treasurer: L.Col (ret'd) N.A. Gilbert RFD, ED, 23 Grimsay Road, Ardross 6153, Tel: 364 3693. Meetings: Committee meetings held monthly - all members welcome to attend. For venue and date contact any of the above.

EX-FORTRESS ENGINEERS ASSOCIATION
President: Mr Harold Smith, 58 Napier Street, Nedlands, 6009. Tel: 386 3305. Secretary: Mr Reg Kidd, 257 Holmes Road, Forrestfield, 6058. Tel: 453 2393. Meetings mid-year general meeting and Christmas ‘get together’ and barbeque on a date and at a venue to be decided. All enquiries to the Secretary.

EX-PRISONERS OF WAR ASSOCIATION OF WA
President: Mr C.E. Ingram, 3-54 Federal St, Tuart Hill 6060, Tel: 344 7949. Secretary: Mrs M. Riwoldt, 20 Waltham Way, Morley 6062. Tel: 275 2411. All correspondence and enquiries be made or forwarded to the President at the above address. Association meetings are held the first Wednesday of each month.

EX-PRISONERS OF WAR ASSOCIATION OF WA - LADIES AUXILIARY
President: Mrs M. Galliott, 42 Commonwealth Avenue, North Perth 6006. Tel: 443 3536. Secretary: Mrs R James, 7B Wenden Place, Willetton 6155, Tel: 457 8727. Meetings: Same time and place as men.

EX-WRANS ASSOCIATION WA
President: Mrs Val Tomerini, 34 Bourne St, Morley 6062. Tel: 276 6758. Secretary: Mrs Helen Olver, 2 Dryden Street, Munster 6166, Tel: 434 2084. Treasurer: Mrs Freda Andrews, 23 Wilcock St, Applecross 6153. Tel: 364 2269. Meetings: Second Monday of each month at Anzac House (unless otherwise advised).

FEDERATED TB SAILORS, SOLDIERS & AIRMEN’S ASSOCIATION
President: Mr Frank Hamilton, 35 Clement Drive, Karrinyup 6018. Tel: 448 5204. Secretary: Mrs Grace Storer, 16 Dowell Place, Bibra Lake Tel: 417 9598. Meetings last Monday each month except January. Correspondence to the Secretary.

FLEET AIR ARM ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA
President: Hilton Devoreux, 21 Regency Drive, Thornlie WA 6108. Secretary: Theo Bushe-Jones, 28 Baltic Mews, Waikiki WA 6169, Tel: 527 9186. Meets second Wednesday of each month, 71 West Parade, East Perth. All correspondence to PO Box 3886, Stirling Street, Perth, WA 6849.

GUARDS ASSOCIATION OF WA
President/Treasurer: Mr Peter Mulrennan JP, (IG), Tel: 349 7591. Secretary: Mr Frank Lawrence (GG). Welfare Officer: Mr Arthur Budgen (HG). Meeting: 1st Monday of the month at Anzac House, 28 St Georges Tce., Perth at 7.30pm (unless otherwise advised).

HMAS BATAAN VETERANS’ ASSOCIATION
President: Mr Dick King, 89 Empire Avenue, City Beach 6015, Tel: 385 9089. Secretary: Mr Jack Le Cras, PO Box 169, Greenwood 6924. Treasurer: Mr Bob Truman, 12 Regent Grove, Morley 6062, Tel: 279 6903. For further information please contact any of the above.

HMAS CANBERRA/HMAS SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION
President: Mr Keith Nordahl, 66 Todd Avenue, Como 6152, Tel: 367 3102. Secretary: Mr Arthur Carter, 93 Tamar Street, Palmyra 6157, Tel: 339 1483. Treasurer: Mr Alf Martin, 12 LeSouef Drive, Kardinya 6163, Tel: 331 2113. AGM November, Committee Meetings as required. Annual reunion Aug 9, other social functions about four times a year. For further information please contact any of the above.

HMAS HOBART ASSOCIATION (WA DIVISION)
President: Mr Graeme Purkiss, 14 Hollis St, Samson 6163. Tel: 337 8976. Secretary: Mr Clyde Goddard, 80 Derby Rd, Shenton Park 6008. Tel: 381 8705. Treasurer: Mr Bob Gee, 23 Sicklemore St, Brentwood 6153. Tel: 364 6264. AGM and Annual Reunion held second Friday in February and social and commemorative functions held about six times each year. Monthly get togethers at Anzac House on the last Thursday of each month from around noon. For further information please contact the Secretary.

HMAS WARRAMUNGA VETERANS’ ASSOCIATION
President: Mr K.T. (Keven) Johnson, 10 Nicholas Ave, Quinns Rocks WA 6030. Tel: 305 1573. Secretary: Mr T.E. (Tom) Oakley, 43 Strickland St, Mt Claremont WA 6010. Tel: 384 3042. Treasurer: Mrs P.D. (Pat) Ingham, 13/55 Second Avenue, Mt Lawley WA 6050. Tel: 271 1826. For any further information please contact any of the above.

KOREA & SOUTH EAST ASIA FORCES ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA (WA BRANCH)
State President: Mr H.D. Whitehurst, Tel: 361 9062. State Secretary: Mr A. McMorland, 10 Ridgeway Place, Mahogany Creek 6072, Tel: 295 3459. State Treasurer: Mr Harry Fowle, 11 Mirador Road, Morley 6062, Tel: 275 1259. Meetings: Second Saturday in June,
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September and December at the Belmont Sub-Branch of the RSL, 22 Leake Street, Belmont at 100 hrs.

LIMLESS SOLDIERS’ ASSOCIATION OF WA (INC)
("Wingies and Stumpies"). President: P.R. Collins. Secretary: C.C. Brown, 80-82 Henley Street, Como, WA 6152. Tel: 450 6428 (Postal Address): Bag Lot No. 2 Post Office, Como, WA 6152. meeting first Wednesday each month except January, 1.30pm.

MIDDLE EAST VAD ASSOCIATION WA
President: Mrs Rita Kneebone, 100 Reynolds Road, Mt Pleasant. Tel: 364 3311. Secretary: Mrs P. Payne, 11 Hurlingham Road, South Perth 6151. Meetings as called. Annual reunion nearest Saturday to November 23.

“N’ CLASS DESTROYER ASSOCIATION
President: Mr Don Griffiths, 8 Radiata St, Riverview WA 6210, Tel: 535 6454. Secretary/Treasurer: Mrs Dorothy Higgins, 69 Spigel Way, Bateman WA 6150, Tel: 332 5723. Meetings: For details of meetings please contact Secretary on 332 5723.

NAVAL ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA,
CITY OF FREMANTLE SUB-SECTION
President/Secretary: Mr A.D. Needham, 16 Warragoon Crescent, Attadale. Tel: 330 3411. Treasurer: Mr S.G. Thomas, 91 Coleman Crescent, Melville, 6156. Tel: 330 3427. Meetings: 1130 hrs last Monday of each month at the Navy Club, 64 High Street, Fremantle 6160.

NAVAL ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA,
CITY OF PERTH SUB-SECTION
President: Mr Ben Haseldine, 71 Lynton Street, Mt Hawthorn 6016, Tel: 444 3762. Secretary: Mr John Ross, 1 Benwee Road, Floreat 6014, Tel: 387 6960. Meets fourth Tuesday of each month commencing at 8.00 pm at 71 West Parade, East Perth. Correspondence to the Secretary please at the above address.

NAVAL ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA
(WESTERN AUSTRALIAN SECTION) INC.
President: Mr Jack Appleby, 143 McDonald Street, Joondanna 6060. Tel: 448 3598. Secretary: Mr Tom Oakley, 43 Strickland Street, Mt Claremont 6010. Tel: 384 3042. All correspondence to Hon. State Secretary, PO Box 8289, Stirling St, Perth 6849.

NETHERLANDS EX-SERVICEMEN’S ASSOCIATION
of AUSTRALIA INC.
President: Mr L. Kramer, 22 Kathleen St, Trigg 6020. Secretary: Mr J. te Loo, 11 David St, Muralu 6025. Tel: 401 7727. Meetings: Tuesday, 10.30am-2.30pm. Sundays 4.30pm-8.30pm. Held at the Coolbinia/Yokine Amateur Football Club, Wordsworth Ave, Yokine. Entrance to building opposite no. 27. All correspondence to Secretary, PO Box 311, Inglewood 6932.

NORMANDY VETERANS’ ASSOCIATION
President: Mr J.E. Mayers, 15 Finlay Court, Rivervale, WA 6103. Tel: 478 2071. Secretary: Mr R. Bruce, 2/159 Fitzroy Road, Rivervale, WA 6103. Tel: 362 3597. Meetings to be held on 1st Tuesday each month at Anzac House at 11.00am.

PARTIALLY BLINDED SOLDIERS’ ASSOCIATION
OF AUSTRALIA (WA BRANCH) INC.
General meeting held at Anzac House at 1.00pm, first Tuesday each month, except January. Secretary: Mr Maurice John Rinaldi (Maurie), 35 Weaponess Road, Scarborough 6019, Tel: 341 6151.

PEGASUS (AIRBORNE FORCES) ASSOCIATION
OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA (INC)
President: Don Newman, Tel: 246 1738. The Hon. Secretary: John Hately, 14 Purley St, Bayswater WA 6053, Tel: 279 8626. General meetings held at Riverton RSL first Sunday of every alternate month, commencing February at 2.00pm. Informal uncheon meetings first Wednesday in every month 12 noon, Anzac Club, Perth. Ladies welcome both meetings.

PERMANENT AIR FORCE BRANCH OF THE RAAF ASSOCIATION
President: Allan Stewart. Tel: 310 7239. Secretary: Ray Allan. Tel: 321 5576/320 8791. Meetings held on the 2nd Monday of the month in the Ev Nichols room at the RAAF Association Bull Creek Drive, Bull Creek.

POLISH EX-SERVICEMEN’S ASSOCIATION
SUB-BRANCH No. 9.
President: Dr W. Gorski, Tel: 387 7347. Secretary: S. Zalewski, Tel: 274 6280. Hon Treasurer: K. Milczarek, Tel: 271 7238. All correspondence to 33 Eighth Avenue, Maylands 6051.

RAAF ASSOCIATION MANDURAH BRANCH
President: Mr Alex Rose, Tel: 535 3307. Secretary: Mr John Gabriel, Tel: 535 4314. Clubrooms: Phone & Fax: 535 8217, 0900-1200 hrs, Mon to Fri. Meetings: 3rd Tuesday of each month at 133 Mandurah Terrace, Mandurah at 1330 hrs. Address for correspondence: PO Box 1015, Mandurah 6210.

RAAF 467-463 LANCASTER SQUADRONS
ASSOCIATION WESTERN AUSTRALIA
President: Mr Ron Smith, 63 Camm Avenue, Bull Creek 6149, Tel: 332 3318. Secretary/Treasurer: Mr Kevin McGrath, 8 Appian Way, Hamersley 6022, Tel: 342 6554. Meetings: Four times a year at the Royal Australian Air Force Association, Bull Creek.

RAEVE VIETNAM ASSOCIATION (WA BRANCH)
President: Mr John Klein, 99 Walter Rd, Bassendean 6054, Tel: 279 3080. Secretary: Mr Garry Whykes, 33 Kanimbla Way, Morley 6062, Tel: 276 1920. Meetings: as required at 113 Fld Wksp Irwin Barracks, Karrakatta.

RATS OF TOBRUK ASSOCIATION (WA BRANCH)
President: Mr Eric Watts, 7/102 Wright Street, Kewdale 6105, Tel: 277 8933. Secretary: Mr W.C. (Bill) Mahar, 272 Marmion Street, Palmyra 6157, Tel: 339 2187. Meetings: Committee meets second Tuesday of each month at 1pm Anzac Club.

REGULAR DEFENCE FORCES WELFARE
ASSOCIATION (WA BRANCH)
President: Cdr RW Usher RANEM. Secretary: WO1 B.F. Cooper JP AIMM Tel: (09) 409 6577. Treasurer: Sgt
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R.A. Hinton. Tel: (09) 387 2237. All correspondence to the Secretary, PO Box 14, Hillarys 6025. Meets the first Wednesday of each month at the USI Rooms, Irwin Barracks, Karrakatta at 12.30pm. Any member is welcome.

ROYAL AIR FORCES ASSOCIATION (BRANCH 1210 WA)
President: Mr Frank Jones, 41 Fordham Cres, Swan View 6056, Tel: 294 2249. Secretary: Mr Mike Kiff, 126 Arlunya Ave, Cloverdale 6105, Tel: 277 7713. Meetings are monthly. Please phone Chairman for details, Tel: 401 5839.

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE ASSOCIATION
Eleven branches and seven affiliated. A fully licensed club is open to members daily. For further information and meeting details contact the State Secretary, Telephone 332 4444.

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN ARMOURED CORPS ASSOCIATION
President: Mr J (John) Williams, 11 Cornish St, Armadale WA 6112, Tel: 399 3452. Secretary/Treasurer: Mr R.J. (Ray) McMahon, Unit 6/52 Keymer St, Belmont 6104. Tel: 478 2598.

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN ARMY NURSING CORPS ASSOCIATION WA BRANCH
President: Mrs Judy Gibson, 19 Carnegie Way, Padbury 6025, Tel: 401 7138. Secretary: Mrs Olga Greig, 9 Napier Road, Morley 6062, Tel: 276 3493.

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN ARMY ORDNANCE CORPS ASSOCIATION
President: Maj Don Blair (RL), 193 Labouchere Rd, Como. Tel: (H) 474 1741, (W) 272 2933. Secretary: Cpt Leanne Purcell, Tel: (W) 383 6540. Treasurer: Maj Darryl Richards, Tel: (H) 342 0508. Address for correspondence: c/- 13 Fd SUP Coy, Irwin Barracks, Karrakatta 6010.

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN ARTILLERY ASSOCIATION (WA)
President: Mr J.A.T. Hobbs, 10 Edgar Way, Mt Pleasant 6153, Tel: 364 3568. Secretary/Welfare Officer: Mr H.A. Mofflin, Unit 5, No. 1 Hilda St, Shenton Park 6008. Tel: 220 3333/4. Treasurer: Mr R.J. Shurman, 40 Carlyle Crescent, Duncraig 6025, Tel: 447 1423. Meet on the third Monday each month at 10.00am at Anzac Club. Meetings are open to all members, and members of affiliated Associations.

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN ENGINEERS ASSOCIATION OF WA
President: Mr M.J. Ryan OAM, Tel: (Bus) 481 0205 (A/H) 307 2385. Secretary: Mr T.R. Beard, Tel: 367 3002. Meetings: Second Sunday in February, April, June, August and October at 10.30am at 13 Fd Sqn RAE Sappers Way, Irwin Barracks, Karrakatta.

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN NAVY CLEARANCE DIVERS ASSOCIATION WA CHAPTER
President: Alex Donald, DSC, 7 Woodley Cres, Melville Heights 6156, Tel: (09) 330 6596. Meetings: Anzac Day (AGM) 1300, Navy Club, High Street, Fremantle. Correspondence to the President.

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN NAVY CORVETTES ASSOCIATION (WA)
State President: J. Appleby, 143 McDonald St, Joondanna 6060. Tel: 444 3598. Secretary: J. Shephard, Unit 45, Ocean Gardens, 60 Kalinda Dr, City Beach. Tel: 385 8400. State Treasurer: M. Corry, 4 Nottingham St, East Victoria Park. Tel: 361 2824. Meetings: February, May, August, November.

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN SIGNALS ASSOCIATION WA (INC)
President: Mr Peter Lofdahl, 7 Danaher Mews, Clarkson 6030, Tel: 305 1303. Secretary: Mrs Cathy Lofdahl, details same as the President. Vice President/Treasurer: Mr Bruce Jellis, Tel: 447 6270. Meetings: Anzac House, first Thursday of each month (except January) at 7.00 p.m. All Signallers welcomed.

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN SURVEY CORPS ASSOCIATION (WESTERN AUSTRALIA) INC.
President: Mr R. Sargeant, 10 Paris Way, Karrinyup 6018, Tel: 445 3995. Secretary/Treasurer: Mr Philip Bray, 33 Napla Way, Duncraig 6023. Meetings: Anzac Day, Corps Birthday (Jul) and Christmas.

SOUTH EAST ASIA COMMAND
President/Secretary: Don Meredith, 11B Riley Rd, Claremont 6010, Tel: (09) 386 1171. Airforce and Associated Units (e.g. Chindits serving in 14th Army Theatre 1939-1945).

SUBMARINE OLD COMRADES' ASSOCIATION OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA
President: Mr Steve Dyer, 17 Glenburn Road, Glen Forest 6071, Tel: 298 8149. Secretary: M.M.E. (Michael) Pearson, 8-106 Terrace Road, Perth 6000, Tel: 221 1037. Meetings: Leederville Bowling Club, second Wednesday of every month at 7.30pm (except December).

THE AUSTRALIAN FEDERATION OF TOTALLY & PERMANENTLY INCAPACITATED EX-SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN LIMITED WESTERN AUSTRALIAN BRANCH INC.
TPI Memorial Estate, Bag Lot 2, Post Office, Como 6152. President: Mr Jim Balk. Secretary: Mr Peter Lofdahl, 30 Henley St, Como 6152, Tel: 450 1893 or 450 1921. Meetings: 2nd Tuesday of each month (except January) commencing at 10.30am. Lunches available weekdays and weekends by booking one day prior.

THE AUSTRALIAN WATER TRANSPORT ASSOCIATION, WA BRANCH
President: Mr Jack Patterson, 15A Greville Way, Girrawheen, Tel: 342 0142. Secretary: B. Thomas, 9 Queens Road, Mt Pleasant 6153. Tel: 364 3008. Meetings first Monday each month (except January) Anzac Club 1130, when Monday is a public holiday the first Tuesday. All ex-Water Transport welcome.
THE BURMA STAR ASSOCIATION
WANNEROO BRANCH
President: Major Rupert Platel (Retd), 49 Banksia St, Joondanna 6060, Tel: 444 4914. Secretary: Ben Colquhoun, 5 Oakame Avenue, Cloverdale 6105, Tel: 277 4814. Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month at the Nollamara Autumn Centre, Sylvia Street, Nollamara.

THE BURMA STAR ASSOCIATION
(WESTERN AUSTRALIAN BRANCH)
President: Mr John Barton, Unit 7/5 Sepia Crt, Rockingham 6168, Tel: 527 3351. Secretary: Mr Len Kebbell, 17 Glengarry St, Parkwood 6147. Tel: 457 5027. Meetings: Every third Wednesday of the month. Contact either of the above for more information.

THE ROYAL AUSTRALIAN REGIMENT
ASSOCIATION (WA BRANCH)
President: Mr K.V. Barrington, 13 Clematis Rd, Woodlands 6018, Tel: 446 4227. Secretary: Mr K.R. Trent, 3 Broad St, Kensington 6151, Tel: 367 7794. Meetings: Second Wednesday at 8.00pm in February, April, June (AGM), August, October and December. At RSL Hall, Cnr of Camberwell and Carson Streets, East Victoria Park. All correspondence to the Secretary, address as above.

THE ROYAL MARINES ASSOCIATION
WESTERN AUSTRALIAN BRANCH
President: Mr C.W. Agate. V/President: Mr D. Getcliffe. Hon Secretary: Mr J.G. Buxton, BEM, Treasurer: Mr G. Simpson. Meetings: The Navy Club, 64 High St, Fremantle 6160 at 8.00pm the last Monday of every month including public holidays. Address for correspondence: The Hon Secretary, 57a Dongara St, Innaloo 6018.

THE ROYAL NAVAL ASSOCIATION
PERTH (WESTERN AUSTRALIAN BRANCH)
Chairman: Mr Ivan Hunter, 9 Derwent Place, Rockingham 6168, Tel: 527 1612. Secretary: Mr David Lea, 13 Harcourt Place, Bellevue 6056, Tel: 274 4847. Postal Address: PO Box 1692, Midland 6056. Meetings: 3rd Wednesday of each month at RSL Belmont at 7.00 p.m.

THE ROYAL NAVAL ASSOCIATION
(ROCKINGHAM & DISTRICTS) BRANCH
Chairman: David Slowey, 18 Welch Wy, Warnbro 6169, Tel: 593 1279. Vice Chairman: Derick Ramsdale, 6 Falcon Crt, Rockingham 6168, Tel: 527 9515. Hon Secretary: Dorothy V. Rawe, 62b Frederick St, Shoalwater 6169, Tel: 592 6148. Hon Treasurer: Ted Haines, Lot 32 Mallee Drive, Amarillo, Karnup 6176, Tel: 537 1599. Meetings: first Tuesday each month (except January) at TS Anzac, Point Peron Road, 7.30 pm.

THIRTYNINERS’ ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA
Meeting dates: Gallipoli Room, Anzac House, 4th Wednesday March, May, July, September and November. All enquiries to the Secretary. State President: Mr J.P. Hall, AM BEM JP Unit A/3 Hellam Grove, Booragoon 6154. Tel: 364 7776. State Secretary: Mrs F.E. Johnson OAM, 38 Renwick Street, South Perth. Tel: 367 5949.

UNITED KINGDOM - COMBINED EX-SERVICES
FEDERATION
President: Mr G. Norton, Tel: 592 2859. Secretary: Mr E.H. Martyn, 9B Wilson Place, Belmont 6104, Tel: 277 2061. Meetings are arranged for four times a year and annual reunion and other functions as arranged by Committee. Contact either of the above for further information. All correspondence please to the above address.

V.A. & A.A.M.W.S. (A)
President: Mrs Glyn Cody, 138A Karrinyup Road, Karrinyup 6018, Tel: 341 3323. Secretary: Mrs Ena McGinn OAM, 9 Castile Street, Wembley Downs 6019, Tel: 446 3742. Meetings: Arranged monthly at members homes. Contact Secretary for information.

VIETNAM LOGISTICAL SUPPORT VETERANS’ ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA (INC.)
President: Ric Gilling, 137 Waterford Dr, Hillarys 6025, Tel: 401 9304. Vice President: Geoff Royle, 72 Fraser St, East Fremantle 6158, Tel: 339 7164. Treasurer: Keith Cox, 22 Carbon Crt, Osborne Park 6017, Tel: 245 1573, 244 3115. Secretary: Brian Long, 7 Shepherds Bush Dr, Kingsley 6026, Tel: 409 6117. Meetings: the Victoria Cross Room, Anzac House on the third Tuesday of every second month. Dates can be confirmed with the Secretary.

VIETNAM VETERANS AND DEFENCE FORCE JOBLINK
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25 SQUADRON BRANCH
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**FEBRUARY 1995**

- 5706981, Bears R.J., Mandurah, 10 Light Horse
- WX15168, Buswell D.J., Bunbury, 2/14 Aust Inf Bn
- WX41153, Crowley P.J., Belmont, 5 Flt Unit
- 83899, Cuthbert R.L., Bedford-Morley, RAAF
- WX83721, D'Arcy C.J., Wembley-Floreat, 2/28 Aust Inf Bn
- NX11294, Dick C., Nollamara-Nth Perth, 2/3 Inf Bn
- WX46726, Dixon H.A., Cockburn, 44 Bn
- 414342, Dodsworth W.W., Lee J.H., 548697, Ingraham D.G., Riverton, 51 Fld Wks Pks
- WX30107, Walter L.T., Wickepin

**APRIL 1995**

- WX3171, Allen K.H., Claremont, AAES
- 566954, Baker E.M., Denmark, RAAF
- WX33557, Chatfield W.A., Mount Hawthorn, 4 AAC
- 949142, Cranston D.W., Bridgetown, RAAF
- 406776, Day W.P., Northampton, 10 VH
- WX23502, Drage G.M., Wembley-Fioreat, 4 Aust Emp
- WX19966, Dwyer E., Osborne Park, 9 Aust Gm Bn
- W6383, Evans W., Yokeine-Joondanna, 4 Div Sigs
- W41844, Finlayson C.G., Gosnells, 26 Bn
- WX7347, Jolley W.T., Trig Spt, 2/3 Flt Regt
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- WX30107, Walter L.T., Wickepin

**MARCH 1995**

- 406554, Aldridge H.F., Dumbleyung, RAAF
- V337141m Basic B.C.Y., Cockburn, 4 Aust Emp Coy
- F6664, Barnes S.R., City of Perth, RAN
- WX29592, Barrell R.G., Wembley-Floreat, 11 Bn
- WX2123, Bellanger B.J.A., Applecross, AAPC
- VX52359, Bromell N.W., Busselton, 13 Small Ships RAE
- 140692, Burgess L.W., City of Perth, RAAF
- VX73143, Cornelius C.A., Boddington, 12 Aust Adv Wk Shp
- WX8340, Couzens W.F., Central, 2/16 Aust Inf Bn
- WX2693, Diemel J., Nollamara-Nth Perth, 2/11 Aust Inf Bn
- WX6940, Donovan M.E., Claremont, 2/28 Aust Inf Bn
- WX18108, Elari S., City of Perth, W3S
- 427228, Front M.J.W., Wagon, RAAF
- SX8936, Glenister C.G., Central, 2/3 M/G Bn
- WX4019, Hains C.L.W., Wembley-Floreat, 2/28 Aust Inf Bn
- 548697, Ingraham D.G., Riverton, 113 Fld Wks Pk
- NC115151, Laird N.J., Armadale, 2/4 Bn
- WX2419, Lee J.H., Central, 9 Div Hq
- WFX 11070, Lewin R.B., Returned Sisters, 2/1 AHG
- WX11968, Meakins D., Bedford-Morley, 2/28 Bn
- WX14281, Minson J.G., Nannup, 2/13 Fld Regt
- WX34651, Moncrieff R.L., Cottesloe, RAA
- 20955, Moore R.R., City of Wanneroo, RAN
- WX36943, Moses A.L., Moora, 2/16 Aust Inf Bn
- WX14805, Muir B.J., Busselton, 2/28 Aust Inf Bn
- WX571, Petersen C.A.G., Gosnells, 2/11 Aus. Inf Bn
- WX32846, Reeves A.H., Central, 13 Fld Coy
- WX32278, Robertson W.J., Harvey, 55, 53 Aust Inf Bn
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- WX40023, Forrest R.J., Maylands-Railways, 2 Fd Amb
- WX40694, Hollands B.J., Bridgetown, 2/10 Aust Inf Bn
- 17403, Hughes L.E., Como, RAAF
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