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In this year of ‘Australia Remembers’, our thoughts have been centred on the sacrifices made by Australians during 1939-45. We have been very mindful in recalling the thousands of young Australians who died for our freedom which we all value so much today. I have written, and spoken, openly of these freedoms, which now are being threatened by minority groups within our society, and in particular the dictates of United Nations Covenants that are beginning to be used by some of our politicians to justify their own ends and those of minority groups. I ask you to look at the make up of the UN and see how many non-democratic countries make up that body and what ideologies and doctrines of governing these people use in their own countries.

In recent times I have been concerned over the proposed “Racial Hatred, or Racial Vilification Bill” which the Government proposes to introduce in legislation, after deciding to once more listen and take heed of minority groups. The Government therefore considers the need to create two new sections [crimes] to the Commonwealth Crimes Act. They are to be ‘Section 58 and Section 59’. Section 58 is to prohibit threats to cause physical harm because of race, colour, or natural or ethnic origin, and Section 59 is to prohibit threats to property because of race, colour or natural or ethnic origin. I am informed that both these proposed new offences are covered by existing law, although not specifically in racial terms. After researching this subject I was given a copy of a paper on the reason why this proposed legislation should be opposed and I quote from parts of that paper which has been supplied by Fred Cullen, a member of the Victorian State Executive.

UNITED NATIONS INFLUENCE

Many of Australia’s current problems or legislative fiascos in the field of Human Rights, Anti-Discrimination, multiculturalism legislation derives from politicians, diplomats and advisers who endorse and enforce the dictates of UN Covenants - many of which have their genesis in an ideology foreign to Australia.

In this exercise, we lose our sovereignty. In a sense Australia is not governed by Parliament representing the will of the people. We should not enter damaging and disruptive commitments that oblige us to ‘toe the line’ to the dictates of International [UN] Agencies. This Bill will implement the doubtful obligations contained in Article 4 of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination.

AUSTRALIA’S UNIQUE CULTURE

Over the past decade the Government has been seen by many observers as presiding over the systematic erosion of every decent thing that made Australia attractive to so many newcomers. There is disturbing and obvious official promotion of non Anglo-Saxon, Celtic, ethnic differences - probably designed to fragment the dominant culture of the overwhelming majority of the people.

The group which suffers most from institutionalised discrimination is the Anglo-Celtic people of Australia. According to the Constitutional Commission the population of Australia was 98% Anglo-Celtic at the time of Federation; it was 74.6% in 1989. This state of affairs has been brought about by deliberate adherence to the much criticised ‘multicultural policy’ of the Government.

ETHNIC DIVISIONS FOSTERED

The normal situation in a good migration programme is that in which racial, religious and cultural tolerance has been built up slowly - a situation where racial and cultural minorities gradually interact with the dominant culture of society, enriching it, and over a generation or two being absorbed into it. Some of the Reports and Inquiries on which the Bill is purported to be based were provided by agencies that are very narrow in their approach. They have a vested interest in perpetuating separate ethnic identities and thereby tend to create problems where there are none.

FREEDOM OF SPEECH AND DISCRIMINATION AGAINST MAJORITY OF POPULATION

The legislation is ‘an affront to free speech’. There are disturbing examples of what happens to freedom of speech when politically organised minority ethnic groups enforce their political agenda on a nation that is profoundly democratic. Malcontents should not be given an opportunity to cause trouble at the taxpayer’s expense. The Bill will virtually bring immunity to any immigrant who wishes to flout the laws that would bring heavy penalties to other Australians.

The Bill seriously undermines the principle of free speech and has no visible support within the community at large. Many authoritative people have criticised the Bill. Sir Maurice Byers QC, who has an unrivalled background in Commonwealth Law relating to freedom of speech, has criticised this Bill on several grounds, including that it prohibits speech in a far wider way than is necessary to combat any specific evil which the community may want to outlaw. “I think on the whole that the width of the prohibition extends beyond what prevention of that evil may require and that the implied freedom in the Constitution may invalidate this measure.”
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The Bill attempts to outlaw vilification of particular racial groups. But if speech is to remain free - offence, insult, or humiliation cannot be banished. A certain force or intensity of feeling are the inevitable characteristics of many forms of expression, especially where political questions or historical antagonisms are being discussed.

The proposed Law requires no more than that the speech or writing is reasonably likely to offend, insult or humiliate, and that a reason for the speech or writing is the race, colour, or national or ethnic origin, of another person or some or all in a group. Such a provision is surely inconsistent with the implied constitutional freedom of communication and with freedom of speech. Another consideration is that if it is acceptable to inhibit freedom of speech or thought on racial grounds - why should it not be acceptable to do so on any other ground. This sets a dangerous precedent.

ETHNIC JOKES, RACIAL SLURS, RACIST GRAFFITI etc

These should in no way be considered as reflecting deep seated racial hatred among the Australian people. Rather, it is a mere superficial reaction - usually to some aspect of Government policy. It is well known, of course, that some so-called 'racial slurs' are, in fact, terms of endearment in some settings.

INTELLECTUAL INQUIRY UNDER THREAT

The legislation will have a tendency to limit the freedom of thought, speech and association. It threatens to suppress fair debate on the nature of race, immigration policy, controversial matters of history affecting the interests of ethnic groups, and controversial questions concerning what some see as an undue influence on State and Federal politics by certain minority ethnic groups.

There would be an intimidatory effect on teachers/lecturers and students would be deprived of access to responsible but unfashionable or unpopular views. What to one citizen is simply honest and true informed discussion on racial differences - to another will be hate-mongering racism. It should be remembered that freedom under the rule of the law is fundamental to human advancement in every sphere of activity, that freedom is indivisible, and that the suppression of freedom in one aspect inevitably leads to its suppression in others. The Bill will gravely jeopardise intellectual freedom.

DISQUIETING FEATURES

There are many disquieting features in the Reports on which the legislation is based as there is a strong bias from groups protecting vested interests, and inadequate representation of the full spectrum of informed community opinion on the subject. It is also significant that the source of agitation for legislation such as the Racial Hatred Bill comes from representatives of immigrant groups, originating in countries where notions of freedom and the rule of law have been in so many cases, less than well developed.

COST FACTORS

The level of funding is not justified. The demand for funds will entrench a partisan ideology within the Government's administrative apparatus.

EDUCATIVE ROLE OF LAW

The heavy-handed approach to education alluded to in the Attorney-General's speech is absolutely 'foreign' to Australia. It introduces the danger of propaganda masquerading as education. This is a trend that should be resisted by all thinking Australians.

CONCLUSION

This legislation is unnecessary and it creates more problems than it solves. There is not a single convincing reason that has been provided us to show its need. Why then is it thrust upon us? The inflation of social engineering type legislation is now a characteristic plague, dreamed up by academic charlatans, who have to justify their jobs, and in response to damaging United Nations influences. Very little of such legislation is beneficial, most of it is unneeded, but in the main it is harmful as it fabricates unnecessary legal requirements, and is to the advantage of only a few malcontents and misfits on one hand, and to the army of bureaucrats who will administer the expensive executive agencies which will eventually subvert the traditional roles of law.

The RSL's strong recommendation is that the Government would be well advised to scrap this pernicious legislative proposal. It is an insult to Australia and Australians.

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1995, the year that "Australia Remembers" is drawing to a close. It has been a very wonderful year for members of the League, particularly for the former servicemen and women who helped fight World War II. Numerous reunions throughout the country saw the rekindling of many old friendships and long forgotten tales were remembered and retold.

Australians from every conceivable background were unified in honouring the veterans of a hard-fought and well-won conflict. This was most apparent on Anzac Day when, throughout the country, record numbers of people attended Dawn Services and Anzac Day parades. Everywhere, existing war memorials were upgraded and, in many cases, rededicated. Many new memorials were established and, in all cases, attendance at rededication services was high.

Australia did remember and the flame which was rekindled during the celebrations and commemorations of 1995 should be encouraged by all of us to continue to burn. Australia must never be allowed to forget its veterans and what they did for this country.

On behalf of the staff at Anzac House, I wish you a very merry Christmas and a most prosperous New Year.

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Mr Newman was compere for 25 years for the Lions Miss Personality Quest and, over a period of time, he has been involved with fundraising for the Save Sight, Kidney, Help to Hear and Cancer Foundations in WA.

A foundation member and chairman for two years of the Variety Club (WA region), he recently returned from the USA which he visited as regional chairman. During his term in this office, Mr Newman has seen more than 1.2 million dollars raised to help disadvantaged children.

A Legacy Ward from eight years of age (his father having served in New Guinea during World War II), Mr Newman is also associated with fundraising for Perth Legacy.

In recognition of his contributions to the community of WA, Jeff Newman was named in the Queen's 1995 New Year's Honours as a recipient of the Order of Australia.

With more than half of my year as Warden already over, I believe I have gained enough experience of ceremonial procedure at the Memorial to offer some reasonable comment.

Firstly, I would validate the obviously well-proven procedure for wreath-laying ceremonies which have studded the past seven months. Each and every one has run on well-oiled wheels, thanks largely to the dedication and vast experience of the Deputy Warden. I have been most impressed also with the impeccable and dutiful dress, bearing and comportment of the Sub-Wardens - they give a flawless and reverent performance in continuum. Well done indeed to Highgate RSL!

I have come to understand and support fully the austere and firm adherence of the State Executive and State Secretary to wreath-laying ceremonial.

One that got away occurred at a ceremony in late May when the padre present delivered a rambling address of at least ten minutes and topped it off with a poem which took several minutes more. By this time the Sub-Wardens would have been standing rigidly at attention for around 30 minutes - quite unreasonable. Whilst I understand the difficulty of controlling or warding off a 'loose cannon', the particular Association could be spoken to afterwards when such an instance occurs. My recommendation is that the State Executive continues to apply its conservative, austere policy towards ceremonial and wreath-layings.

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The concept of this schools’ service is very good and must be continued.

It is my recommendation that a discreet, tactful approach be made to appropriate education authorities to ensure that in future years a good audience of young people is present so as to optimise this worthwhile service. From my perspective as President of the National Flag Association in WA, this service must also aid considerably in helping our young to understand why our National Flag is so special.

THE ANZAC DAY DAWN SERVICE 1995

This year’s Dawn Service was attended by a record crowd. This would be attributable in part to the ‘Australia Remembers’ activities and perhaps also to the Governor’s TV ‘grabs’.

Flowing from a State Executive decision, this year’s ceremony was modified to the extent of including a limited broadcast commentary and, on completion of the Service, a short address by the Governor. While escorting the Governor from the Memorial, I overheard several people saying that the (modified) Service had been greatly appreciated.

Subsequently I have become aware, from a critical letter to The West Australian [28/4] and two formal letters [from friends] addressed to me as Warden, that the modifications to the traditional, silent Dawn Service were not universally acclaimed.

Personally, I am most sensitive and sympathetic to the complaints, in as much as the microphone and commentary, however limited, do intrude on the re-creation of the atmosphere prevailing on that still, dark dawn of the Gallipoli landing - and are prone to disturb the private reflection and prayer of those who come together to remember and mourn as individuals.

Whilst not privy to the State Executive deliberations leading to modification to the Dawn Service, I do support the decision. The over-arching factor is, I believe, that the ‘spirit of Anzac’ must be passed on to our young and not taken to the grave by the veterans. Whilst for many years, post World War II, our military heritage has not been widely recognised and honoured, there are now encouraging signs of a re-awakening of interest. This must be capitalised on, e.g. the largest crowd anyone could remember at this Service.

I have subsequently made enquiries from within and outside the veterans’ community. Opinions from within are mixed, but I believe the majority of veterans support the modification on the grounds of necessity - to help pass on the message. Two comments from outside the veterans’ community, made by persons who had not previously attended a Dawn Service, are relevant.

The first, from a leading Perth paediatric surgeon [accompanied by his children] was to the effect: We all thought the Service beautiful; we wouldn’t have known what was occurring without the commentary. The second, made by the Emeritus Professor of Music at UWA: We arrived on the fringe of the crowd just before the Service began. The young around us were chattering, mostly about their activities the night before. The moment the commentary began, they became hushed and remained so throughout the Service. The commentary helped us all to understand what was going on.

I do not have great confidence that the ‘Anzac Message’ will be passed on adequately through our schools. I therefore support continuance of the modification with the proviso that the commentary be minimal. With modern electronics/acoustics the distribution of sound could be improved without increasing the decibels [volume].

PHYSICAL CONDITION OF THE MEMORIAL

Repainting of the stonework jointing of the 1914-18 section of the Memorial has been completed by contract at a cost of $28,600. This work will reduce the amount of rain water that leaches through the super-structure into the undercroft where it causes extensive damage to the concrete, plastered walls and marble memorial tablets. To further reduce the water damage, repairs are to be carried out to the membrane covering the upper concourse.

Measures for the restitution of the damaged areas, particularly the memorial tablets, are being considered for attention later this year.

With regard to the day to day problems that occur, vandalism has resulted in emergency repairs being required to floodlights, flagpoles and the handrails to the steps of the 1939-45 section. Fortunately, no graffiti attacks have occurred but, because of scheme water restrictions, some staining from bore water over-spray has had to be carefully removed to prevent damage to the surface of the stonework. A proposed new reticulation system to be installed by the Kings Park Board will, hopefully, resolve this matter before next summer.

CONCLUSION

I am very conscious of the honour conferred on me in being invited to be Warden for this present year. My abiding memories will be of the reverence and diligence of those Highgate personnel who conduct War Memorial ceremonies and of the need to bring the wider public as fully as possible into all that it represents - our military heritage.

REAR ADMIRAL P.G.N. KENNEDY, AO [RTD]
Veterans in UK Ceremonies

Two West Australian World War II veterans visited London in August to represent Australia at British VP Day commemorations: Dr Alan King represented the Army and Mr Vic Ferry represented the Air Force.

Left to right: Jim Dalton (DC, DVA), Dr Alan King (State Executive, RSL), Pam Barnard (National Office, DVA), Vic Ferry (State President, RAAF Association). Pam travelled as ‘Carer’.

The Deputy Commissioner for Veterans’ Affairs, Jim Dalton, Mr Len Keynes and Mr Ken Murphy (RSL) were among those who attended a farewell function for the veterans at Perth International Airport. Also present were the veterans’ families and members of the ex-service organisations in which Dr King and Mr Ferry served during the war.

Dr King saw service in the Western Desert campaign and in Greece as a member of the 2/7 Field Ambulance, 6th Division, before being captured by the Germans in Crete. He was mentioned in despatches for his work in treating allied POWs for TB.

Mr Ferry was a pilot serving in RAF Squadrons No 578 and No 96. He saw action in Britain, Western Europe, Africa, Italy, India and Burma and, while flying Halifax bombers for Bomber Command, was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross.

The commemorative events in London were attended by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

Courtesy: Public Relations, Department of Veterans’ Affairs

Unveiling of the Merchant Navy Memorial

MONUMENT HILL, FREMANTE, SUNDAY AUGUST 27, 1995

At the invitation of Perth’s Allied Merchant Seamen’s Association, a gathering of some 300 people, including local dignitaries and members from many veterans’ associations, participated in the unveiling of the memorial dedicated to those Allied merchant seamen who perished in global conflicts, many of whom have no grave but the sea.

The one-metre high memorial, on the northeast side of Monument Hill in Fremantle, is constructed of Caraboda limestone blocks, as is the low wall surrounding it on three sides. Three bronze plaques are attached to the memorial. The uppermost designates on a world map the theatres of war in which the Merchant Navy participated. Below this is the commemorative plaque with the dedication: ‘This memorial has been erected to honour and remember our fellow merchant mariners who paid the supreme sacrifice during the many conflicts in which they were involved’. The third plaque, in keeping with the prevailing theme ‘Australia Remembers’, reveres the men and women who served Australia throughout World War II.

A small stockless anchor, attached to a length of chain, is located at the base of the monument.

The unveiling ceremony was carried our by Mrs P. MacGilvray, widow of one of the Association’s Past Presidents, Mrs D. Hansen, widow of an Association Treasurer, and Mrs L. Anderson, daughter of a deceased marine engineer.

Dedication prayers were delivered by Father Conroy of the Stella Maris Club and Padre MacCallum of the Flying Angel Club. Appropriate music was provided by the Canning City Brass Band, under the direction of Bandmaster, Mr A. Torrance, and the Master of Ceremonies was Mr G. Norton, RMA.

G. GRIFFITHS
Kwinana Branch
Allied Merchant Seaman’s Association
DO YOU HAVE A FRIEND WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO JOIN. IF SO HERE IS AN APPLICATION FORM. USE IT NOW

Good solid membership is the very foundation of the League. It is the responsibility of every member to ensure it is maintained at the highest possible level.

THE RSL NEEDS YOU

Application for Ordinary Membership

I HEREBY apply to be admitted as an Ordinary Member of the League and a member of the ................................................................. Sub-Branch

PERSONAL DETAILS

PLEASE PRINT

Surname .................................................................
Christian/Given Names .................................................................
Initials ................................................................. Title ................................................................. Sex M/F .................................................................
Date of Birth .............. / ....... / 19 Country of Birth .................................................................
Address (No & Street) .................................................................
Suburb .................................................................
State/Country ................................................................. Post Code .................................................................
Phone: Work ( ) ................................................................. Home ( ) .................................................................
Honours/Awards/Decorations .................................................................

SERVICE DETAILS

Country of Service Australia/................................................................. Service Number .................................................................
Service Navy □ Army □ Air Force □ Other □
Regular □ Reserve □ Both □
Date of Enlistment .................................................................
Overseas Service Active □ Peace-keeping □ Other □
Length of Service: Years ................................................................. Months .................................................................
Unit (If still serving) ................................................................. Rank .................................................................
Date of Discharge ................................................................. / ....... / 19 .................................................................

PREVIOUS MEMBERSHIP DETAILS

Previous RSL Membership (Tick One) ................................................................. Yes □ No □
Date first joined League (If applicable) ................................................................. / ....... / 19 .................................................................
Badge Number of previous Membership ................................................................. If applicable
State and Sub-branch of previous Membership ................................................................. If applicable

MEMBERSHIP AGREEMENT

I AGREE : To be bound by the Memorandum and Articles of Association of the League, its By-Laws, to be bound by and promote its Standing Policy and to be bound by the Rules and By-Laws of the above Branch.

I ENCLOSE cheque/cash for $ ................................................................. for current subscription

Signature of Applicant .................................................................
Date ................................................................. / ....... / 19 .................................................................

Eligibility Certified .................................................................
Date ................................................................. / ....... / 19 .................................................................

PAYMENT DETAILS

-Cheque, or, Credit Card ................................................................. Amount $ .................................................................
Bankcard ................................................................. Amount $ .................................................................
Card Number ................................................................. Mastercard □ Visa □
Expiry Date: .................................................................
Signature .................................................................
It was Armistice Night at one of Australia's most prestigious venues. My missus and me were part of an audience of people who had travelled from all over the State to see the grand finale to this memorable year when 'Australia Remembered' along with her wartime allies.

It was one of the most wonderful nights of my life and that goes for hundreds of my mates who carried their banners into the arena to thunderous applause and cheers as 'Battle Honours' were caught in the spotlight.

From the opening fanfares we were feted to a Cavalcade of Pageantry interlaced with nostalgia as the story of the war unfolded on the screens accompanied by the most wonderful music for sacred and ceremonial occasions, played and sung by an orchestra and choir ensemble of three hundred.

The arena was alive with drama and dance, the pulse of the drum, the skirl of the pipes and the grace and beauty of youth. Hundreds of teenagers, tiny tots as well, strutting their stuff with pride, exemplifying the spirit and courage that carried Australians through so many punishing campaigns.

What a triumph for the League and what a showcase for the talent of that wonderful cast.

All of us have seen Tattoos - and world-wide at that - but this Cavalcade was something else. It had everything - pace, polish and perfection. The souvenir programme will remind us and we'll treasure the memory. Thanks to you all . . . and encore, encore, encore!!!

As told to Ken Murphy

CAVALCADE SOUVENIR PROGRAMMES ARE AVAILABLE FROM
RSL War Veterans’ Homes, 51 Alexander Drive, Mount Lawley
SPECIAL PRICE: $4.00
CONSTITUTION: ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS

1. That State Rule 13.3 be amended to read:
   13.3 Members elected to the positions of State President and Senior and Junior Vice Presidents shall fill that office for an initial period of two years. At the end of that period the positions shall be be vacated at State Congress. Thereafter those members shall be eligible to seek re-election for periods of one year.
   13.3.1 The State President shall serve in that office no longer than five consecutive years, including the initial two year period.
   13.3.2 A State President, having served a five year term in office shall not be eligible to nominate for re-election in that office for a period of two years.

Lost at SC (Highgate/Armadale)

CONSTITUTION: ELECTION OF COUNTRY OFFICE BEARERS

2. That Rule 12.29 as is at present be deleted and replaced by the following:
   12.29 Nominations for the positions of Country Vice President and Regional Country Vice Presidents shall be made by a Sub-Branch at a properly constituted meeting, it shall be made in writing and lodged with the State Secretary not less than six weeks before the opening of State Congress and all Sub-Branches shall receive notification of all nominations received not less than one month before the opening of State Congress.
   12.30 The positions of Country Vice President and Regional Country Vice Presidents will be elected annually by State Congress. All such appointments must be from members of Sub-Branches operating outside the Metropolitan area. During their term of office they shall be ex-officio members of the State Executive with full voting powers.

Carried at SC (Bunbury/Rockingham)

CONSTITUTION - AMENDMENTS TO STATE RULES

3. Insert new rule 1.2.1 The State Branch shall permit and encourage the formation of Women’s Auxiliary bodies to be known as Western Australian Women’s Auxiliary Sub-Branches and be attached on a voluntary basis to individual Sub-Branches of the State Branch, if a Sub-Branch so desires.

CARRIED as amended at SC (State Executive/Bunbury)

CONSTITUTION: AMENDMENTS TO STATE RULES

4. Rule 2 Alter the heading from ‘definitions’ to ‘interpretations’.

CARRIED at SC (State Executive/Bunbury)

CONSTITUTION: AMENDMENTS TO STATE RULES

5. (A) Insert new rule 5.1.1.1. Any amendments and/or additions to State Rules and Standing Orders must be voted-on as printed in the Agenda for Congress and may not be amended from the floor.
   (B) Insert new rule 5.1.1.2. No amendments to State Rules and Standing Orders may be submitted as a ‘Notice of Motion’.
   (C) Insert new rule 5.1.1.3. Any resolutions dealing with amendments to State Rules and Standing Orders in order to be carried, require that a majority of three-quarters of the number of vote entitlement cards be presented at the time of voting.

CARRIED at SC (State Executive/Bunbury)

CONSTITUTION: AMENDMENTS TO STATE RULES

6. (A) Insert new rule 11.1.5. To establish an Ethics Committee to adjudicate between aggrieved parties in matters to which the State Rules are applicable;
   (B) Insert new rule 11.9. There shall be an Ethics Committee panel consisting of twelve persons; when there is a need to empanel an Ethics Committee, at the nearest meeting of the State Executive the State Secretary shall draw by lot three names from the panel, none of whom shall be from the Sub-Branches of the aggrieved parties;
   (C) 11.9.1. At the time of calling for nominations for the State Executive, nominations shall be called from the Metropolitan Sub-Branches for persons to be included in the Ethics Committee panel;
   (D) 11.9.2. Each Sub-Branch may submit one name only;
   (E) 11.9.3. Members of the State Executive are not eligible for nomination to the Ethics Committee Panel;
   (F) 11.9.4. In the event of there being nominations in excess of twelve an election by preferential vote shall be conducted at the State Congress;
   (G) 11.9.5. The panel serves for the period of one year;
   (H) 11.9.6. The members of the last empanelled Ethics Committee are excluded from the next draw, should such be required;
   (I) 11.9.7. Each empanelled Ethics Committee elects its own Chairman;
   (J) 11.9.8. The Ethics Committee must ascertain all facts relevant to the grievance, from all parties involved;
   (K) 11.9.9. After completion of deliberations the Ethics Committee shall inform parties involved of its decision and subsequent rights of appeal;
   (L) 11.9.10. The Ethics Committee shall inform the State Executive forthwith after notifying the parties involved.

Lost at SC (State Executive/Highgate)

CONSTITUTION: AMENDMENTS TO STATE RULES

7. RULE 15.1. In line four replace the words ‘members of central group’ with ‘placed on the unattached list of members’.

WITHDRAWN at SC (State Executive/Rockingham)

CONSTITUTION: AMENDMENTS TO STATE RULES

8. (A) RULE 15.10 Delete in lines 5 and 6 the following: ‘who shall in all meetings have the right to speak and vote’.
   (B) Insert new rule 15.10.1. The Trustees may not
CONSTITUTION: AMENDMENTS TO STATE RULES

9. [A] Insert new rule 15a. Miscellaneous list of members. The State Branch shall keep a register known as the ‘miscellaneous list of members’;

And Sub-Rules:
[B] Insert new rule 15a.1. The miscellaneous list of members shall be the register of members who have been transferred to that list compulsorily, permanently or for a prescribed period of time;
[C] Insert new rule 15a.2. Members may be transferred to the miscellaneous list of members only by explicit decision of the State Executive or by the Appeal Tribunal;
[D] Insert new rule 15a.3. After the conclusion of the prescribed time, if it was specified, the member may request a transfer to a particular Sub-Branch; if no such request is made, the member’s name shall be transferred to the unattached list of members;
[E] Insert new rule 15a.4. During the period of time the member’s name is on the miscellaneous list of members that member shall not be eligible to hold any office in the League, nor be a member or Associate Member of any Sub-Branch.

WITHDRAWN at SC [State Executive/Bunbury]

STATE RULES & BY-LAWS INCORPORATION OF WOMEN’S AUXILIARY

10. That the RSL of Australia [WA Branch] amend their State Rules to include those of the WA Women’s Auxiliaries so that both sets of rules acknowledge each other and positively indicate the inclusion of the WA Women’s Auxiliaries as part of the State Branch of the RSL and accordingly part of the same incorporated body.

CARRIED at SC [Bunbury/Highgate]

REPATRIATION: COMPENSATION CLAIMS PROCESSING SYSTEM VETERANS AFFAIRS

11. That the RSL National Executive use all means at its disposal to have the Federal Government revoke the decision encouraging public servants to save money for wage increases at the expense of War Veterans.

CARRIED at SC [Rockingham/Canning Districts]

REPATRIATION: DVA DISABILITY PENSIONS SP 8.1 (ii)

12. That the Department of Veterans' Affairs be requested to increase the pensions of ex-prisoners of war to the same level as for TPI veterans.

CARRIED at SC [Busselton/Highgate]

REPATRIATION: DVA DISABILITY PENSIONS SP 8.1 (ii)

13. RESOLUTION That the DVA Disability Pension should not be regarded as income when assessing payment of all income support allowances and pensions.

CARRIED at SC, Standing Policy (Rivervale-Carlisle/Bunbury)

CARRIED at NC

REPATRIATION: HOSPITALISATION OF VETERANS

14. [1] That State Executive draw an anomaly in hospital care to the attention of the Deputy Commissioner, or higher if necessary, and have the choice of hospital available in the country where private facilities exist.

[2] The anomaly is: a Veteran living in the metropolitan area, on being advised of admission to hospital for treatment, has the choice of either Hollywood Private Hospital or a major State hospital. In country regional areas where a private hospital exists, country Veterans have no such choice. A Veteran can be sent to a private hospital, but only if the IMO can establish exceptional circumstances with DVA. Alternatively, the country Veterans can choose Hollywood Hospital, but this means going to the city and away from family support. This situation discriminates against Veterans living in the country.

CARRIED at SC [Geraldton City/Bunbury]

REPATRIATION: TRAVEL CONCESSIONS

15. That the Federal Government be approached with a view to extending travel concessions to Veterans as follows:

1 Veterans who have attained the age of 70 years and his/her accompanying spouse be granted unlimited free travel over Australian national railways.

2 Veterans who have attained the age of 70 years and are in receipt of a special rate War Pension [Compensatory Disability Allowance] at the TPI or EDA rate be granted air travel within Australia once per calendar year at 50% of the published fare. This concession to be also accorded to a spouse accompanying the Veteran.

CARRIED as amended at SC [Highgate/Rockingham]

ADMINISTRATION: HONORARY MEMBERSHIP OF THE LEAGUE

16. That the person holding, for the time being, the position of Deputy Commissioner, Department of Veterans’ Affairs, Western Australia, if not otherwise eligible, be invited to become an honorary member of the RSL for the period of his/her appointment.

CARRIED at SC [Highgate/Eastern Regional]

ADMINISTRATION: SUB-BRANCH PORTION OF SUBSCRIPTIONS

17. That the payment of the portion of annual subscriptions due to the Sub-Branches be paid or transferred at the end of the month in which payment is received, and that the Sub-Branch be duly notified of the members so paying. Badges shall be forwarded at least once per month.

CARRIED at SC [Mandurah/Canning Districts]

ADMINISTRATION: MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL NOTICES

18. Members subscription renewal notices be printed and posted separately.

CARRIED as amended at SC [Bunbury/Mandurah]

ADMINISTRATION: 50 YEAR CERTIFICATES

19. That where any doubt exists as to a member’s continuous financial membership for a period of less than three years, the member be deemed to have had continuous financial membership for that period in question.

WITHDRAWN at SC [Mt Lawley-Inglewood/Highgate]

ADMINISTRATION: 50 YEAR CERTIFICATES

20. In view of the present unsatisfactory situation regarding the matter of awarding 50 year membership certificates,
and given the fact that membership of the League increased substantially in the period immediately after the last war, thus requiring urgent resolution of this matter, this congress instructs the State President to put in place a procedure which will allow membership to be confirmed for the purpose of the issue of a 50 year certificate, where there is no other evidence available, by means of a statutory declaration signed before a Justice of the Peace. Also to allow a Sub-Branch to make an exclusion payment to Anzac House in lieu of part of any unpaid subs on behalf of the member, in order to facilitate the awarding of the 50 year membership certificate where deemed appropriate by the Sub-Branch, such cost be debited to the Sub-Branch Amelioration Account.

CARRIED at SC [Geraldton/Bunbury]

ADMINISTRATION: 50 YEAR CERTIFICATES

21. That by-law No 13 sub-article 32.1 be amended in paragraph 2 by deleting in line 4 the word ‘continuous’ and inserting in lieu the word ‘financial’.

CARRIED at SC [Bunbury/Rockingham]

ADMINISTRATION: LIFE SUBSCRIPTION MEMBERS

22. That State Rule 6.7 be deleted and the following inserted in lieu:

6.7 Life Subscriber

Upon payment of an amount equal to the amount shown at State Rule 10.11 below, an ordinary members may be classed as a “Life Subscriber”. No further subscriptions are payable by such a Life Subscriber, who shall be entitled to all the rights and privileges of an Ordinary Member, and shall be subject to these Rules and Standing Orders.

LOST at SC [Geraldton/Bunbury]

ADMINISTRATION: EXPIRY OF FINANCIAL MEMBERSHIP

23. That

A Rule 8.1 of the Rules and Standing Orders of the Western Australian Branch Inc. and Article 17.5 of the Articles of Association have the word ‘by’ substituted for ‘on’, and after the last word add, ‘after which date they shall cease to be an Ordinary Member’.

B Article 17.6 of the Articles of Association be rescinded.

CARRIED at SC [City of Perth/Gosnells]

ADMINISTRATION: RE-JOIN MEMBERS

24. That the practice requiring re-join members to complete a new membership application form be discontinued. Furthermore, re-joining members should not be issued with a second badge.

CARRIED at SC [Mandurah/Rockingham]

ADMINISTRATION: REGIONALISATION

PART A

25. That the 79th Annual State Congress and the WA State Executive act immediately to implement the regionalisation plan now before it and before the WA Branch Committee. In the event that this resolution be lost, the following is submitted:

LOST at SC [Geraldton/Bunbury]

PART B

That Country Sub-Branches be organised into regions as proposed, but with the combined voting power equal to that of the individual Sub-Branches, and on the basis of one vote per 75 members or part thereof, the regional voting power is to stand, no matter how few delegates attend Congress, provided always that the attending delegates number not more than their combined permitted number.

CARRIED at SC [Geraldton/Bunbury]

ADMINISTRATION: INFORMATION TO SUB-BRANCHES

26. That the State Executive take steps to ensure that Sub-Branches are kept fully informed of the activities of the League at state and federal level on items of relevant interest at intervals not exceeding four months.

CARRIED at SC [City of Perth/Mandurah]

ADMINISTRATION: ADVISE OF AGENDA ITEM RESULTS TO SUB-BRANCHES

27. That every effort be made to get the results of agenda items distributed to Sub-Branches as soon as possible after results are received at State Headquarters.

WITHDRAWN at SC refer to Item 2b (Mandurah/Highgate)

ADMINISTRATION: ISSUE OF BADGES

28. That the State Branch copy of a completed Sub-Branch receipt issued for dues paid by a new member be acceptable as a proper basis on which to issue a new member’s badge.

CARRIED at SC [Rockingham/Mandurah]

ADMINISTRATION: KINDRED ASSOCIATIONS

29. That State Executive investigate ways and means of having the majority of Kindred Associations becoming RSL Sub-Branches and put this into effect as soon as possible.

LOST at SC [Geraldton City/Bunbury]

ADMINISTRATION: FORM FOR UNFINANCIAL MEMBERS

30. That the State Secretary produce a more simple form for members who have omitted to renew their subscription for 12 months, perhaps similar to the current transfer form.

CARRIED at SC [Busselton/Bunbury]

DEFENCE: SECURITY OF THE NATION

31. That the National RSL Executive establish a policy that security and defence of Australia is of such importance that it transcends any self interest or rights granted by title, whether it be an existing title, or one to be granted at some time in the future. Then openly state this policy to the general public, governments, opposition parties, the judiciary and to all self interest groups affected by such policies.

CARRIED at SC [Geraldton City/Applecross]

CARRIED at NC

IMMIGRATION: BOAT PEOPLE

32. That all boat people be sent to their respective countries immediately and the cost be deducted from any aid that this country may be giving to their country of origin.

CARRIED at SC [Mandurah/Claremont]

CARRIED at NC

WAR MEMORIALS: FUNDING FOR RESTORATION

33. That State Congress support WA Branch Executive tak-
Congress Results cont...

...ing action to urge the Federal Minister to appreciate the unique problem of inability to raise funds in the same manner as Eastern States Clubs and, therefore, they are unable to commit members' funds for material purchases for memorial restoration purposes. The State Executive should give complete support to Mr Wilson Tuckey's appeal to the Minister.

WITHDRAWN at SC [Geraldton City/Highgate]

ANZAC DAY: MARCH FORMATION

34. That ways and means be looked at to 'close up' organisations participating in the march. In this way there could be the saving of having so many bands and thereby possibly releasing them to country areas in need of another band for their own march.

LOST at SC [Mandurah/City of Perth]

THE LISTENING POST: ISSUE TO SPOUSES OF DECEASED MEMBERS

35. That upon the death of a member of the League the surviving spouse be contacted to ascertain if they would like to continue to receive a copy of The Listening Post. If so, it should be provided at no cost for the remainder of the deceased member's annual subscription.

CARRIED at SC [City of Perth/Claremont]

GENERAL: REMEMBRANCE (POPPY) DAY

36. That future authority to sell poppies on Poppy Day is strictly controlled and limited to RSL WA State Branch and Sub-Branches.

CARRIED at SC [Rockingham/Scarborough]

GENERAL: DISASTER RELIEF

37. That the Defence Department be lobbied to investigate the merits of developing a hovercraft force, similar in capacity to those traversing the English Channel, for strategic use over terrain impassable to other forms of ground transportation and to give such acquisition priority.

CARRIED at SC [Geraldton/Mt Lawley]

LAPSED at NC

GENERAL: GAMING MACHINES

38. That the State Executive take every possible step to have the WA Government amend the legislation governing the Burswood Casino to permit: every RSL restricted club licence in WA to operate gaming machines on their premises.

CARRIED, as amended, at SC [Geraldton City/Bunbury]

GENERAL: INCREASED SENTENCES FOR VIOLENT CRIMES

39. That Congress press for the maximum sentence to be administered against these offenders and that in the case of murder and rape the minimum be life imprisonment - in the case of premeditated murder, the death sentence. In less serious crime where injury has been caused some form of physical punishment be administered.

CARRIED at SC [Mandurah/Highgate]

GENERAL: NATIONAL FLAG AT SCHOOL ASSEMBLIES

40. That all Nationals who accept Australia as their home must put Australia first, and that an Australian flag should be installed at the point of assembly in all Australian schools.

CARRIED as amended at SC [Applecross/Rockingham]

CARRIED at NC

GENERAL: FUNERAL NOTICES

41. That as a matter of priority the 1995 State Congress instruct the State President to urgently establish a system to allow Anzac House to be informed of the death of a member of the Returned and Services League by means of a common phone number (hotline) which is to be made known to all relevant institutions, funeral directors and members' relatives.

On receipt of advice of the death of a member of the League, Anzac House shall:

[A] Inform the relevant Sub-Branch of the event allowing the Sub-Branch members to pay their last respects by attending the funeral.

[B] Insert in The West Australian newspaper a standard funeral notice under the RSL logo stating the late member's name, service number, branch of service, Sub-Branch and details of the funeral.

Cost of the notice to be retrieved from the Sub-Branch which in the event that it feels necessary may insert an additional notice in the event of outstanding service or other matters relating to the late member.

LOST at SC [Mt Lawley-Inglewood/Nollamara-North Perth]

GENERAL: WAR HISTORY IN JAPANESE SCHOOLS

42. That State Congress carry a resolution requesting National Congress to direct the National RSL to ask the Australian Federal Government and its instrumentalities to:

[A] Ascertain the truth of these reports, and if true;

[B] Bring political and diplomatic pressure to bear on Japan to tell the truth about its part in the war and that of Australia.

CARRIED at SC [Geraldton/Eastern Hills]

CARRIED at NC

GENERAL: PROPAGANDA IN INDONESIAN SCHOOLS

43. That State Congress endorse a resolution to National Congress to ask that the National RSL request the Australian Federal Government and its instrumentalities to do all in their power to:

[A] Establish if this is, in fact, a practice in Indonesian schools, and;

[B] If it is a fact, take action through political and diplomatic contacts to cause it to cease, or:

[C] Should the story be without foundation, take action to reassure the Australian public and the veteran public in particular, that the rumour is false.

CARRIED at SC [Geraldton City/Bunbury]

LOST at NC

GENERAL: ASSISTANCE TO ASBESTOS VICTIMS

44. That State Executive be requested to investigate the feasibility of providing funds to the Asbestos Diseases Society, thus assisting ex-service personnel who have been exposed to asbestos.

LOST at SC [Cockburn/Eastern Hills]

NOTICE OF MOTION

NOMI

ANNUAL BUDGET - WA BRANCH

That while the previous year's Final Accounts be presented by the Chairman of the Finance Committee, the budget figures for the current year with comparative actual figures be presented up to 30 April each year.

LOST at SC [Mandurah/Nollamara-North Perth]

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CITY PAYS A SPECIAL TRIBUTE TO 
HONOUR 'THE LONELY ANZAC'

A wreath was laid at the memorial to an Australian war hero at a special service in Peterborough.

Andrew Fookes, from the Australian High Commission in London, laid a wreath at the grave of Sgt Thomas Hunter in the city's Broadway Cemetery, to commemorate Anzac Day.

City Mayor Bobbie Day and veterans from the Royal British Legion also laid wreaths at the ceremony, which commemorated the 80th anniversary of the landing by Australian and New Zealand troops in Gallipoli.

The recognition by the Australians of one of their soldiers is due to city man Bill Dalgleish, who gives tours around Peterborough Cathedral, where there is a plaque remembering Sgt Hunter, who died in 1916.

Mr Dalgleish informed the Australian High Commission of Sgt Hunter's grave and they sent a representative.

Sgt Hunter was born in Newcastle, but emigrated to Kurri Kurri, NSW, and fought alongside British troops in World War I where he was wounded on the Somme.

He was evacuated to England, but his condition worsened so much on a train bound for Leeds that he was taken off at Peterborough station and died in hospital shortly afterwards at the age of 36.

Locals paid for a three-metre-high monument on his grave, and a bronze commemorative plaque was fastened to the wall of the cathedral, reading 'In Gratitude to the Lonely Anzac'.

The grave has been maintained by the Royal British Legion ever since, and each Anzac Day they, and the Park Ward Conservative Party, have laid wreaths in his memory.

Contributed by: Mrs P. Hancock, 8 Scott Rd, Dongara 6525

Tribute: Wing-Commander Andrew Fookes, representing the Royal Australian Air Force, lays the wreath at the memorial to Sgt Thomas Hunter in Peterborough, England.

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Intellectual Disability and the Criminal Justice System

THE ROLE OF GUARDIANS AND ADMINISTRATORS

What is the role of a guardian or administrator?

Depending on the extent of their authority, an administrator may be empowered to bring, defend or settle legal actions.

A plenary guardian would have a role as advocate on behalf of the person with the disability. This would allow a guardian to advocate for the presence of an independent person during questioning, ensuring the location and appointment of suitable legal advice, and all other matters necessary to ensure that the rights and responsibilities of the person with an intellectual disability are properly regarded.

Can a guardian or administrator be held accountable for the actions of the person with an intellectual disability?

There is a general indemnity clause within the Guardianship and Administration Act which applies if the guardian and/or administrator have acted diligently and appropriately and in accordance with their powers under the legislation.

Providing the responsible person took all steps possible that were reasonable and could be foreseen, it is highly unlikely that they would ever be held accountable. If, however, they in some way supported or promoted the person's actions which were subsequently found to be criminal and/or caused injury to person or property, then the guardian or administrator may be found wanting with regard to discharge of their duty.

What to do if someone for whom you are responsible is charged.

* Ensure that the person is not interviewed without an independent person present.
* Contact a solicitor either through Legal Aid or the duty system at the local courts.
* Contact the relevant service providers and seek their help.

Contributed by: Public Guardians Office
In October 1944, as the US made its first moves to retake the Philippines, the veteran cruiser HMAS *Australia* was part of a great fleet covering the landing of an invasion force at Leyte Gulf.

Just as day was breaking on 21 October, a swarm of Japanese suicide planes, known as kamikazes, swooped down on the fleet, with five of them heading for the *Australia*. But the cruiser's gunners were ready, and four of the oncoming aircraft were knocked out of the sky.

One alone however, riddled by the ack-ack barrage, kept to its course. It exploded against the *Australia*’s forecastle, then dropped in a bloody ball of flame and smoke right on the bridge.

The big ship reeled and shuddered with the blast. Its skipper, Captain E.EY. Dechaineux, its navigator and 30 of its crew fell dead or fatally wounded. Another 70 men were seriously injured.

The compass platform, the bridge and the forward turret - vital nerve centres of the cruiser - were ablaze. But still the *Australia* kept up a hail of shells at the other enemy planes zooming in for conventional attacks with bombs and gunfire.

That was the first of six kamikaze planes the Japanese hurled at HMAS *Australia* in a few months at the climax of the Pacific war. They scored six hits, crippled it and finally sent it back home for repairs - but in not one of the actions did they succeed in silencing its guns.

Few other Allied vessels which suffered direct hits by kamikaze planes proved as durable as the *Australia*. It has been calculated that in ten months the last-throw suicide attacks by the Japanese accounted for 48 per cent of all US warships damaged and 21 per cent of US warships sunk during the whole war.

More than 4000 Japanese gave their lives in kamikaze attacks. But they took with them, or disabled, hundreds of Allied vessels, including 13 aircraft carriers and 10 battleships, and in the US Navy alone accounted for 30,000 casualties.

**JOYOUS**

The Japanese word kamikaze means 'heavenly wind'. It originated back in 1281, when Mongol chief Kublai Khan tried to invade the islands of Japan with a fleet of 3000 vessels crammed with mercenaries from China and Korea.

In sight of their goal, the invaders ran into a savage tornado. It smashed their ships to pieces and washed up the wrecks and dead bodies on the shores of Nippon. The joyous Japanese thereupon gave thanks to the kamikaze, or heavenly wind, which had prevented the barbarians from violating the sacred soil of the Empire of the Rising Sun.

In commemoration of this event, the Japanese pilots who volunteered to crash-dive bomb-laden planes on Allied warships were called kamikazes. They believed that, by sacrificing their lives, they would prevent the barbarous Americans from setting foot on their homeland - just as the heavenly wind had thwarted the Mongols nearly 700 years earlier.

The idea of the suicide pilots was first divided by Vice-Admiral Takijiro Onishi in mid-1944. The Allied Pacific onslaught was building up to its peak, and the inexorable advance towards Tokyo was well under way. The Japanese answer with the kamikazes has been called 'the most diabolical tactic of war the world has ever seen'.

At first Zero fighters carrying a 225kg bomb were used. They proved expensive, so were supplemented by a guided flying bomb about 4.5m long. These had a charge of 900kg of explosive in the nose, and a cockpit with elementary controls for the single pilot.

Dropped from the undercarriage of a mother bomber, and aided by four rockets which the pilot fired at intervals to increase propulsion, they reached a speed of 885km/h on impact with their targets.

The Japanese called these flying missiles 'okha' (meaning thunderbolt) bombs. US Navy men christened them baka bombs, from a Japanese slang word for a crazy fellow or lunatic.

A special Kamikaze Corps was formed under Rear-
Admiral Ugaki and recruits were solicited from every unit in the Japanese Naval Air Force. The kamikaze idea had fired public opinion in Japan, and there was no shortage of volunteers.

The were virtually deified by the population and honours and large pensions were promised for their families. Clothed in ceremonal black or white robes, purified by invocations to the gods, and with their heads carefully shaved, they were the subject of fanatical worship by all before going off to the kamikaze units.

After completing a simple course of training, on the eve of their departure for an operational base, the suicide pilots took part in a funeral banquet. Dressed in white, the colour of mourning, they each prepared a small wooden box. It contained cuttings of their nails and hair and was sent to the pilots' parents in lieu of ashes to be placed on the family altar.

Then, after a number of similar symbolical ceremonies, the funeral banquet degenerated into a wild orgy. Unlimited quantities of sake were provided. Women and girls were rounded up from villages near the air base and forced to submit to the 'honour' of entertaining the volunteer heroes.

The first kamikaze attacks followed an American landing at Leyte in the Philippines on 17 October 1944. At sunrise three days later, 24 suicide pilots stood by the planes at Mabalacat airfield on Luzon. Admiral Onishi, father of the kamikaze plan, was there to see them off.

'Japan faces a terrible crisis,' the admiral told them in a voice shaking with emotion. 'The salvation of our country is now beyond the power of ministers or the General Staff or commanders like myself. It is now up to spirited men such as you. I ask you to do your utmost and wish you success.'

Only four of the pilots were to make kamikaze attacks on the first flight. They soon located a US force of four carriers and six other ships and screamed down in headlong attack.

**THUNDEROUS**

Lieutenant Yukio Seki led the way and picked out the carrier *Hornet* as his personal target. The US attack batteries hit his Zero several times as he hurtled at them, but nothing could stop him.

His headlong descent ended with a thunderous crash on the *Hornet*'s flight deck, just behind the for'ard lift. Forty metres of the deck crumpled up like a banana skin and most of the lift platform went whirling 40m into the air before dropping into the sea.

Fourteen Americans joined Lieutenant Seki in eternity.

By surviving the impact, the *Hornet* was luckier than its sister carrier, the *Bismark Sea*, which a few weeks later was sunk by a single kamikaze with the loss of 350 men.

The other three kamikazes with Lieutenant Seki on the first suicide mission also hit their targets - two on other flat-tops and the other on a light cruiser - causing extensive damage and casualties.

News of the kamikaze successes electrified the Japanese High Command. A total of 93 fighters and 57 bombers had been out in conventional attacks that day without inflicting any damage on the enemy. The superiority of the suicide attacks was evident.

Thereafter, as the course of the war continued to go against them, the Japanese used the kamikaze pilots increasingly as their last long-odds chance. By the beginning of 1945, it was inevitable the Americans would retake the Philippines, and the Japanese made their final kamikaze attack from a base there on 5 January. At Lingayen Gulf in the Philippines on that day, 15 of the suicide planes dropped out the sky on Allied Task Force 74, badly damaging two cruisers, an escort carrier and a destroyer.

One of the cruisers hit was the unfortunate HMAS *Australia*. The kamikaze came down in an ear-shattering dive straight at its bridge. Miraculously it missed by centimetres and struck instead the after funnel and aircraft crane. Simultaneously, a suicide bomb in its under-carriage exploded. Plane and pilot were blown to pieces, as were 44 Australians manning guns in the vicinity.

Despite the damage, the *Australia* still went into line with the bombarding fleet and carried out its full schedule of shelling round the Gulf. In succeeding days, however, the kamikazes came back again and again. It was obvious the *Australia* had been singled out for special treatment. Every Japanese broadcast claimed it had been sunk.

Said one disgruntled *Australia* rating: 'If the Nips are so sure they've sunk us, why don't they let up on this?'.

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*HMAS Australia*, which seemed to have been singled out as a special target by the kamikazes. It survived the attacks and sailed back into Sydney for repairs.
Kamikazes' frenzy fails cont...

But the Japanese did not let up. Five kamikazes hit the Australia in six days, and the gunners shot down at least 10 others before they reached it.

At last, on 11 January 1945, the Australia was ordered to quit the Task Force. It limped home for repairs as watchdog of a returning convoy, arriving safely in Sydney still jauntily flying its colours - but scarred with a crater in the deck, one funnel cut in half, another holed and a 5m hole partly below the waterline.

The Allies pushed on quickly from the Philippines. Iwo Jima was invaded in February 1945 and Okinawa two months later. The Japanese were trapped in a deathlike grip, and they savagely retaliated with their only effective weapon, the kamikazes.

Cockily, they announced by radio that a suicide plane would prevent the new American cruiser, the Nashville, leaving the Philippines - and they were as good as their word. A single kamikaze picked the Nashville out of an entire squadron on the day it sailed. Ignoring concentrated anti-aircraft fire from a dozen ships, the pilot calmly dived into the cruiser's bridge. He so ensured his speedy entry into a Japanese heaven, and at the same time chalked up 127 enemy dead and 163 wounded.

The kamikazes reached the peak of their effectiveness in the 82-day battle for Okinawa, the last Japanese stronghold before the scheduled invasion of Nippon itself.

Altogether, the suicide planes and the baka bombs (which were first used against Allied ships off Okinawa, sank 33 warships and 57 transports, as well as damaging 223 other ships, during the battle for the island bastion.

The US Navy tried to counter the kamikaze threat by ringing Okinawa with about 100 radar-equipped destroyers. These could call into action more than 600 fighters and 7400 anti-aircraft guns.

Still the suicide planes kept coming in droves from bases on Kyushu. Enough succeeded in penetrating the defences to sink 14 of the guarding destroyers and damage 42 others.

One destroyer, the Laffey, was attacked by 84 kamikazes or baka bombs in one day. It was hit 10 times, destroyed 23 of the attackers and dodged the rest. After a couple of days, however, nearly 100 of the Laffey's crew had been evacuated to hospital with nervous exhaustion.

Okinawa finally fell. The expected invasion of Japan itself became unnecessary after 6 August 1945, when the first atom bomb was dropped on Hiroshima. Three days later, a second bomb devastated the great port of Nagasaki on Kyushu, where the kamikaze air-fields were situated. At about the same time, the Japanese naval base of Omura was turned into smoking ruins by a huge US air raid with conventional bombs.

HARA-KIRI

At Omura were Rear-Admiral Ugaki, commander of the Kamikaze Corps, and Vice Admiral Fukada, commander of the First Mobile Detachment of the Japanese Naval Air Force. Knowing that a complete Japanese surrender was inevitable, the two admirals gave orders that two planes concealed in underground hangars be brought out and each fitted with a baka bomb.

The two planes shortly afterwards took off and headed towards Okinawa. In the two baka bombs were the two admirals, who had chosen this means of committing hara-kiri.

The baka bombs were dropped off 8000m above US warships anchored in Bruckner Bay. Both pilots picked out a target, and by chance it was the same one. A few moments later, both baka bombs hit the US carrier Savo Island. The two blasts killed about 80 men but failed to sink the admirals' target.

Those were generally believed to be the last Kamikaze flights of the war. In Japan, however, it is said that on 16 August, before the final surrender, 30 aircraft from the Kamikaze Corps took off and headed out to sea.

The story is unverified as there were no survivors, but all 30 planes are supposed to have dived to destruction in the water in a final gesture of Japanese defiance.

Courtesy: VIC JEFFERY, Navy Public Affairs Office (WA) and The Sun.

RSL WAR VETERANS' HOMES VIDEO LIBRARY

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:

The RSL War Veterans' Home
51 Alexander Drive, Mt Lawley WA 6050
or to:

The RSL War Veterans' Home
62 Oakmont Avenue, Meadow Springs, Mandurah WA 6210

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THE JOHN CURTIN PRIME MINISTERIAL LIBRARY

Members of the RSL are being asked to help with the development of Australia's first Prime Ministerial Library, now being established in Perth to honour Australia's World War II Prime Minister, John Curtin.

Project manager for this library, Ms Vicki Williamson, believes that former service personnel may be able to contribute anecdotes, souvenirs, photographs and other memorabilia associated with John Curtin and life during World War II.

"Mr Curtin was one of our greatest Prime Ministers," said Ms Williamson. "He unified Australia during those war years and showed great courage in forming the defence alliance with America.

"From the research we've conducted already, we know that he placed great store on the courage of the service personnel and the contribution they were making to Australia's security.

"Some of those people would have met Curtin through the services and we're hoping to make contact with them, especially people who got to know him on a personal level," said Ms Williamson. "Their memories and personal stories can help us build up the picture of John Curtin.

"We're also interested in memories and memorabilia associated with life during the war years, both in the armed services and on the home front," Ms Williamson said.

Construction of the John Curtin Prime Ministerial Library is now under way and it is scheduled to open to the public in 1997. The collection will encompass Mr Curtin's life and political career, the Australian-American Alliance, World War II and Australia's wartime experiences.

The collection already includes John Curtin's personal library, family photographs and a complete set of his speeches as Prime Minister.

One of the highlights of the Prime Ministerial Library will be an exhibition entitled "John Curtin - A Man of Peace, A Time of War". This will be on display at Parliament House in Canberra until September and will visit other Australian cities before going on permanent display at the John Curtin Prime Ministerial Library in 1997.

To obtain more information about the Prime Ministerial Library, please write to Ms Williamson at the John Curtin Prime Ministerial Library, GPO Box 1987, Perth, 6001, or telephone (09) 351 7549.

LOUISE BOYLEN
Ward Holt

A TALE OF TWO WARS AND ONE FLAG

Before returning to England, let me tell you a story about flags. During World War II, I was captain of a Lancaster bomber based in Binbrook, Lincolnshire. One of my crew was a Queenslander - John Cochrane, my navigator.

During World War I, John's father, Jim, was in 41 Squadron RFC in France, flying BE2Cs. Sometime during his career, Jim had "half-inch" a big Australian flag which he took with him as a good omen on all his flights - made up roughly as a cushion because the seats in BE2Cs were very hard.

In 1917, Jim's luck ran out and he was shot down near Bapaume. After he was buried, his effects, including the cushion were returned to his family. Without fail, John Cochrane used to take his dad's old flag cushion with him on all our flights. On our fifteen mission, we were jumped by two Messerschmidt 110s over the island of Sylt in the Dutch estuaries in the early hours of the morning. We lost the port outer engine and the rear gunner was put out of action in the first attack. The second attack broke up the hydraulic system, which caused the undercarriage to drop, so reducing our speed. The third killed John stone dead. We just made it to the east coast of Suffolk, where we dumped what was left of the old "Lance" at an emergency field at Thorndon, near Diss.

When we went through poor John's effects, we found a letter asking to be buried with his flag. He was. Don't you think enough has been written about changing the Australian flag?

G. NELSON-GRACIE (Squadron Leader)
Chelmsford, Essex, England.

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RSL National President, Digger James, has welcomed the news that defenders of Darwin during the Japanese bombing, and previously unrecognised Australian servicemen who took part in the Syrian Campaign, are to receive campaign awards.

In announcing the awards recently, the Prime Minister, Mr Keating, said, "As we commemorate the 50th anniversary of the end of World War II, it is fitting that these two groups of Australian veterans will at last receive their due recognition and that Australia will thereby reclaim some of the history of her involvement in World War II."

Her Majesty The Queen has approved the expansion of conditions under which two campaign stars, the 1939-45 Star and the Africa Star, are awarded.

Expanding the conditions for the awards was one of the recommendations of last year’s Committee of Inquiry into Defence and Defence-related Awards chaired by General Peter Gration, AC, OBE.

The committee considered there were parallels between the intense air war fought over Darwin and the Battle of Britain and Malta. Australian aircraft were often outnumbered and expected to repel an enemy believed at the time to be intent on invading Australia and, like Malta, Darwin was isolated, difficult to supply and under prolonged attack.

Veterans who served in the Darwin area during the time of the Japanese bombing (19 February 1942 - 12 November 1943) and who meet the eligibility requirements will receive the 1939-45 Star, a medal which they have been seeking for 50 years.

It is fitting that approval to issue this medal has occurred so recently after Australia remembered the 261 people who were killed in air raids on Darwin.

The committee also recommended that all Australian servicemen who participated in the Syrian Campaign [8 June - 11 July 1941] and who did not otherwise receive the Africa Star should now receive the medal.

Because of its brevity, the Syrian Campaign had been excluded as qualifying service for the award. The Committee of Inquiry found that the intensity and importance of the campaign more than compensated for its brevity, and the Government has now taken steps to ensure that the Africa Star will be awarded to the campaign veterans.

Persons who wish to lodge claims for either the 1939-45 Star or Africa Star should contact the appropriate Service Records Office as follows:

**ARMY**
Medals Section
Soldier Career Management Agency
Central Army Records Office

**AIR FORCE**
Directorate Administrative Review
Air Force Office
Department of Defence
PO Box E33
Queen Victoria Terrace
Canberra ACT 2600
Attn: HA1 [E-3-14]
Tel: (06) 265 2388

**NAVY**
Director
Naval Personnel Services
Medals Section
Department of Defence
D-3-32A
Russell Offices
Canberra ACT 2600
Tel: (06) 265 3321

**MERCHANT MARINERS**
Marine Crews
Maritime Safety Authority
PO Box 272
World Trade Centre
Melbourne Vic 3005
Tel: (03) 9685 5777
Fax: (03) 9685 5700

**GPO Box 393D**
Melbourne Vic 3001
Tel: (03) 9326 5633

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.
RSL 50+ MOTORIST PLAN SAVINGS FOR MEMBERS

RSL members throughout Australia are telling us of the money they are saving on car insurance through the RSL 50+ Motorist Plan. For example, right here in WA, Mr Mervin J. Smith of Maylands Sub-Branch wrote “The policy was $50 cheaper than the one I had previously, and had more benefits to offer.”

Letters are coming in to the RSL and to Oceanic General from all over Australia. For example, RSL member Mr M. Griffiths of Georgetown Sub-Branch in Tasmania said “I got 12 months insurance for the price of approximately seven months in my old insurance company.” Similarly, Mr E.D. Richards of Kangarilla Sub-Branch in South Australia told us that his savings were so great he could have his car and caravan insured under the RSL’s programme at less than the cost of insuring his car alone under his previous insurer!

Having myself read many of these letters expressing our members’ great satisfaction, I am very pleased to advise that Oceanic General has agreed to reopen enrolment in the RSL 50+ Motorist Plan … the programme that GUARANTEES to save you at least 15 per cent off what you are currently paying for your car insurance.

This Official Motor Insurance Programme of the RSL is available to members and their spouses aged 50 and over. Family members over age 25 are covered as additional drivers.

How can Oceanic afford to guarantee to save you at least 15 per cent off car insurance premiums you are now paying? Simply put, statistics prove that the maturity and extensive driving experience of most men and women aged 50 and over make them less likely to be involved in an accident and make less claims than younger, less experienced drivers. Oceanic saves money - you save money.

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L. C. Keynes, B.A., State President

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I am writing on behalf of the Australian War Memorial knowing that your readers will be interested in an exciting new development at the Memorial.

As you may know from the recent address by the Chairman of the Memorial Council, General Peter Gratton, at the National Congress and most State Congresses, over the next eight years the Memorial will refashion and upgrade all of its major galleries. Building on the much loved icons in the collection, the Memorial will ensure that the important story of Australia’s experience of war and its enormous impact on virtually every aspect of our lives will be readily understood by a new generation of Australians. While maintaining the dignity of the Memorial, this story will be portrayed in a manner to help ensure that young Australians do not forget the tremendous sacrifice made by those who gave their lives.

The Australian War Memorial commemorates Australia’s war dead and, in doing so, communicates an understanding of a central element of Australia’s history and imparts a sense of what it means to be Australian. It does this through some 20 exhibition galleries depicting aspects of Australia’s involvement in war, extensive education programmes for students of all ages, touring exhibitions and research grants to encourage the growth of scholarship in Australian military history. In addition, the Memorial houses a research centre and library of world standing based on its outstanding collection of private and official records. These records are but one part of the Memorial’s collection of over four million items that include photographs, film, sound recordings, heraldry and technology items, as well as some 26,000 works of art.

The total cost of the Memorial’s redevelopment programme will be $20 million. The task we have set ourselves is a big one. Even for a cause as important as the Australian War Memorial, it is not easy to raise these kinds of funds. The programme itself is ambitious. Not only will this be the first time since the Memorial opened that plans have been made to totally redevelop all the major galleries, but it is probably the first time that any major Australian institution has attempted so thorough a revision of its displays.

I believe that the Memorial belongs to all Australians and that all Australians should have the opportunity to contribute in some way to its future. I am sure that you will share this belief, and it is in this regard that I now seek your assistance in the hope that as members of a fellowship with such close ties to the Australian War Memorial, you will be willing to join with me to ensure its future.

If you would like to know any more about any aspect of the Appeal, please contact Ms Ros Casey by calling [06] 243 4371, faxing [06] 243 4543 or writing to her at:

The Manager, Development Unit
Australian War Memorial
PO Box 345
Canberra ACT 2601
Donations can also be sent to this address. Of course, donations over $2 are tax deductible.

I do hope that you will be able to help the Memorial.

DAME BERYL BEAUREPAIRE
Chairman, National Appeal Executive
Australian War Memorial Public Appeal

NURSES MARCH AS HOLLYWOOD REMEMBERS

Left to right: Back row: Jenny Bennett, Tracey Bishop, Liz Gray, Jacinta Rowe, Vicky Lefort.
Front row: Trish Gurney, Rhonda Casey, Lyndsey Williams, Theresa Helsby, Sue McNicoll.

Nurses from Hollywood Private Hospital took part in the special Victory Parade held to commemorate the end of World War II. Wearing historic nurses’ uniforms and carrying a large Hollywood banner, the nurses were at the front of the parade through Perth streets in August.

All participants said they were moved and felt particularly honoured to be part of such a special day.

CATHERINE ARCHER
Public Relations Manager
A LARRIKIN HERO GETS HIS GONG 50 YEARS LATE

by David Nason

Fifty years ago, the Commander-in-Chief of Allied Forces in the Pacific, General Douglas MacArthur, received a citation recommending an Australian commando be awarded the Bronze Star – America's fourth-highest military decoration.

The recipient was to be Sergeant Jim Bowditch, a soldier attached to Australia's elite Z-Force, which operated behind Japanese lines in World War II.

But for 20 years, Sergeant Bowditch proved as elusive to the United States Defence Department as he had been to the Japanese in the jungles of Borneo.

Eventually the Americans gave up and in all likelihood that situation would have remained had it not been for Professor Alan Powell, of the Northern Territory University, who came across the citation while studying archives at a US military museum last year.

Professor Powell told the Americans Sergeant Bowditch was alive and well and living in Darwin, thus paving the way for the saga's final chapter to be written in the northern capital.

At a special ceremony on 26 September 1995, the US defence attache to Canberra, Colonel Stephen Barneyback, presented Sergeant Bowditch with his medal and an apology: "It's a little late".

Sergeant Bowditch, now 74, was cited for "exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services".

The citation added: "He showed a sense of loyalty and the ability to carry out any task given him and a complete disregard for personal safety."

For Sergeant Bowditch, who made a name after the war as a crusading journalist and who is well known for his disdain for pomp and ceremony, it all appeared as a bit of a lurk.

"I guess all I can say is that I'm a bit amazed that all this has happened after 50 years," he said. "I feel like a kid again even though I'm 50 years older. But I don't feel 50 years older, I still feel exactly the same as when I was 40."

Arithmetic aside, Sergeant Bowditch said he had probably received his award for helping the Americans blow up enemy ammunition dumps and installations.

"It was bloodthirsty stuff and it tends to make people describe you as brave, but I wasn't brave," he said. "I was as scared as the next man but if someone is going to kill you, then you kill them first."

On a more sobering note, Segeant Bowditch said he could never forgive the Japanese because of the number of women and children he had seen them kill.

Colonel Barneyback was accompanied in Darwin by Sergeant Drew Holliday who specialises in tracking down undiscovered recipients of American military awards.

He told Sergeant Bowditch: "It is extremely timely you are receiving your award in the 50th anniversary year of Victory in the Pacific and your own country's Australia Remembers commemoration."

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Jim Bowditch... "It was bloodthirsty stuff and it tends to make people describe you as brave, but I wasn't brave" - Picture: Dani Gawlik
Looking Back

The Record of No 450 Squadron [Desert Harassers], RAAF, Desert Airforce for 1944

by Lt E.[Ted] Greest, Sqn Intelligence Officer

Every conceivable dive-bombing target was undertaken from close support targets with the 5th and 8th Armies, to attacks on communications, rail cutting, bridge-busting, marshalling yard pranging, road cratering and blocking, ammunition, fuel dumps, headquarters, troop concentrations, strong points, coastal batteries, escorts to supply dropping, striking ships, tank workshops and attacks on road convoys, locomotives and trains.

It would be hard to state where or what these Harassers specialised in; as each phase of the battle tactics changed so 450 adapted itself.

In the early part of the year shipping strikes off the Yugoslavian coast were the order of the day. The OAC of DAF had ordered the strangle-hold on all enemy shipping in the Adriatic, which was to be hunted out and destroyed. The Harassers lived up to their name and the amazing accuracy obtained is hardly credible to single engined aircraft. Something like 35,000 tons of shipping were sent to the bottom or left burning. Here let it be said that all ships were not small fry as this bag included the sinking of a 7,000 ton armed merchant vessel and two 5,000 ton merchantmen. The trips were often at maximum range, with a full bomb load of 2,000 pounds, across 100 miles or more of the cold Adriatic, all during the winter months of January and February; if forced down in that icy sea, what were the chances of survival?

Then came the period of preparation for the Spring Offensive. Do not mistake the word preparation for idleness, a period of training or marking time. It meant for the Harassers long hard trips all over the Midlands and towards the north of Italy; accurate navigation to some vital stretch of railway, bridge or marshalling yard, hammering the Hun on his supply routes; cutting railway lines, bursting bridges, pranging marshalling yards. Nothing spectacular for the pilots, driving them to boredom by the sameness of the jobs, but it had to be kept up, and how it paid off.

The army was ready, the battle was on, Casino was the name in the news, on to Rome was the cry. Away the Harassers went on something they could feel, and had feeling, not like a dead railway line, or blocks of stone across some mountain river. Smashing gun pits, strong points, defended positions. Nowhere was the Hun safe from these grim, determined, persistent and accurate dive bombers. All day, day after day, the hammering was kept up; no human could stand up to the awful hiding the Hun was taking. What the Army could not reach the Kitties could; work on the ground became one mad rush. Ground crews caught by the madness to get their kites up in to the air again; keep ‘em flying, keep ‘em flying began to turn over in their minds. No time for proper meals during the day, too tired for anything; no time to write letters home, tomorrow perhaps; up before dawn, another day, and then the famous “Hitler Line” broken: smashed by perfect co-operation of land and air forces. This dive bombing Wing earning, and rightly so, the name of “the most famous dive bombing Wing of any Air Force in the World". Throughout this period, close support in the true sense of the word was seen at its best, offensive bombing only a few hundred yards in front of our troops. Displays had to be seen in this grim pounding of the enemy positions to be believed. Messages of thanks and congratulations from the Army arrived every day. And the pilots? It was hard to gauge their feelings, but one knew they liked nothing better than those front line shows, helping out their comrades on the ground, something personal about it all. Ingrained in their memories and remembering perhaps the time in the dark days when our aircraft were few and far between, and the pitiful cry was often heard “Where’s our Air Force?”. Now at its best, a perfect highly-trained machine of destruction.

Carry on was the order, good hunting was to be had, Jerry was on the roads fleeing in panic. His clever camouflaging forgotten in the mad rush north to get out of the reach of the ever-threatening, never-remitting Kittyhawks; and so another phase of the battle for Victory was started.

With the Hun on the roads, armed recces were put into operation. The Harassers, past masters of this type of work, were now out for enemy road transport. Searching, ever searching, often catching fleeing convoys on the open roads, the guns of 450 began to play a terrible tune, and scores of much-needed and hard-to-replace trucks were blasted. On one stretch of road, a column was sighted heading north; by accurate bombing, the road was blocked ahead of this convoy. There was no back door, as the 8th Army was on their heels, and all day with relentless purpose this valuable prize was wiped out.

So the year wore on, one of many moves, never settling in one spot, or knowing when the orders to pack up would come, ever working. Even when a move of 100 miles was planned, not once did the aircraft stop flying. Wonderful co-operation and comradeship between air and ground crews was witnessed, without such no squadron is 100 per cent. To see the Harassers take everything in their stride is a sight to be seen, and to realise what the word mobility means.

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Exclusive to RSL Members and Their Spouses Aged 50 or Over

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On a recent trip to New Zealand, I visited the Nurses' Memorial Chapel in the grounds of Christchurch Hospital. It was built in 1927 to remember three army sisters, Rogers, Rattray and Hilliard, who had trained at Christchurch Hospital and were lost on HMS Marquette, sunk in the Aegean Sea in 1915. (There is also a portrait of Nurse Hilliard in the council chambers at Port Lyttleton, her birthplace.) Survivors were Sisters Beswick, Christmas (later matron), Erwin, Gould, Haste, Nicol and Hodges (who died in her 100th year in 1983).

At the last survivors' meeting on 26 October 1975, a memorial tablet was unveiled, carrying the words:

_In grief or strife, we seek Thy grace,
And pause to ponder in this place._

There is also now a plaque: "In memory of servicewomen of World War II, from Christchurch Returned Servicewomen".

The Chapel is very attractive, light and quite spacious, with a timbered interior and a richly-carved altar, lectern and pulpit. On the altar is the carving of a pelican, an ancient symbol of giving one's life for others, the pelican being reputed to feed its young with its own blood. There are also lovely carvings of Christ healing the sick, and the Good Samaritan. The roof is vaulted, the floor is beautifully patterned and the stained glass windows portray the theme of looking after others, of hope and of peace. There is also a newly-woven runner in the nave, symbolising the life after death of the nurses. The chapel is surrounded by a pretty rose garden that also contains medicinal herbs.

Recently there was a move to demolish the chapel when the hospital was modernised, but there was such feeling against this that it was excised and vested in the City Council. Cared for now by volunteer Friends of the Chapel, it is open from 1pm to 4pm on week-days and 10am to 4pm on Sundays. Occasionally services are held in the chapel which is interdenominational, and it is available for weddings. It is the country's only memorial built to commemorate New Zealand women killed in war. If you go to Christchurch, do visit the chapel; it is a very moving experience.

BARBARA HARPER NELSON

Official figures are often monotonous and boring, but the following make interesting reading:

- 5,112 sorties flown, 2,904 tons 800lbs of bombs dropped, 35,000 tons of shipping sunk or left burning,
- 251 MET destroyed, 155 MET damaged, 11 tanks destroyed, 8 tanks damaged, 4 locomotives destroyed, 42 rail trucks destroyed, 25 rail trucks damaged, to say nothing of many gun pits, strong points, railway lines, bridges etc blasted and destroyed.

Fourteen DFCs, two bars to the DFC and one DFM have been awarded to Harassers during the year, a truly magnificent record, and the cost: 14 pilots, two of whom are definitely known to be prisoners of war.

This document was produced on a word processor 50 years after Lt Ted Greest prepared his report. Quality was upgraded because the paper had yellowed and the carbon copy, found amongst the mementos of Stan Watt, 450 pilot, was almost indecipherable.
Moreton Bay has seen naval and military activity since 1799, when Matthew Flinders sailed around Cape Moreton, gingerly edged his ship southwards and landed on a beautiful sandy and red soil island of some 130 hectares which he named Coochiemudlo, an Aboriginal word meaning 'red rocks'.

In 1943, in preparation for the amphibious assaults to break the Japanese lines-of-supply on the northern coasts of New Guinea, Indonesia and Borneo, Landing Craft units were established at Victoria, where a Training Centre was based, and on Coochiemudlo Island where Number 43 Landing Craft Company was established in December 1943. Neither was part of the Navy but were Army transportation units of the Corps of Royal Australian Engineers.

In Malaya in June 1941, the first ad hoc Water Transport Unit was raised (in the Eighth Division Army Service Corps) to service port facilities. Two months later an Australian Tug and Lighter Company was raised from volunteers of the Royal Australian Engineers who were serving in Palestine and had served at Tobruk. Chaos on the Australian docks necessitated the raising of Army Docks Operating Companies from February 1942.

Soon after the Australian Army returned from the Middle East, it became obvious that water transport would be needed in the New Guinea Islands 'and that the Navy was quite incompetent in its efforts ...'. As the British manuals stated that inland water transportation was the responsibility of the Royal Engineers, the Army deleted 'inland' and referred it to HQ Melbourne and was given the job. As the Navy has already impressed the most suitable craft and the U.S. Army had picked over the rest, the units used prototypes from General Motors and then large numbers from Ford in Brisbane.

The 3rd Water Transport Group was formed in late 1943 and one of its companies, the 43rd Landing Craft Company, was posted to Coochiemudlo Island in December for three months training before active service in the New Guinea Campaign.

The unit was commanded by Major G.D. Mitchell (1894-1961) who won the Military Cross and Distinguished Conduct Medal while serving with the 48th Battalion in World War I. He would walk on the island with a revolver at each hip and, at least once, the unit was referred to as 'Mitchell's Maniacs'. Within 14 weeks he took 247 men, the majority inexperienced in seamanship and including only ten tradesmen, and welded them into a skilled and specialised unit.

The core of the unit was 30 men transferred from Guerilla Warfare Group of 3 Corps who came with Mitchell. Such training was essential for men who were to operate in small independent sub-groups in New Guinea, on enemy-held shores. The Adjutant was Captain Nigel Bowen, later Chief Justice of the Federal Court. Approximately 100 men came from the 25th Light Horse Regiment, another Western Australian-based unit. Other members of the unit included Frank [later Sir Frank] Packer and Corporal Ninian Stephen, later Governor-General of Australia.

This group was supplemented by another 100 men personally selected on December 1 and 3 by Mitchell. He went to the Training Battalion at Tenterfield in northern New South Wales to do so. Many did not have the self-discipline of large regiments serving under shellfire and, unless they were volunteers, were rejected by Mitchell.

Life on Coochiemudlo was not conducive to regimental discipline and parade ground rigidity. Referred to by more traditional corps as 'His Majesty's Knee-Deep Navy', the unit quickly developed a reputation for independence and resourcefulness.

An officer from the Transportation Directorate was quoted as saying:

'It was remarkable how bad the dress of water transport personnel was ... even troopers who had come from smart land regiments ... Excuses were made of the conditions of working at sea, dirty engines, dirty deckwork, and often wet through ... Lieutenant Colonel A.S. Gerhman wrote that the Victoria Point unit "had become an administrative morass" and "was in bad odour".'

Nevertheless No. 43 Landing Craft Company became a cohesive unit of high morale and skilled in a specialised technical task. Exactly four months after the first recruits had marched in, the unit was on active service on the northern New Guinea coast.
From an Island cont...

The camp on Coochiemudlo was a series of tent lines on flat land in low lying area on the western end of the island [now the first fairway of the Coochiemudlo golf course]. The unit possessed five landing craft barges which were drawn up on the southern-facing beach near the camp. Several buildings were constructed, including a cook-house, canteen, ablutions block and covered shed on the beach front. The foundations of the cook-house and beach-shed were concrete and the walls of the cook-house and canteen were made partly from bricks made on the island from sieved red gravel compounded with cement. The unit contained two electricians, six mechanics, two fitters and a carpenter.

Drinking water was a constant problem and it was eventually brought by landing craft from the mainland at Victoria Point and from Stradbroke Island. It was pumped to a high water tank near where the present Community Hall stands. At least three wells were also dug for supplementary supplies. The latrine 'consisted of a large trench with a hessian-screen and approximately 15 thunder-boxes. This trench was burnt regularly using dieseline, except on one occasion when petrol was used with disastrous results'.

Daily life was regimented, with both day and night time training, but was not onerous. Security was taken seriously because of the presence of Japanese submarines in the coastal waters. All who trained there remember the mosquitoes and sandflies. Troops were issued with leave passes for dances at nearby Redland Bay and the waters surrounding the island teemed with fish.

No women were permitted to remain on the island. The sole farmer, Mr Douglas Morton, remained with his son but his wife, who worked in a munitions factory during the war, and his daughter lived on the mainland. They visited at weekends.

The Australian Landing Craft or ALCs were of five, 20 and 40 ton capacity. The soldiers learned how to sail and maintain them in support, supply and amphibious assault operations. The shelving beaches were ideal for training and in March 1944 a final six-craft training assault was made at dawn on Morwong Beach with explosives on the foreshore to simulate a defended and dug-in enemy. Days later, on 17 March, the unit left Coochiemudlo, entrained at Exhibition Station in Brisbane for Townsville and was taken on HMAT Katoomba to Finschhafen on the north coast of New Guinea. Their major operation in the war was 'Operation Deluge' at Wewak in May 1945 but, after the end of hostilities in August, the units remained in heavy demand for accommodation, stores, supplies and movement of prisoners-of-war.

On Coochiemudlo, only fragments remain. These include some slabs of concrete on the golf course and the hand-made bricks used in the walls of the public tennis court nearby.

Courtesy: South Eastern Digest

Season's Greetings from the Editor

Season's greetings and many thanks to all who help to get The Listening Post out on time. The Committee deeply appreciates the co-operation we receive from:

- the office staff at Anzac House who accept the extra load we give them;
- the Sub-Branch members of Darling Range and Highgate whom we co-opt for proof-reading each issue;
- West Australian Publishers and the advertisers who respond so well;
- and, last but not least, to our RSL contributors for news, articles, poems, photos and for their verbal and written encouragement.

JOHN SURRIDGE
Chairman
Listening Post Committee
WAR VETERANS' HOMES

Negotiations have taken place between representatives of the Homes and the Commonwealth Department of Human Services and Health with regard to the much-needed redevelopment of the Mt Lawley frail-age wing, (Howes Wing) resulting in a submission being lodged which we are told should be successful. If this is to be the case it is anticipated that work may be able to commence in the 1996/7 financial year and will include "dementia specific" type accommodation.

While it has always been our aim to build a nursing home at Mt Lawley, it is now quite evident that this will never happen, but the addition of "dementia specific" accommodation will at least satisfy this aim in part. We are not going to give up on the idea of a veteran nursing home, however; talks are currently underway between ourselves, the Ramsay Group (owners of Hollywood Private Hospital) and the Federal Government with a view to building a veterans' nursing home at the current Hollywood Hospital site as an "annexe" to the hospital.

Currently we are using Geraldton RSL War Veteran's Home as a pilot for the community aged care package programme which commenced with us at the beginning of July. It is still in the teething stages, but we will be monitoring this programme closely as it is going to be the outlook for the future in aged care.

As the Office of Special Events was situated at the RSL War Veteran's Home, Mt Lawley, I would like to thank the staff at the Home for their patience and understanding for the many interruptions that occurred whilst the Cavalcade was being organised.

KEN MURPHY
Chairman

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Murphy’s Laws of Combat Operations

1. Incoming fire has right of way.
2. If the enemy is in range, so are you.
3. Don’t look conspicuous - it draws fire.
4. If it’s stupid and it works, it ain’t stupid.
5. When in doubt - empty your magazine.
6. The easy way is always mined.
7. Try to look unimportant - they may be low on ammo.
8. Teamwork is essential - it gives them somebody else to shoot at.
9. Never draw fire - it irritates everyone around you.
10. Anything you do can get you shot, including doing nothing.
11. Never share a weapon pit with anyone braver that you.
12. If your attack is going really well, it’s an ambush.
13. No battle plan survives contact with the enemy.
14. Your weapon was made by the lowest bidder.
15. The only thing more accurate than enemy incoming fire is friendly incoming fire.
16. When you have secured an area, don’t forget to tell the enemy.
17. Make it tough for the enemy to get in and you won’t be able to get out.
18. If you’re short on anything but the enemy - you’re in a combat zone.
19. The enemy invariably attacks on only two occasions - when you’re ready and when you’re not.

ANON.

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IN HEAVEN, AS IT IS ON EARTH

BY HARRY FARRELL

Let there be fun and games in Heaven,
For the youths who died too soon.
Let there be laughter, fun and even
Young amorous girls and ragtime tune.
Let there be beer in foaming tankards
And wine and song and ribald mirth.
Give them great feasts and sumptuous banquets,
The things they will have missed on earth.
For, dying young, they’ve missed these pleasures,
The harmless fruits of carefree youth,
Gay memories that old age treasures,
When dim of eye and long of tooth.
Give them not harps or mystic trumpets,
Youth has no use for angel choirs.
There surely must be angel trumpets,
Who perished in blitzed London’s fires.
It can’t be that, forever after,
They live in quiet, calm boreful bliss,
Devoid of lusty fun and laughter.
No, God! They did not die for this!

Harry Farrell was a mine-worker in Northern Rhodesia [now Zambia] and an ex-South African Army man who served in the Middle East during World War II. He was a member of the MOTHs, which is the South African equivalent of the RSL. The initials stand for Memorable Order of Tin Hats, and their clubs are called Shellholes, named after battles in wars.

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L.A. WINTON
If anyone knew the now-deceased Staff Sergeant Leslie Alfred Winton, WX16377 (nicknamed "Darkie") of 14 Australian Small Ships, would they please contact his brother:
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JAVA ESCAPEES
I am trying to trace three Australian servicemen who escaped from Singapore in 1941 and passed through our tea estate in West Java, en route to the south coast to get a boat back to Australia. This is a very long time ago, but I have always been curious to know if they made it.

My interest was rekindled when I met an Australian last year on a bus tour through Europe, who told me of three ex-servicemen attempting to relocate a boat on the West Australian coast.

It is probably highly coincidental that these were the same three men that my parents sheltered and directed south. We were asked to join them on the journey to Australia but my father declined on account of the children. In fact we escaped in the opposite direction and hid for the rest of the war on my Uncle's farm. My father was taken prisoner of war and survived the building of the Pakan-Barge railway line in North Sumatra. We were reunited in 1946 and evacuated first to Australia, where we stayed in Southport, and then to New Zealand.

I would be very grateful of you can put me in touch with any ex-servicemen who escaped by boat from Java.
BRAM UGEE
Holland Road
RD4
Hamilton New Zealand

5TH HEAVY ARTILLERY BRIGADE
Mr RO Larter of PO Box 77 Hervey Bay, Queensland 4655, is anxious to make contact with any former members of the 5th Heavy Artillery Brigade. Bob, whose book Shells and Anchors is reviewed in this issue, advises that a part of his book is about life in the Coastal Artillery Unit which was trained and based at North Head Barracks in Manly, NSW.

24 SQUADRON LIBERATOR AIRCREW
I am attempting to locate my World War II RAAF aircrew colleagues with a view to holding a reunion some fifty years after our SWPA active service.

Any information in the following would be appreciated:
Wing Commander AEL Davies - B24 Air-Crew, Tocumwal-Tenton-Morotai

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DON GILHAM
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Dandenong Victoria 3175
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VETERANS’ AFFAIRS

HMAS MELBOURNE/VOYAGER COLLISION 1964
A local playwright is researching the Voyager disaster for a play that will be based on the events of that fateful night. He is anxious to speak to any survivors in order to get first-hand knowledge of the atmosphere, emotions and impact of this traumatic incident. An informal interview is requested. Any help in contacting these seamen will be greatly appreciated.

GWEN BROWNING
46 Tricht Road
Wanneroo WA 6065
Ph: [H] 405 2120 [W] 307 2000

VETERANS AND SMOKING EFFECTS
Further to my brief note two issues ago advising that a 10-year (or more) smoking habit has been implicated as a war-causation factor in the incidence of bowel cancer, a recently published DVA Statement of Principle [SOP] has extended that to cancer of the rectum.

Any veteran diagnosed with either type of carcinoma, which can be linked with smoking for over 10 years or more, should consider lodging a claim to that effect.

MARGOT HARNESS
Australian Pensions Officer

CARELINK ALARM SCHEME RESTRUCTURE
The State Government and Silver Chain Nursing Association have reached an agreement to restructure Silver Chain’s CareLink Personal Alarm Scheme to make it more accessible to more Western Australians.

The service currently provides 1,739 seniors with personal, monitored alarm systems which assist them to continue living in their homes rather than move to a hostel or nursing home care.

From 1 September 1995, the service has been extended and made available to other members of the community, regardless of age, but subject to eligibility criteria.

The restructuring is necessary because the scheme, introduced three years ago, has created a number of anomalies which disadvantage needy sections of the community.

Silver Chain Chief Executive Ross Bradshaw said the demand for the current free scheme created a waiting list. This has been growing steadily since January 1993 and now has 187 people listed.

“We don’t have the resources or the funds to offer all people a free service although many would benefit from the security of an alarm,” he said.

Under the restructured scheme all existing CareLink clients who hold a Pensioner Concession Card (PCC) will be asked to contribute a nominal $2.50 a week to the service. Existing clients who do not hold a PCC will be required to pay the market price for the service.

“But the State Government has agreed to grant $100,000 to Silver Chain towards the CareLink Scheme over two years to help the genuinely financially disadvantaged people continue to receive the service free,” said Mr Bradshaw. “Any existing clients may apply for this assistance if they wish, although we expect that many of our clients will be able to contribute $2.50 a week.

“New clients joining the system who hold a PCC - those currently on the waiting list and new applicants - will be able to join for a fee of $4 a week,” he said.

For those needing further information, a CareLink Information Hotline has been established and the number is 242 3010 or 1800 677 242 for country callers.

(The CareLink alarm consists of a control unit linked to the user’s home telephone - and a pendant worn around the user’s neck. Users can raise the alarm from anywhere in or around the home simply by pressing an alarm bar at the side of the pendant. The control unit is monitored 24 hours a day and, in an emergency, one of three people nominated by the user will be contacted.)

VETERANS’ HOME MAINTENANCE HELPLINE
TOLL FREE NUMBER 1800 80 1945
Members may be unaware that a company called Worldcare Pty Ltd in Brisbane provides a contact number for you in your own state to obtain the service you require. One could be forgiven for thinking that a firm in Queensland would have no idea of the quality or integrity of a firm or its services in WA, as it is only an information service.

Should you have any need for repairs or maintenance to your home or contents, it is advised that you exercise the invitation issued by the Department of Veterans’ Affairs in WA. In particular, in the metropolitan area, call Mr Michael Crowe on 366 8465 who is only too happy to assist. For those in the country, call the toll free number 1800 11 3304 and ask for Mr Crowe.

The following questions have been asked:
1. Where is this Maintenance Helpline located?
3. No. The Help line invites trades-people to join their networks. They use various methods including canvassing through registration boards or using reliable trade contacts this department has already made. Before acceptance, trades-people must meet criteria set down by Worldcare; for example, being available for call-out 24 hours per day.

4. The home inspection service is available in all areas. In rural or remote locations there will be times when the trades-person or organisation contracted to undertake the home inspection and provide the report will be servicing a wide area, and some delays might be experienced: no more though than would normally be experienced when dealing with service providers in remote areas.

5. The Helpline does not charge a call-out fee and, generally, trades-people do not charge a fee for providing quotes. However, veterans should ask the Helpline for details of any call-out fees in exactly the same way as they would if they were dealing directly with a trades-person. In rural or remote areas the question of charging a call-out fee when long distances are involved is no different to arrangements that existed before Helpline.

6. Home Help and Handyman services are examples of assistance, normally delivered through local councils, available to the frail and aged living at home who are at risk of premature or inappropriate admission to residential care. They are provided through the Home and Community Care Programme which is jointly funded by Commonwealth and State Governments. Further information about these services is available from the Commonwealth Department of Human Services and Health.

7. Defence Service Home [DSH] Loans eligibility has not changed with the introduction of the Helpline. Where a loan was paid out prior to December 1987, additional top-up loans are not available. Loans existing at December 1987 may be topped-up to the $25,000 limit at an interest rate of 10% per annum, but conditions apply. Widows of eligible servicemen may also be eligible to a loan in their own right. Veterans and War Widows should be encouraged to check their DSH Loan eligibility before entering into any firm commitment.

**EXTENSION OF ELIGIBILITY**

**DEFENCE SERVICE HOMES INSURANCE COVER**

The 1995-96 Budget has extended the pool of persons eligible to insure their homes under the Defence Services Homes Act.

Effective from 1 July 1995, all eligible persons will now be able to insure their homes under the Defence Services Homes Insurance Scheme irrespective of whether they have received a DSH loan.

If at least one of the following applies you will qualify for DSH Insurance cover:

- If you have ever had a Defence (or War) Service Home Loan;
- If you [or, if you are widowed, your late spouse] served with the Australian Defence Forces during any of the following periods:
  - World War I.
  - World War II.
  - Korea between 27 June 1950 and 31 August 1957.

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Malaya/Singapore between 29 June 1957 and 27 May 1963.
Served 3 years full time service and discharged from the forces after 7 December 1972.
National Service ended on or after 7 December 1972 on completion of the period of engagement.
Served in excess of 6 years full time service if you enlisted after 17 August 1977 but before 15 May 1985.
Namibia between 18 February 1989 and 10 April 1990.
Persian Gulf/Middle East between 2 August 1990 and 9 June 1991 (but only if you first enlisted before 15 May 1985).
Were you employed on seagoing service in the Australian Merchant Marine during World War I or II while domiciled in Australia?
Did you serve with another British Commonwealth armed force during either World War I or II, or the operations in Korea or Malaya and resided in Australia beforehand?
Are you a widow or widower of someone who had service as described above?
PLEASE NOTE: The DSH Insurance cover extended as a result of the above information does not necessarily mean that you are entitled to a DSH loan.

For further information about Defence Service Homes Insurance you can phone (09) 366 8222 or, if you are calling from the country, toll free on 1800 113304 ext 333. Alternatively you may call in person­ally to the 12th floor of Veterans' Affairs at the AMP Building, 140 St Georges Terrace, Perth.

**VICTORY FOR WORLD WAR II EX-SERVICEWOMEN**

The Federal Government has recognised the major contribution of ex-servicewomen to Australia's World War II effort by extending Defence Service home loans to eligible individuals.

The Minister for Veterans' Affairs, Con Sciacca, said legislation would allow eligible, full-time members of the World War II women's services to receive a Defence Service home loan.

"For 50 years, former members of World War II women's services who did not actually serve overseas during war time have been excluded from Defence Service homes benefits, unlike many of the male service volunteers," Mr Sciacca said.

"In taking the initiative to redress that situation, the Government recognises the major contribution to the war effort made by thousands of female volunteers who joined the services on the same basis as their male counterparts."

Mr Sciacca said the legislative changes would result in greater flexibility and security for the eligible ex-servicewomen as they grew older. It would allow them to use their housing loan to secure entry to a retirement village which specialised in accommodation for the veteran community.

“These legislative changes are a victory for the ex-servicewomen advocates who have been lobbying on this issue. The Federal Government is pleased to redress these legislative anomalies and extend the same rights to our female volunteers as our male volunteers,” he said.

**REPATRIATION PRIVATE PATIENT SCHEME (RPPS)**

The Department of Veterans' Affairs is responsible for the range of health care and other needs of some 350,000 veteran clients, the average age of whom is now about 71 years.

The Repatriation Private Patient Scheme (RPPS) is associated with their hospitalisation needs. It has been introduced to enable hospital services to be obtained more easily through local networks of care and a wider range of accessible facilities.

Under the Scheme, persons entitled to Repatriation health care may choose to be treated as private patients in shared accommodation at their local public hospitals, including former Repatriation General Hospitals.

If the public hospital system cannot meet a patient's medical needs within a reasonable time, the RPPS provides contracted private hospitals and day surgery centres.

The RPPS aims to use public hospitals whenever possible. Where this is not possible, the eligible person's Local Medical Officer (LMO) may seek financial authorisation from the Department for admission to a contracted private hospital. The decision to admit is based on the person's medical need.

If a bed is not available in either a public or a contracted private hospital in a reasonable time, LMO's may seek authorisation from the Department for admission to a non-contracted private hospital.

In a life-threatening emergency situation, entitled veterans, war widows and widowers can be admitted immediately to the nearest hospital that can provide the required treatment.

The RPPS is now operating in all States and the ACT.

TK LLOYD
Deputy Chairman
Veterans' Affairs Committee
Country Carnivals: The 1995 season opened with a trip to Wickepin on 19 September. A very enjoyable day was had by all, with many old friends competing and some new ones made on the greens. As usual the Ladies section excelled in providing luncheon and afternoon tea. The winning metropolitan team was a rink ‘skipped’ by Trevor Loury with the Corrigan team taking the honours for the country.

The visit to Bruce Rock on 10 October was our next ‘port of call’; on this occasion the metropolitan team comprised 12 rinks (48 players). Celebrity Tours can now supply a 48-seat coach for our country venues and Jim McCall and his Committee again provided some excellent opposition, recruiting teams from Narembeen, Corrigin, Wagin, Shackleton and several other country clubs. I am pleased to report that the metropolitan team was successful in retaining the Sedgewick Trophy for the fourth year in succession. Sylvia Fuchsichler, Mavis and Yvonne Sedgewick assisted by the Bruce Rock ladies provided the visitors with a luncheon and afternoon refreshments, which all members appreciated. We would have enjoyed the sausages on the return journey but coach driver Phil Hargreaves had other ideas; he is now advertising ‘free’ sausage sizzles on his private tours.

The best of the metropolitan teams was a rink ‘skipped’ by Max O’Loughlin in a very close finish with Red Axford’s rink.

Sponsorship: The sponsorship sub-committee has been very active during recess seeking sponsorship interest from major corporations. Chairman Dudley Docking provided the Committee with a written summary of interest expressed by several corporate bodies in WA. Some have yet to reply to enquiries initiated by the sub-committee but the response to date is encouraging. John Hughes vehicle franchise representative has offered to donate $100 for every vehicle sold through his franchise to an RSL Bowls member or a person recommended by a member. If you know of anyone considering a change of vehicle please direct them to John Hughes.


A big thank you is extended to Publicity Officer Alf Price and match committee Chairman Max O’Loughlin for assistance in compiling this report.

MIKE HALL, State Executive Member

The WA Division of the Australian National Flag Association is calling for volunteers to assist in keeping our flag flying.

Anyone who can spare some time to help man the office telephone, in air-conditioned comfort between 1pm and 4pm, is asked to contact R.J. Hemsley on 401 1695.

The office is on the first floor of Town and Country House, 297 Murray Street, Perth.

THE ODE

We have all heard The Ode recited many times but probably few people are aware that it is a verse from For the Fallen, a poem by Laurence Binyon.

With proud thanksgiving, a mother of her children
England mourns for her dead across the sea.
Flesh of her flesh they were, spirit of her spirit.
Fallen in the cause of the free.

Solemn the drums thrill, Death august and royal
Sings sorrow up into immortal spheres.
There is music in the midst of desolation
And a glory that shines upon our tears.

They went with songs to the battle, they were young.
Straight of limb, true of eye, steady and aglow,
They were staunch to the end against odds uncounted
They fell with their faces to the foe.

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.

They mingle not with their laughing comrades again:
They sit no more at familiar tables of home,
They have no lot in our labour of the day-time,
They sleep beyond England's foam.

But where our desires are and our hopes profound,
Felt as a well-spring that is hidden from sight,
To the innermost heart of their own land they are known
As the stars are known to the night.

As the stars that shall be bright when we are dust,
Moving in marches upon the heavenly plain,
As the stars that are starry in the time of our darkness.
To the end, to the end, they remain.

COURTESY: CORVETTES ASSOCIATION RAN
BOOK REVIEWS

THE ALLIED JAPANESE CONSPIRACY
by James MacKay

This is a well-researched history and an indictment of Japan's part in World War II and lust for world power. It is a horrifying retelling of the Japanese Army's bestial treatment of its prisoners of war and a plea for recognition of the "Forgotten People" - those whose lives were destroyed by the atrocities so long covered over by Western bureaucratic apathy.

It is a condemnation of the Allies' failure to wrest some acknowledgement and compensation for those ghastly inhumanities, a perverse refusal by Japan that had its origins in the San Francisco Peace Treaty conspired in 1952 - notably through the earlier hand of General Douglas MacArthur of the United States.

While Germany made a meaningful effort of amendment to its victims, Japan, after 50 years, still obstinately declines, surreptitiously assisted by a treaty that illegally exonerates this liability.

James Mackay, a New Zealander, has travelled far for his personal interviews with many survivors of Japan's war prison compounds. Some stories are too ghastly to repeat in detail in a family newspaper.

Lust and pillage so often follow many war conquests, but the mutilation of women and children and the binding of war prisoners and throwing them alive into shark-infested waters for the ribald amusement of the captors is something out of the pits of Hell.

The author echoes the anger and indignation of Far East victims, so long stymied, in seeking recognition.

Undoubtedly, the greatest indignity and the most difficult to comprehend, is the way Japan was re-admitted to world favour after the war - and its continuing refusal to be contrite.


JAMES SANDERS

The description of calling at Port Moresby, Samari, Madang etc revived memories of wartime service in HMAS Kanimbla; these names were very much to the fore.

I was impressed with his version of HMAS Voyager's loss at Betano and the subsequent rescue of the ship's complement. I have read various versions of this incident and Captain Rothery's story was detailed and absorbing.

One point of order! Page 124 shows Lt Cdr R.C. Robison DSC, RAN, while page 135 shows Lt Cdr R.C. Robison DSO. Did he have both decorations or one only?

I knew Lt Cdr E.S. Barron RANR (S) as he was a Fremantle identity who was an excellent seaman and a good officer.

The story of the torpedoing of the HMAS Hobart and the subsequent trials and tribulations is very good indeed; the experiences he endured would not be for the faint hearted.

The Rothery rehabilitation is quite a story on its own but I am unable to understand why so many men who go down to the sea in ships come ashore and "farm pigs"; I know of several.

I also had a house in Pymble, NSW, and was employed by the State Shipping Service before and after the war, and I am sure that Captain KJ. Reynolds knew value for money when he hired Surtees M. Rothery, Master Mariner.

To sum up: a wonderful life, a great story and one of these days I will meet the man.

THE SAILOR HOME FROM THE SEA!

Autographed copies of the Quay to the Sea, $15 plus $2.70 Prepaid Postage or $5 Express Post from Captain S.M. Rothery, c/o Post Office, Dunsborough 6281.

JOHN A. CUTTING OAM
Ex-Lt (S) RANR

STRIKE AND STRIKE AGAIN
by Ian Gordon

During 1944/45, 455 Squadron RAAF flew the formidable Bristol Beaufighters that were armed with 20mm cannon, bombs and rockets; it was the sole Australian strike Squadron in RAF Coastal Command.

This book is the day by day history of this Squadron, the men who flew (known as the "Viking Boys") and the groundcrew who gave unstinting support. As part of Coastal Command, 455 Squadron attacked German
shipping off the coast of Holland and Denmark and in Norwegian fiords. There some of the fiercest battles were fought, the strike Squadrons driving into concentrated flak among defending Focke-Wulfs and over freezing waters; the deep fiords with precipitous rocky sides were unforgiving. Precise flying was necessary for survival and the "Viking Boys" mastered some of the most demanding and perilous operational flying of the war.

The author’s father, Ivor Gordon, served with the Squadron as a Beaufighter navigator during much of the period the book covers. Written with assistance from former 455 members, it is an excellent record of the Squadron and contains many interesting photographs; I found it hard to put down.

Available from Banner Books, PO Box 937, Belconnen ACT, 2616 RRP $40

JOHN BRIDGEN

**SHELLS AND ANCHORS**

*by Bob Larter*

This book is a series of anecdotes and poems about service with the Australian Water Transport Unit in Australia and New Guinea. The stories can be related to most service Units during World War II, but the writer has endeavoured to provide an insight into life and conditions (including many humorous events) within the Unit.

In his forward, Sir Ninian Stephen writes: “To read Shells and Anchors is to be reminded of so much but, above all, of one’s almost forgotten youth spent in the islands and the waters around them in the war years of the early 1940s”.

The amount of work needed to complete the book is rather spoilt by the poor quality of the photographic reproductions.

The publication is available from Bob Larter, PO Box 77, Hervey Bay Qld 4655

R.D. MERCER

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**REUNIONS**

**JEATS**

Former RAAF Junior Equipment and Administrative Trainees, courses 1 to 8 years 1952 to 1959, who are interested in attending a reunion in 1996 on the Sunshine Coast are asked to contact:

LANCE DOUGHTY
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Letters to The Editor

THANK YOU

I wish to express my heart-felt thanks and appreciation to Mrs P Rowland, Ms Margaret Ponta, Mrs M Harness and Mr P White who all helped me with my disability pension entitlements. The RSL certainly looks after its members in all respects.

J.E. POTTER
79 Swan Street
Tuart Hill WA 6060

REQUEST FROM WICKEPIN

As the only ex-serviceman of the Wickepin Shire Council, I have been asked to compile an honour board of all ex-servicemen who enlisted in the district after 1939. We would like those now living outside the Shire to please contact me or the Shire Clerk with all relevant service details.

R.F. RIGBY
27 Sewell Street
Yearling 6372
PH: (089) 887 081

SHIRE CLERK
Wickepin Shire
Wogalin Road
Wickepin 6370

THE AUSTRALIAN FLAG

The Australian National Flag Association is a non-political organisation, employs no paid staff and is dedicated to the promotion of the Australian Flag - our chief national symbol.

The Association provides promotional and educational material, supports existing “fly the flag” programmes and many other activities to communicate to all Australians the importance and significance of the Australian Flag. We are working to ensure that the present Flag is not changed unless it be by the will of the people expressed in a constitutional referendum.

It is our goal to have a small “flyer” placed in the letter box of every WA residence, particularly in country areas and we need the support of RSL members. We will of course provide the “flyers” and look forward to hearing from any one who may be able to help with this on-going project.

For further information please contact either Jim Wilson on (09) 385 6131 or myself on (09) 386 7714.

REAR ADMIRAL P.G.N. KENNEDY, AO (RTD)

ANZAC DAY COMMEMORATION - GLOUCESTERSHIRE, UK

While in England with my wife recently we visited her uncle, Robert Clegg, in Gloucestershire. Mr Clegg is a proud member of the Royal British Legion No 2 Group South West Gloucestershire, which has traditionally commemorated Anzac Day with a service at Leighton every year since 1931, save for the years 1940-45. As the inside cover of the enclosed Order of Service testifies, Leighton was the site of No 7 and 8 training squadrons of the Australian Flying Corps and many young Australians lost their lives during training.

Mr Clegg also showed us the small War Cemetery honouring the young airmen who died during their training. Located in the beautiful rolling green hills of Gloucestershire, it is immaculately kept. A photograph is enclosed showing the poppy wreaths laid at the last Anzac Day commemoration service.

Honouring young Australian airman in Leighton Cemetery, Gloucestershire

I think that your readers would be interested to see that, in this unfortunate day and age when so many attacks are being made upon the links between Australia and the United Kingdom, that the people of the United Kingdom have not forgotten Australia’s contribution to their security; not only have they not forgotten it, they continue to honour it in the most solemn fashion.

Would you consider publishing perhaps part of the memorial service and the photograph in your next edition? If so, I would be grateful if you would let me have a copy in order that I might send it to the No 2 Group of the Royal British Legion in South West
HOLLYWOOD ADMISSIONS CLARIFIED

Hollywood Private Hospital does not have an Accident and Emergency Centre. Cases of multiple trauma would be taken by ambulance to the nearest hospital with a registered Accident and Emergency Centre.

However, Hollywood does have facilities, including Intensive Care and Coronary Care, to accept most types of acute admissions 24 hours a day. On referral from your General Practitioner, fractured neck of femur (broken hip) cases can be accepted as well.

Self-referral for admission is not encouraged, although a Hollywood doctor is on duty 24 hours a day. In a situation of an urgent nature, where you are unable to contact your General Practitioner, we will arrange an assessment at Hollywood by the duty doctor.

For a query relating to an admission, Hollywood may be contacted 24 hours a day on (09) 346 6000.

Roger Snell
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
Gloucestershire as a small acknowledgement of thanks for their devotion to the spirit of ANZAC.

PETER NISBIT

NB: We regret that we are unable to publish part of the memorial service. However a segment of the history of the Australian Flying Corps (AFC) as shown on the inside cover of the memorial service programme is presented below.

EDITOR

THE AUSTRALIAN FLYING CORPS (AFC)

In the First World War, Australia was the only British dominion to raise, equip and deploy in the field its own flying corps.

Number 1 Squadron, Australia Flying Corps (AFC) served in Palestine and Numbers 2, 3 and 4 Squadrons AFC flew on the Western Front in France. The AFC had four training squadrons based in Gloucestershire, numbers 5 and 6 Training Squadrons AFC at Minchinhampton and Numbers 7 and 8 Training Squadrons AFC at Leighterton. These four AFC squadrons formed the 1st Training Wing AFC with its headquarters and AFC hospital in Tetbury.

Flying training ceased on 15 March 1919 and the AFC departed from Southampton on board the P&O ss KAISAR-I-HIND on 6 May 1919 and arrived in Port Melbourne on 16 June 1919.

Twenty-four members of the Australain Flying Corps are buried in Leighterton cemetery: flying instructors, cadets and ground crew. All except one died in 1918-1919 during flight training, or of other causes. Additional members of the AFC who died in training are buried in other English cemeteries.

A commemorative service, organised by the Number 2 Group, SW Gloucestershire, of The Royal British Legion, has been held in Leighterton since 1931, except for the years 1940-45.

NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Many thanks for the copies of the National President's Report published in the Spring 1995 Listening Post. I believe the article fully covered most of the problems Australia is facing today, and I congratulate the National President on his report and his great concern for the welfare of the nation.

Like many older Australians I am deeply concerned with the direction our country is heading, and the complete failure of our present Federal Government to recognise or address the breakdown and loss of Australia's heritage and way of life. It would appear a very dangerous path it has chosen for the future of Australia.

NOEL HARDMAN
89 Gibbs Road
Nowergup WA 6032

28TH BATTALION

This has been a busy year for the 28th Battalion with our annual reunion in January and the 50th reunion in August, a trip to Moora and the placing of an "Australia Remembers" plaque on the Cairn at Samson Park to commemorate a further 50 years of peace.

The "Australia Remembers" plaque on the Cairn at Melville

Our anniversary dinner was an overwhelming success and the gathering at Samson Park was another great day. I thank all of those who participated and helped make the events so successful.

Part of the gathering at Samson Park, Melville

I look forward to seeing you at our next reunion.

GEORGE DHUE CD
28th Battalion
BELMONT

Busy bee members have been busy improving the club premises, and we can't thank those volunteers enough, especially the bowling area members. The bar staff volunteers, Ladies Auxiliary and all administrative members also deserve a 'Thank you' for their part.

Several of our members attended the commemoration service of the Burma Star Association in Wanneroo when a wreath was laid by our President, Bill Sharpe.

The third Sunday meetings (starting at 10.30am) are becoming more popular, and we urge old and new members to attend. The Women's Auxiliary holds its meetings at the same time, and a BBQ follows when members and friends can enjoy a get-together.

Our recreation and fishing club is an absolute winner and Mitch Cadden and 'crew' attended the Penn International Sail Fish Tournament at Broome in July.

We are sorry to hear that the Air Training Corps flight 12 is leaving Belmont and heading for Midland. However flight 15 will remain.

The Royal Naval Association has held several functions at our club and we were very pleased to see them at our Anzac Day Service as well.

Many other organisations like BCOF, the Korean and South East Asian Association, Royal Netherlands Stormtroopers, The Royal Australian Army Nursing Corps Association, the Atomic Survivors and Retired Sergeants use our facilities from time to time. If any Association (veterans) needs a meeting place, phone our Secretary Harold Haines on 478 2329 or 277 3587 (fax no 478 2153).

CARLE CAUBO
Publicity Officer

BUNBURY

The very successful Friday luncheons are set to resume on the second Friday in January with a guest speaker. Don't forget to ring and book. The cost is only $5.00.

Did you know that the Bunbury RSL now has two phone numbers - 21 3596 or 91 4060 between 9am and 12 noon Monday to Friday.

Many veterans on disability pensions or part benefits do not realise that they may be entitled to a service pension as well. Give our welfare officers a ring if you have any queries.

The reunion of the 35th Infantry Training Battalion 1943 will be held on Sunday of the March long week-end. All interested members please call Alf Mort on 097 21 8571.

The Mothers' Day raffle is on again and ticket sellers are wanted now. We make $10,000 profit on this raffle and the tickets sell themselves. If you can help, give us a call.

We also need people urgently who can spare an hour or two each week to assist the staff in little jobs in the office. If you would like to help, please ring Neville, Max or Doug and you will be welcomed with open arms.

Don't forget the normal monthly meetings on the third Wednesday of every month.

ALF MAINSTONE
Trustee

COCKBURN

Under the guidelines of the 'Australia Remembers' initiative, this Sub-Branch took the opportunity on 16 December to rededicate the Cockburn City War Memorial and dedicate a new Memorial. Officiating were Major K. Bartlett of the Army Chaplains' Office and Lt Tracey Paech of the Hamilton Hill Salvation Army.

Tours in and around Perth have been organised by our very able Social Chairman, Mr Ray Thompson, and have proved a huge success.

We are planning a major upgrade of our facilities and the Building Committee has had a meeting with the City Council to determine the best direction in which to move. Current estimates for repairs to our main hall read like a telephone number.

Country members who happen to be passing on Mondays are invited to drop in for morning tea; you will be made most welcome.

And, as one of our seafaring members pointed out, warships don't have portholes but scuttles. How do you expect an MN man (me!) to know that.

ERNIE DIBB
The St Hilda's School choir sang God Save the Queen and Advance Australia Fair, and The Ode was recited by Cottesloe RSL President Rex Stoker.

The customary minute's silence was observed and afternoon tea followed.

Courtesy: LOCAL NEWS, COTTESLOE

DONNYBROOK

Our Anzac Day parade and service was well attended, the address being given by President Damien Dixon. We welcomed new members M. Trigwell, D. Nelson, P. Winsor and R. Neil.

The 'Australia Remembers' Committee, comprising the Shire President, Allison Comparti, Secretary N. Welsh, Cr Duncan and RSL members Damien, Arthur and Secretary Fred, together with more than 100 citizens attended a ceremony at the Memorial Gardens on 15 August when a plaque was unveiled to commemorate those who served in Korea, Vietnam and Borneo. A tree planting ceremony was also held and when permission is granted by the Main Roads Department, it is intended that another 50 trees will be planted to form an avenue at the entrance to the town. The avenue will commemorate those who served and the 50 years since the cessation of hostilities.

FT. WILLIAMS
Honorary Secretary

GERALDTON

Geraldton co-operated wholeheartedly with the Mullewa Centenary Committee to make its celebrations on 2 and 3 September an outstanding success. This included featuring children from our Lady of Mount Carmel School honouring the 12 servicemen from Mullewa who paid the supreme sacrifice in World War II.

It was an occasion that will never be forgotten by one young lady from Moora, Kylie Maley, who was able to obtain valuable information from Tom Foster of Allanooka and Bernie Giles of Mullewa concerning her great-uncle, Jack Maley of Mullewa, who was killed in New Guinea in 1943. They served in the 2nd Independent Company and the 2nd/2nd Commando Squadron in which big Jack Maley was admired for his exploits in Timor and New Guinea.

The Committee is investigating the possibility of assured future management of Birdwood House with considerable resources put toward refurbishment over the coming years.

PETER BARDEN
PRO

KALGOORLIE

Two very important events took place in the Kalgoorlie/Boulder area on Sunday 13 August. Firstly, at 1000 hours, we held the official opening and unveiling of an obelisk on Anzac Drive with plaques to the memory of those who served in all wars. Together with the ‘Australia Remembers’ Plaque, these were mounted on the obelisk. The project was donated by the Rebel Road Builders’ group and financed in part by the Eastern Goldfields Defence Charitable Trust as their contribution to Australia Remembers. Incidentally, the seven kilometres roadway was pushed through in a weekend, from Friday afternoon to early Monday morning, and named Anzac Drive.

Secondly, at 1230 hours, we had the official opening of the ‘Kokoda Track’ by our Mayor. This starts at Centenary Park, Kalgoorlie, and follows the cycle/walk path along Gribble Creek to Johnson Street, Boulder, a distance of 2.8 kilometres. At various intervals shelters are erected to depict each place of battle and the history of what occurred at those places. This project was financed by The City of Kalgoorlie/Boulder Council with our Town Clerk Peter Strugnell taking on the major role. It is Council’s contribution to ‘Australia Remembers’.

SECRETARY
MANDURAH

During the past few months we have been involved with various functions in respect of ‘Australia Remembers’. In addition to a colouring competition for the junior schoolchildren, we had a 30-question quiz for the intermediate group and an essay for the seniors. The prizes totalled $500.

We also held a school rally attended by Mrs Joan Dowson, Jack Sue (who brought down a midget one-man submarine) and our own Danny Rees - a RAAF bomber pilot who operated over Germany.

In addition we held a family picnic at which the RAAF Association band from Bullcreek and the City of Wanneroo Pipe band performed.

After four years of negotiations the Sub-Branch has been fortunate to secure the land around the hall and it is anticipated some more units will be built there with, possibly, an extension to the hall.

With council plans for the city being well advanced, our present memorial will have to be moved to our present hall with a new memorial being provided out of grant money from the Federal Government.

We have lost many members recently; in two weeks we have had five funerals with three on one day - something we hope will not be repeated. We have also gained several new members, 'brand new' or transfers.

NARROGIN

Our 50th year celebration took the form of a service in the Memorial Park, preceded by a parade through the town which included flag bearers, horses, a fire engine, old tractors and children from all the schools and colleges in Narrogin.

A replica torpedo now in Narrogin's Memorial Park.

A replica torpedo was placed in the Memorial Park as a reminder of this special year and in memory of the sailors who lost their lives at sea.

At the end of the service the town's fire siren was sounded: in World War II this was used in Darwin as an air-raid siren.

BJ. DOWSETT
Secretary

NORTH BEACH

It is with deep regret we record the death of John Sands, 2/4 MG and 16th Battalion. John was well known in Transperth where he carried out duties at the central bus depot.

At our October meeting Certificates of Service were presented to Ralph Hancock and Frank Heath for services rendered to the Sub Branch. Member Frank Pimm, Deputy Commander of the Australian Contingent to the United Nations Peace Keeping Force in Cyprus in 1987-88, gave an interesting talk about his tour of duty.

Our annual dinner will be held on 6 December at 6.30pm at the North Beach Bowling Club.

FRANK HEATH

OSBORNE PARK

The publishing of our own newsletter has turned out to be a most worthwhile exercise with more members now coming to meetings. This is very encouraging to our most capable editor, Tom Fisher, who has made a huge input to the newsletter.

On the afternoon of Sunday 24 September, at the Memorial Hall in Osborne Park, we unveiled and dedicated the recently-installed memorial. The unveiling was carried out by the President and the dedication jointly performed by the Reverend Max Morrison of the Mt Hawthorn/Osborne Park Anglican Church, and Father Anton Hesse of St Kieran’s Catholic Church in Osborne Park. Local Scouts lowered and raised the flags during the sounding of the Last Post and Reveille, carrying out their task with great dignity. Bob Ridley's rendition of the Last Post and Reveille completed the impressive service. The attendance was very high and what pleased us most was the exceptional numbers of the general public attending. It proved to us that the RSL in Osborne Park is still held in high esteem. This unveiling and dedication service is an outstanding success and I pass on my sincere thanks and congratulations to those members who assisted.

I take this opportunity to extend the season's greetings to you all and remind members that our monthly meetings are held on the second Wednesday of every month (January in recess) commencing at 2.00pm.

BILL SULLIVAN
President

QUAIRADING

Tuesday 15 August was a day of Remembrance and Celebration in Quairading, with some 200 present to
commemorate the 50th anniversary of VP Day. It began with the unveiling of a plaque by RSL President Colin Walker, dedicated to all those from Quairading who served Australia during World War II. A prayer of dedication was delivered by the Reverend John Reinertsen of the Anglican Church.

The address was delivered by Miss Jodie Fitzsimmons, a Gallipoli veteran descendant, selected to represent WA at the 80th anniversary pilgrimage to Gallipoli in April. Her address, from a post war generation perspective, was appreciated by those present. A much appreciated school choir sang at both the service and social later, and wreaths were laid by Quairading service and sporting clubs.

Many World War II veterans who had lived in Quairading before enlisting returned for the day; among them were Chris McLennan, Bert Sebbes and Arthur Bells.

Federal Government Certificates of Appreciation for service to Australia in World War II were presented to many military and civilian veterans.

A wonderful display of World War II photos, letters and newspaper articles added to the great success of the day.

E.M. STONE
Secretary

SCARBOROUGH

Following discussions with President Wally Evans, the Stirling City Council has agreed to look after the upkeep of the Scarborough RSL Memorial garden, thus relieving volunteers of the maintenance work. The well-planned garden, which has become a popular feature of the district, is a credit to the members, especially Doug Piggott who has worked hard with the Council to organise the garden.

With so many of our older members passing away, it is heartening to know we have at least two stalwarts now in their 90s - Reg Rollings, who recently celebrated his 90th birthday, and Len Hall who is now 99 years old. During the past few months we have welcomed several new members, so the Sub-Branch continues to flourish and, with the warmer weather, the attendance at our meetings continues to grow. Dorothy Delaney reports that there has been no word of any members being hospitalised recently.

PETER STUBBS

RIVERSVALE-CARLISLE

Our monthly Sunday functions, with excellent luncheons at a reasonable cost, continue to be well supported although it would be great to see them patronised by more of our members. Dick Dave is responsible for the smooth running of these functions, but praise must go to the Ladies' Auxiliary for its role.

Thanks are due too for the recent display of martial arts given by a team of exponents at one of our luncheons. Although enjoyed by all, it was a little unnerving to see how ladies can throw the mere male around!

Following a visit to Kewdale Primary School, those of us who addressed primary schoolchildren in this 'Australia Remembers' year at Mathew Gibney Catholic School, High Wycombe, have found that the thirst for knowledge about World War II in young children is insatiable. We were asked for books or other literature for their library so that information may be available for future generations.

At long last we can report that the patio at the rear of the hall has been erected. The Belmont Council shared the expense, which was not inconsiderable. Tennis courts are available for day and night hire and the Sub-Branch would like to see them put to more use. Small groups are most welcome.

As the only State without poker machines in licensed clubs, we must unite with sporting clubs to put pressure on the Government to bring this about. As things are, our main source of income is bingo, run every Monday night from 8pm. Once again we would like to see more patrons come along.

The President and I attended the Cannington RSL hall for the presentation of certificates acknowledging service during World War II. This was to have been carried out by the deputy Prime Minister, but unfortunately he could not attend.

L.W. Smith
Secretary

UPPER SWAN

The Sub-Branch celebrated its 75th anniversary on Sunday, 2 July (charter date being 3 July, 1920), and 83 members, their ladies and guests enjoyed a well-prepared luncheon. Our President, Ross Hutton, and his wife welcomed guests who included State Executive Liaison Officer, Mr Percy White and his wife. Their presence was greatly appreciated.

Apart from celebrating the foundation of the Sub-Branch, we had the honour of presenting four 50-year...
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certificates to members who had served all their membership with the Sub-Branch and who had all served in an official capacity on the committee. Members so honoured were Harold Goldspink, Past President, Vice President and currently a Trustee; Bill Adams, Past Secretary; Bill Robinson, Past Treasurer; and Ray Robinson (elder brother of Bill), Past President. Unfortunately Ray Robinson could not attend owing to ill health so Bill accepted the award on his behalf.

Sincere thanks go to Keith Symes, whose organising ability made the anniversary the success that it was, and also for the donation of an anniversary cake. We also thank Bill Baynes, our handler of drinks and the ladies who brought flowers to decorate the tables.

We can only hope the Sub-Branch will be active for a 100-year celebration.

SECRETARY

WANNEROO

The Sub-Branch has had a busy time this quarter with most of our activities centred around the admirable concept of 'Australia Remembers'. The first event was held in conjunction with Craigie Senior High School. Veterans in the area were invited to a breakfast at the school, followed by a presentation and flag dedication ceremony.

The breakfast brought back memories - lining up to be served, the fresh fruit, cereals, toast, doughnuts, etc, but, unlike the Army cook, the cooks of the day were young, fresh faced, cheerful teenagers.

Following the delightful breakfast each veteran was presented at the school assembly with the school's own Certificate of Participation in the project and the event scored highly, judging by the comments that were passed.

Possibly the Sub-Branch's biggest effort this year was its own parade through the streets of Joondalup on 2 September. This would have equalled the one through Perth streets in quality, variety and scope.

A great deal of groundwork was needed prior to the event to drum up community support. The Joondalup Lakeside Shopping Centre generously allowed us to mount a static display in the Centre the week before the parade. This included members' memorabilia in the form of war-time photos, medals, regalia and, from the Army, an assortment of armaments and photos.

At 10am on Saturday, 2 September, the parade started to assemble and it was representative of every organisation within the Wanneroo districts - some 400-500 Scouts - and equal numbers of Guides, Cubs and Brownies; full contingents of the local Air Training Corps and the two Army Cadet units T.S. Marmion Cadets; members of the Sub-Branch; the Vietnam Motorcycle Club; the Burma Star Association; the British Legion girls' and boys' brigades; drum and pipe bands from the Salvation Army; the Wanneroo Pipe Band; the Air Training Corps No 2 Flight Band and the Muzzle Loading and Firing Club.

Marshals placed groups in their respective areas and, at 11am, the parade left the car park at Lakeside and marched past throngs of onlookers to Station Park. The parade was acknowledged by a fly-past of six Tiger Moths and by the dignitaries assembled on a dais in the Park. It took an hour to pass the saluting base, as the parade included old and new fire engines, old jeeps, vintage cars, Army vehicles, etc.

Children were presented with more than 2000 small Australian flags which, together with the assembled flag-carrying parties, made a memorable sight.

Sub-Branch veterans and other veteran groups led the parade through areas where the massive development at Joondalup is progressing, although in some of those places, spectators were few.

Once the parade was assembled on Station Park a demonstration of parachuting was given to the accompaniment of 'oohs' and 'aahs'. The wonderful Ladies' Auxiliary manned a sausage sizzle from, in the main, donated goods which provided a sizeable contribution to our Welfare Funds and a ‘flying fox’ trapeze added to the carnival spirit.

The original idea of the parade may be credited to one of the Sub-Branch's greatest supporters and well-known Harley Davidson motorcyclist, the Hon Graham Edwards, MLC. Over the years, Graham has been mentor and friend to the Sub-Branch and it was fitting that he should take his place in the Flag Party.
Sub-Branch News cont ...

Overall, the parade was a credit to each and every person who contributed in any way, and the support from the administrators of Lakeside Shopping Centre and numerous shopkeepers made the event a memorable one.

The Sub-Branch also supported the Yanchep-Two Rocks Sub-Branch at the 'Australia Remembers' parade in the National Park at Yanchep. This event was arranged by the Wanneroo City Council and was a great day out for the family, ending after parades, band renditions, etc, with the moving 'Retreat' at sunset.

In a small way, the Sub-Branch was represented at an excellent school ceremony at East Wanneroo Primary School where a 20 metre backdrop of painted flags of the UK, Australia, NZ and the USA dominated the stage. The writer was enthralled with the sight - starting with 30 Grade 1 students dressed in specially made uniforms representing Army, Navy and Air Force, then the Andrews Sisters (three senior girls) belted out the 'Boogie, Woogie, Bugle Boy of Company B'; and so on. Pure magic!

The school's library display of memorabilia was a credit. What a pity the electronic media was absent!

SECRETARY

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WOMEN'S AUXILIARY

Once again we thank the Auxiliaries for their support of the Christmas cheer parcels and extend to them the grateful thanks of the recipients of the gifts.

Some of the Executive members and I visited Rockingham's fundraising lunch, Belmont and Darling Range's birthday lunches, Murray Districts lunch and the City of Perth's morning tea. At some of these functions I had the pleasure of presenting Life Membership Certificates and Badges to Mesdames P. Worth and E. Skelly (Belmont), N. Silver and R. Fisher (Darling Range) and Certificates of Service to Mesdames D. Panting, W. Dunne (Rockingham), B. Rymer and W. Jackson (Belmont), T. Trivett (Darling Range) and E. Norris (City of Perth). Congratulations to you all.

I was a guest, together with Mr Taylor, at the Bedford-Morley Sub Branch 50th dinner and concert and the Armadale Sub Branch dinner.

M TAYLOR

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It is with deep regret that we report the death of Albert Arthur 'Able' Dacre on 2 August, 1995. His funeral was attended by his many friends and colleagues.

Born in England in 1927, 'Able' volunteered for the British Army in 1945. After training with the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, he went to India and was commissioned into the old Indian Army. Following Indian Independence in 1948, he moved to Malaya with the Brigade of Gurkhas and continued serving until his retirement in 1982. In his last appointment 'Able' was Brigadier and Commander of the Brigade of Gurkhas based in Hong Kong.

During his career he served in Europe, India, Jamaica, Malaya, Singapore, Brunei, Borneo, Nepal, Nigeria, Hong Kong and several African countries. Mentioned in 'Despatches' as a Lieutenant in 1954, 'Able' was awarded an MBE as a Captain in 1956 and honoured with an OBE in 1970.

In 1956 'Able' married Miss Elaine Campbell, a fifth generation Western Australian who was a nurse in Malaya with the Colombo Plan. They had two sons and a daughter, two of whom now live in Australia and one in London.

The Dacres returned to WA from Hong Kong in 1982 to establish their first real home, and 'Able' joined his erstwhile military colleague [circa 1964], John Hollingshead and Honorary Rotarian Professor Byron Kakulas at the Muscular Dystrophy Research Association of WA. He resigned at the end of 1989, but remained on the Management Committee in an honorary capacity.

'Able' had been a Vice Patron of the Australian Defence Association, President of the United Services Institute of WA and was a member of the Defence Policy Committee of the RSL. Additionally, he was the Military Patron of the combined British Ex-Services Federation in WA, and frequently he was a guest speaker at Rotary and Probus Clubs.

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