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Another State Congress has come and gone. Many administrative hours were spent beforehand ensuring that everything was correct and Congress would, I repeat would, be carried out in a smooth manner. This year I think it went very well, and I thank all who assisted and those who voiced their opinions that it was worth attending.

Speaking of State Congress, I was summoned to a Special National Executive meeting in Melbourne at the end of June. This co-incident with the Victorian State Congress and I was very fortunate to be asked to attend the official opening and stay for some of the proceedings. I will say only one word about Victoria’s State Congress and that is ‘interesting’. My reason for mentioning this was that I was privileged to hear Miss Ita Buttrose address the Congress and officially open it. I do not know how much publicity was given to her speech in WA, but the following day journalists reported on her address and headlines in the Melbourne papers read “A NATION OF WIMPS”. Miss Buttrose spoke on subjects which I have mentioned on many occasions and I include in this report parts of her speech for you to read and digest.

I have expressed my opinion that the views of minority groups seem to get more publicity than do those of the majority. Miss Buttrose also spoke of this when she stated, “For some time now, I’ve thought it possible that many Australians have forgotten what freedom of speech really means. I believe it is not just a matter of exercising the right we have to express ourselves, but also of exercising the responsibility that goes with that right. Because we are privileged to live in a country like Australia, which prides itself on its democracy, it sometimes becomes our responsibility to speak on behalf of people who live in countries who do not enjoy this essential human freedom, as President Roosevelt once described it. For some years now we have been told that Australia is the lucky country. In more recent times we’ve been reminded of the need to become the clever country. Somewhere along the way however we’ve become the silent country. We’ve become afraid to speak our minds in case we offend someone.”

Miss Buttrose then attacked business leaders and politicians for failing to lead rational debate on certain issues and she stated, “Often they are reluctant to do so in case they look foolish, or even worse, upset one of the many vocal minorities who seem to think they have an unquestionable right to have things done their way. If you offer a view, you’re immediately labelled as for or against. We no longer seem able to discuss issues rationally. So much so that many people have taken to whispering their concerns. You know the sort of thing “Don’t quote me,” “I wouldn’t say this out loud, but...”, “I’d like to let the boss know what’s happening but it’s really none of my business...”, “I’ve got some thoughts on immigration but I don’t want to be considered racist.” The awful truth is that we no longer feel comfortable discussing things like multi-cultural Australia; anything at all to do with Aborigines, including Aboriginal health which is so appalling that it should shame us all; environmental issues - I wouldn’t be game to chop down a privet at the moment; a multiple of women’s issues... for instance have we made a mistake in encouraging women to be working mothers - has this been to the detriment of family life?” She then went on to the point where “Such reticence does not bode well for Australia’s future. Why have we become a nation of wimps hesitant to talk frankly about the things that so concern us? Why are we not prepared to speak out about the way we want to live? We have become so politically correct that we’ve become a nation of bores. The majority has been silenced by the frowns of the loud-mouthed minority groups.”

Does it not sound familiar, and isn’t it time that more journalists of this nature started to print these remarks? Miss Buttrose further added there was no better organisation to speak out on behalf of people than the RSL because, as she added “I believe the RSL has earned the right to speak on behalf of Australia... It also has a responsibility to do so. The men and women who laid down their lives, and whom we remember in this special year, would expect it of you.”

Miss Buttrose spoke of the Republican issue and it was interesting to hear her views. “I am aware that RSL policy is that any move to change Australia into a Republic be opposed and I respect the RSL’s right to have that view. I have been asked my opinion on Australia becoming a Republic many times. At a debate a few weeks ago I said I thought it was inevitable that, given the multi-cultural make-up of our population, it was the way I thought Australia would go. The person quizzes me immediately said, “Well, if it does happen, you’ll have to give back your OBE.” Such thinking is not only childish but worrying. I do not accept that if we become a Republic that this automatically means we can no longer be proud of our past... that we’ll have to disown it. That is sheer nonsense. I deplore the use of the term the “English Queen” which is creeping in - excuse the description - to what I call the ‘smart-arse section’ of some Sydney newspapers. It is immature and...
unnecessary. We have much to thank Britain for: its laws, its traditions, its civilising influence. Of course, a great many other influences have left their mark on us, too. The Europeans who settled in Australia after World War II added to our culture... to our cuisine, our music, our design, even our enjoyment of wine. And in more recent times Asian immigrants have added their touch. It is our past that has made us the Australia we are today, and shaped us for the Australia we will become in the future. We should be proud of our past - warts and all. No past should be a blank canvas. And no past can be perfect. We shouldn't expect it to be so. And we shouldn't let the vocal minority try to make us think otherwise, that the way to correct any errors is to wipe out our past completely."

Miss Buttrose's speech again highlighted why the RSL, and its members, must keep reminding the media and the politicians of our views by continuing to write letters to the papers and to our local Members of Parliament. Therefore, in this year of 'Australia Remembers' let us make sure by our continuing actions that "Australia Remembers... forever."

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State Secretary’s Notes

The 79th State Congress was well attended with representation of Delegates from throughout the State. Once again the WA Branch was fortunate in having our National President, ‘Digger’ James, in attendance, also the Honourable Con Sciaccia, the Minister for Veterans’ Affairs, and the Shadow Minister, Mr Wilson Tuckey. The National President’s speech dealt with problems which not only beset the League but Australian society at large. The Minister and Shadow Minister provided an insight into the direction which the Federal Government intends to follow for the remainder of this ‘Australia Remembers’ year, and how the Opposition intends to support the Veteran community. General Peter Grattan, the Chairman of the National War Memorial Council, delivered a presentation on the development of the National War Memorial and options open to raise finance for the memorial, including the highly controversial issue of entrance fees for the museum area.

Of the 44 agenda items discussed, a total of 12 were forwarded for inclusion in the agenda for the National Congress, scheduled for the first week in September. The results of all agenda items are to be published in the summer edition of The Listening Post. Many worthy and relevant subjects were raised, ensuring that the League continues to be a force to be reckoned with when Federal Government considers policy related to the Veteran community.

In closing, I remind our members of the ‘Calvalcade’ at the Perth Entertainment Centre on 11 November 1995. Please make every effort to attend this once-in-a-lifetime extravaganza, which is being staged by the League in commemoration of our World War II Veterans. See you there.

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Born in Bunbury, Commodore (Bob) Trotter is the son of the late Frank and Doreen Trotter (nee McGregor) most recently of Attadale. During his childhood and early school years, the Commodore moved with his family from Bunbury to Moora, to Wellington NZ, to Perth, Darwin and then back to Perth. He completed his secondary education via the Wellington Boys' College in NZ, Hollywood High School in WA, Darwin High School in the NT and Adelaide Boys' High before entering the Royal Australian Naval College as a 17-year-old Cadet Midshipman in 1964. Graduating in 1965, he undertook sea training as a Midshipman during 1965/66, serving in HMA Ships ANZAC, VAMPIRE and MELBOURNE. Whilst in HMAS VAMPIRE, Commodore Trotter saw active service with Commonwealth and Malaysian Forces off Indonesia.

In 1966, the Commodore commenced engineering degree studies at the Royal Naval Engineering College at Plymouth in the United Kingdom, graduating as BSc(Eng) in 1969. Returning to Australia in 1970, he gained his operational engineering qualifications in the troop ship HMAS SYDNEY while the ship was engaged in troop and equipment movements to and from Vietnam, Australia and the USA before returning to the UK in 1972 to complete submarine training. He undertook two submarine postings as Marine Engineer Officer (MEO) HMS PORPOISE (exchange service with Royal Navy 1972/74) and MEO HMAS ONSLOW [1975/77] before undertaking a number of submarine staff postings in Australia and the United Kingdom. Promoted to Commander in 1981, Commodore Trotter served as MEO and Officer in Charge, Fleet Maintenance Unit HMAS STALWART before a posting as the Assistant Director Naval Officers' Postings in 1982. In 1985, he completed the Joint Services Staff Course before returning to the Submarine Arm and commencing duty as the Squadron Engineer Officer to Commander Australian Submarine Squadron.

Commodore Trotter was promoted to Captain on being posted as Director Submarine Maintenance and Repair in 1986. His next senior staff positions were as Director Naval Engineering Requirements - Submarine Systems [1989/90] and Director General Equipment Projects [1991/92]. In 1991 he had been appointed as an Honorary Aide-de-Camp to the Governor General.

Promoted to Commodore in March 1992 and appointed as Director General Naval Logistic Policy, He took up his most recent position of Director General Naval Manpower in October 1993.

Monday, 24 July, saw Commodore Trotter assume command of HMAS Stirling - Fleet Base West, as the Senior Naval Officer in Western Australia.

Commodore Trotter married Norelle Breaden (of Geelong, Mildura Cooranbong and Sydney) in May 1975. They enjoy movies, most styles of music, ballet, some theater, eating out and warm holidays. The Commodore is a recreational cyclist, a social golfer, a keen armchair spectator of most sport and is a respectable cook.

*Courtesy: Vic Jeffery, Navy Public Affairs Officer (WA)*
In 1982, the National Congress of the League approved the award of the Meritorious Medal to persons already holding Life Membership, who had 30 years of continuous membership and 25 years of outstanding service to the community and their fellow man. Twenty medals are issued annually.

The medal is to be worn on the right breast and displayed whenever service decorations are worn, or on official RSL duties or at RSL official functions. A miniature medal and a lapel badge have also been produced. Both insignia are of gold plated silver and are accompanied by a Certificate. The first awards of the Meritorious Medal were made in September 1983 and this year we are pleased to announce that four West Australians have received the award.

MR ROWLAND CHARLTON
Northampton Sub-Branch

Mr Charlton joined the League in 1946 and has been an active member ever since. A foundation member of the Wandering Sub-Branch, he re-convened the Derby Sub-Branch and its Anzac Day Services in 1979 and was the co-organiser of the Works Landscaping Plan for the Northampton Memorial Gardens. He is a member who has rarely missed a Sub-Branch meeting in more than 48 years of League activity. Mr Charlton is a devoted Legatee and has assisted many widows in obtaining pensions and other welfare benefits and also coached juniors at the local football club for five years. Mr Charlton has served in key positions on the committees of each of the Sub-Branches of which he has been a member.

MR ROBERT CHARLES BLAKE
Rivervale-Carlisle Sub-Branch

Mr Blake joined the League in 1945. Since that time he has held office in all the key positions on the committee of the Rivervale-Carlisle Sub-Branch, of which he has been a member for 29 years. He is renowned for his unstinting philanthropic service which includes hospital and home visits to veterans who are sick and infirm. His fund-raising activities include Poppy Day, Red Cross, Legacy, Cancer Appeal and Heart Foundation, and he is a committed member of St Barnabas’s Church Committee. Mr Blake was awarded Anzac of the Year (WA) in 1982 and Belmont Rotary Club Citizen of the Year in 1976. He is an active participant in Meals on Wheels, is President of the Happy Days Leisure Club and Member of the Kindergarten Building Committee.

MR MERVYN SCHOFIELD
Riverton Sub-Branch

Mr Schofield joined the League in 1949 and has served in all key positions on the committee of the Riverton Sub-Branch, of which he was a founder member. A very active member of the League and currently Patron of the Sub-Branch, he is Director of Swan Cottage Homes, Secretary of Vestry at Riverton Anglican Church and founder of the Lynwood Residents’ Association. A Justice of the Peace since 1966, Mr Schofield is a founder member of Riverton Bowling Club and was Secretary of the RSL-sponsored Riverton Bridge Swimming Club. He served for six years on the Canning City Council, which included two years on the Health and Building Committees.

MR JOHN McRAE ROGERS
Mt Hawthorn Sub-Branch

Mr Rogers has been a member of the League since 1960, during which period he has undertaken the duties of Treasurer, Hall Custodian and Auditor within the Mt Hawthorn Sub-Branch. He has been involved in all aspects of League activity during his period of membership and is highly regarded by fellow members. Mr Rogers regularly visits the sick and infirm during their periods in hospital and is keenly involved in every aspect of Sub-Branch welfare. His advice is often sought by both the committee and members in Sub-Branch procedures and constitutional matters. He is frequently called upon to make presentations at local schools regarding the League during the period leading up to Anzac Day and on other occasions. He has been active within the PCC and was involved over a period of years with the Anzac Cottage Committee, Mt Hawthorn.
THE FIRST HMAS STUART - A PROUD RECORD

by Vic Jeffery, Navy Public Affairs Officer (WA)

HMAS Stuart, one of nine Destroyer Flotilla Leaders (Scott Class) built during 1917-1919, was completed on 21 December 1918. Seven of these served in, and survived, World War II. It was built in R.W. Hawthorn Leslie & Co Ltd of Newcastle-on-Tyne. It had a top speed in excess of 36 knots.

In 1933, Admiralty transferred on loan and later made an outright gift of Stuart and three “V” Class destroyers, Vampire, Vendetta and Voyager, plus one “W” Class destroyer, Waterhen. These five vessels, which later became famous as the “Scrap Iron Flotilla”, formed the destroyer component of the RAN at the outbreak of World War II in September 1939.

On 17 October 1933, six days after its commissioning into the RAN, the Flotilla sailed from Chatham under the command of Captain AC Lilley, RN in Stuart, proceeding via Suez, Aden, Singapore and Darwin, reaching Sydney on 21 December 1933.

Thereafter, until June 1938, Stuart was in commission on the Australian Station as a unit of HM Australian Squadron. She paid off into the Reserve on 1 June 1938, recommissioned on 29 September 1938 and again paid off on 30 November 1938.

Stuart re-commissioned on 1 September 1939, under the command of Commander HML Wailer, RAN. On 14 October 1939 she sailed from Sydney en route for the Mediterranean as Leader of the Australian Destroyer Flotilla.

At Malta on 2 January 1940, the Australian ships formed the 19th Destroyer Division for service with the Mediterranean Fleet and were then named by the enemy the “Scrap Iron Flotilla”.

On 27 May 1940, they combined forces with four RN destroyers to form the 10th Destroyer Flotilla under Commander [later Captain] Waller.

For more than a year the “Scrap Iron Flotilla” took part in the grim struggle for possession of the ancient sea route linking east and west.

Stuart, in common with most of the Mediterranean Fleet destroyers in 1940-41, was almost constantly at sea - if not operating with the Fleet, then on the never-ceasing duty of escort and patrol. She took part in all the main campaigns - Western Desert, Greece, Crete and Syria.

In the long struggle in the Western Desert, she served as a unit of the Inshore Squadron, giving support to the British Armies ashore, including the supply and reinforcement of the beleaguered Australian garrison at Tobruk during the period June-July 1941. She made 24 runs on the “Tobruk Ferry Service”. At other times, operating with heavy Fleet units, she took part in several of the coastal bombardments of enemy strongpoints in Libya, including the first shelling of Bardia in June 1940.

In July 1940, HMAS Stuart led the 10th Flotilla at the Battle of Calabria, the first Fleet engagement in the Mediterranean since Nelson’s time.

Nine months later, in March 1941, she was present at, and played a notable role in, the Battle of Matapan, an engagement which ended in the decisive defeat of the enemy’s fleet and a final shattering of any hopes the Italians may have had of challenging British Naval supremacy in the Mediterranean.

In this engagement Stuart torpedoed the Italian destroyer Vittorio Alvieri and shelled the damaged cruiser Fiume. During March-April 1941, she was engaged in the transport of troops from Egypt to and from Greece.

These were highlights of Stuart’s part in the Mediterranean campaign, representing only a small portion of her constant comings and goings over that war-torn sea. She took part in numerous minor Fleet operations and was particularly concerned with the safe passage of convoys east and west bound, including those sent to maintain the key strategic island of Malta.

HMAS Stuart had made nine attacks on enemy submarines and was rewarded when, after an all-night hunt in September 1940, she damaged and sank the Italian Gondar and took her crew prisoners.

By mid-1941 the old destroyer was feeling the strain of her war service and, if she was to remain in commission, an extensive refit had become imperative. She had survived more than 50 air attacks. On 25-26 July 1941, she made a final run to Tobruk and barely limped back to Alexandria. On 22 August, with her port engine out of action, she sailed for Australia.

Steaming on one engine, she reached Fremantle on 16 September and Melbourne on 27 September, where a long refit was begun which kept her in dockyard hands until early April 1942.

In April, under the command of Commander SHK Spurgeon, she began a period of escort duty, mainly on the Australian coast.
The First HMAS Stuart cont.

During March-April 1944, she was converted to a store and troop carrying vessel and in this role continued to give useful service until 27 April 1946, when she was paid off for disposal and was finally scrapped in Sydney in 1947.

Since commissioning for war service in September 1939, Stuart had steamed almost one quarter of a million miles and had been more than 17,000 hours under way. None of her men was lost through enemy action.

HMAS Stuart's Battle Honours are:
- CALABRIA 1940
- MEDITERRANEAN 1940-41
- MALTA CONVOYS 1941
- LIBYA 1940-41
- GREECE 1941
- CRETE 1941
- MATAPAN 1941
- PACIFIC 1942-44

The name HMAS Stuart has close links with Western Australia as the second HMAS Stuart, a destroyer escort, arrived at HMAS Stirling as the first destroyer to be based in the west on 20 January 1984. She paid off for disposal in 1991.

The proud name will live on a 'Stuart' has been selected as the name of one of Australia's eight new Anzac Class frigates.

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HOW THE CUSTOM BEGAN AND WHO BEGAN IT:

The Flanders Poppy was first described as the "Flower of Remembrance" by Colonel John McCrae, in peacetime a well-known Professor of Medicine at the great Canadian University of McGill.

Colonel McCrae served as a gunner in the South African war and, at the outbreak of World War 1, wished to join the fighting ranks. However the powers-that-be decided that his great abilities could be used to more advantage and, so he landed in France as a Medical Officer with the first Canadian contingent.

At the second battle of Ypres in 1915, when in charge of a small first-aid post and during a lull in the battle, he wrote in pencil on a page torn from his despatch book these verses:

In Flanders fields the poppies blow,
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place, and in the sky,
The larks, still bravely singing, fly,
Scarcely heard amid the guns below.

We are the dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
the torch: be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die,
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
in Flanders fields.

The verses were sent anonymously to Punch magazine and were published under the title "In Flanders Fields". They were printed in heavy type which was rarely used.

In May 1918, Colonel McCrae was brought as a stretcher case to one of the big hospitals on the coast of France. On the third evening he was wheeled to the balcony of his room to look over the sea toward the cliffs of Dover. The verses were obviously in his mind, for he said to the doctor who was in charge of his case: "Tell them this, if ye break faith with us who die, we shall not sleep".

The same night he died. Today he sleeps in a beautiful cemetery on rising ground above Wimereux from where the Cliffs of Dover are easily visible on sunny days. Each Remembrance Day the British Legion lays a wreath on his grave - a tribute to a great man whose thoughts were always for others.

An American lady, Miss Monica Michael, was impressed by Colonel McCrae's poem, particularly the last verse. Gradually the wearing of a poppy appeared to her as the way to keep "faith" and she decided to wear one always.

Monica Michael, who worked for the YMCA in America during World War 1, conceived of the idea of selling poppies to help ex-servicemen and their dependents in need. France began to manufacture artificial red poppies and exported them to England in 1921. Later the British Legion established a Poppy factory and the custom spread throughout the Empire and so to Australia where the sale of poppies has helped thousands of disabled ex-servicemen.

With acknowledgements to the Sydney Legacy Bulletin.
From Anne Hamilton
Courtesy: Friends of RPH
THE FAMILY OF OPERATION RIMAU'S LAST HERO FINALLY FOUND

I am sure that readers will be delighted to learn that, through the most remarkable set of circumstances, I have finally found the family of World War II's Corporal Roland Bernard Fletcher, the 23rd hero of the ill-fated Operation Rimau. His family was located, not in the UK as I had expected, but right here in Australia in WA's own capital city.

As most of you will know, Operation Rimau was a raid on Japanese shipping in Singapore Harbour in 1944, undertaken by 23 Australian and British Special Operations commandos. Although their raid was partially successful, not one of the 23 survived. Thirteen died or were killed on various islands from Singapore to Timor. A group of 10, captured in December 1944, was beheaded in Singapore on trumped-up war crimes on 7 July, 1945. The story of their heroism was made public in 1990 with the release of the book The Heroes of Rimau.

Although 21 of the 23 families had been located almost 20 years ago, when I Commando Association in NSW was raising funds to strike a commemorative medal for the operation, the whereabouts of the final two was a mystery. And a mystery it remained until 1993 when, following my appearance at a literary lunch in Sydney, a nephew of Rimau's Corporal Hugo Pace, the 22nd hero, stood up in the audience and revealed his identity. Greatly encouraged by this amazing coincidence, I decided to make a concentrated effort to locate the family of Corporal Ron Fletcher.

Information about Fletcher was scant, to say the least. Records held in Canberra revealed that he was born in Dublin in 1916, had joined the AIF in Sydney and that his next-of-kin was his mother, whose address had been given as Cardiff, Wales. Although I located an old army friend of Ron's from his days with the Northern Australia Observer Unit (commonly called The Nackeroos), he was unable to shed any further light on his background as Ron had been a particularly private person.

Although his army papers showed that he had been born in Dublin, a search of Irish records found no trace of this birth. Since the only other clue was the Cardiff address, I wrote a short article, giving an outline of his exploits and the fact that he had been executed on 7 July 1945. These were sent to newspapers in Cardiff in the hope that someone in the Fletcher family may come forward. I also contacted the International Welsh Society who printed my article in newsletters and repeatedly requested their members world-wide to send any information which may come to light.

It was all to no avail. When two years passed and not a single clue turned up I faced the reality that the trail was too cold.

In July this year, I travelled to Perth to attend various functions which had been organised to commemorate Operation Rimau. As the men had trained at Garden Island WA for their mission, it was fitting that the major commemorative service, to remember those who had been executed in Singapore on 7 July 1945, was to be held at the WA War Memorial in beautiful Kings Park.

As the trip also coincided with a new piece of research I had undertaken on POW's in Sandakan, Borneo, and which had been reported in the press, I was invited to appear on 6PR on the high-rating Howard Sattler programme.

Although this particular interview was about Sandakan, Howard Sattler brought up the subject of Operation Rimau. After giving a brief outline of that mission, I mentioned that there had been a moving ceremony to commemorate the anniversary earlier in the week, which it had been my privilege to attend.

Listening to that interview was a lady, a member of Ron Fletcher's family. Realising that I may be referring to the mission which had taken his life, she contacted her daughter, who was Ron's niece. Two days later she tracked me down in Perth.

I was astounded when she revealed her identity and even more astounded when she told me that Ron had lived in WA since he was 13 years old. She, in turn, having received information from the Japanese government that her uncle had been captured and taken to Tokyo, was equally astounded to learn that he had been executed in Singapore, had been buried there in Kranji Cemetery and that there was a commemorative medal awaiting collection.

Although Ron's niece had missed the 50th anniversary service of that terrible day, she had made contact with me in time to attend the erection of a new memorial plaque to another Rimau hero, WA's Corporal Colin Craft, whose previous memorial plaque contained incorrect information.

That this was happening was due to my son, Martyn. Last year, while in Perth for pilot training at RAAF Pearce, he saw the plaque in Kings Park beneath a memorial tree and realised that some of the information on it was incorrect. As a result we contacted Mr Jack Sue, President of Z Special Unit WA (Inc.), who promised that he and his association would have the matter rectified.

They carried out that promise in great style by having a new plaque made and by organising a ceremony on July 16. It was there, as Mr Sue and Martyn set the new plaque in place beneath the slender gum dedicated to the memory of Colin Craft, that his family met that of Ron Fletcher.

It was a poignant moment for all concerned.

As I stood there, listening to the haunting notes of the Last Post, I realised how much this occasion meant. For Colin Craft's folk it was the knowledge that, half a century after his death, people still cared. For Fletcher's, it was the filling of an immense void and the answers to so many questions. For me it was the realisation that, 50 years on, the final chapter of Operation Rimau was at last complete.

© Lynette Ramsay Silver, July 1995. Lynette is the author of The Heroes of Rimau, which has recently been re-released.

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AUSTRALIA REMEMBERS CAVALCADE

The RSL's "Australia Remembers Cavalcade" takes place at the Perth Entertainment Centre on Remembrance Day, 11 November - the final event in this 50th anniversary of the end of hostilities in 1945.

The Cavalcade will take the form of a pageant - part ceremonial, thanksgiving and celebration, and part arena entertainment - with each of the Services and their Associations that played a role in the war, either overseas or on the home front, represented.

"Australia Remembers" was launched nationally by the Prime Minister in 1994 with the aims of recognising veterans who fought in the war, remembering those who died and educating our young people about the war and how it shaped the future of Australia.

A wide variety of celebrations, parades and pilgrimages has taken place in Australia and overseas during 1995, but only in Perth has a commemoration of the calibre of a Cavalcade been undertaken.

Organiser of the event is Col E.C. Dowling (Retd), a veteran himself of Italy and the Normandy landing. Ted has organised a variety of military tattoos around the world, including the Royal Tournament in London, in a 30-year career with the British Army. He is co-ordinating the Cavalcade at the RSL War Veteran's Home in Mt Lawley for the RSL's Office of Special Events - Australia Remembers 1945-1995 Committee.

"Final details of the Cavalcade are still being discussed," says Ted, "but we aim to recognise the wartime generation in all theatres of operation, prisoners-of-war, the home front and our allies.

"But the commemoration would not be complete if we did not focus on those responsible for Veterans' welfare and Old Comrades' Associations in Australia and countries where Australians fought and where local people often saved them. Not least, we will pay tribute to the casualties of war and the War Graves Commission which ensures they rest in peace with their comrades.

"However, the key to the future of both this organisation and our country is our young people and we must now look to them - and especially our next-of-kin - to perpetuate the Spirit of Anzac. It is in this spirit that, during the ceremonial, an RSL banner will be passed from a veteran to a child.

"Honouring all the Services, paying tribute to our fallen comrades, giving due attention to the ceremonial and protocol aspects of the Cavalcade - and at the same time involving our young people in the story of war in an entertaining way - is a formidable task," says Ted, "and this dictates a programme of some length. But there is so much of interest to cram in that it certainly won't be dull!

Fortunately, we have the full support of the Armed Forces, unit and kindred associations and a variety of sponsors and supporters in the public - and I am delighted that so many RSL branches have responded so positively. Everything points to a successful event!"

The Cavalcade opens with a Veterans' Muster of RSL Standard Bearers, followed by wartime associations and kindred organisations - in all, no less than 250 banners on parade. Illustrated by wartime film footage, letters from the front and a variety of musical items, the Cavalcade will tell the story of the War, from the Blitz to final Victory. Military bands include the Royal Australian Navy Band Perth, the Australian Army Band Melbourne, the Central Band of the RAAF, as well as Massed Pipes and Drums, the Queen's Own Royal Gurkha Band, the US Marine Band and Honour Guard and, not least, our own 5th Military District Band (which has been reformed especially for the occasion), Army and Navy reservists. A choir and orchestra, jazz band, actors and dancers will also participate.

Australia's unique role in the War will take centre stage, including memories of Tobruk, the Kokoda Trail, Borneo, the Burma Railway, naval engagements, Bomber Command and the Home Front, Darwin and Broome.

The Cavalcade will draw to a climax with a Drumhead Service, followed by the Last Post, two minutes' silence, fall of poppies, the Evening Hymn and Abide With Me. Reveille will then sound and, for the last time in this 50th anniversary year, victory celebrations will ring out.

All RSL members, their families and especially their junior next-of-kin, are encouraged to attend. There are 6000 tickets to sell and every branch is asked to play its part in making this event memorable for participants and one of which we, and all Australians, can be proud.

"Ticket prices have been kept to a minimum to ensure that everyone can afford to come and remember with us," says Ted Dowling, "but let us know if you have any special requirements in this respect, especially those who travel long distances. Of course we have to cover our budget, but your attendance is the important thing."

Look out for brochures and booking forms which will be sent to all RSL branches.

And be quick with your response as people are already making block bookings.

KEN MURPHY
Co-ordinator
DEAD SPEAK TO THE LIVING ON KOKODA TRAIL

The pilgrimage by the living to the places of war begins at the final resting places of the dead. This is Bomana Cemetery. The backdrop is the Owen Stanley Ranges, looking blue, beautiful and benign.

But up there on razorback ridges, in 1942, something terrible was happening amid the mud, disease and blood - and something grand.

This was part of the New Guinea campaign, a defining time in Australian nationalism, not a distant battle in the name of the empire but a desperate struggle to stop invasion of the Australian mainland.

While Australian soldiers were fighting a telling retreat along the Kokoda Trail, sapping Japanese strength, Australian soldiers and the RAAF at Milne Bay were inflicting the first Japanese defeat on land during World War II.

Ray Steele walks among the shining symmetry of the gravestones. Then stops suddenly. "I never thought I would find it", he says. He touches the engraved name: JE Muir. he looks at the date: 27 August, 1942. He looks at the age: Jimmy was 21.

Jimmy Muir was from Stanthorpe, in Queensland. So was Ray Steele. After the war ended, Steele would return to Stanthorpe to marry Jimmy's sister, Joyce.

Ray Steele's three brothers were in the same platoon, members of the 25th Battalion, part of the militia - the maligned militia - called "chocos", or the chocolate soldiers. The survivors wear that badge with pride now.

"I was beside him when he died. He was the first man killed in the first Japanese counter-attack. As he stepped over a log they shot him right through the stomach. It was a woodpecker, a Japanese heavy machinegun, like our Vickers. There was nothing I could do for him."

'At Bomona Cemetery, Jimmy Muir lies among more than 3,000 of the 7,989 killed in Papua New Guinea. They were all remembered when 117 veterans began the pilgrimage that will take them, in this 50th anniversary year of the end of the war, to Kokoda village and Milne Bay and an honour roll of other battle sites.

Wreathes are laid, speeches made and the Last Post played. Then old men and old women make their personal searches. Charles McGirr also finds what he is looking for: side by side are the graves of A.C. Baird and G.J. Gilhooley. They had been born two days apart and were 26 when they were killed on the same day by the same Japanese.

Jack Brookes finds Des Zwoerner's grave. He kneels in front of it. Zwoerner, 23, had been Brookes's signalman on the Kokoda Trail. Brookes didn't see his mate die, he had already been wounded himself.

He fled an aid shelter just ahead of the Japanese, having got a soldier whose hand had been blown off to help him on with his boots.

Brookes struggled down the trail for two days.

All these veterans have stories, but for most of them this is the first time they have been to Bomana. Pilgrimage chaplain, the Reverend Roy Wotton, knows it well however.

"I think I took the first burial in this cemetery. He was a lad from the 53rd Battalion who died from appendicitis and there were no facilities to look after him." Reverend Wotton buried about 300 soldiers. "They include men that I knew, played footy with, worshipped with. They gave their lives."

But as he remembers the dead, he thinks of the survivors, and those who helped them. "Those who were injured had little chance of survival, especially in the mountains. That's where the carriers were so wonderful, you know. They brought them out. All they had for stretchers was bush timber. It wasn't light. And terrible terrain, awful terrain to walk. It was even bad to walk if you were fit. A doctor mate of mine said I wouldn't like to get a wound in the leg in this country", and he got it.

"There's a special bond between Australia and New Guinea. There's a special bond because it's a blood bond. It's unique." Present at the ceremony are some of them, the fuzzy-wuzzy angels. Ava Aiaa spent all the war years carrying food, ammunition, supplies and that most precious of cargoes, the wounded.

When war started he knew nothing about the Japanese, indeed nothing about the world beyond his village. He says, simply, of the Australians: "They were my friends."

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SYMBOLISM OF THE RSL BADGE

Above all is the CROWN of our Queen - the epitomy of loyalty and trust in our great Nation.

The WATTLE is a symbol of our Country, the great southern continent, and its peoples, ancient and new.

The LEEK, the ROSE, the THISTLE and the SHAMROCK are the symbols of Wales, England, Scotland and Ireland, and represent our British heritage.

The SHIELD is a symbol of readiness at all times to render service to guard our nation and to care for our Comrades.

The RED represents the BLOOD spilled in war which binds us in comradeship and in determination to fight for peace. WHITE stands for the PURITY of our motives to render services without thought of gain. The BLUE indicates our willingness to come to the aid of our comrades anywhere under the BLUE SKY.

The CIRCLE is the League which binds its members, represented by MEN and WOMEN of the Navy, Army and Air Force, marching together in unity and comradeship.

Not wealth, nor influence, nor social standing can purchase the Badge which may be worn only by those who have rendered service in the armed forces. It is a time honoured emblem which has been worn by the most revered in the land.

Look to this badge as an inspiration to good citizenship, cherishing the ideals the League represents. Let it be worn with pride.

US LEGION SENDS ANZAC GREETINGS

The following message has been received from the National Commander of The American Legion to all members of the RSL.

To members of the Returned & Services League:

As National Commander of The American Legion, our nation's largest veterans' organisation, I send greetings to all members of the Returned & Services League on behalf of our 3.1 million members on the historic occasion of the 80th anniversary of the Battle of Gallipoli.

The valour and sacrifices of the Anzacs at Gallipoli are never to be forgotten. Their courage, endurance and resourcefulness in the face of overwhelming odds will stand forever as a testament to the steadfastness and resolve of the people of Australia and New Zealand.

The heroic story of the Anzacs at Gallipoli continues to serve as an inspiration not only to the folks 'Down Under', but to the entire free world. Through two world wars, as well as Korea and Vietnam, Australians and Americans have fought for freedom, justice and the cause of world peace.

May this commemoration of Anzac Day serve as a reminder to all freedom-loving peoples of the terrible price that is often paid for their sake by those who selflessly answer their country's call to duty.

Sincerely,
WILLIAM M. DETWEILER
NATIONAL COMMANDER, AMERICAN LEGION

DIGGER REPLIES

RSL National President "Digger" James has replied as follows:

Dear Sir,
Thank you very much for your magnificent letter of 6 March, 1995, sending your greetings, support and friendship to all members of the Returned and Services League in regard to the historic 80th anniversary of the Battle of Gallipoli that will occur on 25 April this year. I do thank you most sincerely for your letter and I shall ensure that it is made available to all members of the Returned & Services League.

Could I send to you, both personally and to all members of your Legion, the very best wishes of the Returned & Services League. We have served with our American comrades-in-arms in many campaigns as you mentioned, and we have a close affiliation and affection which will never dim.

May I send you and all your people every good wish.
Yours sincerely
WB. [DIGGER] JAMES
NATIONAL PRESIDENT

Courtesy: Stand To

AFTERNOON TEA DANCE

Veterans' Health Week

The Australian Red Cross, Hollywood Private Hospital & The Commonwealth Department of Veterans' Affairs invite you to the annual Afternoon Tea Dance to be held in the Red Cross Hall on the grounds of Hollywood Private Hospital, Verdun Street, Nedlands, on Thursday 2 November 1995 between the hours of 1.30 and 4.00pm.

To book, please call The Department of Veterans' Affairs Health Promotion Unit on 366 8370 or 366 8341.
The Albany Historical Society and the Albany Advertiser are trying to piece together parts of Albany's rich heritage.

We are hoping that readers can help us identify people and situations from unidentified photographs held by the Historical Society.

We are searching for the identities of any Albany officers represented in this photo, titled '17th Field Ambulance Officers', taken at Windmill Hill in July, 1917.

If you can help, contact Betty from the Albany Historical Society on (097) 41 5403.

*Courtesy: David Carrigg - Albany Advertiser*

**HOLLYWOOD HOSPITAL ACCREDITED**

Hollywood Private Hospital is now an Accredited hospital.

The Australian Council on Healthcare Standards surveyed Hollywood in May and the hospital received its accreditation certificate at an official ceremony on August 24.

The process of accreditation can be compared to the star-rating for hotels. The Council surveys hospitals to ensure that their standards of care and service are up to a national standard. The surveys are tough and investigate all areas of safety, service and clinical standards.

All other Ramsay Health Care hospitals hold accreditation status.

**BOWLS DAY HONOURS WAR VETERANS**

War Veterans and War Widows and their friends turned out for a great day of bowls in April for the Australia Remembers - Hollywood Private Hospital Bowls tournament, played at the Hollywood-Subiaco Bowling Club.

The event, sponsored by Hollywood Private Hospital, was in honour of the Australia Remembers: 1945-1995 celebrations, commemorating the 50th anniversary of the end of World War II. The game was a mixed drawn fours, with two games of 12 ends and 136 people participated from throughout the metropolitan area.

The winners, with plus 36, were Denise Werley, Ron Waters, Norma Clarke and Athol Maddox.

The runners-up, with plus 19, were Theo Joel, Joy Buckenara, Mike Hall and Joan Thomas.

The first game winners, with plus 10, were Les Olsen, Betty Wayman, Tamara Crayden and Flo Johnson.

The second game winners, with plus 16, were Eddie Crisp, Beverley Samson, Brian Lynch and Thelma Grafton.

The day was a great success, thanks to the excellent organisation by Hollywood-Subiaco Bowling Club President, Em Laurence, and is now set to become an annual event.

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THE NATIONAL PRESIDENT’S REPORT

The National President Major General W.B. “Digger” James [AO, MBE, MC], delivered the following address when he formally opened the Western Australian 1995 Annual State Congress.

In this our 80th year since the foundation of the RSL the work commenced by our founding fathers continues to be necessary not only for the veteran community, but for Australia as a whole. Our founding fathers saw their work related to both the welfare of the veteran and his family and the welfare of our nation. We have seen this year, when we commemorate the 50th anniversary since the end of World War II, an outstanding response of patriotism and support from all members of the Australian community both at home and abroad. We have seen the biggest crowds attending the many events in our calendar, notably Anzac Day, that we have seen for many years. The participation of the veteran and the general public has been enormous and clearly indicates to me the special place the ex-service community holds in our nation. With this, of course, is a grave responsibility. Today I wish to speak on many topics that are a worry to we veterans, as well as the community at large. We must give our opinion.

On 14 May last year the well-known and well-respected actor Leonard Teale died. He starred in many TV series, was known to be a great Australian and was an RAAF pilot in World War II. In an obituary given on a television station in 1993 the interviewer referred to his campaign to enter the Senate and asked him the question “why at the age of 71 are you now standing for parliament?” His reply was simple. He said, and I quote, “because I am terrified. Terrified of where our country is going.”

Today let me speak about a range of aspects in our society related to where we are going, and in particular, give my views on “where we are going wrong”. I have empathy for the feelings that Leonard Teale had. I too am terrified of where we are going, and I suspect many of you here today feel the same. The buzz word at the moment is “republic”. We are told it is inevitable. But let’s be wise and look firstly at our history. We have been part of the British Empire and although this might be regarded as politically incorrect, it is important that we talk about it.

Although the “BRITISH EMPIRE” of 1917 has undergone enormous change, and today we have the Commonwealth made up of independent nations, and some are Republics, it is interesting to note two things. Firstly, the old members continue to be a family; they meet, they talk, they argue, but they respect each other. Secondly, it is important to note that the concept of the Empire was always to foster and allow this to happen, to allow the people of each colony to achieve independence, to have universal suffrage or, simply put, to have freedom of choice in how their country should be run. That was, and is, the strength of the British Empire. I see a great and urgent need now for Australians to recognise this, and work to correct many terrible issues that are presently tearing our country apart. I will address but a few of them, but I worry a great deal for I believe we are being hoodwinked by evil people, by a NEW WORLD ORDER, by the concepts of FABIANISM, and we as a nation seem to be lying down and letting it happen. Is it just apathy, or is it laziness, or is it bribery?

THE FAMILY

In the past 10 years we have seen serious attacks on the sanctity of marriage and even moves to remove the fundamental unit of our society - the family. Who could have believed that this would have been possible. But it has happened. We’ve gradually allowed de facto relationships to equate with marriages - BY LAW. More recently, we have had the move to promote homosexual couples as being equated with marriage and be allowed, and indeed, to have children by adoption or insemination in the case of lesbians. We have gradually allowed pornography to be available and portrayed in every shop and restaurant, in every factory and workplace in our country. But we cannot make available anything that may be misconstrued anti-racial. But it has happened. It is here.

Why has this happened? Dr Lucy Sullivan, a social scientist herself at Sydney University, writes of the growth in the power of social science and how they, social scientists, could create social changes by -

“The understanding that social sciences [can] deliver ‘innovation in Social Behaviour...’ just as physical sciences permit successful innovation in technology.” She goes on to say “that because of this, entirely premature prescriptions for behaviour and beliefs have been promoted and have been effective. Religion and morality are seen as redundant, as protecting pointless rituals and taboos, while the social sciences are the source of true knowledge.”

So, unobserved by most of us, or too absurd to be
The National President's Report Cont.

considered, we have seen in our country the moves towards unbelievable situations. We have seen the promotion of: FREE LOVE; ONE NIGHT STANDS; SEX SHOPS; PORNOGRAPHY; PROMISCUITY; INCREASED DIVORCES; PROLIFERATION OF CONDOM MACHINES; "AFFAIRS" WITHOUT COMMITMENT OR RESPONSIBILITY; THE FORMAL TEACHING OF SEX IN VIVID DETAIL TO PRIMARY SCHOOL CHILDREN; THE PROMOTION OF FALLACIOUS SAFE SEX GUIDES (CLEO, DECEMBER 1994) INCLUDING DETAILS OF ANAL SEX, ORAL SEX AND OTHER SEX PERVERSIONS. All persuasively promoted as OK. This, I believe, has led to the growth of confusion in our young, with the growth of family breakdown, youth suicide, eating disorders, street kids, venereal diseases, infertility due to venereal diseases and many other problems.

But with all of this I think the most insidious evil present in our sick society is the move to destroy the family. And that was the agenda of the International Year of the Family, the encouragement to take our children out of families and put them, by using financial incentives (bribery), as a responsibility of the State. In the old days child endowment was paid to all families for the support of the family - as a family. Today, the allowances for child care; the homeless youth allowance; the Austudy programme; the unmarried mothers' pension are all designed to break the family. I ask you, can it be interpreted otherwise?

How different from the wise words of R.G. Menzies who, in May 1942, wrote:

"...the real life of this nation...is to be found in the homes of people who are nameless and unadvertised and who, whatever their individual religious convictions or dogma, see in their children their greatest contribution to the immortality of their race..."

"National patriotism, in other words, inevitably springs from the instinct to defend and preserve our homes...my home is where my wife and children are. The instinct to be with them is the greatest instinct of civilised man."

WORK ETHIC v UNEMPLOYMENT

I have grave concerns about the work ethic in our nation today. I recently read an article by John Hyde in "The Australian" and he spoke of his childhood in Western Australia. He said:

"My father and uncles worked hard to develop an excellent farm (later farms) from their Western Australian bush. Such records and anecdotes as survive suggest that they were better managers than many. But that was not the essence of their success. Those farms were the product of prodigious hard work and a willingness to forego current consumption, to invest in productive assets. The obligation to endow the next generation was an ethic my father and many like him did not question..."

I believe this was the work ethic that made Australia what it was and what it stood for. It was the will of people, the desire of people to grow and develop in their own way, to raise families, to live within the law, to have their religious beliefs and to leave their children in better conditions than they themselves had when they arrived on the earth. They saw it as their responsibility to make sure their children were cared for. It was hard work, required generosity yet firmness, self sacrifice, determination not to give up and not to be a wimp. This really all means self discipline. I am concerned that this attitude is being lost, that we are becoming a nation waiting for handouts (promoted by the Government) and in doing so we will become a nation that is weak and, I suspect, will lose our soul.

NATIONAL SERVICE

With youth unemployment, street kids, latchkey kids, drugs, graffiti and alcoholism in youth, which all add up to their being told by society they are not wanted, and they in turn crying for help by their so-called anti-social behaviour,

IS IT WRONG to spend some of our taxes on our youth to teach them such things as working in a team, pride in their dress and turnout, being wanted and needed (even if it is a Corporal who wants them), learning good eating habits, good hygiene, fitness, friendships-mateship, good posture and so on and so on? I think not. RSL policy has consistently argued for the reintroduction of a form of National Service. I believe it is more important today than has been for many years. We should not shirk from this policy.

RIGHTS - UNITED NATIONS

May I touch on another aspect that I am concerned about in our society, and that is to do with the whole question of "rights" that have been promoted over the past few years. The concept of a "Bill of Rights" has been discussed recently by Sir Harry Gibbs, former Chief Justice of the Australian High Court, who said:

"Bills of Rights are in fashion at the moment" and he goes on to say that whilst the Australian Constitution does not specify rights in those words it does ensure that "...the people of Australia enjoy as much freedom as exists in any country whose Constitution contains an elaborate guarantee of rights."

The United Nations, of which I have serious reservations, seems hell-bent on defining everything in terms of "rights". By establishing "rights" in situations, we are immediately establishing an adversarial situation of "we" and "they". This, of course, means lawyers, court rooms, bitterness, hatreds and the like. It seems to me, that the word "rights" is very much over-used and I rather think it should be replaced with the word "privilege". I ask you to think about that. Should not things like "children's rights", which promotes the individual, and with that selfishness, be replaced by the interests of society and family?

I also have a great concern about the United Nations treaties and conventions operating in Australia today.
The National President's Report Cont.

There are some 2000 and none has been debated in Parliament, but they have the force of law as demonstrated in the Franklin Dam dispute and more recently the homosexual Privacy Act in Tasmania. It should be noted that the US has approved only 400 and these have been debated and passed as an Act of Parliament. The remainder have presumably been rejected.

**REPUBLICANISM v CONSTITUTIONAL MONARCHY**

I repeat, I do not believe that it is inevitable that this country will become a republic. Let me refer briefly to the presentation by the Rt Hon Sir Garfield Barwick on the topic of "Parliamentary Democracy in Australia" to the Samuel Griffith Society in Sydney 2 April 1995. He made the point that our country is based on the concept of a democracy, that is, the people manage and control our community and he draws the distinction between that in Australia, and the United States of America's form of republic. He says:

"The American Constitution was founded on a distrust of the community and of the Congress to whom unlimited sovereignty was not given. Want of confidence in the majority of the community lead to the entrenchment of individual rights as enumerated in the Constitutional Amendments...[this] diminished the sovereignty of the Congress, thereby reducing the democratic control of its affairs by the community itself. These rights were expressed in words and therefore their construction and application were placed in the hands of the unelected and unrepresentative judiciary, which thus has the ability to determine the parameters of the rights contained in the amendments. The decisions of the judiciary on these matters cannot be overturned or modified by Congress."

In the case of Australia, he says:

"The Westminster system of Parliamentary democracy is thought by many to be the best system of government yet devised by humans. It is the result of a long historical and practical process driven by a love of personal freedom."

Sir Garfield then goes on to describe the development of the Australian Constitutional Monarchy and says:

"The Queen of Australia can only exercise the powers originally given to the Queen of Great Britain by the constitution upon, and in accordance with, the advice of the Australian Ministry communicated by its Prime Minister."

Thus, on the emergence of Australian independence the Australian Monarch became bound to appoint as Governor-General the person nominated for that office by the Australian Ministry and could only give such instructions to the Governor-General as the Ministry advised. The power to withhold assent to legislation and to allow a statute could only be exercised upon the advice of that Ministry. In other words, the Australian Monarch became a powerless figurehead and Australia gained all the advantages of a republic except, of course, its description as such."

Sir Garfield concludes his paper with the words: "Even allowing due weight to the criticisms (he made in his paper) ... to the operation of the party system, the Government of the community, under a POWERLESS Constitutional Monarchy is eminently practical and satisfactory. It is, at best, DOUBTFUL, whether the offence it may give, in some minds, to Australian nationalism, is enough to warrant the dislocation which an attempt to effect the change from a powerless Monarch to a powerless President is likely to cause."

I can only but endorse these views. His paper is crystal clear and rewarding to read and basically says, I suppose, if it's not broken, why fix it - and it certainly is not broken.

Let me quote Sir Harry Gibbs on the topic of "rewriting the Constitution". He points out that in the last decade of the 19th Century when representatives of the Australian colonies met to consider a scheme for Federal Constitution:

"... they were actuated by what appeared to them to be practical needs and inspired by an ideal."

"The principal needs, which they saw, were to provide a common framework for defence and to establish what would now be called a common market for the purposes of trade [free trade between States]."

"The ideal was that the Australian continent should be occupied by only one nation."

"... it may therefore be instructive to examine what are the essential features of our Constitution since it seems natural to assume that the protagonists of a new Constitution wish to do away with, or least modify, some of these features. These are:

- essentially, the Constitution is a federal union of States under the Crown;
- it is intended that Australia should be a Constitutional Monarchy;
- parliament is comprised of a bicameral legislature - two houses of parliament democratically elected;
- the government must be responsible, the ministry should be members of, and responsible to, the legislature (elected members of parliament) and there is no rigid separation of legislative and executive powers;
- the independence of the judiciary is intended to be secure;
- the Commonwealth that was created with these attributes is "indissoluble" and so the Constitution itself is made difficult to amend."

Sir Harry goes on to say:

"Let me mention first one question that will be among the most contentious of the proposals for change, and in my opinion, the most potentially dangerous, threatening as it does the very basis of
the ideal of one nation for one continent. That is the proposal (now banded around) that the Constitution should provide for a treaty, or some other form of reconciliation, with the Aboriginal people, and the people of the Torres Strait Islands, and should recognise them as the indigenous peoples of Australia (which of course they are) and should secure for them special constitutional rights.

We may admit that in the past the Aboriginal people have been the victims of crime and blunders and that the condition of many of them (but by no means all) is today lamentable. We should certainly recognise that the situation of many of the Aboriginal people means that they should have special needs which our society should meet.

“It does not follow (however) that a generation which was in no way responsible for the crimes or the blunders of the past should be so racked with guilt that we should imperil our sovereignty and place the very existence of our nation at risk.”

“We cannot ignore the fact that already the argument is put forward that the Aboriginal people are a sovereign people who should receive international recognition as such. It has been frankly suggested that it is possible that in the future some areas of Australia, such as Arnhem Land, the Central Desert or the Torres Strait Islands, may become separate nations.”

“Whether or not it is safe for Canada to create a separate nation in its remote north, it must be obvious that the security of Australia would be threatened if any of those parts of Australia, which are nearest to our neighbouring countries, or at the very heart of the continent, acquire separate nationhood.”

Sir Harry Gibbs’ real point on this issue is made when he says:

“There is at present ample legislative power to make proper provision for the amelioration of the lot of the Aboriginal people, and neither justice nor humanity requires that the existence of the Australian nation should be endangered by including in the Constitution, provisions that recognise that the Aboriginal people have a status different from that of other Australian citizens, and that they have special rights based not on individual needs, but on race.”

Ladies and Gentlemen, these words of two of our most eminent former Chief Justices of the Australian High Court, demand study and serious consideration by us all.

THE FLAG

I believe our flag, in every way represents our needs. It has been fought under by generations of Australians, it is beautiful, it contains all the elements of our nation - where we have been; where we are; and where we are going. Ausflag had no idea of a design; no idea of what it wants, and indeed, it surely represents the pathetic aggression of a few dissidents.

SOCIETY - ISSUES TODAY

Let me just randomly list some symptoms that indicate, to me, serious concerns in our society today:

- Immunisation of our children - we are now listed to third world status.
- Homeless children - 85% at least DO have homes, but government handouts and, let’s face it, negligent parents, promote the concept to leave home.
- The emergence of Feminism, with the changing role of women - what do they want? Are they happy? More importantly, are the noisy ones truly representative of what the 85% (or should it be 90%) of women want? I suspect not. Will it give happiness and fulfilment? I think not.
- The myth of divorce rates in Australia. It suits some people to promote the myth that the divorce rate in Australia is 30% or more. NOT TRUE. On current 1995 figures, of all first marriages, 87% are still married after 10 years. Of the 13% who have divorced, a high percentage go on to have a 2nd and 3rd divorce - the latter statistic of 13% is used improperly and, I suspect, to deliberately muddy the figures.
- The growth of Childcare facilities - perhaps better called “the institutionalisation of our children” - is a great worry to me. It is interesting to record the words of Senator Brian Harridine on this topic. He wrote “Governments should not make it easier for men or women to desert their families, or parents to evict their children”, and he went on to say “Today we are seeing ... a fiscal system which favours atomistic individuals without dependants”.
- He further said “Only the Canberra bureaucracy could dream up a definition of child care which excludes the care of a child in his or her own home, by a parent.”

I have presented to you many problems that exist in our nation today. I do not have all the answers, except to say that the principles and policies of the Returned and Services League of Australia lay down a fundamental principle of values of the highest quality. I firmly believe that these values must be fought for and retained. I ask you to keep in mind that our duties, to those who have fallen in war and died since due to war service, are to maintain and continue the care of our veterans and their families, but it is also vital that we continue to fight for the maintenance and care of our nation that they fought, died and served for. It is of vital importance, not only to our nation, but more importantly, to future generations. Let us stand firm and say in what we believe, for at the moment we are being governed by minority groups. Surely, we must correct this and be governed by the majority. We must find ways to do this.
In the cities and the towns and dusty outposts of Australia.
On sun-dried cattle stations lonely spread beneath 'The Cross',
Every 25th of April this one nation comes together
To remember all brave comrades and kinsmen who were lost:
and sleep by Turkish crumbling trench,
in peaceful Flanders poppy fields,
by dappled jungle green and desert sands,
beneath the restless oceans, a bonding shared between them,
their sacrifice still recalled across the Wide Brown Land.

As Last Post sadly echoes 'round the vastness of their homeland,
Limp flags half-masted stir above bared heads of those below,
It is right that we remember in the Autumn morning silence
Those Anzacs paid the price so long, and not so long, ago;
in foreign wars of doubtful worth,
red by blood of Southern freemen
fought to keep Mars' horrors from these shores,
died for the dream of freedom, each one must be remembered
lest we forget and stand condemned by them for evermore.

So why do we not honour on this one day of remembrance
Our abandoned Unknown Sailor in unsung lonely grave?
Denied a hero's headstone on Christmas Island tangled hillside,
Refused his place in history so false Statesmen might be saved;
from retribution long delayed,
for shameful deeds of treachery
as brought this soul to tragic end too soon
with six hundred forty four brave Cruiser SYDNEY men,
near forgotten and unshriven lain in Neptune's silent tomb.

For them his last lone journey through dark valleys of the ocean
On breezes sighted down Zuytdorp's cliffs close by Dirk Hartog's Bay,
His charge the page of history base cowards sought to alter
So SYDNEY's fallen heroes lie faint honoured on the day;
when buglers sound a sad retreat
from principle and gratitude
to Martyrs staunchly kept the gate yet not so long ago,
while prideless Statemen bending knee toward a new-born Rising Sun
reject the faithful Courier in favour of his erstwhile foe.

Is his crime to be the messenger who tells a different story
of manner SYDNEY and his comrades died that bare
recalled November?
Why grubby politicians who deny his Anzac standing
Still suppress the ghostly voice so we might not remember
that SYDNEY men all Anzacs true
well knew their deadly art of war?
not simple fools so easy gulled by German raider foe
full recognised before he came in malice by our shore
where SYDNEY met her end in a way that history's truth
must one day show.

As Phoenix soared with life anew, from cold grey ash of yesterday
Long-silent voices rise again to call to us from jungle hill
And story tell if we will hear, of how they won the field that eve,
The victory lost to treachery of foes who play as victors still;
to shield assassins hidden deep and mask the face of Heaven's Sons
loosed their torpedoes from the night; the coward blows bright
the sea and ever silenced stalwart SYDNEY's guns.
And darker deeds as yet untold, that only by the foe are known.

Should we who live boast Anzac pride, denying SYDNEY's Martyrs still,
Too shamed to see those pale accusing faces in the spray?
Confess to cruelly sacrificed, this nation chose not to remember
The debt long owed on life they gave hard by Dirk Hartog's Bay?
for time is come to hear their call from he who brought dumb tidings home
that History's Page is falsely penned, the truth now ours to find.
What better time to welcome him than 25th of April
to tell the world that Anzacs will not leave their mates behind.

Then dawns the day when all are told full truth of SYDNEY's sacrifice
And her ghosts find peace by an Island shrine, grave of her Unknown Sailor,
To find their place of honour when our people join as one
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**PHOTO Plt.Off R.E.W Cracknell on graduating from Melbourne University as a Cypher Officer.**

Courtesy: B. CRACKNELL

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**WAR VETERANS' HOMES**

In general, all the Homes and Villages are running quite well. A number of changes are taking place, which we hope will add to the quality of care that we will be able to give those for whom we are responsible and those we will be caring for in the future.

The most significant of these changes will be the publication of “The Corporate Plan of The Returned & Services League of Western Australia War Veterans’ Homes”. Many hours have been spent compiling this and it is anticipated that the first draft of the document will be available in the near future. The Corporate Plan will be the guideline by which the War Veterans’ homes operate and will be aptly named “Future Care”.

Another significant change and one in which we are already looking to future care, or caring in the future, has been the introduction of Community Aged Care Packages (CACPs) in Geraldton. CACPs allow for our care staff to attend to people in their own homes when that person is in need of some assistance but does not qualify for entry into a hostel or nursing home. A close eye will be kept on the Geraldton project with a view to introducing the Packages in other areas of need.

Discussions are under way with Government departments regarding other “Outreach” programmes and the upgrading and “Special Care Places” badly needed at Mt Lawley.

Mt Lawley is currently undergoing extensive repainting. Other changes have seen the introduction of contract ground maintenance personnel and the re-introduction of contract cleaners. Apart from cost saving, much of this will be necessary when another expected change in the provision of aged care comes into being, that of Hostel “Validation”. Once again we are looking ahead with “future care” in mind.

In Geraldton, construction of six units in the last stage of the Village is about to commence, and again the future is being considered as this group will consist of 3 three-bedroom units (which our investigations show to be popular), and 3 two-bedroom units. The Village will then consist of 18 two-bedroom and 4 three-bedroom units and a Residents’ lounge/recreation centre.

All associated with the War Veterans’ Home raffle thank the supporters for their ongoing generosity. Just over $100,000 was raised which, considering the change of drawing date, was a pleasing result. On behalf of all members of the League, I wish to thank our wonderful ladies for again making the raffle possible.

KEN MURPHY

Chairman
## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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This calendar doesn’t contain all the events to be held. A full diary is available by phoning 366 8370. Details of all VHW events are available from the Health Promotion Unit of DVA.

If you run an event of your own, DVA will assist in any way possible to make it a success. DVA also has lists of hundreds of day trip destinations for you to “Live Life to the Full” all year round, call 366 8370.

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### Living Life to the Full Awards

The theme of Veterans’ Health Week is Living Life to the Full. As part of that week, Living Life to the Full Awards will be presented.

#### What is the aim of these awards?

To recognise those veterans, war widows and members of ex-service or associated organizations (such as Laurel Clubs) who live life to the full.

#### How will they be recognized?

By presentation of a certificate at the official launch of Veterans’ Health Week.

#### Who can be nominated for an award?

Anyone who enjoys life.

Often as we get older we can not do as much as we used to. Despite this, living a full enjoyable life is not out of the question.

We would like to hear from you about those people who live life to the full.

For further information please contact Colin Wright on 366 8370 or for country callers 1800 11 3304 ext 370

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### Simplification of rules for financial assets

In this year’s Budget the Government has decided to extend on the successful bank deeming system and introduce a simpler way of assessing income from financial investments for income support pensions.

The majority of pensioners will be unaffected by this change.

This new system (to be called “extended deeming”) will:

- be simple, more user-friendly, with no complex formulae
- mean less frequent pension changes
- be less intrusive into your affairs and
- encourage prudent investments

Send nominations to:

Colin Wright UC
Veterans’ Health Week Project Officer
Department of Veterans’ Affairs
Level 13/140 St Georges Terrace
PERTH 6000
Veterans' Affairs cont.

The small proportion of pensioners affected by the "extended deeming" will be given more than 12 months to understand this improved system and to adjust their investments accordingly. To assist pensioners a free financial information service will be operational in November 1995.

"Extended deeming" comes into effect from 1 July 1996 and will replace the current bank deeming system and the complex rules for managed investments and shares.

"Extended deeming", which responds to the independent review of the pension income and assets tests set up by the Government last year, is a simple system whereby income from most financial investments will be assessed at certain rates. Please see below for details of the financial assets included, the rates to be applied and an example of how it will work.

If you have any queries please contact DVA on Hotline 1800 552468.

What is the new "extended deeming" system?

Income from most financial investments will be assessed as earning the following rates of interest:

- **Single Pensioner**
  - Up to $30,000 @ 5%
  - $30,001 and over @ 7%

- **Married Pensioner**
  - Up to $50,000 @ 5%
  - $50,001 and over @ 7%

The current Income and Assets Free Areas will still apply. This means your fortnightly income (including deemed income) will have to exceed $90.00 for a single person/$156.00 combined for a married couple before your service pension is reduced from the maximum rate.

What financial investments are included?

- cash, bank, building society, and credit union accounts;
- bonds and debentures
- loans
- friendly society investments, managed investments and
- shares

Deeming will not apply to non-financial assets such as your home and its contents, motor vehicles, real estate, farms and superannuation.

If your investments yield more income than is calculated under the new system, your pension would not be affected by the extra income.

**Example:**

A married couple has $70,000 in financial investments. The income deemed from these investments will be:

- $50,000 x 5% = $2500 per annum
- $20,000 x 7% = $1400 per annum

Total income is assessed at $3900 per annum or $150 per fortnight.

If they earn more than this, only $150 per fortnight would be counted. If the couple has no other income, and assets below the assets threshold, then their pensions continue to be paid at the maximum rate.

Please note that the bank deeming rate has risen from the 4% rate to the new rate of 5% with effect from 6 July 1995 in line with interest rate increases.

You do not need to contact us about this increase.

Help with the costs of education for the children of Vietnam Veterans

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

The Vietnam Veterans' Trust Education Assistance Scheme (VVTES) provides help with the costs of post-secondary education for selected children. The scheme offers a limited number of grants, which are worth $3,500 per year for the duration of the student's course (provided certain conditions are met).

To be eligible to be considered for a VVTES grant a person must be:

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

b. Enrolled, or planning to enrol, in a full-time, post-secondary course up to first qualification level. Courses may be at University, TAFE, Business College, or a recognised private institution.

c. The applicant and family must be within the means test.

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

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

More than 117 grants have been made since the scheme started in late 1990. These are enabling veterans' children throughout Australia to undertake education and training, which they may not have been otherwise able to attempt or complete without real financial difficulty.

Applications open on 1 September and close on 31 October each year. Forms and more information are available from the Trust's Regional Officers.

MARGOT HARNESS Ph (09) 221 1159 WA Regional Secretary
Left to right: Mrs Ann Keynes, Mrs Olga Grieg and Mrs Delys Gration.

Left to right: Mrs Jenny Snell, Mr Roger Snell and Mrs Jeanette Murphy.

Left to right: Mr Ian Rasmussen, Mr Bill McGhie and Mrs Margaret Taylor.

Major General W.B. “Digg"
Left to right: Mr Jim Dalton, The Hon Wilson Tuckey, Dr Alan Hawke and Sir Charles Court.

Left to right: Mrs Jeannine Nolan, Brigadier Terry Nolan and General Peter Gratton.

Left to right: Mr Tony Kent, Mrs Patricia Rowland and Mr Jim Ward.
Veterans' Affairs cont.

Anzac Foundation Appeal officially launched

The Federal Government will officially contribute $3 million over the next three years on a matching dollar-for-dollar basis with the State Government to the Anzac Health and Medical Research Foundation.

The Minister for Veterans' Affairs, Con Sciacca, made the announcement at the launch of the capital appeal for the Anzac Foundation, which is designed to provide a tangible commitment to improving community health standards, particularly for the veteran community.

Mr Sciacca said the one million dollars, per annum, for three years would be spent on building a state-of-the-art research institute at Concord Repatriation General Hospital, which would conduct research into disorders of lifestyle and ageing.

Mr Sciacca urged community and corporate organisations to get behind the Anzac Foundation appeal so tangible, medical outcomes could be achieved for all Australians.

HMAS VOYAGER

Settlement of outstanding claims

The Attorney-General Michael Lavarch and Defence Science and Personnel Minister Garry Punch announced on 24 April that the Government had decided on a scheme to settle outstanding compensation claims from the sinking of HMAS VOYAGER on 10 February 1964.

After many years of litigation the Government decided in 1993 to seek mediation on claims by VOYAGER crew members.

That offer could apply only to claims lodged before 1 December 1988, when the Safety, Rehabilitation and Compensation Act replaced common law actions against the Commonwealth for work related injuries within a statutory scheme.

However, since the 1993 decision, a large number of VOYAGER crew members have come forward seeking compensation.

The Ministers emphasised that the Government's decision to settle the VOYAGER claims should not be regarded as a precedent for any other common law actions.

Letters will be sent to solicitors representing those who have already sought compensation, outlining the details of the settlement scheme.

Other crew members able to demonstrate a related injury or loss, or the dependants of deceased crew members who can demonstrate that death was linked to the tragedy, will have 12 months to claim.

Outstanding claims from crew members of HMAS MELBOURNE and any VOYAGER claims not settled under this scheme would be dealt with under normal legal practice.

Aged Care Policy secures future for veteran community

The veteran community will welcome the announcement of the Federal Government's new Aged Care Policy demonstrating its commitment to veterans and their dependants.

That was the view of Major General Digger James, National President of the RSL, speaking on behalf of the veteran community at the official launch of the new policy "AS TIME GOES BY: Continuing the Commitment".

Details of the policy - designed to address the health, residential and community care needs of ageing veterans and war widows were announced by the Minister for Veterans' Affairs, Con Sciacca, during the ceremony at Parliament House, Canberra on 7 June 1995.

Guests at the launch included representatives of key ex-service organisations which were closely consulted on the formulation of the new policy.

Mr Sciacca said the policy, developed in response to "the urgent problem of the ageing veteran community", clearly outlines a framework that will give security to the veteran community as they enter their senior years.

"It promotes the key areas of prevention, research and support which will help veterans and war widows to live an independent and full life as they grow older," he said.

"In addition, this policy will help develop flexibility in the residential aged care system when our veterans and war widows need hostel or nursing home accommodation.

"For example, many people in the veteran community would like to retire together when they move into hostel or nursing home accommodation.

"The Department of Veterans' Affairs is already working with ex-service organisations and the Department of Human Services and Health to identify areas of high veteran demand for hostel and/or nursing home accommodation."
Veterans' Affairs cont.

Major General Digger James said the veteran community viewed the launch of the new policy as a historic occasion underlining the Australian Government's continuing commitment to veterans and their dependants.

Major General James said the development of the Aged Care Policy was a "model", demonstrating how successfully Government and the Veteran community could work, in partnership, to produce a charter in the best interests of veterans and war widows.

"The Department of Veterans' Affairs has built upon the groundwork covered by the Taskforce and devised a responsive, co-ordinated policy which adopts an integrated approach to aged care for veterans," Major General James said.

"The policy is tangible evidence of the Government's continuing commitment. It clearly identifies the strategies to achieve the objectives we share and it provides the yardstick by which we can measure our success."

Major General James said the RSL would work constructively with government, with other ex-service organisations and with service providers to make sure the policy was effective and would carefully monitor performance in each area to see how the strategies were working.

"The introduction of such a comprehensive and carefully planned set of policy initiatives in the year when Australians are celebrating the 50th anniversary of the end on World War 11 - and honouring those who served their country in its greatest hour of need - is an auspicious start.

"In their hour of need, veterans of advancing age will be re-assured to know that their Government is continuing the nation's commitment."

TK LLOYD
Deputy Chairman
Veterans' Affairs Committee

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.

If anyone has trouble delivering large quantities, ring the War Veterans' Home 370 0200, and we will endeavour to collect them.

Remember this money is to help our Veteran community.
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REQUEST FROM SCOTLAND
Fifty years on, I was elated to be able to attend the special parade of 51st Highland Division ex-servicemen from all parts. I even had the pleasure of meeting an ex-soldier from Australia. The celebration was to open a special memorial to 51 Division and Dedication of the special statue [a twin of that in Holland] on which are Gaelic words meaning “On the Day of Battle, Friends are Good”. This took place in the fair City of Perth in Scotland.

But my reason for writing is to ask permission to incorporate some parts of articles from The Listening Post in a proposed broadsheet to be published by our local branch of The Royal British Legion, Scotland. The items in question are particularly appropriate to members of our home Legion Branches and the RBLs in the whole, also to the magazine of the Black Watch “The Red Hacle”.

I refer to “The Health of the Nation” item by your National President, Major General WB “Digger” James, in the Autumn 95 Vol 18 of The Listening Post. I received a copy of this magazine from James Raymond, 39 Victoria Street, Kelgoorlie, to whose family in Ayrshire, Scotland, I am very attached.

I am particularly interested in “The Ills in Our Society” and believe that many parts of the whole Oration refer equally to Scotland and Britain. I would like to alter those references to Australia and present the whole item with reference to our home readers, e.g. Australian membership figures altered to Scottish membership and reference to “Gay Mardi Gras” altered to a similar magazine in Britain. If permission is granted, credit to the author, Major General WB James, would be paramount.

CAPT. ANDREW STEVENSON
(Ex Blackwatch RHR - 51st Highland Div)
21 Waverley Crescent
Kirkintilloch
Glasgow Scotland, G662DB
NB: Reproduction of articles [or extracts] contained in The Listening Post is welcomed, providing the source and author are acknowledged. Editor.

J.M. MORLEY
I wish to trace my great friend from school and a POW camp, John Macdonell Morley. He is now 77 and I am 75. We spent five years in a German prison camp and last met around 1946-47. Then he immigrated and, I believe, went to work at New Zealand Broadcasting and once worked with your company. His old UK address was 9 Radron Park West, Folkestone, and his speciality was guitar playing. Perhaps it’s as easy as looking in your phone book and making a call. Many thanks, even if you have no success.

CHRIS WITT
Two Trees, Kidmore End
Reading, Berkshire RG49AS, UK
NB: This letter was addressed to the ABC Perth, who passed it on to the RSL with a request that it be published. Editor

A LOST TRAIL SUCCESS
I wish to thank you for including an item in two successive Listening Posts which resulted in a flood of replies from kindly contemporaries who served in Bougainville. There were numerous photos to choose from and those selected now form part of my memoirs.

The people who contributed, as well as The Listening Post, were acknowledged in my memoirs but I would like to mention here the names of the old soldiers who assisted: Walter Murray, 16 Ordnance Depot; John O’Keefe, 61 Battalion; Tom Purser, Movement Control; Chris Rogers, ANGAU; Gordon Robins, 2 Field Regiment; Colin Reid, 12 Adv. Workshops RAME; Harry Morris, “Super Fortress Airstrip Construction” NGVR, RAEME, RAAF; Tony Unkovich, 6AOD; Ron Dunstan, 6 Field Hygiene; John McKenzie, RAN (2IC to Eric Feldt).

I have had personal contact with all of these men, except John O’Keefe, who lives in Albany, and Tony Unkovich in Geraldton, and gained much from sharing experiences – even over the phone.

KEN McDONALD
Tel: (09) 474 2652

LETTER OF APPRECIATION
I have been a member of the RSL since 1946 and now write to express my sincere thanks to the President, Secretary, Administrative and General Staff for all the courtesy and help given to me, especially Mrs Margot Hames, the Pensions Officer, who so kindly compiled all applications and advice to the Veterans' Affairs Department on my behalf. The results were rewarding, and I thank her respectfully.

I also appreciate the DVAs kindness and help given to me and other Veterans over the years.

CP [PAT] VOAK
119 Brown Avenue, Embleton, WA 6062

OCCUPATIONAL THERAPISTS
Our school is hoping to produce a booklet to record the work of Australia’s first occupation therapy graduates (1942 on) who were inducted into the Army and RAAF immediately after graduation. They served throughout Australia during World War II.
Letters to the Editor cont.

To make this work more interesting, we are hoping to make contact with personnel who were treated by occupational therapists during their years of service. If any of your members are prepared to answer a short questionnaire relative to their wartime hospital treatment by occupational therapists, I would be pleased to hear from them.

PEGGY FARROW
Head, School of Occupational Therapy
Faculty of Health and Biomedical Sciences
University of South Australia
North Terrace
Adelaide SA 5000

FREMANTLE PRISON

Thank you very much for publishing the article on the exhibition currently running at the Fremantle Prison on the internment of Italians during World War II. The article struck a chord with some of your readers as I have had several ring and provide further information on this very interesting part of our war history. I have added this material to my files for use by future researchers. This will be beneficial as up until now only a couple of people have undertaken any work in this area.

ANNE BRAKE
Curator, Fremantle Prison

HOSPITAL SHIP CENTAUR

Following the discovery of the wreck of the hospital ship, Centaur, which was torpedoed by the Japanese, we have some information that may help solve the mystery.

My husband, Andy Pirie, was a Commando with the 2/5 Independent Co, and served in New Guinea from 17 April 1942 until they left on 13 May 1943 on a troopship to return home on leave. Note date! He has just published the history of his unit, called Commando Double Black and on page 339 he writes:

"Our unit left Port Moresby on 13 May 1943 in the passenger ship MV Duntroon, now heavily loaded with troops. Our destination was Townsville; but on 14 May the vessel suddenly changed course, and our first port of call was Cairns. The reason was unknown to us. As events were to show, our destination must have also been known by the Japanese.

As we proceeded towards Townsville, we knew that a Japanese submarine was lurking inside the Barrier Reef, and we feared it was on the look-out for our heavily laden troopship. We did not know that, at the same time, the ill-fated hospital ship Centaur - with all lights blazing - was in our vicinity, and steaming through the night towards New Guinea. Later we learnt that the Centaur was savagely torpedoed by a Japanese submarine. The hospital ship had 332 persons on board, including doctors and nurses, bound for hospitals in New Guinea.

Tragically, the vessel sank within minutes. Only 64 persons survived.

Was it mistaken for us?

According to our research at the Australian War Memorial and discussions with other Commando units, there were no Commandos - destination New Guinea - aboard the Centaur. Obviously the Japanese knew of the heavily laden troopship in the area and, no doubt, mistakenly thought the Allies had hidden troops and ammunition on the Centaur.

The Centaur may have known there was a Japanese submarine in the area - just as the Captain of the Duntroon did when he changed course. This would explain why the Centaur was close to the coast, instead of 110 miles offshore as first ordered.

May this information help solve the mystery for the survivors and relatives of those killed on the Centaur and we ask your help to make it public.

MELVA PIRIE

FIGHTING PATROL

I would like to quote the following as pertinent to a belief held by some officers that "no infantry soldier of either World War I or II has explained the living conditions or the trauma of front line soldiering".

"I gladly send a few words of preface to Trooper Idriess's book on the Campaign in Sinai and Palestine. Not only is it a narrative of personal adventure which is full of interest, but it is, as far as I am aware, the only 'soldier's' book yet written on that campaign ... in this the campaign is viewed entirely from the Private soldier's point of view."

Harry Chauvel (General Sir Harry Chauvel, GCMG, KCB, Commander Desert Mounted Corps)

The book, of course, is Ion Idriess's "The Desert Column", published by Angus and Robertson in 1932, after Idriess's sister forwarded his diaries - commenced 18 May 1915.

Idriess, nicknamed "Cyclone Jack" was a genuine bushman and his many books in the early years of this century are too numerous to list, but are a mine of information regarding outback Australia from the Cape through to the Kimberleys and points south and centre.

I trust you will pass this on to Captain Phillips and hope that you will find room to publish my letter so that those ignorant of Idriess's contributions to Australian history and lore will be enticed to read his works [never out of publication and available at all book stores] and be entertained and edified.

JOHN HUGHES
A5459 EX RAAF
PO. Box 220 WYNDHAM 6740

JOHN A ATKINSON

I am trying to locate members of my father's platoon during World War II in the hope of arranging a reunion. He is John Alexander Atkinson [NX 224223]
Warrant Officer Class Two
Letters to the Editor cont.

Australian Imperial Force 15 Sept 1942 - 3 April 1946.

My father served with the 12 Supply Depot Company, which was split up and part thereof became the 121 Australian Supply Depot Platoon, AIE. This platoon served in Bougainville between 1944 and 1946 at Torokina, Princess Augusta Bay, and I believe the platoon later became known as the “Biscuit Bombers”. Dad sailed to Bougainville from Brisbane on the Ormiston and returned home via Pt Moresby on the Katoomba. The men from the 121 Supply Platoon were among the last Australian soldiers out of Bougainville.

The RAAF 36th Squadron supplied pilots to Bougainville from Townsville for the 121 Supply for drops of supplies. My father would then take on the role of “pathfinder” in lieu of a navigator on board the plane for the duration of that flight. The pilots from the 36th Squadron would only fly from Townsville with 100 hours of flying time; this meant that they would be in Princess Augusta Bay only for about 4 days. All flights would be out of the Torokina Airstrip. I would be extremely grateful if you can assist me to locate any of these men. As many of them were some 10 to 20 years older than my father (who is now 73), it is very likely that there are only a few still living.

CHRISTINE BELL
4 Clifton Place
Kambah ACT 2902

THANKS FROM GERALDTON

As the deadline for the Spring Edition is July 31, I am sincerely hoping that my early submission of these news items from Geraldton will ensure their inclusion in that edition.

In congratulating everyone associated with our excellent “Listening Post”, let me say a big thank-you to State President Len Keynes for the content of his “Australia Remembers” message in the Autumn Edition and for his other messages. It is also a pleasure to read State Secretary Jock Geldart’s notes and the regular contributions by State Senior Vice-President Ken Murphy; and what a delight it was to have the opportunity of reading in full the 1994 Blamey Oration by our wonderful National President, Major General WB. “Digger” James, with his prescription for an Australia in need of an improvement in health of body, mind and spirit!

God bless you all.
BJ “PETER” BARDEN, PRO

Lost Trails ...
CAN YOU HELP

RAN BAND ASSOCIATION
World War II Bandsmen

The RAN Band Association is hosting the dedication of a Memorial Window at St. Mark’s Chapel, HMAS Cerberus on Sunday 21 April 1996 at 10am to commemorate those RAN Bandsmen who lost their lives in action between 1939 and 1945.

The Association is anxious to contact former Bandsmen and families of those killed in action so that an invitation can be extended to attend this important ceremony.

The Dedication is being held in conjunction with a biennial reunion at East Malvern RSL Club on 19 and 20 April. For information about this weekend, or notification of the whereabouts of former Bandsmen, please contact:
JIM HAWKINS
National Secretary
80 Ballina Road
Goonellabah NSW 2480
Ph: (066) 25 2689

HISTORY OF THE
2/28 BATTALION

The history of the 2/28 Battalion and 24 Anti Tank Company has been rewritten and will shortly be published. The original edition has been expanded with the addition of some personal experiences of members who participated in the Battalion’s campaigns from Tobruk to Borneo plus articles of a general nature and as much statistical data as could be obtained. The new edition will be some 50% larger than the original.

Ex-members of the units or their next of kin who may be interested in the new publication are invited to contact:
L.H. LYON
57 Melville Beach Road
Applecross WA 6153
Ph: 364 1044

JOSHUA (JOSH) HINES

Sergeant Charles Wilson, 7598340 Royal Electrical Engineers, wishes to contact Josh Hines originally from Hobart. Both men were POWs at Tarsao Camp on the River Kwai and worked together in the cobbler shop at No.4 camp.

Would anyone with information on Josh please contact:
N.R. MAY
19 Woolah Place
South Yunderup WA 6208
Ph: (09) 537 6670 Fax: (09) 537 6367
Lost Trails cont.

WX 16377 STAFF SGT
L.A. WINTON MID
FELO 14th Aust. Small Ships Cy
KURE, JAPAN BCOF

I seek your help in finding anyone who may have
some knowledge of my brother (dec). I have two photo
albums of him and his friends in the BCOF in Kure,
Japan, 1945.

He served with the 25th Light Horse, 10th Armour
Division, 2nd/2 Ind Commandos FELO Water
Transport and 14th Aust Small Ships BCOF.

R.J. WINTON
23 Tidefall Street
Safety Bay WA 6169

ALBERT J LANGRIDGE

In connection with a book I am writing, I seek as­
sistance from anyone who served with my late father in
Korea with 1 RAR from March 1951 to April 1952,
3/1526 Albert John Langridge [Private] and some of his
nicknames were Punchy, Albie, Alb and Bert.

I understand he was a signaller/linesman whilst in
Korea, so I assume he was based with headquarters
company.

STEVE LANGRIDGE [RSL TOODYAY]
P O Box 537
Toodyay WA 6566
Ph: (09) 574 4419

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As we commemorate the end of World War II, we should not forget the ongoing work of the United Nations, which also celebrates its 50th anniversary this year. Whatever our personal opinions concerning the United Nations, we cannot ignore the fact that it has a daily impact on our defence and security structures and the laws and regulations governing national and international conduct and our perceptions of fundamental rights and obligations as responsible citizens. As an active participant not only in the debate on defence and security matters but also in debates on national values and national responsibilities, the RSL needs to state unequivocally its position on the various activities of the United Nations. This is particularly true where these activities affect the interests of our members and the wider scope of national and international issues on which our members wish to be heard.

The primary objective of the United Nations Organisation [UN], as laid down in the Charter, is to maintain peace and security in the world. The machinery of the UN was established not only to achieve this goal through negotiation but also to remove deep-seated political, economic and social causes of international instability through overall improvements in standards of life. The UN is the only international forum in which all nations are or can be represented and in which they can address the problems confronting an increasingly interdependent world.

Adherence to the objectives of the UN has been a fundamental element of the platforms of the major Australian political parties. This commitment to the UN ideal is based on the belief that only through such a body can there be international efforts towards the maintenance of a stable and harmonious world order. The purposes and principles of the Charter are basic to Australia’s approach to international relations. Australia, which has been involved in the United Nations since inception, was represented at the original negotiations to establish the organisation and became a founder member in 1945.

The Charter of the United Nations was adopted in the San Francisco Conference, held from April to June 1945, at which Australia played an active role. The chief allied powers, Britain, France, China, the USSR and the United States, argued at the conference that they should pay the dominant role when the UN was called upon to deal with threats to peace and security. Smaller nations, among them Australia, took a different view. While realising that the ultimate strength of the UN would depend on the continued goodwill and support of the major powers, the smaller nations sought to broaden the role of other members of the organisation. They argued that the political activity of the UN would not be enough to prevent war and that the UN would have to attack deep seated economic and social prob-lem's which could also threaten international stability.

The Security Council is the principal organ of the UN charged with the maintenance of international peace and security. The UN Charter specifies that the other organs are the General Assembly, the Economic and Social Council [ECOSOC], the Trusteeship Council, the International Court of Justice and the Secretariat. The General Assembly meets from September to December each year and increasingly meets in resumed sessions at other times.

The ECOSOC holds annual sessions and Australia has representation on several ECOSOC commissions including the Commission of Human Rights, the Commission on the Status of Women, the Commission on Narcotic Drugs and the Commission on Sustainable Development.

Australia pays 1.51 percent of the United Nations' regular annual budget making it the world’s 11th largest contributor. This amounted to $29 million in 1994. Australia also contributes significant amounts to the budgets of specialised agencies and to peacekeeping costs. This amounts to an additional annual cost of approximately $1 million in each case. Additional payments are also made to the UN development Program, the UN Children's Fund and the UN Population Fund.

In June 1992, the UN Secretary General, Boutros Boutros-Ghali, published an Agenda for Peace, a 50 page report about the role of the UN, and the international community generally, in securing peace in the world in the 1990s and beyond. The Australian response to the ideas presented by the Secretary General are outlined in Co-operation for Peace by the Minister for Foreign Affairs Senator Gareth Evans.

In this book Senator Evans identifies seven priority areas for change. These are:

- to restructure the UN Secretariat,
- to resolve the funding problems,
- to improve the management of peace operations both at headquarters and in the field,
Defence Issues cont.

· to give attention to the machinery of preventive diplomacy,
· to re-think the system of humanitarian relief co-ordination,
· to raise the profile of peace building and
· to regenerate the Security Council.

As part of its program for 1995/96, the Branch’s Defence Policy Committee will be reviewing both Agenda for Peace and Co-operation for Peace. The aim will be to formulate a statement of the League’s position regarding the United Nations, its activities and its future role for incorporation into the Standing Policy of the League. The committee will publish a work program in September and will be inviting contributions from individual members and Sub-Branches.

Courtesy: R MITCHELL,
Chairman,
Defence Policy Committee.

REUNIONS

2/11th AIF BN ASSOCIATION

A gala reunion of the 2/11th AIF Bn Association will be held on 4 October 1995 at the Novotel Langley Hotel commencing 12 noon.

All members, partners and widows are invited to attend this special function which will cost $10 a head. Please register with L Sullivan, Unit 189 Mustang House, Air Force Estate, Bullcreek 6149 tel (09) 332 8692 before September 24.

J.C. WATSON
Hon Sec/Treasurer

ENLISTED VA AND AAMWS ASSOCIATION

On Thursday 7 December the Association will celebrate a special Australia Remembers luncheon at the Novotel Langley Hotel, 221 Adelaide Terrace, Perth. All ex VA/AAMWS are cordially invited to attend. Please contact Ena McGinn 446 3742 or Glyn Cody 341 3323.

118AGH (MILITARY HOSPITAL) NORTHAM

All personnel are reminded of the annual reunion in Kings Park [Saw Avenue, opposite Rokeby Road entrance] on Sunday 5 November from 11am to 4pm. BYO lunch. For further information please contact Sue Thomas on 328 5952.

NO.7 SQUADRON ASSOCIATION

The Association will hold its 50th annual reunion luncheon on Friday 29 September at the Air Force Memorial Centre, 4 Cromwell Road, South Yarra. A service at the Shrine of Remembrance preceding the luncheon will be conducted by the Squadron’s former Padre, Canon Charles Sherlock AM.

Former members who wish to attend are asked to contact Association Secretary Ron McGrath, 154 Spencer Street, Essendon, Victoria 3040 or phone (03) 9337 7411.

FLINDERS NAVAL DEPOT

If any members of Class 19 at Flinders Naval Depot (1945) are interested in a 50th anniversary reunion would they please ring Ernie Walker on 454 5419.

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The Residents of the War Veterans’ Homes at Mt Lawley and Meadow Springs Mandurah have been given video recorders through the generosity of Highgate Sub-Branch (for the Mt Lawley recorder) and the members of the Mandurah RSL Social Club (for the Meadow Springs unit).

We now seek support in the form of donations of old or new video tapes to start video libraries in both homes for the benefit of our residents.

Further information may be obtained from Jill Van Blommestein on (09) 370 0200 during office hours or by sending your donation directly to:

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51 Alexander Drive, Mt Lawley WA 6050
or to:
The RSL War Veterans’ Home
62 Oakmont Avenue, Meadow Springs
Mandurah WA 6210
A YARN OR TWO
by Don Lee

A very readable and often humorous book which is, in essence, the story of the author from when he was born in Saladin Street, Swanbourne, in 1912, until he became a farmer in 1965. After leaving school, Don was an office boy (today junior executive) with an insurance company, but not for long, as he was “indentured” for three years to a farmer in Katanning. His almost half century in the wool trade was interrupted by war service in the 2/4 MG Bn, including three-and-a-half years as a POW in Changi then Kanu 2, Konkoita South, Kanburi and back to Changi.

After discharge at Karrakatta Camp, he returned to wool-buying, which included long periods overseas promoting business, until he decided to farm near Kojonup. As Don says in the last sentence in his book, “Now, at the age of 81, I look back and say, I am glad to have been there at the beginning”.

Well illustrated and well printed, this book is hard to put down. Published by Access Press, P O Box 132, Northbridge WA 6003. RRP $25

JOHN HATELY

A FOUR YEAR HICCUP
by Max Thow

Obtainable from 12th Battalion Association, 2 Swanston Street, New Town, Tasmania 7008. Tel: (002) 28 2936.

He was called “Lefty”, so named because of his stance as a southpaw during his boxing career. There is no doubt that few members of the 2/12 Battalion would have known his real name was James Wright.

He joined the Army in November 1939 and went into camp at Brighton, Tasmania. After a short period the Unit went to Rutherford, NSW, where it was brought up to strength with members from Queensland.

“Lefty” embarked on the Queen Mary in May 1940 for service overseas. Many thought it would be the Middle East, but the ship was re-routed to the United Kingdom, where the men disembarked at Govroch, in Scotland. From there the troops travelled south to Lopcombe Corner on the Salisbury Plains and then on to Colchester in Essex.

In April 1941 the unit went to the Middle East and Tobruk, where “Lefty”, as a member of the Unit Intelligence Section, was on duty on the perimeter of Tobruk and taken prisoner by the Germans. Handed over to the Italians for safe keeping, he was in several POW camps in Africa before being sent to Italy to Capua Camp. From there the prisoners were taken to a semi-permanent camp in the Dolomites, called Camp 57, where the short guards were issued with long rifles, medium-built men with medium size rifles and the tall men with short rifles.

The Italians surrendered in 1943 and once again the Germans took control of all POW camps. Moved to Stalag 8A in Germany, he worked in a sugar factory making sugar from beet before being sent to Poland where, with a number of New Zealanders, Australians and other British POWs, he worked in a paper factory.

It is interesting to note that a plan to divide Australia between the Axis powers was found in the factory [see plan in book].

With the war going against the Germans, POWs were marched south through a number of countries under trying conditions. This march took three months to complete and ended in Nuremberg.

On the move again, they reached Regensburg, where a pullet crossed their path; an Australian quickly grabbed it, wrung its neck and hid it under his coat. Naturally, poultry was on the menu that night. The long march finally ended at Landau, where American tanks took them in. The way in Europe had now ended and “Lefty” and his boys had the run on the town, where they found an ‘Aladdin’s cave’ full of wine. I leave it to the reader to guess what happened next.

When “Lefty” was rescued by the Americans, they conferred on him the rank of “Honorary Commissioned Officer”. Following a short stay in France, he finally arrived back in Tasmania.

This is a most interesting book.

MIKE HALL

THE KOOKABURRA’S CUT THROATS, VOLUME ONE
by Phillip Dandy

The role of securing the Markham/Ramu Valley in the New Guinea theatre of operations during World War II was allocated to Major General Vasey’s 7th Division. The author, in his acknowledgement at the beginning of the book, expresses his frustration at not being able to go to a library and read about the Markham/Ramu Valley campaign as a whole subject, as the catalyst to his documentation of it in book form.

He has covered the entire campaign in two volumes. Volume One documents a day by day, step by step account [from 1 September 1943 to 30 October 1943] of the advance from Tsili Tsili to Nadzab and then
The Secret Australian Base

During the 50th celebration year of the end of World War II, it is timely that this excellent record of the Truscott Air Base in the north of WA has been made available. It is another chapter in the important part played by Western Australia during the war.

In 1943 the Japanese occupied the Indonesian Islands and were strategically placed to attack Australia's "Top End" towns and airfields. Because of this it was necessary for our defence planners to locate a secret air base in the north to counter the Japanese advantage. The establishment of an Allied air base would enable our bombers to strike more effectively into Japanese-held areas. Owing to the increased range of our aircraft, they were afforded much closer proximity to the enemy installations.

Written in diary form, the reader does not tire of the style and can pick up the book at any stage to continue the passage of events. The content gives an authenticity that ensures an engrossing read right through to the last page. The authors, who are naval officers, are a husband-and-wife team, and their interest in all military matters is evident in the writing of this book. Their detailed investigations into the preparation of this well-illustrated and informative publication place it in the highly recommended category for reading.

The book is available from "Australian Military and History Publications" 13 Veronica Place, Loftus, NSW 2232. Hard cover $45, card cover $39 including postage.

R.D. MERCER

DEFY THE DEATH SPIRIT
by Le Quang Vinh

This is a biographical novel based on the life of Ngo Dong, a South Vietnamese school-teacher whose calm and serene lifestyle is shattered when South Vietnam is invaded by the North Vietnam Communist forces. Years of fighting with the South Vietnamese Nationalist Forces culminate with the fall of Saigon and the defeat of South Vietnam by the Communist forces. This is followed by three years of imprisonment and finally Ngo Dong's escape by sea with his wife and family.

Defy the Death Spirit gives the reader the opportunity to view the conflicting ideologies of both sides and gain an understanding of that country which, it seems, has never been free from some sort of oppression in its entire history.

Ngo Dong's years as a prisoner gave him the time to analyse both Capitalism and Communism and compare the contrasts of each system. When Capitalists expanded private enterprise while ignoring the needs of ordinary people, Communism developed.

Time spent as a prisoner was termed a re-education program, the most startling revelation of which was the Planting People scheme: a number of people having their escapes organised and being settled in various Western countries to spread propaganda and infiltrate and sabotage the Vietnamese refugee communities around the world. The changes to the Vietnamese lifestyle brought about by the Communist Government since the fall of Saigon were tragic and have altered the whole fabric of Vietnamese society.

Defy the Death Spirit is a narrative which is recommended to all who have concerns about the direction that the rulers in South East Asia are taking.

Available from the Avery Publishing Company, P O Box 70, Bassendean WA 6054, the book is priced at $19.95 plus $2 postage and handling.

GEOFF TANNER
Conference 1995, held May 23-24, was well attended by delegates and observers. The State President, Mr L Keynes, officially opened our annual Conference and thanked all Auxiliaries for their continuous support of the League. A cheque for $2,500 was presented to the League for the War Veterans’ Homes and $2000 was given towards the upkeep of the State War Memorial.

Cup Competition Results

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Incentive Certificates: Bellevue, Armadale, Mt Barker and Katanning.

At the wreath laying ceremony at the State War Memorial the Bugler was Mr A Murfiss of the Salvation Army and the Deputy Warden Mr R Stone recited the “Ode”. Thank you gentlemen.

The Returning Officer Mr Stidwell announced the results of the elections. The State Executive for 1995-96 is as follows:

State President - Mrs M Taylor; Snr Vice President - Mrs J Southern; State Secretary - Mrs F Fisher; Immediate Past President - Mrs A Cayley; Jnr Vice President - Mrs E Norris; State Treasurer - Mrs R Clarke.

Committee: Mesdames - E Daxon (Armadale), G Gould, E Beven (Bellarine), J Bettridge, U Makki (Eastern Region), J Spencer (Nollamara-North Perth), P Barrell (Wembley-Floreat), T Chilcott (Cockburn)

Two committee ladies retired this year: Mrs R Evans and Mrs R Dawe. I wish them a happy and healthy retirement with thanks for their work and dedication.

The last few months I have attended Auxiliary and Sub-Branch functions at Kojonup, Waroona-Hamel, Mandurah, Armadale, Rivervale-Carlisle and Belmont plus the VE Service and Social and the opening of the State Congress. I read my report to the delegates on Saturday afternoon and, along with Mesdames Southern, Norris, Fisher, Clarke and Daxon, helped with the refreshments. Thank you ladies for a job well done.

My good wishes are extended to all members and a speedy recovery to those on the sick list.

M. TAYLOR

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VALE

NURSE TAUGHT THE ART OF CARING

Victoria Hobbs, OAM
Army Nurse and nurse educator
Born 24 May 1907. Died 21 May 1995

Victoria Hobbs, who spent a lifetime furthering the causes not only of nursing and of nurses, but of the church and the community, had the ability to make everyone she spoke to feel unique. Vicki, as she was known to her friends, was a small, slight woman. But it was her large grey-blue eyes that drew one's gaze. She had a warmth and inner strength that endeared her to everyone.

A dedicated teacher, she was gentle but firm and her wry sense of humour and eye for the ridiculous made her approachable to staff and students. At the age of 83 she bought a computer and mastered it. But her mind was her main computer; she never forgot a face or a name.

Christened Victoria Alexandra Mary, she was born in South Perth, an area to which she was fiercely loyal and to which she returned after World War II.

The only child of shopkeeper parents, she attended a local private school. In 1932 she graduated as a nurse from Royal Perth Hospital and sent on to do her midwifery and infant health certificates at King Edward Memorial Hospital.

At the outbreak of war in 1939 she volunteered, but was not accepted as she was considered too slim to withstand the rigours of army life. So she applied herself to the task of gaining weight and in 1940 she entered the Australian Army Nursing Service. She sailed for the Middle East and served with the 2/4th Australian General Hospital in areas whose names echo throughout our history - Tobruk, Jerusalem, Ceylon and Northern Borneo.

When she was posted to the Long Range Weapons Testing Facility at Woomera she needed all her nursing skills, as she was responsible for not only the health of service personnel, but of civilians, including maternity cases and children.

Vicki left the army in 1952 and completed the Tutor Sister Certificate at The College of Nursing, Australia. She was later made a fellow of the college. She returned to Royal Perth Hospital as tutor sister and later transferred to the Government School of Nursing of Western Australia, where she remained as principal tutor for 16 years.

During that time she volunteered to research the history of the Royal Nursing Federation. From this work came her book But Westward Look, a history of nursing in WA, which topped the non-fiction best-seller list for several weeks.

After her retirement she extended her house to create a large study-library. She shared the house with her animals, rearing clutches of ducklings that followed her wherever she walked and caring for her three cats. Her house was broken into several years ago and her army medals were stolen, but she continued to live alone without fear.

She was the historian of the Returned Sisters Sub-Branch of the Returned and Services League and documented each member's service details and civilian work.

In 1994 she survived a car accident in which she suffered serious injuries. But she continued with her latest project, the history of Saint Mary's Anglican Church, South Perth, dictating to a willing helper. She returned home for a short while, but entered hospital again in April. When she realised that she was "for the chop", as she put it to Reverend Ron Dowling, she arranged her funeral. She decreed that no-one was to traipse out to the crematorium and we were to celebrate with a Eucharist service and a "drop of the doings" afterwards.

She was an articulate, intelligent woman; generous with her time, knowledge and money. She loved life and people and had the ability to inspire love.

BITTY HUNT-SMITH
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BELMONT

The Branch has erected a wall enclosing its flagpole and a granite rock on which is a Remembrance plaque. The hall now houses two memorabilia cabinets, recently updated with displays of Australian Army and Navy memorabilia. Plaques from naval ships adorn the walls with war time paintings and military information.

Bowling Competition trophies were presented on 28 May (full details appear in our branch bulletin: The Belmont Bugle). The Bowling Club has paid into the Sub-Branch more than $3000 and thanks are due to the hard work of its members. The Women's Auxiliary also presented the Branch with a cheque for $1000. These never-tiring ladies are a distinct asset.

Members of our Recreation and Sports Fishing Club, with Mitch Cadden at the helm, are competing in Broome and Exmouth. We wish them good fishing and a relaxing holiday.

The annual dinner in May was a huge success. Among the guests were the mayor of Belmont, Mr well over the staff who made the occasion one to remember. We have on the deceased veterans will be needed, so if you can help please contact the RSL office.

In 1982 our Diggers Day golf day was given up in favour of bowls but it may be re-instated. We have two
trophies with room for a lot more shields yet.

The Mother's Day raffle trailer for '96 is ready and needs only the goodies on top. We need people to sell tickets (they sell themselves). If you can help give us a call.

ALF MAINSTONE (Trustee)

COCKBURN

Three popular members of our Sub-Branch recently passed away: Captain Peter Hester (Merchant Navy) who died in the Eastern States during a visit with his daughter, foundation member George Willis who had been a good worker for the sub-branch from "day one" and Jim Ingram, who enlivened our early days and dances.

A building committee comprising Jack Williams, Bert O'Brien and Ernie Dibb has been formed and options are to be put to the members before the next step is taken.

Our annual dinner/dance will be at the Cockburn Civic Centre on 18 November, the wind-up dates for "Australia Remembers" celebrations. Tickets are available at the Sub-Branch at $28 each which includes a three course sit-down dinner.

ERNIE DIBB

COLLIE-CARDIFF

Representatives from this Sub-Branch attended two primary school Anzac Day services where they were impressed by the differences between the programmes.

The first was a moving and solemn programme in which the school-children participated with the reverence of a full service. It showed how today's children, with the help of the teachers, view Anzac Day Remembrance.

The second school gave a very different display. Having a musical Principal, the school produced a service that was sung, the songs being Australian Wartime ballads and each class participated. Though the service was still solemn, the children gave meaning to our past and their future.

CHRISTINE ROBINSON
Hon. Secretary

NB Some of the letters and poems written by students of Alanson Primary School are printed below.

Editor.

Dear Mum and Dad, How are things in Australia? I have just arrived in Egypt on a 13 day training course. It took us eight weeks to get to Egypt. It is boiling hot here but reports are it's freezing cold in Gallipoli. I am missing you ever so much and look forward to seeing
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you again when our mission is complete. Love from Gary. p.s. Hopefully I will be returning in six months.

Dear Mum, Dad and Brother Jarrad, People have been blown to bits, we've landed at Gallipoli on the 25th of April. Some troops were lucky like me to survive. The others were unfortunate. The Turks were ready, they had primed themselves well. I hope to come home soon.

We hope to sneak away when the ships come to collect the blind, the crippled, the wounded and maimed. All will come home with me aboard the ship.

I'm battered, I'm bruised, I'm scared for life, I hope to be back before I die. Love you all. Peter. 

p.s. Hope to see you soon.

DAWN'S SORROW

The mist lay upon the battlefield
When the Turks finally decided to yield,
There, where the brave and courageous fought,
The dawn's sorrow lay miserable.
Whilst returning from the bloody shore,
Bullets from guns, oh did they soar,
And by the time peace fought its way through,
The dawn's sorrow lay miserable.
When the time came to return home,
To tell their loved ones this very poem,
Tears not from laughter but mourning appeared,
While the dawn’s sorrow lay miserable.

by Melissa
Anzac Day is full of sorrow,
but is also full of glory,
People died on this day to protect our country.
They fought and fought,
the ground red with blood,
As bullets showered the plains.
The hurt and the wounded lay in pain
on the ground as Simpson collected the injured to take back to the camp.

So we will honour this day by remembering the brave men that fought for our country.

by Cherie

ESPERANCE

There have been numerous functions in the Esperance area to commemorate Australia Remembers 1945-1995. On VE Day we had a short Thanksgiving service at the Esperance War Memorial at which more than 50 people were present, then on 26 and 27 June the Esperance Australia Remembers Committee organised a function in our Civic Centre. All the primary and secondary school students in the area (including those from Cascade, Condingup and Scaddan - 105, 65 and 52 kms from town respectively) attended a presentation of conditions at home and overseas during World War II. The students were first shown a half-hour film and then an exhibition of memorabilia. This had been donated by the people of Esperance and included uniforms, weapons, military equipment, letters, photographs, medals, etc. RSL members and others who had lived in Esperance during the war were present to explain the manner in which people lived during that period of our history.

It was pleasing to see how interested the youngers were, especially the primary schoolchildren. Throughout the two days, about 2,000 had a glimpse of what life was like during World War II.

On 28 June at Grass Patch a memorial was dedicated to Tom Starcevich VC and servicemen from the Mallee. (It was 50 years to the day since Tom was awarded the VC for his bravery against the Japanese in Borneo). Grass Patch, where Tom had a farm, is a small hamlet 75 kms north of Esperance on the Coolgardie Highway. The Grass Patch Community Development Association organised the memorial which is near the main road, opposite the Grass Patch Hotel.

Brigadier Tony Nolan unveils the Tom Starcevich VC memorial at Grass Patch.

(Picture courtesy Esperance Express)

The memorial consists of a massive granite block on which there is a life-size bronze statue of Tom Starcevich holding a Bren gun. In addition there is a plaque giving the names of all these World War II servicemen from the Mallee. To the left is a triangular-shaped shelter; this will be an information centre and on one of its walls will be a mosaic showing the location and names of all the original settlers in the Grass Patch area in the late 1920s. Left of the shelter is another granite block on which will be placed a statue of one of the pioneer women in the district.

The sculptor of both statues is Chris Siemer who farmed in Grass Patch before retiring to take up sculpting. His statue of Tom Starcevich has been acclaimed by many people as a magnificent work of art.

The memorial was unveiled by Brigadier Terry Nolan, Commander Western Australian Defence Forces, before
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some 500 people. Among them were seven members from Tom’s old battalion (2nd/43rd), who had travelled from Perth. After the Last Post and Reveille there were several speeches, including a most moving one by Eric Treloar who was in Tom’s platoon and saw what Tom had done to be awarded the VC.

As a finale to Esperance’s Australia Remembers 1945-95 Commemoration we held a Service of Thanksgiving on VJ Day, followed by a Victory Dance - 1940s style on Saturday 19 August. Tickets for the dance were £2.10s.0d [Two pounds ten shillings]

TONY LEACH
President

GERALDTON

Representing the 10th Light Horse at our Anzac Day remembrance was a quartet of horsemen in regimental gear. Heading them was Justin White of Morawa wearing the shoulder-insignia of his grandfather, 103-year-old Gordon Percival White of Wembly Downs (who took part in the Perth parade). Others were Owen Fitzpatrick of Issaka, who served in World War II, Ian Blayney, whose late father, Gordon Blayney, also served in World War II and Terry Obst, of Tarcoolta; he rode to honour personnel generally.

Children marching included eight-year-old Paul Sorensen, wearing his great-grandfather’s World War I medals, and Sacha Taylor (10) with her grandfather’s medals from both World Wars. Earlier, Bradley Sutton (12) was in the Dawn Parade with medals of his two deceased grandfathers.

Our Women’s Auxiliary is being heartily congratulated on another double State-wide achievement: President Gillian Sharp received the Country Cup at State Conference in May.

Sub-Branch President Lee Townsend received the prestigious Colonel Collett Cup from the National President, Major General “Digger” James, at State Congress. Geraldton has now won this Cup 24 times and the Women’s Auxiliary the Country Cup 27 times - a record achievement and by a high margin in each case.

PETER BARDEN
PRO

MANDURAH

Gordon Linney, our Senior Vice President, has been keeping the seat warm while President Ted has been up north in warmer climes.

Congratulations to Ted Turner, one of the Tuesday morning gang, on receiving his 50-year Certificate.

Friday September 22 will be a big day at Rushton Park. Two buses from each of the four Mandurah High Schools and one from Pinjarra High School will bring children for a service and to hear addresses by Jack Sue and Vivian Bullwinde [Mrs Statham]. This special day to be compered by John Harper-Nelson, has been organised by our Australia Remembers committee.

At a recent meeting, it was decided that an RAAF Cadet Unit should be formed. All services will then have their local Cadet Units.

WYN HOLDING

MOUNT BARKER

It has been decided to combine with the Shire Council and hold our 50-year Commemoration celebrations on 11 November.

The important aspect of the day will be that all sections of the community, including the Sub-Branch, the Shire Council, the local Police Service, other Associations and the community in general, will work together to produce what we hope will be one of the most successful Commemorations in the State.

Our Secretary, Graeme Palmer, is responsible for the excellent way in which the Sub-Branch operates throughout the year. Thank you Graeme.

STAN MENTHA

NORTHAMPTON

At State Congress in June, the Sub-Branch was awarded for the twelfth time, the Shield for the best Sub-Branch with less than 100 members, and won for the first time the Mary Connell Cup for the sale of poppies (percentage according to membership). Our thanks go to the general public of the Northampton Shire for their valued support and in particular to the editorial staff of the Northampton News, whose initiative in publishing the poem ‘Why Buy a Poppy’ contributed greatly to the raising of $900 last Poppy Day.

Member Roley Charlton was awarded the RSL medal for Meritorious Service to the League for giving more than 25 years of service on behalf of ex-servicemen and women. Ten of these medals are awarded each year throughout the whole of Australia; only two are allocated to WA.

The Sub-Branch has succeeded in having the deaths of F C [Bruss] Fogg and E M [Mac] Williams attributed to war service. As a result their graves will be furnished and cared for by the War Graves Commission.

Our President, Viv Simpson, has received a seven-pointed-star badge for presentation to the Northampton Bowling Club, in recognition of its efforts in raising $356 for Torchbearers for Legacy through its annual Anzac Day bowls fixture.

At State Congress three of the Sub-Branch’s submissions were carried - Item 31, Defence: Security of the Nation; Item 37, General: Disaster Relief; and Item 43, General: Propaganda in Indonesian Schools.

The recent award of Life Membership to VR [Jack] Reynolds brings the number of our life members to six.

D.L. GORDON
Secretary

OSBORNE PARK

The response to our request for names of any past Presidents and Secretaries so that an honour-board can
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be made up was very good. Many thanks to those who went to the trouble of forwarding details.

With deep regret we record the passing of three members within a week of one another: Frank Samuels, Eric Lunn-Garner and Gordon White. Condolences were extended to their families.

Work is in progress on the proposed memorial at the front of our hall. This will enable us to conduct Anzac Day ceremonies in front of our own premises. Permission from the Police Department will be applied for in time for next year's ceremony.

We have now published our own newsletter under the control of an excellent editor - Tom Fisher. The first issue has been distributed and the response is encouraging. Our congratulations to Tom.

Monthly meetings are on the second Wednesday of every month commencing at 2.00 pm.

BILL SULLIVAN
President

RIVERTON

Anzac commemorations for this Sub-Branch commenced on Friday 21 April with our annual dinner, which was well attended and enjoyed by all. The address was given by Mr Tony Thatcher JP.

On Sunday 23 April we had our inaugural Anzac march and the attendance was three times what we expected. Brigadier Nolan took the salute along with representatives from the RAN, the RAAF and the WA Police Department. Approximately 300 men and women from various units and associations marched with the Navy band leading and the Perth Civic Band participating.

On Anzac Day itself, we held our dawn service, which was followed by a gun-fire breakfast in the clubrooms. Again we had a very good turnout. We were invited to join with Canning Sub-Branch at 0730 hours for their march and then on to Perth to join our units and associations.

Following the Perth March, we returned to Riverton where we had our usual enjoyable Anzac Day get-together.

On 6 May our VE Ball at the Wandara Hall in Lynwood was attended by 200 people who were entertained by the Navy's "Big Swing" band; this, together with good food and dancing, gave us a night to remember.

H. LOWE
President

RIVERVALE/Carlisle

In this year of Australia Remembers, it is not too late to record how keen the pupils at Kewdale Primary School were to hear the addresses by four of our members prior to the commemoration of Anzac Day. The speakers told of their own experiences and the war in general and were then invited to the school's Commemoration Ceremony which was attended by our Secretary, Len Smith.

Following their talks the speakers were bombarded with questions - thoughtful ones, such as what the folk at home thought and how they fared, as well as personal experiences.

It was wonderful to see Bob Blake presented with the Meritorious Service Medal by our National President, Major General (Digger) James, at Congress. Congratulations Bob. His splendid membership and civilian records were chronicled. Members know just how hard he works year round to obtain new members and keep in touch with those we seldom see because of sickness or other reasons.

The Sub-Branch is proud to retain the Newdegate Cup this year. We are on the verge of an even greater break-through with our activities, particularly in the social sphere. Our monthly Sunday functions have been given a huge fillip and the last one [a barbecue] attracted a crowd of more than 50. Much of the credit for this goes to our hard-working Ladies Auxiliary who are so few in number.

Come on, members! Attend the meetings and bring your wives to take part in the resurgence. Why not encourage them? The Ladies' Auxiliary needs members. And don't forget Bingo! "Eyes down" every Monday at 8pm. Bring your friends as the bigger the crowd, the bigger the prize money.

We are taking every opportunity to push publicly for the introduction of poker machines in clubs. It is disheartening to see the media prepared to publicise "Publicans Pushing for Profits" when they don't even bother to send a journalist or photographer to the opening of State Congress by our National President. We [and I mean all members] must become more belligerent.

L.W. SMITH
Secretary

SCARBOROUGH

Numbers were slightly down at the July meeting because of constant rain, sickness and some members who were on holiday.

Member Dorothy Devane has visited Federal member Eion Cameron to push for better war widows' benefits; we believe that this will help get things moving.

The recent mystery tour began disappointingly for we arrived at our destination, the Perth Zoo, as heavy rain set in. However, a quick consultation between President Wally Evans, Secretary Doug Piggott and the coach driver resulted in our going to the Rockingham Hotel for an excellent lunch and a wonderful day's outing.

Peter Stubbs is in England celebrating 50 years for 10,000 Bomber Command prisoners who were released in 1945. (Peter was shot down in France on a day raid.)

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DOUG PIGGOTT  
Secretary  
Tel 446 1331

**SOUTH PERTH**

There was a very good attendance of ex-service personnel from the local Sub-Branches at the Anzac Day ceremony. The parade was called to order at 0730 hours and marched to the memorial to join the Scouts and Guides who had kept an all-night vigil.

After the service, wreaths were laid by dignitaries, local Sub-Branches, Scouts and Guides and members of the public; three buglers from Wesley College played the Last Post; the flags were broken, lowered and raised to half-mast; and after a two-minute silence the President of our Sub-Branch recited the Ode. The buglers then played Reveille, the flags were raised to the masthead then lowered to half-mast. An address was then delivered by Veronica Gerke, a student from Penrhos College, who expressed her thoughts on what Anzac Day meant to her.

Following a short address by the retiring Mayor of the City of South Perth, Mr Campbell, the assembly was invited to Council Chambers for refreshments and fellowship.

K TREN'T  
President

**WANNEROO**

Prior to Anzac Day, the Branch was called upon to provide veterans to address school assemblies on the meaning of Anzac Day. Five local primary schools were thus accommodated and it was rewarding to all concerned.

On the Thursday prior to Anzac Day, the Sub-Branch provided two principal speakers to the Wanneroo Districts School Anzac Day Service organised by the Member for Kingsley [the Hon C. Edwardes, MLA]. A class from each school in the City of Wanneroo assembled in the Wanneroo showgrounds, and what a colourful sight it was with about 3,000 children dressed in the various colours of their respective school uniforms. Music was provided by a high school brass band and a primary school choir, and wreaths were laid by students from each school.

On Anzac Day a crowd estimated at 5,000 assembled at the Wanneroo War Memorial at 0730. Among those present were State and Federal politicians and the Mayor and Councillors of the City of Wanneroo. This community event embraced two RAAF [Air Training Corps] flights; two Army Cadet Units; a detachment of servicemen from the RAAF Base, Pearce; a detachment from TS Marmion [Navy]; Scouts, Guides, Brownies, Cubs, Girls' and Boys' Brigade detachments; and three brass bands. Music was provided by the 50-strong Wanneroo Civic Choir. All this, together with a big attendance of veterans with their medals up, shoes polished and ties on, and with flags flying, including a newly presented Stars and Stripes, made for a very impressive parade all round.

The salute was taken by Inspector R Mawson from the Wanneroo Station of the WA Police Department; the Hon G Edwards MLC, a Vietnam Veteran, gave the address. It was wonderful to see so many young children and young parents supporting this day.

Two innovations were included in this year's service. The first was an invitation from the Sub-Branch to those who wished to lay wreaths to consider providing a more permanent memento - a reference book which could be distributed to school libraries. Some 20 supporters of the Branch availed themselves of this privilege, and these books, which have now been distributed to local school libraries, were gratefully received. Inside each book are two printed stickers - one shows the donor's name and 'Anzac Day 1995', the other depicts 'The Story of Anzac' and its meaning today.

The second innovation was to distribute some 1,000 sprigs of rosemary, the universal floral symbol of remembrance, to the public. At the conclusion of the ceremony the public, together with members of the Wanneroo Civic Choir [who prepared their own rosemary sprigs bound with red, white and blue ribbons] were invited to place the sprigs on the Memorial. The response was overwhelming, and many people saw the Memorial close up for the first time.

Currently, the Sub-Branch is attempting to build its own community-style club [similar to those already established in NSW and Victoria]. Negotiations are in hand with the Wanneroo City Council, Government departments and other organisations. The aim is to provide a community club which will be a home for the RSL and a community-oriented club for the activities of all ages of the community. A raffle has been completed to raise funds for this venture, and it is a case of "watch this space" for future developments.

**An important notice to all Wanneroo Sub-Branch Members - change of meeting and venue: now 3rd Monday, 0730 hours, Whitfords Tavern [special room]. Tony Kent [Senior Vice President] is A/Chairman.**

BASIL BEST  
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A 50th anniversary luncheon will be held on Monday, 8 January 1996 at Anzac House, to celebrate the granting of Welshpool's Charter on 26 January 1946. Interested past members who wish to attend are asked to contact President George Milne [also Charter President], or Secretary Arthur Rae for details. If anyone knows of past Welshpool members who are no longer financial League members, please advise them.

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President: Hilton Devoreux, 21 Regency Drive, Thornlie WA 6108. Secretary: Theo Bush-Jones, 26 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 6284. 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.

**LIMBLESS SOLDIERS' ASSOCIATION OF WA (INC)**
("Winglies and Stumpies"). President: P.R. Collins. Secretaty: 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, 6 Radiata St, Rivervale. Tel: 387 7347. 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 unchelon meetings first Wednesday in every month 12 noon, Anzac Club, Perth. Ladies welcome both meetings.

**POLISH EX-SERVICEMEN'S ASSOCIATION**
SUB-BRANCH No. 9.
President: Dr W. Gorski OAM, Tel: 387 7347. Hon 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: Ron Lopaten, Tel: 535 7830. Secretary: John Gabriel, Tel: 535 4314. Clubrooms: Phone & Fax: 535 8217, 0900-1200 hrs, Tues to Thurs. Meetings: 3rd Tuesday of each month at 133 Mandurah Terrace, Mandurah (May to Oct - at 1330 hrs). All 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.

**RAEME VIETNAM ASSOCIATION (WA BRANCH)**
President: Mr John Klein, 99 Walter Rd, Bassendean 6054, Tel: 279 3080. Secretary: Mr Garry Whykes, 33 Kamimbala 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, 7102 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: Sgnt 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.

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ROYAL AIR FORCES ASSOCIATION
(BRANCH 1210 WA)
President: Mr Fletcher H Kelley, 4/434 Main St, Balgata 6021, Tel: 349 4908. Secretary: Mr Mike Kiff, 126 Arlunya Ave, Cloverdale 6105, Tel: 277 7713.

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 ARMED FORCES 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 ARMY 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

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. State Secretary: J. Shepheard, 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 8270. 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 Phillip Bray, 39 Naupla 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, 80 Henley St., Como 6152, Tel: 450 1893 or 450 1921. Meetings: 2nd Tuesday of each month (except January) commencing at 10.30am. Luncheons 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) commencing at 10.30am at 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 Oakfield Avenue, Cloverdale 6105, Tel: 277 4814. Meetings the second Tuesday each month at the Nollamara Autumn Centre, Sylvia Street, Nollamara.
THE BURMA STAR ASSOCIATION (WESTERN AUSTRALIAN BRANCH)
President: Mr John Barton, Unit 7/5 Sepia Ct, 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 October, December and February. For venue please call the Secretary on 367 7794. All correspondence to the Secretary.

THE ROYAL MARINES ASSOCIATION WESTERN AUSTRALIAN BRANCH
President: Mr C.W. Agate. V/President: Mr D. Getliffe. 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 FREMANTLE BRANCH (W.A.)
Chairman: David Wiseman, Tel: 592 1458. Hon. Secretary: F H Cooke-Willis, 23 Foss Street, Palmyra 6157, Tel: 339 5573. Meetings: first Tuesday of each month (except January) at the Navy Club (Inc), 64 High Street, Fremantle at 7.00pm.

THE ROYAL NAVAL ASSOCIATION PERTH (WESTERN AUSTRALIA BRANCH)
Chairman: Mr J R 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 Hall Leake Street, Belmont at 7.00 p.m.

THE ROYAL NAVAL ASSOCIATION (ROCKINGHAM & DISTRICTS) BRANCH
Chairman: David Slowley, 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 Malleef 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 Castle 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, Hillsary 6025, Tel: 401 9304. Vice President: Geoff Yoyle, 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
President: Mr Bill Sturgess. Administrator: Mr G Purcell, 79 Stirling St, Perth, Tel: 220 0622.

VIETNAM VETERANS ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA WA BRANCH INC.
PO Box 21, Maylands 6051. Office: 219 Railway Parade, Maylands, Tel: 370 3011. Fax: 332 4964. President: Mr Rob Cox, Tel: 332 4964. Secretary: Mr Keith Jones, Tel: 443 1530. Welfare Officer: Mrs Joe Cox, Tel: 332 4964. Meetings: Held three monthly, Peninsula Hotel Building - 219 Railway Parade, Maylands.

VIETNAM VETERANS M.C. AUSTRALIA
President: John Lewis. Vice President: Paul Kennedy. Secretary: Brian Rees. All correspondence to be sent to the Secretary, Vietnam Veterans Motorcycle Club, PO Box 1442, Wangara 6065, fax business hours only: (09) 401 1546.

WA RSL BOWLS SECTION
Management Committee meet third Monday of each month at the Royal Park Bowling Club, Charles Street, North Perth at 10.00am. President: Mr Doug Piggott, Tel: 446 1331. Hon State Secretary: Mr Ted Philp, Tel: 450 4033.

WRAAC ASSOCIATION (WESTERN AUSTRALIA)
President: Mrs May Tomich, 2 Ludlams Street, Morley 6062, Tel: 276 6616. Address all correspondence to Box 6149, East Perth 6892.

WRAAF BRANCH - RAAF ASSOCIATION
President: Mrs E. Southern, 31 Larrissa Road, Williton 6155, 457 8628. Secretary: Mrs J. Bland, 2 Graphic Court, Beldon 6025, Tel: 401 8296. Meetings held at
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8.00pm on the first Tuesday of each month in the Meg Olive Room at the Air Force Memorial Estate at Bull Creek.

Z SPECIAL UNIT ASSOCIATION OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA INC.
President: L.M. Griffiths, 52 Koolinda St, Falcon 6210, Tel: 534 2991. Secretary: Lt Col. E.W. Dubberlin, ED RL JP, 28A Houston Ave., Dianella 6062. Tel: 275 1348. Meetings as arranged by committee.

Z SPECIAL UNIT INTERNATIONAL (INC.)
PO Box 490, Kalamunda, WA 6076. Chairman: Jack Sue, Tel: 250 2737. Vice Chairman: Ross Davidson, Tel: 383 7654.

1ST AUSTRALIAN PARACHUTE BATTALION
W.A. BRANCH
President: Mr Bill Rose, 19 Jukes Way, Glendalough 6016. Tel: 444 6858. Secretary: Mr Ron Waters, 25 Clyo Way, Kallaroo 6025, Tel: 307 7079.

2BN MALAYA MERDEKA VETERANS (WA)

2/1-2/2 PIONEERS W.A.
Chairman: L.A. Preedy, 152 Keightley Road, Shenton Park 6008. Tel: 381 6294. Meetings to be held at Anzac House on third Friday in March, July and November in Anzac Club.

2/2ND COMMANDO ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA
President: Mr W. Howell, 68 Randell St, Mandurah 6210, Tel: 535 1923. Secretary: Mr J.W. Carey, 13 Stoddart Way, Bateman 6150, Tel: 332 7050. Meetings held second Tuesday of each month at 10.00am at Anzac House.

2/3 FIELD REGIMENT ASSOCIATION W.A.
President: Mr Hugh Ferrier, Tel: 384 5573. Secretary: Mr M. Davison, Tel: 330 3033. Treasurer: K. (Sandy) Leek, Tel: 337 1908. Address for correspendence: PO Box 198, Palmyra 6157. Meets second Wednesday each month, 11.00am Anzac House.

2/3RD MACHINE GUN BATTALION ASSOCIATION
Committee meets when necessary. President: K.E. Eckermann, 31 Tranquill Road, Kelmscott 6111. Tel: 390 6072. Secretary: F.J. (Banjo) Binstead, 101 Star Street, Carlisle 6101. Tel: 361 8762.

2/4TH MACHINE GUN BATTALION AIF ASSOCIATION
President: Mr E.W. Wallin, 3/63 Constance St., Nollamara 6061, Tel: 349 1409. Secretary: J. Kyros, 19 Almondbury Rd, Ardross 6153, Tel: 364 2639. Meetings: third Tuesday each month, Anzac House, 10.00am.

2/7TH AUSTRALIAN FIELD REGIMENT ASSOCIATION
President: Mr Joe Stokes, 23 Gairloch St, Applecross 6153, Tel: 364 1933. Secretary: Mr Bill Woods, 4/2 Lewington Gdns, Bibra Lake 6163, Tel: 417 3989.

Meets in the Pure Steel Room, Gloucester Park at 11.00am on the second Tuesday of each month except January.

2/7TH FIELD AMBULANCE ASSOCIATION
President/Secretary: Mr Hal Finkelstein, 15 Jukes Way, Glendalough 6016, Tel: 444 0328. Reunion, September each year.

2/13TH FIELD AMBULANCE ASSOCIATION
Secretary: L. McCarthy, 31 Marradong Street, Coolbinia 6050, Tel: 444 1927. Details of meetings - contact Secretary.

2/16TH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION
A.I.F. ASSOCIATION

2/28TH BATTALION AND 24TH ANTI-TANK COY.
ASSOCIATION
President: E.C. Benness, 35 Eastland St, Dianella, Tel: 349 7959. Secretary: Mr E. Harrod, 13 Hadley St, Safety Bay 6169, Tel: 527 6833. Committee meets Anzac House second Wednesday each month. Visitors welcome. AGM second Wednesday in August.

2/32ND BATTALION ASSOCIATION (WA)
President: Mr Fenton Smith, 184 Shaftesbury Ave., Bedford 6052. Tel: 271 6492. Sec/Treasurer: Mr Colin Edmiston, Unit 3, 456 Main Street, Balcatta, 6021. Tel: 349 0799.

2/43RD BATTALION ASSOCIATION (WA BRANCH)
President: Mr Eric Treloar, 2 Alison Road, Attadale 6156, Tel: 330 4764. Secretary: Mr Wally Hughes, 20 Aberle Street, Hamilton Hill 6163, Tel: 337 2088. Meets Anzac House every third Wednesday for lunch.

7 ARMY TROOPS COY RAE ASSOCIATION
President: Mr Jack Benari, 38 Roebuck Drive, Attadale 6152, Tel: 450 3876. Secretary: Mr Colin F. Wilson, 41 Herald Avenue, Willetton 6155. Annual reunion last Friday of September. Past members most welcome.

7TH BATTALION THE ROYAL AUSTRALIAN REGIMENT (Pig Bn)
President: Don Cruden, 165 Henley St, Henley Brook 6055. Tel: (h) 296 4081. Secretary: Doug Fieldhouse, 509 The Strand, Dianella 6062. Tel: (h) 275 8598. Meetings as arranged.

11TH BATTALION AIF 13TH BGD TWO WWII
President: Mr V. Alfrich, Mandurah 6210, Tel: 535 7291. Secretary: Mr Don Angwin, 7/6 Mt Henry Road, Como 6152, Tel: 450 1833. Reunion & other meetings as arranged.

11th DIVISION SIGNALS ASSOCIATION
For enquiries contact- President: Lt Col O.R. Videan, 23 Halley Street, Innaloo 6018. Tel: 446 6304. Secretary:
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N. Deakin, 20 Canterbury Drive, Willetton 6155. Regular meetings held at 150 Harbourne Street, Wembley.

11th (1914-1918) & 2/11TH AIF BNS ASSOCIATION
President: Mr K.T. Johnson, MBE ED JP, 37 Blaven Way, Ardross 6153, Tel: 364 1051. Secretary/Treasurer: Mr J.C. Watson, 686 Canning Highway, Applecross 6153, Tel: 364 2126. Meetings: Third Tuesday each month (except January) 10.00am, Gallipoli Room, Anzac House.

16TH BATTALION, THE CAMERON HIGHLANDERS OF WA ASSOCIATION
President: Mr K.T. Johnson, MBE ED JP, 37 Blaven Way, Ardross 6153, Tel: 364 1051. Secretary/Treasurer: Mr J.C. Watson, 686 Canning Highway, Applecross 6153, Tel: 364 2126. Meetings: Third Tuesday each month (except January) 10.00am, Gallipoli Room, Anzac House.

28TH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION (AIF) 1939-45 ASSOCIATION
Committee - Mr Phil Wilkerson, Tel: 330 7263. Mr Clif Tamblyn, Tel: 384 5008. Mr Tubby Whitfield, Tel: 458 9983. Annual reunion early January, other functions as arranged by Committee.

25 SQUADRON BRANCH
Royal Australian Air Force Association. President: Denny Hains, 42 Marlene Wy, Bibra Lake 6163, Tel: 417 9707. Secretary: Jan Lambert, 2 Tabard St, Greenwood 6024, Tel: 247 4013. Meetings held at 2000 hrs Meg Olive Room, Airforce Memorial Estate, Bullcreek Dve, Bullcreek, on 2nd Tuesday each month.

44TH BATTALION ASSOCIATION
Committee meets when called. Annual Reunion on advice. President: R. Collins, 134 Roseberry Street, Bedford. Tel: 271 4448.

48TH & 2/48TH BATTALION ASSOCIATION
President: Mr Tom Easom, 568 Marmion Street, Booragoon 6154, Tel: 330 7387. Secretary: Mr D.A. Hamilton, 80 Stoneham Road, Attadale 6156, Tel: 330 2923. Meetings and luncheon held at the Carlton Hotel, 248 Hay Street East at 11.30am on the third Monday of each month.

77 SQUADRON ASSOCIATION (WA DIVISION)
President: Mr Mick Michael, Tel: (w) 221 3719, (h) 384 4222. Secretary/Treasurer: Mrs Shirley Donaldson, 1 Howson Street, Hilton 6163, Tel: 337 2260. Correspondence to the Secretary.

460 SQUADRON RAAF ASSOCIATION (WA)
President: W.E.M. (Gerry) Bateman, DFC, 221 South Terrace, Como 6152. Tel: 367 3063. Secretary: N.B. Johnson, 63 Kirwan Street, Floreat Park 6014. Tel: 387 4229. Treasurer: T.R. Gallop, 19 Felstead Crescent, Hamersley 6022. Tel: 447 4037. Meetings are held four times a year.

1940 DUNKIRK VETERANS ASSOCIATION
Meets first Tuesday each month Anzac House (Club), 28 St George's Terrace, Perth at 1.30pm. President: R.H. Duncaife, Tel: 295 1689. Secretary/Treasurer: Peter W. Hessell, Tel: 344 1756.
They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old. Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun, and in the morning, we will remember them. LEST WE FORGET.

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WX4554, Cousens, H.S., City of Rockingham, 55 LAD
WX13242, Fabry, W.R., Canning Dist-Victoria Park, 276 LAD
WX11856, Gardner, R., Bellevue, 2/6 S Coy
429684, Glew, G.R., Shenton Park, RAAF
14731911, Gray, R., City of Rockingham, 2BN Gordon Highlanders
R296127, Hester, P.W.T., Cockburn, MN
WX15566, Hughes, J.T., Bicton-Palmyra, RAS Eng
WX29023, Hutchings, R.E., Bedford-Morley, 11 Div Sigs
WX5692, Jones, L.W.K. Kojonup, 2/16 Aust Inf Bn
WX7545, Manning, E.D., Harvey, 2/28 Aust Inf Bn
WX30837, May, J.E., Mandurah, 3 Pro Coy
14806436, McAlpine, W., Rivervale-Carlisle, RAC
214, Motteram, J.Y., Rtd Ex-Svc Women, Aust Women’s Land Army
WX4748, Prosser, D.E.B., Wembley-Floreat, 2/7 Fld Amb
WX3036, Smithson, W.S., Mount Barker, 9 Div Sigs
POX124880, Smyth, B.J., Harvey, RAN
WX21912, Sullivan, W.M., Boulder, 2 Fld Coy RAE
WX38228, Trainer, D.W., Mandurah, 2/44 Transp. PI
1040, Tydeman, F.W.E., Highgate, I.E.
QX4067, Ward, F.S., Kalgoorlie, 2/30 BN
2745, Washford, J., City of Perth, HMSC Lynx
WX6868, Wilkinson, E.W., Belmont, 2/11 Aust Inf Bn
W1279, Woollacott, E.M., Harvey, WRNS
NX167769, Hicks, N.J., Armadale, 65 Aust Petrol PI

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14049170, Blakey, W., Mt Lawley-Ingleswood, REME
WX40919, Boyson, W.V., Claremont, 20 Aust L of C Sigs
532779, Butson, E.T., Port Hedland, 3 Trans Sqn RAE
436510, Coe, T.P., Riverton, RAAF
**R300031**, Cornwall, G.A., Returned Sisters, QAIMNS
WX42054, Critchley, A., Darling Range, 2/13 Aust Inf Bn
5/1799, Fairfull, A.G., Eastern Region, 3 Bn
WX4751, Footh, H.J., Bellevue, 2/118 AGH
W4822, Foster, A.T., Belmont, HOAAD
WX12130, Fry, J.H., City of Perth, 2/32 Aust Inf Bn
WX36634, Giles, J.T., Geraldton City, 30 Bn
WX32850, Grellier, J.F., Applecross, 13 Fld Coy Eng
PJX157985, Hampson, G.T., Armadale, RAN
29772, Hill, J.H., Bunbury, Defence Unit
55251, Hill, A.V., Kojonup, RAAF
WX3367, Hobbs, V.A., Returned Sisters, 2/4 AGH
5517, Hughill, J.E., Scarborough, RAAF
WX29928, Hurst, L.P., Central, 16 Bn
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5/17293, Moriarty, M.E., Port Hedland, ARMY
5251, Powys, A., Riverton, 3 Bn
WX40650, Silich, T., Bellevue, 8 AAOD
2202328, Sillery, J., Bicton-Palmyra, RAF
VX133310, Stone, H.J., E. Vic Park & Vietnam Veterans, 2/11 Aust Gen Hosp
45100, Swarbrick, G., Northam, RAAF
WX12378, Swift, J.C., Applecross, 2/4 MG
31881, Tapper, J., Mandurah, RAN
83564, Tate, M.W., City of Perth, RAAF
WX32806, Thomson; S.W., South Perth, 2/11 Aust Inf Bn
NX80478, Thomcright, D.W., City of Wanneroo, N.G. Forces
17089, Tuppen, F.C., Merredin, AAC
311701, Venus, D.E., Gosnells, RAAMC
85560, Wood, T.J., Mandurah
VX5290, Wright, J., Belmont, 2/4 Fld Workshops

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F5618, Boylan, W.J., Mandurah, RAN
F3331, Brophy, M.J., South Perth, R.A.N.
CH/X2298, Brougham, W., Fremantle City, 41 R.M.
WX32122, Corell, W.H., Kalgoorlie, AIF
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05807, Goldsworthy, W.S., City of Perth, RAAF
WX35433, Green, A.S., Eastern Region, 2/38 Aust Inf Bn
412851, Hammond, K.C., Highgate, RAAF
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81604, Johnson, C., Nannup, RAAF
WX5744, Keenan, P.F., Cockburn, 24 Anti Tank
WX9489, Loud, E., Pemberton, 2/2 Commando
47526, MacLeod, A.N., City of Perth, RAEME
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46254, Mills, E.W., Mandurah, RAAF
WX15908, Moore, A.J., Cunderdin, 13 WShop
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WX32865, Norman, H.J., Bicton-Palmyra, 11 Aust Inf Bn
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VX112105, Rudduck, F.V., Highgate, 44 PI Coy
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