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The way it ought to be
State President's Message

As I write this message we have just witnessed Australia Day celebrations when, once more, the media have concentrated on how this, our day, is not a day for each and every Australian. It seemed to give credence to certain minority groups and public figures within the Australian society to again start criticising our flag because it contains the Union Jack, which these people keep trying to convince Australians that the only reason we keep the Union Jack within our flag is because we are still subservient to the United Kingdom.

Like any other country's flag, ours is a symbol: a symbol which speaks for the nation's history and soul. One could say that when the flag is unfurled it tells of the birth, the growth, the trials, the glories and the hopes of the people who fly it.

Our flag symbolises the truth that the overwhelming majority of the people who explored, pioneered and developed Australia were of English, Scottish, Welsh or Irish backgrounds and that every aspect of cultural, social, constitutional, legal and religious life had its roots in the United Kingdom.

The symbolism of the Union Jack is Christian, highlighting that the majority of Australians were Christian, and still are today. The three Christian crosses represent St George, patron saint of England; St Andrew, patron saint of Scotland and St Patrick, patron saint of Ireland. As has been stressed even by non-British writers, British constitutional and legal developments to a high degree reflected the Christian concept concerning the uniqueness - and therefore the rights and duties - of each individual.

This flag represents our national heritage. Any persons who attack our flag are in fact not attacking the symbol itself, but are attacking our history and traditions for which this flag stands. A flag is meant to be an enduring national symbol, not something that is to be changed every time some person or persons don't like the look of it, or want to change it for political reasons. We know the reasons behind the recent campaign to change our flag, yet our politicians do not have the intestinal fortitude to hold a referendum.

Look at Canada when its flag was changed without a referendum. That flag change was at the whim of the politicians to appease a minority group, the French Canadians. These people now prefer to fly the fleur-de-lis of France, another country.

The critics of our flag continue to argue that our flag does not represent the Aboriginal people or our ethnic community (the politically correct word to describe our immigrants). What a lot of rubbish. I suggest these anti-Australian flag people check their history. The Aboriginal people never had a flag to represent their culture, yet in the Australian flag is the Southern Cross, which plays a central role in Aboriginal mythology. In recent times radical people have come up with an Aboriginal flag, and that was purely for political purposes.

As for our immigrants, most come here voluntarily for the freedom enshrined in our social institutions, which this flag represents. It would be impossible to have a flag that represents all cultural and ethnic groups.

Our flag has been part of our history since 1901 and is Australia. It doesn't represent any other country. Our Anzacs in Gallipoli, who fought under this flag, did not feel they were searching for a 'new identity'. The Australian flag flew proudly over HMAS Sydney as she defeated the German ship Emden in World War I.

The first allied flag raised in Singapore immediately following the Japanese surrender in 1945 was an Australian flag made in secret by the Australian prisoners-of-war. In two world wars, in Korea, in Malaya, in Borneo and in Vietnam, Australians fought against totalitarianism under the symbol of the Australian National Flag. It is this flag which truly symbolises Australia's real heritage and which has been so closely associated with everything worthwhile in Australian history.

One factor which has prevented the Government from proclaiming a new flag as easily as it acted with our anthem and the national colours is that it is protected, to some extent, by the Flages Act (1953). Any change would have to be by an amendment in Parliament, with all the resultant debate and publicity.

The initial push for a change has been halted. Undoubtedly, without the fine work of the Flag Associations across the nation, Australia might well have had imposed on it a new flag by now. However, there is no room for complacency during this next decade as we approach the centenary of our Federation and the Centenary of our flag's birth - the year 2001.

There will be stronger moves to make Australia a republic, with the additional rider: "When we become a republic, we'll need a new flag". The policy of multiculturalism will make it more difficult for Australia to retain its national heritage, along with the anti-British, anti-Royal propaganda, all relating to the presence of the Union Jack in our flag.

Then there is the psychological effect of the green and gold syndrome, national sporting colours, now incorrectly promoted as being our national colours.
At Hollywood Private Hospital - it's all happening! By February 1997, you will see three new 30-bed wards, a brand new entry and a new Admissions and Reception area. These improvements are in the interests of better and more efficient service. In the meantime, Admissions is relocating next to its current position - and the Pharmacy is moving to the Medical Centre. Doctors will remain on site 24 hours a day and they will continue to access the best surgical and diagnostic equipment. As in the past, there won't be any waiting lists for surgery. And you will still enjoy freshly cooked meals from our award-winning chefs.

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State Secretary's Notes

Last year ended on a high note for the League with the wonderfully successful 'Calvadcde' and a very good result from the sale of poppies on Remembrance Day. Certainly a fitting ending for the 'Australia Remembers' year.

Sub-branches once more must be congratulated for their efforts on the sale of poppies with a gross total of $166,308. Of this, $20,525 was made available to supplement the Aged Sailors', Soldiers' and Airmen's Relief Trust Fund. Well done indeed.

It is worthy of note that the focus of the League during 1996 is to be on youth. This fits in well with the aims of our State Governor and is an appropriate follow-up to the 'Calvadcde' where youth was very much in evidence. To this end on Saturday, 20 January, the State President presented a banner to the WA Regional Cadets on behalf of the League. It was a well-attended event of considerable historic relevance to both the Army Cadets of WA and the WA branch of the League. This was the first of many actions which are proposed by the Executive to demonstrate the relevance of the League to today's youth.

It is vital to the very existence of the RSL that the young people of Australia are shown the League still has great significance in this country. We must ensure that we continue to enhance the legacy left for us so that it may be carried into the future by our successors.

JOCK GELDART

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The department of Veterans' Affairs is seeking your assistance with a project to identify Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander veterans.

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West Australian winners of the Victoria Cross and the George Cross were honoured in a service in Kings Park on Australia Day. There are 15 West Australian servicemen who have received the Victoria Cross including one from the Boer War and nine from service in World War I. These were awarded for action in Gallipoli (one) and from the Western Front (eight). During World War II, individual Victoria Crosses were awarded for action in Syria, Egypt, Western Desert, Borneo and over Germany.

The two George Crosses were awarded to members of the Royal Australian Navy Volunteer Reserve for underwater bomb disarmament.

As part of the Australia Remembers programme, bronze plaques in the name of each winner were made available. The plaques have been placed in a pathway near the Whispering Wall which faces the State War Memorial in Kings Park. This is the first time all West Australian winners have been commemorated together and the plaques are easily accessible by visitors to Kings Park.

On 26 January, His Excellency, Major General Michael Jeffery, AO, MC, dedicated the plaques in a very colourful ceremony attended by more than 200 people. Many of those in the audience were wearing their medals which added to the colourful pageantry of the day.

The Sub-Warden provided a guard of honour in front of the Governor while other members officiated with flag lowering and raising during the sounding of the Last Post.

Prior to his address, (which is reproduced at the end of this article) the Governor laid a wreath on a shrouded drum which was placed in front of the Army Reserve Band. Chaplains from the three services provided the blessing of the memorial plaques and the Requiem was delivered by Colonel Rod Willox RFD ED (RL) who was also Master of Ceremonies.

As the haunting sounds of the Last Post and Reveille faded away, two RAAF training jets swooped low over the crowd and continued over Perth water in salute. The Deputy State Warden, Mr Ron Stone, recited the Ode and the assembly sang the National Anthem.

Mr Len Keynes, State President, thanked everyone for attending and official guests then inspected the plaques.

Arrangements for the commemoration service were made by the Department of Veterans' Affairs in conjunction with Colonel Rod Willox and the RSL. Support from the Wardens was invaluable to the success of the day.

Family members of the Victoria Cross and George Cross winners had been sought through an article in The West Australian newspaper and during the Department's

LEN KEYNES
Local Heroes Honoured cont.

regular radio segment on 6PR. Many family members came along on the day and were interviewed by the media.

The service was a fitting tribute to the men who were honoured.

DEBBIE HILL, DVA
Address by His Excellency Major General Michael Jeffery, AO MC Governor of Western Australia

Mr Len Keynes JP, State President of the Returned and Services League of Australia (WA Branch), and Mrs Anne Keynes; Colonel Rod Willox RFD ED, representing the Australia Remembers State Executive, and Mrs Lyn Willox; the right honourable Dr Peter Navass, the Lord Mayor of Perth; other distinguished guests, ladies and gentlemen.

May I read the citations of two Victoria Cross winners and a George Cross winner:

Acting Wing Commander Hughie Idwal Edwards, VC, KCMG, CB, DSO, OBE, DFC, 105 Squadron, Royal Air Force, 4 July 1941, in a raid on Bremen, Germany:

Citation: Wing Commander Edwards, although handicapped by a physical disability resulting from a flying accident, has repeatedly displayed gallantry of the highest order in pressuring home bombing attacks from very low heights against strongly defended objectives. On 4 July 1941, he had an important attack on the port of Bremen, one of the most heavily defended towns on Germany. His attack had to be made in daylight and there were no clouds to afford concealment.

During the approach to the German coast several enemy ships were sighted and Wing Commander Edwards knew that his aircraft would be reported and that the defences would be in a state of readiness. Undaunted by this misfortune, he brought his formation 50 miles overland to the target, flying at the height of a little more than 50 feet, passing under high-tension cables, carrying away telegraph wires and finally passing through a formidable balloon barrage.

In reaching Bremen he was met with a hail of fire, all of his aircraft being hit and four of them being destroyed. Nevertheless he made a most successful attack, and then with the greatest of skill and coolness he withdrew the surviving aircraft without further loss.

Throughout the execution of this operation, which had planned personally with full knowledge of the risks entailed, Wing Commander Edwards displayed the highest standard of gallantry and determination.

Private Arthur Stanley Gurney, VC, 2/48th Australian Infantry Battalion, AIF - 22 July 1942 at Tel El Eisa, Egypt (Posthumous Award).

Citation: For gallantry and unselfish bravery in silencing enemy machine-gun posts by bayonet assault at Tel El Eisa on 22 July 1942, thus allowing his compa-

ny to continue the advance. During an attack on a strong German position in the early morning of 22 July 1942, the company to which Private Gurney belonged was held up by intense machine-gun fire from posts less than 100 yards ahead, heavy casualties being inflicted on our troops, all the officers being killed or wounded. Grasping the seriousness of the situation and without hesitation, Private Gurney charged the nearest enemy machine-gun post, bayoneted three men and silenced the post. He then continued on to a second post, bayonet two men and sent out a third as a prisoner. At this stage a stick of grenades was thrown at Private Gurney which knocked him to the ground. He rose again, picked up his rifle and charged the third post using the bayonet with great vigour. He then disappeared from view and later his body was found in an enemy post. By this single-handed act of gallantry in the face of a determined enemy, Private Gurney enabled his company to press forward to its objective, inflicting heavy losses upon the enemy. The successful outcome of this engagement was almost entirely due to Private Gurney's heroism at the moment when it was needed. (London Gazette: 11 September 1942.)

Lieutenant-Commander Leon Verdi Goldsworthy, GC, GM, DSC, RANVR.

Citation: For skill and courage of a high order during a series of mine recoveries extending from 12 June 1943 to 10 April 1944, which led to the recovery of four German ground mines, three magnetic mines and one acoustic mine. (London Gazette: 19 September 1944.)

Physically, Goldsworthy was small and light, but he had a tough and wiry body which had been strengthened by wrestling and gymnastics. He tried to enlist in the RAN, but his small stature caused him to be rejected initially. Later he was asked by the Navy to reapply. This he did, and on 24 March 1941 he was appointed to the RANVR with the rank of Sub-Lieutenant. About two months later he arrived in England and ultimately became a member of the rendering-minesafe section of HMS Veronix.

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

His first decoration, the George Medal, was gained (London Gazette: 18 April 1944) for "gallantry and undaunted devotion to duty in rendering enemy mines safe". This work involved the removal of a mine from the coal barge wharf at Southampton, where it had lain for over two years. He worked in the operation with Lieutenant-Commander G J Cliff, GM (BAR), MBE. A similar operation was successfully carried out in the River Thames by Goldsworthy and Sub-Lieutenant K J Birkett. The dates specified for these acts were 17 September and 7 October 1943.

Goldsworthy was mentioned in dispatches in August 1944, for "gallantry and undaunted devotion to duty", and the following month he received the George Cross in recognition of his work in the series of operations mentioned in the citation.

On 13 August 1943 he made safe a German ground-mine under water off Sheerness. On that occasion he used the special diving suit which one of his colleagues had helped to develop. It was only the second occasion such a weapon had been rendered safe under water. And the work was regarded as being particularly hazardous, for the diver had no means of escape should the fuse operate.

Goldsworthy dealt, on 10 April 1944, with an especially dangerous acoustic type of mine near Milford Haven. The mine had been laid two and half years earlier. Again using the special diving suit, Goldsworthy successfully removed the fuse and primer and later removed the mine intact. Other incidents underlying Goldsworthy's George Cross included rendering safe a mine near Weymouth on 12 June 1943 and another at West Hartlepool on an unspecified date.

A distinguished Service Cross was awarded to Goldsworthy in January 1945, for "gallantry and distinguished service in mine clearance". This was for stripping, in fifty feet of water at Cherbourg, the first German "K" type mine, when the harbour was hurriedly being cleared for Allied use during the invasion of Europe.

In 1971 in Vietnam my company was advancing through heavy bamboo when we came under fire from the rear. At the same time the forward scout of my lead platoon trod on a "jumping jack" M16 mine which exploded in mid-air removing his legs and those of the second scout and badly wounding the platoon commander in the shoulder and face.

Without second thought, my batman, a quiet, small and totally unassuming person, raced forward to the casualties, crossing what was an unmarked anti-personnel minefield, removed the bootlaces from his boots and tied tourniquets to the thigh stumps of both wounded scouts, thus saving their lives. Just one of the many incidents in action and no way comparable with the citations I have just read, but a personal experience nevertheless.

But it got me thinking as to what makes a man do such things?

Sometimes it may be a reflex action, done without thought for the consequences, an immediate act of intense bravery. At other times, it results from a man deciding that something has to be done. The company is tied down and taking heavy casualties, it can't move forward or back. The officers are dead and there is no obvious leadership and something has to be done. So brave Private Gurney does just that and takes out his bayonet and crosses 100 yards of fire-swept battleground and destroys singlehandedly three enemy machine-gun nests, losing his own life in the process. The company then continues the attack.

Or it might be the consequences of a series of deliberate acts of protracted bravery; perhaps the hardest of the whole lot because, after each act, the reservoir of human courage is reduced by a certain amount.

And in this situation we see those two outstanding Western Australian war heroes, Hughie Edwards and Leon Goldsworthy.

The Victoria Cross and George Cross represent supreme battlefield and war zone courage of superhuman quality. Courage that inspires men, and indeed nations, for all time. Courage that becomes a cornerstone of regimental, squadron or naval history; courage that inspires those who follow scores of years later to never let the side down; it is in a word "inspirational".

These 17 Victoria Cross and George Cross winners, whose names are now consecrated in this lovely venue of our State Memorial, not only inspired their fellow comrades in arms and generations of servicemen and women but, because of this appropriate location of the plaques, will inspire I am sure the scores of thousands who visit this memorial every year.

And I would like to think that their courage and their personal sacrifice in many cases will give young people in particular, food for thought. First they will note with awe the outstanding bravery, then perhaps the giving of self for the greater good, and from such examples our youngsters will determine to show courage themselves, not necessarily of course in war, but in life. That courage may be of two kinds: physical and moral, of which the latter in some ways is harder to carry out than the former.

But inspire us, these plaques will, and I conclude by congratulating the Australian Remembers Council and the RSL for their forethought in bringing this noble idea to such outstanding fruition.

To those family and friends of our Victoria Cross and George Cross winners, I hope you feel very proud in the knowledge that what your relations achieved in battle, in defence of this nation, has now been so fittingly recognised.

It now gives me truly great pleasure to dedicate the memorial plaques of our 17 Western Australian Victoria Cross and George Cross winners.

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WEST AUSTRALIAN BATTALION CELEBRATES 60 YEARS

In 1935 a group of prominent Perth citizens of Scottish ancestry evolved the idea of forming a Scottish regiment in Western Australia. The number 16 was allocated by Army HQ together with the title, 'The Cameron Highlanders of Western Australia'. This title was consented to, and supported, by the late King George V, Maj-Gen Cameron, Scottish Command UK, and the parent regiment, The Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders whose HQ were in Inverness, Scotland.

The historical background dates back to the 16th Bn, AIF, formed in September 1914 and, post-war, parts of the 88th (Perth) Infantry and 86th Infantry. The WA Rifles were re-designated the 2nd Bn 16th Infantry Regiment. Further changes in 1921 saw the 16th transferred to the Citizen Force Infantry which became the 16th Bn, (the Goldfields Regt). In 1926 the unit was allied with the Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regt, (the 16th of Foot) of the British Army. Due to a downturn in recruiting, the 16th disappeared from the Order of Battle but remained as an entity by its linking, in 1930, with 11th Bn, (the Perth Regt), the new unit becoming the 11/16th Bn.

In 1936 the unit re-emerged as the 16th as previously stated, and was the result of the efforts of WA Highland Regiment Assn, the Body formed in 1935 to have the Battalion raised. Initial recruits, as a condition of enrolment, paid two pounds per head to the Association towards the cost of providing Highland uniform. In addition, with the able support of leading Perth businessmen of Scottish ancestry, a campaign was initiated to obtain donations from prominent business houses in Perth. A number of these responded with cash donations, which fostered the formation of the emerging unit. The subsequent three years, to September 1939, saw the 16th training its members, mainly at annual camps held on Rottnest Island, its battle station.

At the outbreak of war in September 1939, the 16th, along with other militia units, was called out for full-time duty and continuous training. The formation of the 2nd AIF for overseas service saw the re-formation of old units with a '2' prefix, the 2/16th being one such Battalion. The 16th remained in service as an AMF Unit, but provided from its ranks officers and men to create the 2/11th, 2/16th and 2/28th Battalions. Whilst these latter-mentioned units went overseas, the 16th (the Cameron Highlanders of WA), became an active part of the force formed for the defence of WA, serving in locations ranging from the Murray River in the south to Dandaragan in the north.

In September 1942, owing to the fact that the men of the 16th volunteered en masse for overseas service, the unit was re-designated the 16th Australian Infantry Battalion (AIF). As such, it was posted to, and served in the defence of, Darwin during the Japanese attacks and from there was posted to New Britain and New Guinea until its disbandment in January 1946. Were this not enough to enshrine itself forever in the history of WA, the unit was re-activated in 1948 as a Citizen Military Force Unit, firstly as the 16/28 Bn (The Cameron Highlanders of VA) and subsequently, in 1962, as 16th Bn (The Cameron Highlanders of WA). As such it continued in service until 1960 when, with the 11/44th Bn and 28th Bn, it became part of the 1st Battalion. The Royal Western Australia Regiment. That situation prevailed until 1965, when a further reorganisation created two Battalions with the 16th becoming part of the 1st Bn, retaining its pipes and drums and also B Coy (The Cameron Coy). In 1966, a further reorganisation saw the renaming of the 1st Bn, The Royal Western Australia Regiment as the 16th Battalion, The Royal Western Australia Regiment, but unfortunately the pipes and drums were lost in 1968, when the Band was re-designated 'Western Command CMF Pipes and Drums'.

Through the many changes in title and role over the past 60 years, the spirit of the 16th Battalion has survived and the present day Battalion as part of the 13th Infantry Brigade carries on the proud traditions of its forebears. To celebrate the 60th anniversary of the raising of the Battalion, a wreath-laying ceremony is to be conducted at the State War Memorial on Sunday, 26 May 1996 at 11.00am.

JOHN TRELOAR

ERRATUM

Amendment 1994 State Congress Minutes

An error has been noted in the Minutes of the 1994 State Congress and the Autumn 1995 edition of The Listening Post. In both the Minutes and the magazine, the last line of the Item after 'State Secretary' delete 'and' insert 'or'. The Agenda Item should then read as follows:

CONSTITUTION

Item 3. Delete the present wording of State Rule 14.8.5 and substitute the following:

To cause the Common Seal of the State Branch to be affixed to an instrument by resolution of the State Executive - every instrument to which the Common Seal is affixed shall be signed by a member of the State Executive and shall be counter signed by another member thereof, the State Secretary or by one of the State Branch Trustees - CARRIED at SC (State Executive/Rockingham)

Please ensure all copies of the Minutes of the 78th Annual Congress are amended accordingly, including Rules and Standing Orders of the WA Branch (Inc).

J Geldart, State Secretary
From the National President:

DO YOU KNOW THIS MAN?

The letter printed below was received by the State President, Mr Len Keynes, from the National President, Maj Gen W B (Digger) James.

Any person who has information which may assist in locating the serviceman referred to by Mme Hortense Damon-Clews should contact the National President at the following address:

GPO Box 303, Canberra ACT 2601
Tel: (06) 248 7199 Fax: (06) 247 7637

I seek your assistance in trying to locate a person who may still be alive and who served in the most extraordinary circumstances in World War II. The following story will indicate the nature of the inquiry.

The story begins with a young Belgian girl aged 16 who, with her family, was working as a Belgian resistance fighter and, in particular, helping shot-down Allied airmen return to Britain and to safety. I refer to Mme Hortense Damon-Clews, of whom the book 'Child of War' by Mark Bles was published some years ago by Hodder and Stoughton. The book outlines in great detail the war experiences of this lady.

In summary, Hortense, at a very young age with mother and brothers, was involved in helping shot down Allied airmen return to Britain. The family conducted these brave and dangerous activities for several years, but subsequently were captured by the Germans. This young girl was placed in Ravensbrook concentration camp. After dreadful torture, including the injection of gas gangrene organisms as tests to produce sterility, and other dreadful indignities, she was then condemned to death. By miraculous means she survived and after the war met and married an Englishman and migrated in 1946 to the United Kingdom; where she still lives.

Hearing of this story, a colleague of mine arranged to have Hortense brought out to Australia on a recent visit, and I had the good fortune to escort her to see many of the mementoes of World War II that we have in the Australian War Memorial. In addition, she was honoured by the Belgian Ambassador in Canberra, by the Governor of NSW, and by the ex-service community during her visit here.

Following her visit to Canberra I asked her if she had any regrets, or if there was anyone she would like to meet from her days spent in prison. She described how, at her lowest ebb and in agony from pain, having been condemned to death in a prison in Brussels, she was able to communicate with a serviceman, although she never spoke to him or found out what his name or what service he was in. She could provide only sketchy details (remember, she was at death's door at the time, having been starved, beaten and tortured mercilessly.) but following is her description of the person she would dearly love to meet again.

The period of contact with the man was about 27 or 28 May, 1944 while Hortense was being held at St Gilles military prison in Brussels, Belgium. She was in isolation and made contact, per medium of a broken mirror and employing amateur morse code, with an inmate of an adjoining cell. With the aid of the mirror and hand signals, they were able to communicate in a very simple way. She learnt from him that there was ‘to be a parachute landing in about 15 days’. She had no other contact with him until about nine days later when, at a parade of prisoner inmates, her ‘friend’ was amongst a group being paraded before the prison authorities. She noticed the following features about him.

Firstly, he was a tall man. He appeared to have an injured leg as he had some difficulty in walking. He was dressed in military clothes of khaki, and wore a brown or tan jacket with a white fur-lined neck. Hortense wanted to tell this man she was about to be sent to Germany. In trying to do so, by making signs, she was dealt with by the prison authorities by being thrown into isolation and given a diet of bread and water for a further seven days. That is her only description.

It seems to me that the person Hortense would like to meet may well have been a member of the Air Force, noting the fur-lined jacket he wore. Which meant he could be United States Army Air Corps, the RAF, the RCAF, RNZAF or RAAF.

This is a strange story, and one I think that conjures up the feelings of wanting to help this marvellous lady who, I would best describe as a charming lady and one who would be the epitome of what one would see in one’s mother.

If you are this man, or know someone who could be, please contact me so I can pass the information on to Hortense.

W B (Digger) JAMES

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Mr Bruce Ruxton Deputy-National President RSL. Left, Mr John Burridge State President Perth Legacy Centre and Mr Len Keynes State President RSL [WA Branch] at the Legacy luncheon in November.

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How many of us here now remember the "dog days" of the early months of this year when the news world insistently and to our annoyance referred to Moresby as the "Tobruk of the Pacific"? Some of us find no pleasure in looking back upon those days, and especially those nights, when we gathered together, a disconsolate little group, to listen with apprehension to the ABC news. Sometimes for diversion we tuned in to Radio Tokyo, and diversion we invariably got - especially when one night we listened to a graphic account of the march of. Nippon feet and the rattle of Nippon guns in the streets of Moresby town itself. We heard, too, of the havoc played by Japanese aircraft amongst our fighters - the "To-morrow-hawks" that were not yet here. They were melancholy months of mosquitoes, rain and mud, and an occasional night of mental malaise dangerously close to despair.

"The Mice of Moresby", Radio Tokyo called us because we spent all of our time, "they said", in our flunk holes, like our Aussie Brothers, the "Rats of Tobruk". (That night a certain old-soldier Major is reported to have turned the radio off because there were those present who would have smashed it in a vain effort to silence the innuendo insults of the English-speaking Jap. - and of his female offside who used her English so well in her hate of Aussies.)

It was in the depth of a despondent dog-night that there was a voice in the darkness: "I heard a couple of blokes were wounded in yesterday's raid. Ack-ack gunners, I believe they were".

"Yeah. I heard about it. Bad luck. Still we haven't much to grumble about. The Japs are the greatest makers of holes in the ground I've ever seen. When you consider the hundreds of bombs they've dropped, doesn't it strike you as amazing that we've had next to no casualties?"

"I suppose it is in a way. But if you've got good shelters and show a bit a common sense there's not much to worry about in a raid."

There was a long gap in the conversation. The rain dripped to the tent floor with hard, little cracking noises. Everyone was thinking. I knew what they were thinking about. I would have taken bets that the next remark would concern some town or city in the mainland. It did.

"Wonder what it's like back home now?", mused one chap. "Black-out and everything, I suppose. They tell me the shops have got their windows all boarded up." For a moment he pulled at a pipe that had gone out and then added: "Gosh it'd be nice to see a pretty girl again, though".

It was a statement that needed no answer. Another gap of silence. I thought of the thousands of men around me, in huts and tents, and of others struggling in the mountains, or out on patrol in the distant jungle. Also those manning guns and searchlights, always on duty, the men down at the wharf unloading a freighter. I thought of the fighter pilots snatching sleep while they could. And I too, thought of home, thousands of miles away.

This mountainous tract of jungle called Papua was no place for war. It was a place for laughing natives and the soft rhythmic beat of drums and the slap of tropic seas against the hull of some white-painted trading schooner. Yet here were thousands of Australian youngsters, shuddering rifles, fighting, patrolling, digging in the hard clay, manning guns and searchlights, lumping boxes of ammunition and cases of stores. And all of them thinking of homes in mainland suburbs or in the tranquil country, of picture theatres and pretty girls (because girls must be pretty when you're in Papua), and crowded pavements...

One night in Moresby? ...of hundreds of nights in Moresby.

The theme is approached from another angle in the verses "The Mice of Moresby", in which the poetical "Pinto" wrote of the same dog-days, not of scurrying hole seekers, but as "fighting mice", gnawing and nibbling our way to Nippon. So here's to ourselves, the gnawing, nibbling, fighting, massing "Mice of Moresby".

MICE OF MORESBY by "Pinto".

Rats of old "Tobruk".
Or merely Moresby mice,
We've had our fill of fighting,
And of hardships, once or twice.
We have hugged the earth for cover,
With the bombers overhead.
We have seen the bombs exploding,
Heard the swish of falling lead.
We have dived into the trenches,
With our last remaining breath,
Just a fraction of a second,
Ahead of fire, din and death.
We have toiled and we have sweated,
In the humid tropic heat,
And we've longed for many comforts,
And fresh food that we could eat.
But we'll gnaw our way to freedom,
And nibble at the scum,
'Til we drive them back to Nippon,
Or the Hell where they belong.
And when they've learned their lesson,
Then maybe these foreign lice,
Will remember "Rats of old Tobruk".
And Moresby's "Fighting Mice".

Courtesy: ERIC STALLARD

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The Japanese learned to respect the accuracy of Australia's Beauforts – and with good reason developed a hatred for No 7 Squadron.

The aircraft of No 7 with the large letters "KT" on the fuselages played havoc with the enemy on land and sea and built up a record of which its air and ground crews were justly proud.

* Allied convoys wending their way from Thursday Island to Darwin enjoyed a peaceful voyage, through the tireless efforts of this squadron guarding the sea lanes.

* The work of Number Seven in New Guinea earned the gratitude of the Army, with a typical message reading: "Excellent strike - feature taken with little opposition."

No 7 Squadron formed at Laverton on 27 June 1940, but during the first 18 months the squadron was practically reduced to nucleus. A mere handful of airmen were officially squadron personnel, operating with No 2 Squadron for employment and experience.

Number Seven was activated at Laverton on 7 January 1942, its immediate role being operational training. The first operational flights consisted of a series of anti-submarine and convoy patrols as well as training exercises.

During May, the squadron moved to Bairnsdale with a detached flight at Mallacoota.

On 4 June 1942, while on convoy patrol near Gabo Island, FltLt Williams saw the "Iron Crown" explode before his eyes. Later a submarine surfaced some distance from the scene. FltLt Williams dived to the attack, damaging the craft which crash dived.

During June, its OTU role ceased and the squadron formed. By August, it moved to Nowra to convert from Hudsons to Beauforts. In October, Number Seven was based at Ross River and became a bomber reconnaissance squadron.

On 15 December, FlgOff Whishaw sighted a submarine in the Gulf of Carpenteria. He released his bombs 100 feet ahead of the craft now at periscope depth. Intelligence stated that some damage was inflicted and the submarine would

ON STRIKE: A familiar sight in the New Guinea skies, the Japanese learned to dread the Beauforts. This picture shows bombs from another aircraft bursting on enemy positions.

been subjected to terrific strain.

Toward the end of January 1943, a Beaufort, patrolling the western approaches to Horn Island, sighted a message written on the beach: "South-west bomber ship 25 miles". Later, 10 men were seen on the beach, some being naked. Another message read: "No food", whereupon issue rations were dropped. Later it was learnt that the ship was the Patcam from Darwin.

FlgOff Hopton, on 18 June, sighted a Navy Type O reconnaissance floatplane, which he attacked from 200 yards. Immediately the mainplane caught fire. With the second burst, the enemy crashed into the sea.

A week later, WgCdr K R Parsons, in similar circumstances, intercepted another Jake and a dog fight ensued for 20 minutes. It too escaped, but in a damaged condition.

Five days later, on a similar patrol, FlgOff Legge sighted another, six miles away. After two attacks, the Jake ditched into the sea with smoke belching from its port wing. It was finally destroyed by gunfire.

Early in November, again near Horn Island, FltLt Cox attacked a further Jake, which crashed into flames into the sea, exploding on impact. In this case, there was no return fire from the enemy.

Number Seven was briefed for its first bombing attacks on 27 November, when five Beauforts set out to bomb the Timoeeka area. The element of surprise was achieved, only light inaccurate fire being experienced.

Early in December two aircraft were detailed to locate a missing VHCTC in the vicinity of Turtle Island. They found eight aboard a dinghy with seven clinging to its sides. Another dinghy was dropped. Later rescue launches landed the survivors at Horn Island.
Throughout January 1944 there were frequent sightings of enemy aircraft, but little eventuated to enliven the normal routine of squadron life.

On 22 February, a flight of Beauforts staged through Merauke to raid Timoea. Results were difficult to assess due to heavy tropical growth.

Toward the end of the month the squadron moved to Higgins Field.

Timoea was still Number Seven's main preoccupation throughout 1944. On 6 May this target was attacked in force. The daylight attack was timed to precede a night attack by Catalinas in the same area.

While escorting HMAS Invermal on 13 June Flt Sgt Keats and crew mysteriously disappeared. An orange flash was seen, followed by a dull thud. When the position was closed, all that remained on the surface was a large patch of oil, numerous pieces of debris and a submerged rubber dinghy.

Further reconnaissance flights and raids were carried out against the now familiar target during June and July, culminating with a final strike by six Beauforts against Keauka on August 3.

Off to New Guinea

From August to November 1944 the squadron was unoperative pending its transfer to No 71 Wing in New Guinea.

The movement by air was unique in the history of the RAAF, as Number Seven was probably the first squadron to be moved entirely by aircraft. Ten C47s from No 34 Squadron, Parafield, no 35 Squadron, Guildford, and No 36 Squadron, Townsville, transported the main body and equipment.

On six days between 21 and 26 October, 47 flights were made between Higgins Field and Tadji, carrying 235,000 lbs of equipment and 114 personnel.

Operations were recommenced on 3 November when nine Beauforts bombed targets of opportunity between Niap and Wewak.

Three days later transport and road communications were blasted at the west end of but strip, where transport submarines were known to be unloading. Incidentally, this attack coincided with the initial offensive of the Sixth Division.

To rescue ditched Americans, Beauforts of Number Seven co-operated with other squadrons in distracting Japanese attention, while a Catalina landed on the sea under enemy gun positions. This carefully planned operation was so perfectly co-ordinated and executed that not one shot interfered with the rescue.

December saw the squadron settle into the routine but satisfying work of providing maximum serviceability of aircraft and efficient crews to carry out strikes and reconnaissances in the Wewak area and the numerous occupied villages inland from the Torricelli Mountains.

January 1945 witnessed an increase in Number Seven's operational effort. There were 245 sorties flown in 468 hours, when 325,530 lbs of bombs were dropped and 148,247 rounds expended.

Army personnel were quite confident to remain within 200 yards of the bombing, since such accuracy had been obtained, though they resented being covered with dust.

By sheer concentration of accurate, heavy bombing attacks, Nambut Hill, a ridge in the Torricelli Mountains, which had proved a considerable obstacle to the AIF advance, was reduced by 18 February.

By the end of April a succession of victories by the AIF resulted in the capture of Maprik, But, Dagua, Karawop, Boiken Plantation and Hawain and the Sixth Division had carried all before it to a point 13 miles from Wewak, the major objective. The Beauforts carried out "softening-up" attacks along the coast well in advance of the troops.
On 22 April Number Seven took part in a very successful mission, when the headquarters of the Japanese Major-General Miyake was devastated.

Early in May Number Seven was engaged with the reduction of Wewak. So successful was the Army support and the tactical reconnaissance work of the RAAF squadrons that the Wewak campaign was regarded as an outstanding example of Army-Air co-operation.

The attacks on 9 May 1945 were particularly vicious. The target was the narrow neck of Wewak Peninsula. All aircraft hit the target, a narrow line of natural defence positions at its narrowest point.

During May, Kina, a native, arrived at Altape. He had escaped with his family from Muschu Island. At first he cruised off the island in a naval vessel, directing fire on targets unknown to the authorities.

Later, on 28 May, he acted as front gunner of a No 7 Squadron Beaufort, while he directed the attack in pidgin English and strafed targets not hitherto attacked.

The most notable event for the month of June was the fight for Mt Tazaki and Mt Shiborangu, which dominated the entire sector. Each morning the request of the AIF were met as they battled up the heavily timbered slopes. Mt Tazaki fell on the 22nd and Shiborangu a few days later.

Number Seven's last strike of the war was flown on the morning of 15 August 1945, just before the news of the Japanese surrender was received. Kairivu was attacked and strafed by 12 Beauforts.

Travel, ferry and courier flights occupied the squadron during the next few months. On 19 December 1945, after all aircraft had been flown to the mainland, Number Seven officially disbanded at Tadjji.

(Contributed by W. Thomas, Officer-in-Charge, RAAF Historical Section.)

 Courtesy: RAAF News

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**THE BATTLE FOR FREEDOM ART EXHIBITION**

1995 was a momentous year full of recalling buried memories of many kinds. The older generation reflected on living through wartime - the young thought of the relatives they never met or those who suffered for the rest of their lives. It was definitely a positive time remembering recent history and many stories may have been lost forever if the Australia Remembers programme had not occurred.

We had a tremendous opportunity at the various venues in Perth, Boulder and Geraldton to speak to people about the importance of remembering our nation's sacrifice and wish to thank all those who supported us in our effort to depict something of the story of the 1939-45 conflict.

Many people expressed their concern about our country's present situation and were obviously worried about their children's future. They were also keen to see the exhibition somehow made permanently available for public viewing.

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"The government should take the paintings over and put them on permanent display."

"Your poems are very moving, in fact there is so much in the whole exhibition to absorb. I'll be back."

"Next time I come, I'll bring my children - they must see this."

Once again thank you all.

BEVERLEY LUNT and CLAY EVANS, Artists

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**REMEMBRANCE DAY LUNCHEON**

The special committee of the Returned Ex-Servicewomen's Sub-Branch will hold a Remembrance Day Lunch at the Fremantle Sailing Club on Monday, 11 November 1996.

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The venue was the Other Ranks mess at Leeuwin Barracks, and what a transformation met the patrons on the night: sand bags, parachute nets, jeeps, guns and other memorabilia all added to the "40s" theme, while twinkling lights, balloons, flowers and candles, men in Mess dress and black tie and ladies in ball gowns added to the glamour and romance of the evening.

The music was provided by the superb 'Magic Dream Big Band', and many of the 300-strong crowd felt they were listening to the music of Glenn Miller's band. A wonderful display of ballroom dancing was provided by Graeme and Frances Rieu set.

The Army chefs catered for the evening with a magnificent buffet dinner and provided a cake which was cut by the State Presidents from the RSL and the Red Cross. The drink stewards and waiters for the night were Army personnel and senior Army Cadets, a raffle consisted of prizes donated by Qantas, WA Turf Club and Kings Park Tea Rooms and lucky spots and door prizes added to the enjoyment.

The evening was run as a money-raiser for the welfare funds of the RSL and Red Cross. The ball was hailed as a great success by all and another one is planned for later in 1996; more information will be given in the next Listening Post.

ANNE KEYNES

Mr Jock Morrison, Chairman Australian Red Cross (WA Branch) left, and Mr Len Keynes, State President RSL (WA Branch), cutting the cake at the "Victory" Ball.

Pilots' Course Prize

No. 167 Pilots' Course Graduation, 7 December, 1995. Off. Cdt. Craig Whiting being presented with the RSL Prize for Leadership by Mr L. Keynes, State President of the RSL.
These commemorative medals for Patriotic Service are available to all British Commonwealth and allied ex-servicemen and women, both regular and reserve, and to Civilian Volunteers (Police, Fire Service, Essential Services, Emergency Services, Officers of Cadets, Coast Guard, Merchant Navy, Home Guard, Women's Land Army, Ambulance, Red Cross, etc.).

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FURTHER EVIDENCE OF NAVAL BUILD-UP IN WESTERN AUSTRALIA

The arrival of a third guided-missile frigate for homeporting in WA on January 15 further strengthens the Navy in Western Australia in line with the Federal Government's Two Ocean Navy policy.

HMAS Canberra, commanded by Commander Matt Tripovich, CSC, RAN, joins her sister ships Adelaide and Darwin at HMAS Stirling which is also known as Fleet base West.

Led in by the Naval tug Tammar with her water cannon throwing arcs of water in the air, the 4000 tonne HMAS Canberra carries a complement of 205 officers and sailors. The ship was greeted by Fleet base West staff, the WA Naval Band, families and friends and survivors from the first HMAS Canberra lost at the Battle of Savo Island in 1942.

The Commanding Officer of HMAS Stirling, Commodore Bob Trotter said: "The arrival of this front-line warship will boost the number of ships and submarines based at Garden Island to 11 major units including the three guided-missile frigates, two destroyer escorts, two patrol boats, two submarines (one a training platform), underway replenishment ship and a hydrographic survey ship.

"Collins, the first of the Navy's new class of submarines is due to arrive mid-year for homeporting and will be followed by her five sister submarines as they enter service over the next four years. 1997 will see the arrival of Anzac, the first of the Navy's eight new patrol frigates in WA. She will be followed by three sister ships.

Commodore Trotter further stated: "Facilities and infrastructure at Fleet base West (HMAS Stirling) will continue to be expanded significantly to cater for the increase in the number of technically advanced ships homeported here.

"Indeed the past couple of years have seen some $175m of new facilities come on line - capabilities such as the magnificent new fleet pier specially designed to accommodate Collins-class submarines, a three-dimensional tracking range offshore, the state-of-the-art Submarine Training and Systems Centre, the helicopter support facility, new facilities for naval personnel and their families and the Training Centre West are some of these additions.

"The Navy capability in WA is impressive by any yardstick and, apart from its obvious contribution to Australia's security, also contributes some $100m annually into the local economy."

"With some 2500 naval personnel at present based in the west, the RAN is now the largest permanent force of the three arms of the Australian Defence Force in WA.

VIC JEFFERY, Naval Public Affairs Officer (WA)
Survivors of the original HMAS Canberra were present to greet the present day guided-missile frigate which carries this proud name. Canberra's Commanding Officer, Commander Matt Tripovich is pictured (left to right): Ernie Rudland, Matt Strang, Syd Wodlehock, Arthur Carter (Secretary of the Canberra/Shropshire Assoc.), Martin Faulkner, Keith Nordahl (President of the Canberra/Shropshire Assoc.).

The Passing Parade

We met and we married a long time ago; We worked for long hours when the wages were low. No TV, no wireless, no bath, times were hard; Just a cold water tap and a walk in the yard. No holiday abroad, no carpets on floors; We had coal on the fire, and we didn't lock doors. Our children arrived, no pill in those days; And we brought them up without any State aid. People were happy in those far off days; Kinder and caring in so many ways. Milkman and paperboy would whistle and sing; A night out at the pictures was our one mad fling. We all got our share of troubles and strife; We just had to face it - that's the pattern of life. Now I'm alone and look back through the years; I don't think of the bad times, troubles and tears. I remember the blessings, our home and our love; And that we shared them together, I thank God above. Courtesy: ALAN BURNARD Nerang QLD
Following is an edited version of a diary which recently came into my possession. It has been edited only to delete entries I considered to be of little or no interest to readers.

The diary was compiled by Private James Patrick Broderick, Regimental Number 827, "F" Company, 1st Infantry Brigade, AIF, and gives a first hand account of the everyday experiences of the young World War I diggers from the time of their departure from Australia on 20 October 1914, through their preparation in Egypt for war and ends with a description of the spirit in which the original Anzacs approached what was to be a dreadful bloodbath called the Gallipoli Landing.

It is a true and poignant story.

1914

AUGUST 30th. Joined "F" Company, 4th Battalion, 1st Infantry Brigade, First Australian Imperial Expeditionary Force at the Randwick Racecourse. Nothing of much interest happened up till date of embarkation except an incident in Centennial Park one night when seven men in our Battalion were knocked down while we were carrying out a night attack.

19th OCTOBER. Embarked on troopship Euripides in Sydney Harbour at midday. We came down to Circular Quay in a tram from Kensington, the 3rd Battalion going first.

There were great crowds along the route and I saw some soul-stirring scenes as brothers and pals shouted to each other while the tram was racing along. Mothers, sisters and sweethearts were also there to witness the departure of sons and loved ones.

The Euripides is an Aberdeen White Star Liner of 15000 tons displacement. We had 2460 troops on board and during the afternoon many ferries came out and circled around our ship as she lay at her moorings in the harbour. We joined in with the people on the ferries and other boats and sang "It's a long way to Tipperary".

20th OCTOBER. We left Sydney Harbour at 6am in the morning. The Africa went out through the Heads first, followed by the Star of Victoria and the Argyleshire. Next came the Clan MacCougodale and the Euripides followed in the rear. Nothing of interest happened until we reached Albany.

26th OCTOBER. We arrived in Albany at 12 noon and anchored alongside the Orvieto, an Orient liner of 12,000 tons displacement. When we steamed into the bay we passed a line of ships carrying Victorian troops. As we passed other ships we had to stand to attention and they all cheered us, but they were surprised at not receiving any response from us and some of the boys on the Victorian troopships counted us out while others yelled out, "Are you petrified?"

30th OCTOBER. Ten New Zealand troopships arrived at Albany carrying 10,000 troops and escorted by several warships, some of which were Japanese.

1st NOVEMBER. The whole fleet left Albany bound for England and comprised 38 troopships and several warships. The warships included the Sydney, the Melbourn, the Minotaur, and a Japanese warship. We had a total of 8,000 troops from New South Wales, Queensland, Victoria, South Australia, Western Australia and Tasmania plus the New Zealanders, and the troopships travelled in rows of three abreast.

3rd NOVEMBER. The West Australian Division joined us off Fremantle, the SS Medic and another vessel being their transports.

5th NOVEMBER. First death on board. Private Kello died of pneumonia. His kit and equipment were put up for auction and realised about 70 pounds which was sent home to his mother and sister.

8th NOVEMBER. The SS Oysterly passed us at dusk. She was bound for England and came quite close to us on the starboard side so we all lined up and cheered her as she went by. We also sang "It's a long way to Tipperary".

9th NOVEMBER. Saw big schools of porpoises off the port side. The Australian cruiser HMAS Sydney disappeared from her position on the port horizon at 6am heading south and we were all speculating as to the reason for her sudden change of direction. At 10am a big Japanese warship steamed around in front and took up the position vacated by the Sydney.

At 10.30am, while we were all on parade, the bugle blew the call for all Officers to fall-in at the double in the orderly room. The Officers returned in about five minutes and informed us that the Sydney was engaging the Emden, about 80 miles away, off the Cocos Islands. At lunch we received the radio message that the Emden was "beached and done for" and the Sydney was pursuing her collier.

The Emden lost 200 killed and 40 wounded; the Sydney lost 3 killed and 14 wounded. We all raced up on deck and cheered till we were hoarse. We sang patriotic songs and the beer canteen was kept open an hour longer and we finished up at night with a patriotic concert.

Signaller Lowe died at 1am and was buried at sea next morning by the Dean of Sydney.

10th NOVEMBER. On parade from 8am till 11am. At night all the ships had to travel with lights out and we slept with our lifebelts on as it was feared that German mine-layers might be in the vicinity.

15th NOVEMBER. Arrived at Colombo at midday but anchored outside and went into the harbour the next morning. Anchored alongside the Sydney and she did not appear much damaged. We had the natives div-
ing after coins which we threw into the water.

17th NOVEMBER. Left Colombo at 6pm. Colombo was a pretty sight at night time and as we steamed out the searchlights from the lighthouse and the harbour were playing on us.

I forgot to mention we "crossed the line" on the 13th. One man was court-martialled and sentenced to 21 days in the Guardroom.

25th NOVEMBER. Arrived at Port Said but stayed only one day. It was a barren looking place. Some of the boys went ashore to get a few parcels for the officers and said it was no place for an Australian.

There are big British barracks there facing towards the outer harbour.

26th NOVEMBER. We left Aden and went up to the Red Sea, sighted land very often which was utterly barren sandy waste without any sign of vegetation. The sandhills mounted up, one behind the other, sometimes forming a magnificent spectacle as they faded away into the distance. We passed the 12 islands in a row, known as The Twelve Apostles.

1st DECEMBER. Arrived at Port Suez which is a fairly large place situated at the entrance to the Suez Canal. We went into the Canal at midnight and arrived at Port Said at 2.30 the next afternoon. There are several Navy stations along the canal, manned by the French and guarded by Indian troops. As we went past the French people turned out and shouted "Vive L'Anglais".

We passed a strongly entrenched Indian troop camp further on. The Indians all lined up along the bank and, directed by their British Officers, gave us three hearty cheers. They had about 100 camels and twice as many mules and donkeys.

The canal varies in width from 40 yards to about 100 yards.

We also passed a big French passenger boat about halfway through the Canal. The passengers were all French and they were very excited. I saw some very pretty French girls among them.

We arrived at Port Said and dropped anchor alongside the wharf. As we were coming in we passed down a double row of Australian and New Zealand troopships as well as British and French warships and got a great reception from all sides; the bugles sounded the Grand Salute and mighty cheers rent the air. From daybreak until sunset it had been a day of cheering. But then 860 of us went down with typhoid poisoning; however we were all fully recovered within a few days.

We took coal from barges tied alongside the ship which was brought on board by coolies in baskets carried on their shoulders.

We left Port Said that afternoon, the New Zealand ships leading the way.

4th DECEMBER. Arrived at Alexandria.

6th DECEMBER. Disembarked from ship and entrained for Cairo, a distance of about 110 miles. The journey was very interesting, countryside irrigated all the way and under agriculture.

We arrived at Cairo at about 4 o'clock and all lined up to get a bun and cup of cocoa. My company was left at the railway station to guard 2,000,000 rounds of ammunition which I helped unload from the Euphrates. We nearly broke camp that night, we wanted to explore Cairo. Some of the boys got drunk and did not turn up for two or three days.

7th DECEMBER. Our company, F, was relieved the next day and we went out to the camp where the rest of the Battalions were encamped. Our camp was situated on the western side of the pyramids and the Sphinx, about seven miles out of Cairo; the New Zealanders were camped on the opposite side as also was the Light Horse. The name of our camp was Mena and there were 12 Battalions of Infantry and all the Australian Artillery camped there as well.

8th DECEMBER. I went right through, and up to the top of, the biggest pyramid. It is a wonderful construction, 460 feet high and covers 11 acres. The Sphinx is queer looking but well worth seeing.

24th DECEMBER. We went into Cairo and had a jolly time. Cairo is a big city with a population of 700,000. There are some fine hotels and the streets are crowded at nights with soldiers of many coloured uniforms.

We made things pretty lively in Cairo for the first five or six weeks. There was music being played everywhere and our boys made the money go around as fast as they could.

25th DECEMBER. Christmas Day. We had Church Parade in the morning and dinner at 1 o'clock. It was a good dinner with plum pudding and beer being the most notable extras. We were nearly all drunk by teatime and there were very few men left in the camp by 6 o'clock that night; they had all scaled into town.

Next day152 of our Battalion were up before the Colonel for breaking camp and they were sentenced to seven days CB.

31st DECEMBER. New Year's Eve. I went into Cairo without leave and was bailed up by a guard as I was coming home in a motor car with some pals. We were marched back to camp next day, brought up before the Colonel and all fined one day's pay.

We started new drill formation.

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1st JANUARY. New drill. Former "F" and "B" Companies were formed into one Company known as "C" Company.

2nd JANUARY. Went through usual routine which was as follows: Reveille 6.30am, breakfast at 7, Fall-in at 8, march out to Parade Ground and drill until 1 o'clock then march back to camp, a distance of three miles. Dismiss at 2 o'clock, Tea at 5 o'clock and Lights Out at 10.15pm.
10th JANUARY. Sunday Church in the morning, then went into Cairo after dinner and visited the museum. It is a magnificent building and contains some very ancient relics. I saw mummies there that were embalmed 4000 BC. There are mummies there of Rameses the 1st, 2nd and 3rd. The skin is dried like leather but the hair is still on the head. These men were Egyptian kings in the time of Moses.

20th JANUARY. I went into town and through the zoological gardens with their fine breedings of lions, hippopotomus and rhinoceros but only one Australian animal, a black walleroo. Amongst other breeds there were zebra and a fine collection of giraffes, seven in number, and stood about 16 feet tall.

21st JANUARY. Turks are reported to be advancing towards the Canal. Two boys from our tent went into hospital with measles. The machine-gun section left camp and went to Abbysia Barracks in Cairo. About 50 nurses arrived from Australia and visited our camp.

24th JANUARY. Sunday. Went to mass in the morning and wrote letters to Nell and Ann during the afternoon. Went to the 9th Battalion camp after tea to see some pals.

25th JANUARY. Monday. Went to see the doctor suffering from sandy blight. Exempted from duty and stayed in camp all day.

26th JANUARY. Tuesday. Australia Day! General leave for everyone but I had no money so stayed in camp and wrote a few more letters.

Australian mail given out at dinner time.

27th JANUARY. News of the arrival of Turkish patrols around the Canal. The British had a few scraps with them. I went out with Scout Officer for special scout training and we returned home in a blinding dust storm.

28th JANUARY. Thursday. I stayed in camp with a touch of sandy blight. A motor smash along the road the three Officers hurt.

29th JANUARY. British troops had another brush with Turk patrols at the Canal. Rumoured in camp that the second Australian and New Zealand contingents had arrived in Alexandria. We went out on a sham fight, bivouacked at night and returned to camp next day.

1st FEBRUARY. Battalion went out to the range and through a course of rifle fire but I stayed in camp under doctors’ orders, sandy blight again.

2nd FEBRUARY. Tuesday. I went out with the Battalion on firing exercises. Our Company got best score but was disqualified because one man fired after the whistle to cease firing had been blown.

3rd FEBRUARY. Wednesday. Orders came through at midnight last night that 7th and 8th Battalions were to leave for the Canal and at 11 this morning they marched away with 150 round of ammunition each in
Sergeant Griffith was court martialled for being absent without leave (AWL) and was reduced to the rank of Corporal.

19th FEBRUARY. We all went to a lecture on Turkey after tea.

20th FEBRUARY. Annual leave for our Battalion and I started out to catch a tram but was kicked in the leg by a horse trotting along the road past me. I was carried back to camp on a stretcher but was able to limp about after a few days rest.

25th FEBRUARY. News in the camp that we will shortly be leaving Egypt and we are all in good spirits.

26th FEBRUARY. 9th Battalion struck tents in preparation to leave for an unknown destination.

27th FEBRUARY. The advance guard of the 9th Division left camp today.

10th MARCH. Wednesday. Reveille at 4.30am and the whole Division was out digging trenches all day. Australian mail arrived and I received 11 letters. After tea we went to a wrestling match, Australia v Champion of Egypt.

11th MARCH. The division was again out digging trenches and erecting barbed wire entanglements. A big dust storm came up and we returned to camp at 10am.

12th MARCH. Marched out to where the trenches had been dug and camped in them all night. Our Brigade occupied the trenches and the 2nd Brigade made an attack on us at midnight but they ran foul of the barbed wire and we repulsed them.

14th MARCH. I went out to Helipolis and visited Luna Park, the Citadel Fortress and Great Mahomedan Mosque and also the contingent camp.

17th MARCH. St Patrick’s Day. We camped out all night and carried out an attack against the 2nd Brigade.

29th MARCH. Monday. General Sir Ian Hamilton inspected the Division this morning and declared that we were a magnificent body of men - go to Australia! It is rumoured that Sir Ian Hamilton is to take command of all the British forces in Egypt.

30th MARCH. Heard a rumour today that we will be leaving Egypt shortly.

31st MARCH. A Divisional attack was carried out today. Third reinforcements arrived in camp.

2nd APRIL. Good Friday. A serious riot occurred in Cairo this afternoon. Our troops ran amok and burnt two or three business places down and several soldiers were shot by the Military Police. The fracas was caused by Egyptians molesting some of our boys. The Light Horse were called in to quieten the riot.

3rd APRIL. Saturday. We received orders today to move to Cairo where we will entain for Alexandria and the boys cheered lustily when the orders were given out. We marched to the Cairo central railway station and boarded the train for Alexandria.

We left camp at 9pm and arrived in Cairo at midnight, having marched 10 miles with full equipment.

4th APRIL. The train moved off at 3am and we arrived in Alexandria at 9am. We then embarked on the TS Lake Michigan. This vessel is 8500 tons displacement and was one of the Canadian troopships. Since the war began she has carried over 40,000 troops to the front.

It is Easter Sunday.

5th APRIL. Easter Monday. We left Alexandria at midnight and are steering for an unknown destination.

6th APRIL. We are steaming in a north westerly direction and are sighting numerous islands.

7th APRIL. Wednesday. Arrived at the island of Lemnos in the Dardanelle’s Straits at 9am. We are now only 60 miles away from where the warships are bombarding the Turkish positions.

8th APRIL. Lying in harbour. More troopships arrive.

10th APRIL. More and more troopships arriving.

13th APRIL. Received nine letters today.

14th APRIL. Wednesday. Our Brigade went ashore and carried out a sham attack. We had to invade through water without boats for about 20 yards as we could not get the boats close enough up to the shore.

15th APRIL. Repeated yesterday’s exercise.

16th APRIL. As yesterday.

17th APRIL. On guard on board the ship.

18th APRIL. Went to Church Parade and to confession.

19th APRIL. Monday. British sailors off the HMS Dublin and other warships came on board, they are going to assist us in the landing operations. Rumours that a transport was attacked off Sgme by a Turkish submarine (more likely a German U-Boat. Ed.). 40 lives were lost. A British gunboat sank the submarine with all hands.

We expect to go into action tomorrow on the Gallipoli Peninsula against the Turks.

20th APRIL. We received orders to move but they were cancelled.

21st APRIL. Wednesday Still waiting.

22nd APRIL. Thursday. Still waiting.

23rd APRIL. Friday. Orders to move - at last!

24th APRIL. Saturday. At midday today we steamed out passing numerous troopships and warships anchored at a place 30 miles from where we are to make an attack at 3am in the morning. We are all in great spirits and are well equipped. The boys are all singing and joking. Everyone wears a smile. NOW FOR IT.

Those were the last words ever to be recorded by Private James Patrick Broderick. He was wounded in that historic and monstrous military disaster of Gallipoli and died on 6 May 1915, just 12 days after the Anzacs landed.

Grieved and in mourning, Private Broderick’s fiancée did not marry until many years after receiving the news of his death - and I married her elder daughter!

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NB: The article titled "The Australians and New Zealand Expeditionary Force", printed in the autumn 1994 edition, covers the departure of the fleet from Albany as mentioned in the diary dated 1 November. Editor.
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Full details in the next issue of *The Listening Post*.

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In May 1995 the Australian Government allocated $1.6m to join with authorities in Thailand in developing the Hellfire Pass area of the Burma-Thailand Railway as a Memorial Park. That initiative arose from Prime Minister Keating’s visit to Hellfire Pass in April 1994 and from his discussions with, among others, the Director of Thai National Security Command - the Military Authority under whose jurisdiction the territory encompassing Hellfire Pass lies.

In September 1994 and in October 1995 I visited Thailand to familiarise with the area, to appreciate the work that has been done by the ex-POW Association, the Australian-Thai Chamber of Commerce, the RSL and other bodies and to develop understandings with Thai Authorities as to our respective roles in the project.

We intend developing a Memorial Complex that will honour the achievements and suffering of Prisoners of War in construction of the Burma-Thailand Railway and in its maintenance throughout the remainder of the war. The Memorial Complex will focus on the engineering objectives and human achievements under adversity rather than dwell on the brutality of the captors and their treatment of the Prisoners of War. We intend that the Memorial Complex be designed as a walk-through series of exhibits that will inform by virtue of the range and quality of the material presented, while allowing visitors to experience something of the harsh total environment in which work on the construction of the railway was conducted.

Work on the Memorial Complex will be directed towards the following:
- Improved road access through the property of the Royal Thai Army’s Livestock Research Unit to the area immediately above Konyu Cutting (Hellfire Pass);
- Development of a vehicle parking area in the vicinity of the existing concrete stairway leading to Konyu Cutting;
- Development and construction of a quality War Museum and Information Centre adjacent to the existing stairway leading to Konyu Cutting;
- Development of a ‘tourist negotiable’ walking trail from Konyu Cutting over some 4.5 kilometres along the alignment of the railbed to Compressor Cutting;
- Placement of a locomotive and rolling stock of the period on a reconstructed rail-bed adjacent to Konyu Cutting;
- Development of standing arrangements for continued maintenance of the Memorial Complex.

The Department of Veterans’ Affairs is the agency responsible for the Commonwealth’s role in this project and I, as Project Director, will be responsible through Secretary Dr Allen Hawke to the Minister. To be my On-Site Project Manager I have engaged Mr Rod Beattie, an Australian businessman based in Kanchanaburi and a person well known to many ex-POWs and visitors to Hellfire Pass. Rod and members of the Australian/Thai Chamber of Commerce have already invested a great deal of voluntary effort in the Hellfire Pass Memorial and in clearing the rail-bed alignment between Konyu Cutting and Compressor Cutting.

We are very fortunate that Rod has offered his services as On-Site Project Manager as I am certain there would be few people as well versed in the social, cultural and commercial environment of that region of Thailand as Rod Beattie. As On-Site Project Manager, Rod Beattie will be under contract to the Commonwealth and will report directly to me as Project Manager.
Australian Embassy and the Australian/Thai Chamber of Commerce will of course play important supporting roles.

Although we estimated it will take until December 1997 to complete the construction phase of the project, we aim to have developed the walking trails sufficiently to enable visitors to make the journey from Konyu Cutting to the intersection of the rail-bed and Hintonock Road by April 1996. Accordingly, we intend formally launching the project with a 'ribbon cutting' ceremony following the Dawn Service at Hellfire Pass on Anzac Day 1996.

The War Museum and Information Centre will be a very important component of the Memorial Complex as it will introduce the visitor to the story and the reality of the Burma-Thailand Railway. We envisage it containing relief models depicting the entire length of the railway and as well as the area encompassed by the Memorial Complex and a working model of Hellfire Pass itself supported by light and sound effects and an audio narrative. We are also considering development of a client activated video as a further means of telling the story of the Burma-Thailand Railway. We intend that the War Museum include a retail outlet/information centre at which books and pamphlets would be available. The War Museum/Information Centre would be under the care and supervision of a resident curator.

While we envisage contracting with specialist suppliers for development of the displays and audio-visual features, we are appealing to veterans for suggestions as to other displays and especially for donations of any material they would be prepared to make available. We intend that the War Museum be a controlled environment where exhibits would be properly protected against damage from the elements and visitor handling. The information displays at the four or five rest stations along the pedestrian path would be professionally prepared and produced in a way that would protect them from the elements and vandalism.

This is an extensive and exciting project, and we aim to build on the excellent work that has been done over the years by the ex-POW Association and others. Konyu Cutting (Hellfire Pass) itself and the Memorials already there will be preserved in their present form and funds already raised to support the Hellfire Pass Memorial and held by the Australian/Thai Chamber of Commerce will be employed strictly towards that particular feature of the Memorial Complex.

As Project Director, I would welcome ideas and support for this project from any source whatsoever. There are obvious difficulties in managing a project and coordinating so many interests at long range. However, I believe we are fortunate to have secured the services of Rod Beattie as our On-Site Project Manager, and our objective will be to produce the most informative and 'visitor friendly' Memorial Complex possible within the finite resources that have been allocated to it. I shall be issuing periodic newsletters as the project develops, and I look forward to the support of the Veterans' community and especially the ex-POW Association in this very exciting venture.

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What is worse, the enemy, who has recently made use of an inhuman bomb, is incessantly subjecting innocent people to grievous wounds and massacre. The devastation is taking on incalculable proportions. To continue the war under these conditions would not only lead to the annihilation of Our Nation, but the destruction of human civilization as well. How could We then protect Our innumerable subjects, who are like new-born babes for Us? How could we ask the forgiveness of the divine spirits of Our Imperial Ancestors? When our thoughts dwell on those of Our subjects who died in battle, those who fell as victims of their duty, those who were perished by premature death, and on the families they left behind them, We feel profoundly upset.

...It is Our desire to initiate an era of peace for future generations by tolerating the intolerable and enduring the unendurable. Capable of maintaining the national policy and placing Our trust in the perfect sincerity of Our good and faithful subjects, We will always be with you.

Let all the countries, like one single family where tradition is handed down from son to grandson, have firm faith in the indestructible character of the Land of the Gods. Remembering Our heavy responsibilities and the length of the road yet to be covered, concentrating all Our strength on the construction of the future, animated by deep morality and firm honesty, We swear to hold the flower of Our National policy very high, resolved not to remain backward in the general progress of the world. We ask you, Our subjects, to be the incarnation of Our will.

Hirohito.

**THE END**

We are gathered here, representatives of the major warring powers, to conclude a solemn agreement whereby peace may be restored. The issues, involving divergent ideals and ideologies, have been determined on the battlefields of the world and hence are not for our discussion or debate. Nor is it for us here to meet, representing as we do a majority of the people of the earth, in a spirit of distrust, malice, or hatred, but rather it is for us, both victors and vanquished, to rise to that higher dignity which alone befits the sacred purposes we are about to serve, committing all our peoples unreservedly to faithful compliance with the understandings that they are here to formally assume.

It is my earnest hope...that from this solemn occasion a better world shall emerge...a world dedicated to the dignity of man... The terms and conditions upon which surrender of the Japanese Imperial forces is here to be given and accepted are contained in the instrument of surrender before you.

Let us pray that peace now be restored to the world, and that God will preserve it always.

These proceedings are closed.

General MacArthur

*Courtesy: Mount Lawley-Ingleswood Sub-Branch*

**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:

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The RSL War Veterans' Home
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UNCLAIMED MEDALS

Some 50,000 World War II Army personnel have not claimed their medal entitlement. As the average issue to a veteran is four medals: 1939/45 STAR, DEFENCE MEDAL, WAR MEDAL, AUSTRALIA SERVICE MEDAL, about 200,000 medals are waiting to be claimed.

Veterans, or if deceased, their immediate family, may claim medals by writing to the relevant Service Medals Office:

**NAVY:**
- Staff Officer Medals
  - Directorate of Naval Personnel Services
  - D-3-14
  - Russell Offices, Canberra ACT 2600

**ARMY:**
- Medal Section/Caro
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**RAAF:**
- Discharged Medals Section
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NEW DEFENCE AWARDS

The Government has received approval to amend the entitlement to two World War II medals:
- AFRICA STAR - SERVICE IN SYRIA (1 day) 8.6.41 to 11.7.41
- 1939/45 STAR - SERVICE IN DARWIN 19.2.42 to 12.11.43

In addition to the above entitlement, the Committee of Inquiry into Defence Awards (CIDA) has recommended the issue of the following:

1945 - 1975

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Applications for these Awards should be forwarded to the relevant Service Medal Office.

The Anzac Day Parade

By Edith Arnold

Medals emblazed 'cross the left-side breast, sprig of rosemary in their lapel, they wait, those veterans to honour the dead in the march of the Anzac Parade. Wearied themselves by the toll of the years, and wounds that were battle-earned they proudly assemble as mark of respect, for mates who never returned.... Nostalgia rife, they thoughtfully stand 'til a hand grasps their's in a vice, and they turn away quickly, to cover emotion not shown at any old price. Banners unfurl as tension mounts, veterans stand to attention and steady, for this is their chance to show respect, and each is willing and ready. Silently they wait with their purpose in sight with thoughts of their comrades who fell, with thanks for deliverance that they were spared, spared from the battlefield hell.

The call, 'Forward March', and the veterans brace and step out with a swinging stride, but in the mind of those marching the words echo loud and the war is flashed back fore their eyes. Crowds lining the streets, call, 'Good on ya Digger'. Some yell, 'Ya done a good job', but no-one calls for the lost ones, Harry, Mary or Bob. But they're in the thoughts of the veterans and their memories will ever enfold...

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WOMEN OF WAR HONOURED

Miss Sylvia Perry MBE, who was the first Commandant of Voluntary Aid Detachments (VADs) at Hollywood Hospital during World War II, was the special guest at a lunch hosted by the hospital in October.

Prior to World War II, the VADs taught first aid and helped with general duties in hospital. At the outbreak of war these women replaced male personnel in military hospitals and were employed as nursing orderlies, clerks, dental, x-ray, theatre and pathology assistants, telephonists and dieticians.

The reunion lunch was part of the 'Australia Remembers' celebrations, organised by RSL executive member Barbara Clinton.

Hollywood's Director of Clinical Services, Julie-Anne Wark, spoke at the lunch on the contribution of the women to the war - and to Hollywood.

In 1942 the VADs became the Australian Army Memorial Medical Women's Service and were no longer considered volunteers.

Also honours at the lunch were the Emergency Service Companies (ESC) who were a part of the Red Cross. The ESC did a variety of work, including deliveries of blood (often by bicycle), organising catering, afternoon teas, concert parties and by running messages.

Kevin Mattingley, Chairman of WA's 'Australia Remembers' committee, delivered the keynote address at the lunch. Jock Morrison, Australian Red Cross Chairman (WA), toasted the Emergency Service Companies.

CATHERINE ARCHER, Public Relations Manager, Hollywood Hospital.

RIGHT: At the VADs reunion lunch were VADs' Secretaries, Mrs Ena McGinn and President Mrs Glyn Cody.

BELOW: From left to right - Hollywood Private Hospital Director of Clinical Services, Julie-Anne Wark, Miss Sylvia Perry, MBE, and RSL executive member, Barbara Clinton at the reunion lunch for Voluntary Aid Detachments and Emergency Service Companies, hosted and sponsored by Hollywood in the Red Cross Hall.

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Members of the Australian 450 Squadron of 239 Wing, were well aware of the term "Cab Ranks" in 1944/5. How many knew of the organisation behind the scene?

"Only the Poms could create an acronym like MORU" - a common expression by pilots when referring to Mobile Operations Room Units, the ground control of cab ranks. Cab Ranking, a strategy that originated from the army, was used in Italy to offer close support bombing and strafing of targets.

Personnel establishment of No. 1 MORU was an airforce officer commanding, (Substantive rank Flight Lieut.), an army intelligence officer (Captain), a sergeant and seven other ranks. The radio room was housed in tank or half-track vehicles. Two jeeps and a 3-tonner ensured mobility.

By 1944, 239 Wing, associated with the British 8th Army in Italy, proved a major force in reducing the effectiveness of German 88mm gun emplacements and their transport during daylight hours. 450 Sqdn was one that patrolled the bombline regularly for 20-30 minutes, awaiting a call from Rovers Paddy, Jack or David, before taking on alternative targets. Another squadron or flight would replace the previous cab rank and so it went on all the hours of daylight - weather permitting.

Having completed a tour of operations a pilot, preferably with some army experience, was posted to MORU as officer commanding. Pilots were chosen to command because they were better able to direct operations from air to ground. A real live situation training course was required. (I had served time with the CMF in Australia, awaiting call-up to the RAAF.) CMF experience proved little advantage in preparation for what was ahead - lots of shelling, mortar and machine-gun fire. The training was intensive and lasted one week. The most terrifying component was being ordered to participate in a night fighting foot patrol. The pilot proved himself a ground chicken. I peeled off from the patrol into a farmhouse and awaited its return. I sat in a dark room, back to the wall, facing the door with revolver at the ready. It was almost unbearable - especially when there was machine gun fire nearby. Our patrol had run into opposition close to where this pilot was hiding. The sergeant, a good type, kept quiet about lack of airman support during his report.

After one week's training the new O/C Rover was given a jeep and told to report to such and such a map reference to pick up his Unit. He had to ask the driver how to read an army map! A brash entry to 56th London Div. HQ brought screams of anguish when their position was given away. The next hour was spent seeking protection from 88 shellfire.

Rovers David, Paddy and Jack were appreciated, however, when the line was breached and the bombline moved north after a massive anti-personnel bombing by 100s of allied aircraft. At last we were on our way.

450 pilots at the time will remember the bonanza of transport, guns and troops, as the Germans congested their way along the few operable roads. Cab Ranks dawn till dusk. Busy, Busy.

It was at this time that Rover Paddy met Jerry's mobile rocket platforms, whilst attached to the 2nd Armoured Brigade. Trucks would drive to the front, launch dozens of rockets in one burst, then disappear. The Rover Paddy team became exhausted. The radio was kept open 14 hours a day, packed, moved forward in darkness to the next day's forward position. They fed, dossed down in the snow - then, whom? Very little sleep.

Late one afternoon Div. HQ sent a message of troop concentrations about to cross a river in their mad dash towards Venice. A Cab Rank (not sure if it was 450), destroyed the bridges and vehicles were trapped nose to tail. Heavy sequential bombing and strafing by 239 Wing caused havoc until dusk. The next morning many vehicles were still burning. The good thing was that the Rover Paddy boys were able to procure extra transport (Fiat vans for safe identification). No more sleeping in the snow!

Shortly afterwards, whilst participating in the liberation of a village called Stranghella, I was hit by our own half-track and spent a week in hospital at Forli before rejoining Rover Paddy at Ferrara.

Rover Paddy saw the war out in a situation that almost amounted to World War III. The Russians and the Yugoslav armies occupied Trieste (against the Yalta Tripartite Agreement). General Alexander withheld plans to the mining of the harbour which cut off their supply. Troops faced each other under constant alert. The stalemate lasted six weeks. Rover Paddy was attached to the American 91st Division most of the time whilst this was going on. The rest of the world was celebrating!

I managed to catch up with old friends in the 2NZ Div. which was stationed in luxurious surroundings at Castella Miramori, a few miles east of Trieste. Time was found for many VE celebrations with free, top quality German wines and good Italian food.

One could recount many other memorable experiences with Rover Paddy's capture of German equivalent of a NAAFI, distribution of Jerry loot and celebrations back at 450 Squadron, then stationed at Udine.

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“Snow” Mackrell of Nanango was a leading stoker on HMAS Hobart during the Battle of the Coral Sea. Some time ago, he wrote a letter to the Editor of The South Burnett Times (1.10.93). It should be made compulsory reading for all politicians and schoolchildren. The letter is reprinted below:

Sir,

I first saw the flag when I was five and a half years old, and every Monday morning I stood in the playground at 9am and was instructed to obey that flag until I was fourteen and a half years old and started out in the work force.

I joined the Naval sea cadets in 1938 and was given a uniform and again instructed in the real meaning of that flag, but I had two flags to salute; one was the same as today, except for the extra star, and the White Ensign, at the Williamstown Naval Depot. The Navy held to strict protocol for both flags; they were held high in tradition.

The White Ensign was flown astern, and the Australian flag at the main mast and when ‘action stations’ sounded as we were about to engage in battle. Both were given to us by Acts of Parliament, 1901 and 1911. Our Navy flag of 1911 was given when our Australian Navy was formed and we separated from Mother England's Royal Navy.

Did you know that our White Ensign was the first flag into New Guinea in September, 1914 and the first into Gallipoli in 1915?

In 1939 we carried on that tradition every morning on board my ship HMAS Hobart. We carried both these flags to dozens of foreign countries, one on a daily routine, the other only in battle.

Sailing away from my homeland Australia at 17 years of age, I did not have to worry about my Australia. She was in no danger, the war was overseas. I was fighting for King and Country and, do not forget, my flag.

I was in the Mediterranean when Japan attacked our part of the world and, on 15 December 1941, our whole world changed. We were fighting now for our land, our loved ones. We had buried sailors over the side on Hobart, under the Australian flag; we put two 3 lb cannon balls between their ankles, the bodies were placed in a shroud, on a plank, and slowly slipped to the deep in Davy Jones' locker during a church service. If we were close to the coast line, bodies were taken ashore for a burial service.

That Union Jack in the corner meant a lot to those men who died and we, the people who served under that flag, bear scars, health problems and many medals. But we remember the flag.

My family bought me a flag pole and the Australian flag is hoisted every morning and lowered every evening. To me, you, the people of Australia, can change the Senate, the House of Representatives, the Parliament; you can even change to a republic. We fought for you to vote democratically; we fought the wars, gave you that right to change whatever you may wish to change, but please respect my wish and vote for 'No change'. Do not change or alter my Australian flag. I helped save your country, your way of life; you help me to keep my flag.

I am over 70 years old, maybe I will not be here for the vote to change or not to change. My wife also served and we have 10 descendants to vote for no change. I also hope all ex-servicemen and women vote our way as will we - the proud Australians who fought under that flag.

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If you are unable to drop the corks into either of the above, phone Anzac House on 325 9799 or the RSL War Veterans' Home on 370 0200, and arrangements can be made to pick them up.

THANK YOU!!
HALL OF REMEMBRANCE OPENS

In one of the final ceremonies for the 'Australia Remembers' year, Hollywood Private Hospital's Hall of Remembrance was opened on November 9 by Mr Len Keynes, RSL State President. Among the guests was Mr Ronald Ledger, the original architect of Hollywood, which was built as the 110 Military Hospital in 1942, during World War II.

Mr Roger Snell, Hollywood's Executive Director, said the hall had been built following a pledge by Mr Paul Ramsay, at takeover of the hospital by Ramsay Health Care. "Part of his pledge was that a memorabilia hall would be built to house photos, old instruments and equipment that may well have been stored away forever in some dark basement."

More than 160 ex-service men and women attended the ceremony. For further details on opening hours, please contact Catherine Archer on 346 6716.

ABOVE: At the opening of the Hollywood Hall of Remembrance were Mr Frank Verdi, RSL State Executive Member, Mr Roger Snell, Executive Director of Hollywood Private Hospital, Mr Ronald Ledger - the original architect of Hollywood - and Mr Len Keynes.

RIGHT: Hollywood memories: Miss Harler, Mrs Betty Bennett, Miss Frances Sinclair, Mrs Barbara Clinton, RSL State Executive Member, Mrs Heather McMannis and Mrs Glyn Cody at the opening of the Hollywood Hall of Remembrance.
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The Germans, having captured Greece and Crete, began to plunder the areas in the usual way as a result of which prisoners of war were issued with a certain amount of dried fruit (currants and raisins). It did not take very long for illicit distilleries to start up in many huts for the making of “hooch”.

In the spirit of Christmas in 1940 at Oflag VIIC (Laufen bei Salzburg) the Germans only held the morning Appel (check parade), but in Oflag VIB the Germans insisted on morning and evening Appels. I was on the Camp HQ staff attached to No. 1 Bn (Royal Air Force and Fleet Air Arm Officers - the Germans could never make up their minds as to whether the Fleet Air Arm officers werefliegers or marine).

The call for evening Appel was given and the officers of No. 1 Battalion staggered out onto the snow-covered parade area, many having imbibed freely of the “hooch”. Immediately a fierce snowball fight started, led by Wing Commander Douglas Bader, who delighted in baiting the Germans at every opportunity.

The Germans can only count in “funfs” (fives) and, after a very long exercise, the “wobbly” officers were wedged between more steady types to more or less make up the five ranks. The count commenced, was eventually agreed and the order to dismiss was given.

The officers broke off and returned to their respective huts, except for one Royal Air Force officer, who was left lying unconscious in the snow. He was quickly moved to the Camp hospital, where the Medical Officers diagnosed that he was dangerously ill and the stomach pump was the required treatment. This could not be found and an urgent message was sent to all Battalions (five in all) that officers were to cease whatever they were doing and search for the stomach pump and return it immediately to the Camp hospital.

After about 25 minutes the order was given to carry on - the stomach pump had been found. It was on a still in the dangerously sick officer’s room.

L. DONALD

RSL GOLF CLUB HAS SUCCESSFUL YEAR

The inaugural year of the RSL Golf Club was very successful, with games played every Thursday morning at various public golf courses. Many old players dusted off their clubs and came out of the woodwork, and it was pleasing to see the boys enjoying their game and one another's company so much.

We started slowly to see what would be the most popular format to follow, as the idea was to promote a social golf club that catered for all corners, regardless of how well or how badly they played - in this, I think we have been successful.

The State Executive donated a very nice cup to be awarded annually. To give everyone an even chance of winning we decided to award the trophy for a stableford event played over 36 holes.

The winner for 1995 was Reg Gill who was presented with the cup at the wind-up luncheon by the club captain, Neville Parker.

DAVE McCLELLAND

Reg Gill (left), receiving the RSL Cup for being the 1995 winner, from the club captain, Neville Parker.
HEBRIDES REVISITED

By Max Shean

In mid-May 1995 I joined five of my former (midget submarine) shipmates for a cruise in Blue Merlin from Loch Melfort, south of Oban, Scotland to Loch Cairnbawn, south of Cape Wrath, the advance base for all wartime North Sea operations. Blue Merlin is a 46 foot Fisher design motorsailer, chartered by Adam Berguis, XE4's diver, and skippered by owner Bruce Howard; it is well equipped and powered with sail furling, and anchor winch, auto steering, electronic communication and navigation aids and gas and microwave cooking.

Our aim was to reach Loch Cairnbawn and to anchor where mother-ship HMS Bonaventure had moored 50 years before, a passage of 200 miles. A NW gale had swept, washed and chilled the west coast of Scotland and as I drove to Loch Melfort over the Perthshire hills, all were snow-covered. Dress for leaving harbour included thermal underwear, warm shirt and trousers, woollen pullover, padded vest, waterproof suit, seaboots with two pairs of woollen socks, woollen cap, hood and gloves. Does that sound familiar to any submariners reading this?

It was not too rough as we negotiated the land-locked waters toward the Sound of Mull and I found that Blue Merlin, with her 25 tons, gave me a much gentler ride than my five ton Bluebell. Although we had not sailed until well into the afternoon, after stowing loads of food and grog, we made good speed with the tidal current 'up our kilt' and arrived in the serene port of Tobermory in the twilight. What a contrast to those restless World War II days when "The Terror of Tobermory" kept all us junior officers on our toes. In spite of adequate catering on board, all hands had to make a run ashore and Peter Shand-Kydd, the most affuent among us, called for fish and chips. But we did dine aboard, and most adequate it was.

Sunday 15 May heard "Special sea dutymen" at 0700 and we were away with two headsails, main and mizzen, around the north of Mull and toward the troubled waters off Ardnamurchan Point, where Bluebell certainly would have made me seasick, but not Blue Merlin. She had magic in her movement, though as we headed north east into the Sound of Sleat with the Atlantic swell following us, there was a tendency to yaw and I let her gybe once, breaking the hydraulic vang (diagonal stay) on the heavy boom. After receiving a "bottle" from the skipper, we fitted a preventing sheet and rolled and pitched our way into the narrowing waters between Skye and the mainland.

Memories now were stirred by the once familiar sight, the islands of Canna, Rhum, Eigg and Muck to port, and the distant Cuillen hills of Skye. The wind was gradually moderating, the mist clearing and the sun brightening by the hour, so that I was able to steer without gloves and numb fingers. After all, it was only five weeks to summer solstice. The engine was started as we approached the Kyle of Lochalsh (the narrows where car ferries ply between Skye and the mainland). With seven diesel and three-tide knots, we slid quickly past the road-bridge works, thus relieving the pain felt by the locals. Easier road access to this beautiful island will increase its car population but will not make it more enjoyable for them.

It was decided to press on to reach Cairnbawn that day. With fading wind, flattening sea, warming air, steady speed under engine and steady course under "George", the comradeship of service became very much in evidence as veterans accumulated in the cozy wheelhouse, each with a good dram in hand, and a fund of anecdotes from the past. Here was fellowship at its best, where each country represented (Canada, New Zealand, France, Britain and Australia) tried to out-yarn the other, while dolphins cavorted beneath the bow and the majestic mountains appeared to starboard. These are the Torridon "hills": Cul Mor, Canisp, Quinag, Cul Beg, Suilven and Stac Pollaidh, all 3-4000 feet, snow-capped. To port, Harris and Lewis were just visible, while a keen lookout had to be kept for lobster-pot floats. What a contrast with the X-craft days when the lonely figure keeping watch on the casing had no shelter, no heating and no dram!

As the sun set in its oblique slide to the horizon we rounded the Point of Stoer, guided by the Old Man of Stoer who stood out from the cliffs to point out the narrow entrance to Loch Cairnbawn, with low islands to port and the villages of Drumbeg and Nedd to starboard, the last sight of Britain which some of our shipmates bound for Kaa Fjord and Bergen would have seen. Once in the broad, steep sided, beautiful Loch Cairnbawn, with Quinag standing high beyond the southern shore, Blue Merlin quickly found Bonaventure's mooring place and anchored therein, within sight of the new high-level bridge near the Kyle of Lochalsh.

Monday all hands scrambled ashore over the rocks to inspect the newly erected memorial cairn, and then sampled food and drink at the Inn. There, by coincidence, we met Pamela Mitchell, whose father directed a company which built X-craft and who had published her first book on the subject "The Tip of the Spear". We also stumbled along the shore and located Bonaventure's mooring blocks and what is left of the armoured telephone cable which once carried vital secret messages to do with the X-craft attack on Tirpitz, 50 years ago come 22 September next.

That evening, sentiment having been satisfied, we made the short passage past the Old Man again to...
Hebrides Revisited...cont.

Lochinver, a pretty fishing port where the EEC contributed to the building of new wharves, cold store and market - enabling French super-trawlers to fish Scottish waters and send their catch direct to France, depriving the Culag Hotel of its harbour view and the small fisherman of his living. After a second night anchored in a small bay nearby, we made a calm passage to Tobermory and arrived back at Loch Melfort by noon Friday, all on engine and in calm water.

On 31 May, we returned to Kylesku by road to attend the unveiling of the plaque: memorial to X-craft and human torpedo-men lost on active service. Three Australians are included in their memory.

Mary and I placed our tribute of eucalyptus leaves brought from Australia. It was a bitterly cold morning but that did not deter a devoted crowd of local people, many of whom were residents at the time of these operations and are now in their 70s and 80s. There were many reunions, two of which were heart-warming for me. Ruth Barham was a close friend of Bill Whittam, 1st Lt. of X7 which successfully attacked Tirpitz who then sank her, drowning Bill and ERA Whitley - whose names were on the plaque. Ruth stood in the chill wind, wearing Bill’s medals. Ishbel McLeod was four years old when she spotted my X24 while on a stealth exercise in Loch Glen Coul, and is now about to become a grandmother. She also braved the elements with her daughter, the one who is about to become a mother. As they say, life goes on.

NB: About the author - Max Shean served in corvettes and midget submarines during World War II and was decorated by both the British and the Americans for his services in the Atlantic, the North Sea and the Pacific theatres.

Air Marshal Sir John Lapsley

Air Marshal Sir John Lapsley, who has died aged 79, served with distinction in World War II as a fighter pilot in North Africa and later played a key role in the introduction of a new generation of jet fighters.

When Italy entered the war in 1940 the ill-equipped Allied desert air force found itself vastly outnumbered. Within a few days Lapsley, flying a Gladiator bi-plane, had scored his first victory, but was forced down behind the Libyan frontier.

He escaped to Egypt by using a gold watch to bribe a reluctant Bedouin to give him a lift on one of his camels. Lapsley then used the animal’s saddlebags to scale the heavy barbed wire fence which the Italians had erected inside the Libyan border. He was lucky to be picked up by a British patrol.

He was then posted to 274 Squadron, recently re-equipped with Hurricanes. On 10 September 1940 Lapsley and his wing-man engaged a formation of five enemy bombers above Mesa Matruh.

The wing-man’s guns jammed, but Lapsley accounted for two aircraft and was attacking a third when his armoured windscreen was shattered (though fortunately not penetrated) by a direct hit from a machine gun bullet. He was awarded the DFC.

By the spring of 1941 the Luftwaffe had become heavily committed in the desert, and Lapsley, who had by then destroyed 11 enemy aircraft, was flying from the besieged Tobruk enclave, held by the Australian Brigade Group.

On April 19 he engaged three German Me.109s, and in the ensuing dogfight was shot down, crash-landing near the Australian lines. He escaped from his Hurricane but was strafed on the ground and severely wounded in the leg.

An Australian soldier ran out to Lapsley under fire and kept him alive until an ambulance team was able to recover them both after dark.

In later years Lapsley was particularly pleased to be made a life member of the Australian RSL.

John Hugh Lapsley was born in Dhaka on 24 September 1916. His father, who worked for the Bank of Bengal, died when John was two. His mother remarried and in 1920 moved to the Falkland Islands, where her new husband was an accountant.

Lapsley’s childhood was particularly happy, and he and his two brothers retained a strong affinity with the islands. He would later be vice-president of the Falkland Islands Committee in London, and a director of the Falkland Islands Research and Development Association from 1978 to 1983.

Lapsley was appointed OBE in 1944, CB in 1966 and KBE in 1969.

He married, first, in 1942, Jean Maclvor who died in 1979; they had a son and a daughter. He married secondly, in 1980, Millicent Rees (nee Beadnell).

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The little Byoki Maru began life proudly as the cargo ship Canadian Princess. Then she became the Potomac and, finally, battered and unlovely, the Rushin Maru. But to the POWs who sailed in her on her last eventful voyage from Singapore to Moji in Japan, she will always be the Byoki Maru, the 'sick ship'. She was one of us. Displacing between 3,000 and 4,000 tonnes, she had been bombed and burnt out in Singapore. Refloated, she had been patched up to carry cargo to Japan, mostly in the form of 1200 POWs who had worked on the Burma-Thailand railway and were now to be slave labour in Japan.

The Byoki was not a comforting sight. There was only a gaping hole where the bridge had been and the deck had dropped about 15 inches. The Japanese skipper was to direct her course from a small box-like cabin built over the stern. Two great steel girders welded to the deck were all that kept her from breaking in two. There were no hatch covers for the two forward holds, with 400 POWs in each exposed alternately to rain and the tropical sun. The toilets were wooden boxes lashed to the ship's side with a gap in the centre of the floor to allow us to squat high above the ocean. Definitely 'Not wanted on Voyage' were the lice and bugs that came aboard with us in Singapore. We didn't like the heat and sweat in the holds. They did. They bred as only lice and bugs can.

Our convoy crossed to Borneo and followed the coast north, hugging a chain of islands until we reached Manila. There we waited for three weeks with only an occasional break on deck from the stinking holds. On 9 August we left and it seemed only a few hours before the waiting American subs struck. A large freighter ahead of us was blown clean out of the water. A tanker suffered the same fate. The last ship in the convoy also went down.

It wasn't until an international POW reunion in 1986 that we heard why the Byoki might have been spared. A former US submarine commander told about an attack on a convoy near Manila in August 1944. After a look at a 'cruise' ship that may have been ours, he told his men not to waste a torpedo on 'that wreck' and to hit the next ship. It was surely our convoy and 'that wreck' was surely the Byoki Maru. Some would say it was just luck. Believers say it was a miracle.

Some days later we were hit by the typhoon. In the early morning when I was allowed on deck to go to the toilet, the sea was dead calm but the crew were lashing down everything in sight. I was told there was 'big wind coming'. Within a few hours what had been a mill pond was a violent, turbulent ocean raging against everything in it. The Japanese skipper, generally conceded to be a great seaman, ran before the storm to reach the lee of some small islands. There were no longer guards and prisoners; everybody was working for survival, feeding the boilers with all the coal they could take. At one stage a series of giant waves 50 to 60 feet high, kept the Byoki on her side. But the battling ship righted herself and pushed on to sail into calm seas once again.

There the Byoki sprang a kindly leak in her thin plates. It was a heaven-sent opportunity for men stinking to high heaven to bathe in the stream of sea water jetting high into the forward hold before the leak was reluctantly reported. The ship's carpenter arrived with a piece of 4" x 4" timber which he whittled down to a point and hammered in.

We made our first landfall in Japan at Kagoshima on the southern end of Kyushu on 3 September, five years to the day since war had been declared. Five days later we reached our destination, the port of Moji. It was 8 September 1944, less than a year before the Japanese surrender. So ended the death defying voyage of the Byoki Maru. And may God bless all who sailed in her.

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BRUCE WEBER

The 29th annual interstate Bowls Carnival took place in Sydney from 27 December 1995 to 6 January 1996.

On our second day there we visited Tuggera Lakes where a service was held at the War Memorial, and the first test held in the afternoon. Two tests were played at Blacktown, followed by two at Dee Why where the finals were played. NSW was successful in winning the Jack Hamilton VC Fours.

WA did not fare too well but finished third in the Dr Sydney Krantz Fours.

The Australian National RSL Fours was the other event known as the Sir Arthur Lee Fours. Thirteen WA teams took part and most of us had to play in the rain. Only one WA team made it to the semi final: Jim Weaver, skipper; Alan Little, third; Fred Birnie, second and Ted Philp, lead. Owing to inclement weather it was impossible to play the finals of the National Fours. However, those who did reach the finals will be rewarded with what is to be the Semi-Finalists Medal, 1996.

The 1996-97 Carnival will be held in Perth with Doug Piggot, National President, and Dudley Docking, National Secretary. Congratulations are extended to those members and, with a strong Committee behind them, we are confident it will be just as successful as the one in 1990.

This will be the 30th year since the WA RSL Bowls was founded. As we are all getting older, we are calling on Vietnam Veterans to take on bowls and help keep the flag flying.

TED PHILP
Hon State Secretary
VETERANS’ AFFAIRS

VETERAN ‘CASE MANAGEMENT’ A FIRST FOR AUSTRALIA

LMOs the key to Comprehensive Care model

The Repatriation Comprehensive Care Scheme (RCCS) commenced 1 January 1996. Backed by the Royal Australian College of General Practitioners and the Australian Association of General Practitioners, the scheme enables local doctors to take greater responsibility for the total health care of their veteran and war widow patients.

It particularly benefits the 10 per cent of chronically ill veterans and war widows who account for 50 per cent of spending on health by the Department of Veterans’ Affairs.

The new arrangements enable doctors registered under the Comprehensive Care Scheme to prepare and monitor an annual health care plan for their Repatriation patients with chronic or complex conditions.

Now that it has secured AMA support, the Government is inviting all general practitioners, including the 15,000 already registered as Local Medical Officers (LMOs), to participate in the RCCS.

Under the Repatriation Comprehensive Care Scheme:

- the Department of Veterans’ Affairs (DVA) is analysing information on veterans with multiple illness or chronic disorders to help identify those who can benefit from focused care management and the preparation of an annual health care plan;
- LMOs can nominate for DVA approval other veteran patients who would benefit;
- LMOs are paid a fee of $108.20 to prepare an annual health care plan for each such Repatriation patient, enabling them to benefit from close monitoring of their health outcomes and better co-ordination of their treatment;
- the chronically ill veteran’s own doctor becomes, in effect, their ‘case manager’ responsible for monitoring their health, conducting regular reviews and co-ordinating their treatment, including services provided by allied health professionals, such as podiatrists and dieticians;
- LMOs will also co-operate on other measures to improve patient management, such as arranging specialist appointments and transport for veterans when required.

The Minister for Veterans’ Affairs, Con Sciacca, said: “It is fitting that these achievements were made in the year when, as a nation, we have celebrated the 50th anniversary of the end of World War II through the ‘Australia Remembers’ commemorative program.

National RSL President, Major General ‘Digger’ James, himself a physician, said veterans welcomed the agreement between the Federal Government and the AMA. “LMOs are the lynchpin of medical care for the veteran community,” said Maj. Gen. James. “The establishment of this new scheme ensures their high quality services will continue to be available to the veterans and war widows who need them.”

NEW PAYPHONES A BOOST FOR THE DEAF

Telstra Payphone Services has begun a new national programme to install 50 special Payphone Teletypewriters (TTY) to assist the deaf, hearing and speech impaired community.

The Minister for Communications and the Arts, Michael Lee, said the expansion of the program would give even more people with a disability the opportunity to communicate with family and friends or businesses when they are out and about.

“The placement of the 50 new TTYs has been determined in close consultation with the peak disability groups and local government organisations,” Mr Lee said. “The expansion of the TTY network will target major regional centres where special needs have been identified. In addition, capital city areas not included in the initial rollout of 20 Payphone Teletypewriters late last year will also benefit from new facilities. The second stage of the program will bring the total number of Payphone TTY units to 70 nationwide,” Mr Lee added.

National General Manager, Telstra Payphone Services, Janet Sayer, said customers using a Payphone TTY communicate directly with other TTY residential or business phones using a keyboard and visual display screen and can link to normal, voice only phones via the new national relay service.

Already there are more than 10,000 TTY telephones operating in homes and offices across Australia and when combined with the Australian Communication Exchange’s relay service funded by the Federal Government, the disabled communities access to telecommunication services is continually increasing.

In addition to Payphone TTYs, there are more than 1000 payphones modified for people with special needs, such as people in wheelchairs, with limited mobility or with limited visibility.
Dear Mr Robson,

I am writing to inform you that on the recommendation of the Minister for Justice the Governor-General has appointed Dr Patrick Desmond Lynch to the Administrative Appeals Tribunal for a period of 5 years and assigned him to the Veterans' Appeals Division.

JACK NICHOLSON
Courts and Tribunals (Administration) Section
December 1995

T.K. LLOYD
Deputy Chairman
Veterans' Affairs Committee
December 1995

We would like to welcome Mr Percy White who has recently joined our Board of Management. Percy will be assisting management in the daily running of the Home.

Recently we saw a dedication by Stephen Smith, Federal Member for Perth, of a plaque honouring the ladies and gentlemen of the War Veterans' Homes Raffle Committee. The dedication took place at an afternoon tea at Mt Lawley and was attended by the Raffle Committee and Home's management. We are now in the process of preparing our 1996 raffle and your continued support will be most appreciated and very much needed.

As you are all aware, fundraising is not an easy task and we have to give special thanks to Ann Keynes for her idea of collecting corks. Various people wish to buy these corks for between $2 and $2.50 per kilo, and the demand is getting greater than the supply. So if anyone can assist, please let us know. We thank those who have already supported us. The monies received will be used to make purchases that will benefit the residents.

We would also like to thank those who have donated videos, especially Bunbury Sub-Branch, whose efforts have been greatly appreciated by the residents of both Mt Lawley and Meadow Springs War Veterans' Homes.

The formation of the ESO Forum Group for Veterans' Care should prove to be quite advantageous to the War Veterans' Home upgrading. It now seems positive that Howes Wing will be upgraded in the very near future.

MEADOW SPRINGS

The Meadow Springs Village is nearing completion and we hope all units will be sold by the end of April.

The Community Aged Care Packages have progressed slowly, with four in place. Some of the teething problems have been resolved, and with better knowledge of the system should progress well. This is an avenue of care which will be more prominent in the future.

KEN MURPHY

CAN YOU HELP?

G. STRONACH

A 1939-45 Star was found at the Mandurah Primary School and carries the inscription G. Stronach WX13022. A notice has appeared in the local paper about it, and I have contacted the Department of Veterans' Affairs. Their records show a George Stronach, born in 1913, but his address is unknown.

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HONG KONG MUSEUM OF HISTORY

The Hong Kong Museum of History is anxious to launch an oral history project to collect personal accounts of the experience in Hong Kong during World War II. The Project will evolve around the Battle of Hong Kong in 1941 and life in POW camps as a result.

If anybody is willing to share their experiences with the younger generations of Hong Kong, would they please contact Bill Sherriff, 47 Haldane Road, Niddrie Vic 3042; phone: (03) 9379 4430.

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STATE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I commend to all members the State President's Message in the Summer 1995 Listening Post. Take the trouble to look it up and perhaps read it again. And think!

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AUST. NATIONAL FLAG ASSN

In my four plus years as President of this Association I have, from time to time, been dismayed and plain bloody angry (!) at people and/or organisations whom one would rightly expect to support the Flag but who hold back - timidity, fear, excuses etc. But not so The Listening Post. Throughout my incumbency you have been uniformly and helpfully supportive. In particular your most recent edition drew a better-than-expected response from both city and country for which I am more than grateful. Perhaps I should explain that the widely-dispersed country population had been a tough nut for us, although most prospective.

Would you be so kind as to pass on my sincere gratitude to The Listening Post...

PHILIP KENNEDY
President
Australian National Flag Association - WA (Inc.)

MORESBY ARMY NEWS-SHEET

I recently came across a not very well preserved copy of Moresby Army News Sheet of late 1942. Perhaps we may not have all shared the same sentiments, but the attached article may be of some interest to your readers. It possibly covers the thoughts of many bored and homesick young soldiers around the Moresby area at that time, and could jog some memories.

The journal is still very well received and I look forward to each edition. Keep up the good work.

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NB: The article, titled Goodbye to all That, is printed in the general section of the journal.

Editor

TOM STARCEVICH, VC

I refer to the article on the unveiling of the statue of Tom Starcevich, VC, in the spring edition of The Listening Post 1995. We who are left attended that ceremony and wish to extend our thanks to the people of Grass Patch. Enclosed are two photos and my write-up in the Battalion Sit Rep, a South Australian battalion.

"After arriving home on 23 June from Adelaide, we had to pack up again on the 27th to travel to Grass Patch. On the coach were Eric Treloar, Bill Mitchell, Bill Roberts, Pat Kenny, Jim Noble, Basil Beton, Ken Smith and myself. Henry and Thelma Noble travelled down on their own with their caravan. The trip to Esperence took 10 hours; there we were picked up by the school bus and taken to Grass Patch, 80km north, arriving at 7.30pm where the community had tea ready for us at the Tavern. Later we were billeted out to two farms.

"Next morning the main organiser, George Andrews, with whom Bill Roberts and I were staying was up at 6.30am for the final preparations. Then at 11am was the unveiling of the statue of Tom Starcevich, attended by some 450 people. Our President, Eric Treloar, gave an accurate speech of Tom's action which held the crowd spellbound and brought many tears; he won the hearts of all. Afterwards it was photos and stand-up room only in the bar. Everyone was trying to talk to us - what a welcome! We met Tom's brothers, nieces, nephews etc. and had a BBQ at night with all the family. These people
Letters to the Editor cont.

worked for four years to prepare this day, which was very well organised. To all the people of Grass Patch we owe a debt of gratitude for what you have done - to give such a welcome and going so far in honouring our Victoria Cross winner. The month of June 1995 was better than winning a Grand Final! Best wishes and good health to all."

WALTER J HUGHES.
Secretary
2/43rd Battalion Association (WA Branch)
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be members of the RSL. They may include people who have now moved from the district, and any parents, grandparents and others (including deceased persons) of whom you may know. Details, including full name, service number, branch of service, address at enlistment date and dates of service should be sent to the Secretary, Applecross RSL Sub-Branch, PO Box 396, Applecross WA 6153.

MAX REYNOLDS
Secretary

THANK YOU

I would like to express my thanks to the Scarborough RSL gentlemen who attended my husband's funeral and placed poppies on his casket. He would have appreciated this very much, as I and all our family did. It gave a great deal of meaning and respect to his passing.

YVONNE STURMER
(Wife of Patrick Sturmer who passed away 25 November 1995)
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A NIGHT TO REMEMBER

In 1943 I was a British airwoman (WAAF) at RAF Station Skeabrae in the Orkney Islands. Number 354 Squadron joined us. It was the only all-Australian Spitfire squadron in the UK. One of the pilots and I fell in love and were together for 15 months before we all went to southern England to prepare for D Day. We were on separate stations.

From D Day, 6 June 1944, the squadron was in continuous action and many were killed. I received a message that my friend had been badly wounded in Normandy and was in a hospital in southern England. I got a 48 hour pass and hitch-hiked across country to see him. The hospital was a clearing station but he was in the ward with others who were too badly injured (most of them burnt like him) to be moved. I sat beside him all the weekend, then had to return to camp. Months later he was sent to Brighton which was the staging post for Australians being sent home. I went to see him to say 'goodbye' and that was the end for us.

In 1949 I migrated to Australia with the man I finally married and the years passed. I raised a family (one of whom served with the SAS in Vietnam). My husband died. I was alone.

One night this year I was watching TV, decided to go to bed, switched off the TV and walked out of the room. Something made me turn back, switch on the TV and an Australia Remembers segment appeared on the screen. To my surprise and utter shock, was my wartime boyfriend speaking about his days as a fighter pilot dur-

The Tom Starcevich VC memorial at Grass Patch.

MELVILLE HONOUR ROLL

The Applecross Sub-Branch wishes to ascertain the names of all those residents of the City of Melville (and as previously administered by the Melville Road Board, Shire Town of Melville) who joined the armed forces this century. The purpose is to collate an Honour Roll of all persons from Melville who have served at times of conflicts in which Australia has been involved. The prime requisite is that they were Melville residents when they joined the Services, and would now be qualified to
ing the war. (I discovered later that Channel 9 TV had asked the NSW Branch of the Air Force Association who should be featured on the segment on the Air Force and they had suggested my friend.)

Having been a widow for many years, I took a chance and contacted him, only to discover that he was alone. He did not even know that I was in Australia and had tried to find me in England some years ago. He now lives in New South Wales. We had an emotional reunion and, on 11 November, went together to the Calvacade at the Entertainment Centre. As he said that night: “Well, we started the war together and we are finishing it together”. That is what that night meant to us.

We want to say ‘thank you’ to all of those responsible for such a wonderful show. Every situation during the war was covered and presented in an unforgettable way. It was indeed a night to remember.

RENE CALLAGHAN
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THE AUSTRALIAN FLAG

First of all may I heartily congratulate you on your outstanding summer 1995 issue of the The Listening Post. I admit that at my age of 82 years, it takes me a fairly long time to read it, but there are two sections to which I would like to make reference.

1. Regarding the defence of our wonderful Australian flag, is it possible for the RSL to advertise which local firms sell suitable and reasonably cheap flag poles and the Australian flag?

When I was a child, in Fremantle, between the two world wars, the flying of the flag on special occasions was a common feature in our homes. As far as my memory recalls, perhaps on a ratio of one in three or one in five houses.

Then you could raise a challenge to remaining ex-service men and women throughout the State to erect a pole and fly a flag in their front gardens, especially for the next Anzac Day. I am going to make the effort myself.

2. Regarding the use of the title ‘Land of the Rising Sun’, in one of your next editions would it be possible to include or repeat an earlier article regarding the history of this title?

Again in my early childhood in this State, especially after World War 1, I was taught to believe that one of the original badges, worn by Australian soldiers serving overseas, consisted of the emblem depicting the ‘Rising Sun’ with the ‘rays’ emanating out to form a ‘Fan of Bayonets’. Therefore, the AIF emblem was seen to represent the ‘Land of the Rising Sun’ or the ‘Land for Future Development and Opportunity’.

I have not checked historical records but, again as a child, I was told that this emblem-badge was compiled and used throughout the Boer War.

Suddenly, in the 1940s, with the arrival of the United States troops in the Pacific War Zone, American news men for the first time referred to Japan as the Land of the Rising Sun, whereas we all know that the Japanese flag represents a full or risen sun.

Finally is it possible for you to include in your publication a series of short articles (especially to be copied by our high schools) on the historical sequence covering the answers to the queries I have raised.

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NB: Thank you for your letter and comments. The Editorial Committee is dedicated to the aim of producing a journal to meet the expectations of our readers.

Your request for information concerning the supply of the Australian Flag and flag-poles has been discussed with the Australian Flag Association who will have, by now, provided you with the information you seek. The Association would welcome similar enquiries on (09) 385 6131 or (09) 386 7714.

The other matters you raised have been noted for future consideration.

EDITOR
BOOK REVIEWS

THE TRENCHES IN THE SKY
by Dan Conway, MBE, DFC.

Australians have been well served by the volumes of official histories of World War II. Commendable though these volumes may be, they can only present the broad canvas of the conflict with occasional interjections illustrative of distinguished service, bravery or inspired leadership. We are fortunate therefore that on the 50th anniversary of the end of hostilities, several of those who served shared their experiences with us by distilling their recollections into book form.

What sets Dan Conway's book in a class of its own is its depth and breadth coverage of an aspect of the war not widely known by many Australians. The role of RAF Bomber Command, in which many young Australians served, has been the subject of much historical revision of late. We must remember, however, without the benefit of hindsight, that for all but the last one and a half years of the war, Bomber Command conducted the only significant offensive operations directly against Nazi Germany. The material and morale value of Bomber Command operations at the time cannot be diminished by later claims of terror bombing, excessive casualties and personal aggrandisement of the part of commanders.

There is virtually no aspect of the life of a Bomber Command pilot that Dan Conway does not touch. From a social historian's, mechanic's, military technologist's and aviation enthusiast's perspective, Dan has something to offer for all. He has distilled the flavour and the essence of a Bomber Command pilot's experience - the exhilaration, the fear, the hard work, comradeship, hospitality off duty, technical innovation, tactics and the strain of continuing operations.

Our appreciation of the air war would be incomplete without the feel and the texture of experience which Don has shared with us. He also gives us some issues of contemporary relevance. The Empire Air Training Scheme did not produce pilots overnight. In Dan's case it was two years before he arrived on operational duty. Current defence planners and a concerned public should bear this in mind as air training infrastructure is diminished or civilianised.

The other important lesson is that any military action carries with it the potential for casualties. At the start of World War II, a commitment to the air war was favoured by the Prime Ministers of several Commonwealth countries. This was in the belief that the experiences of World War I would prevail in the new conflict and that the vast casualties of land conflict could be avoided. As it turned out service in Bomber Command as aircrew had a 21/2 odds against surviving a full operational tour. As we reflect on the sacrifices made by the classmates and service comrades of Dan Conway, we should also remind ourselves that there can be no half-hearted commitment of Australian forces in any operational role - peacekeeping or otherwise. They must go well trained, well equipped, well supplied and well supported.

Dan Conway is to be commended for sharing his experiences with us. This book is a worthy memorial to those with whom he served and their contribution to ultimate victory. It is recommended reading for all Australians who desire to understand the true dimensions of duty, honour and service to country.


ROBERT MITCHELL

THE RISE, FALL AND REGENERATION OF THE 2/7TH FIELD AMBULANCE, AIF, IN WORLD WAR II
Compiled by Gordon Hoff

This unit was formed in WA early in 1940 under the command of Lt.Col. L.E. LeSouef, and at departure for the Middle East on 22 September 1940 consisted of 246 WX personnel. This is their story.

The unit was part of the 19th Australian Infantry Brigade, 6th Division, AIF, and was involved in the Division actions in Libya, Greece and Crete. On 1 June 1941 about 150 members were taken prisoners of war on the south coast of Crete. The unit was re-constituted with about 60 original members who had been returned to Egypt from Crete and the remaining strength being made up with men from various states. After return to Australia and service and training in the Northern Territory and Queensland, the unit went into action again in New Guinea and was in the thick of it in the Aitape and Wewak campaign.

A resident of Adelaide, Mr Gordon Hoff was with the unit in the second phase of its activities, and felt that actions extending over such a wide area should be recorded. He has used a book written by Colonel LeSouef, To War Without a Gun, published in 1980, and another book by Private Edgar Randolph, An Unexpected Odyssey, published in 1981, for much of the information covering the Middle East and Europe. The unit rolls, movement and embarkation orders were carefully copied from Army records by the original Commander of 'A' Company, Major F. Wallace. Various members have subscribed some of their recollections, and this is very much the story of men in action.

The book is in hard cover with dust jacket and has numerous photos of people and places. Copies are available from Hal Finkelstein, 15 Jules Way, Glendale 6016, phone (09) 444 0328, at $24.95. Postage in the metropolitan area is $4.60 and beyond $4.80.

H. FINKELSTEIN
**FIGHTER NIGHTS 456 SQUADRON, RAAF**

By John Bennett

John Bennett is to be congratulated on the meticulous research in obtaining the full records on all matters that went into the writing of this outstanding book. Very little has been written about the operations of night-fighter squadrons, so this is a book to be read.

It covers not only the four years of the operations of the RAAF's only night-fighter squadron which operated in Europe, but also the RAF expansion in the lead up to the outbreak of World War II, the development of radar technology, and its operation, not only with 456 Squadron but with the RAF as a whole. Bennett also covers the German radar operations as well, when each side endeavoured to jam out the other.

456 Squadron RAAF, over four years from 1941 to the end of the war, flew varied operations from night fighter ops over the UK - as far south to the Spanish border, north to Norway - over the front lines of Normandy - into Germany to Berlin - and action against the V1 flying bombs. In the dreadful weather of the UK and Europe, the pilots' ability, relying on instruments and radar, to stalk, identify and destroy enemy aircraft, and then return to base, highlights the outstanding performance of this squadron.

The book contains 214 pages, large format, 60 photos from private and official sources, 11 appendices, index; hardcover dust-jacket. ISBN 1-875593-10-1. RRP is $40.00; available post free in Australia from the publisher, Banner Books, PO 937, Belconnen 2616, tel: (06) 258-6021, fax: (06) 258-6021, or Napoleon's Military Bookshops in the capital cities.

BOB JONES

**STALINGRAD: MEMORIES AND REASSESSMENTS**

by Joachim Wieder and Heinrich Graf von Einsiedel

First published in 1962 as "Stalingrad Und Die Verandwurzung Des Soldaten", this book quickly became a classic and was published in many European countries including Spain, Italy, France, and Hungary and was the first West German book to be published in the Soviet Union.

As time passed and more research into Stalingrad brought fresh revelations, author Joachim Wieder, a former soldier and survivor of Russian POW camps, felt the need to reassess his earlier views resulting in an updated 1993 edition.

In 1995 this work was translated into English by Helmut Bogler, finally giving historians the opportunity to benefit from this absorbing evaluation which not only spans the military problems, but fundamentally questions the political and moral responsibility of the military leadership.

Stalingrad - a bloody battle waged over five and a half months with 500,000 soldiers involved and more than 340,000 killed, aerial blitzes, street fighting, rescue attempts and the final surrender with 90,000 men, 60,000 vehicles, 1,500 tanks and 600 field guns captured.

Both sides fought for each street, each house, each apartment building, each cellar, for stairwells and trenches with a ferocity which knew no mercy. Losses on both sides were appallingly high. The German 6th Army alone lost 38,943 men and 1,068 officers between 21 August and 16 October, 1942.

When Hitler imposed his strategy of 'all or nothing', he was obviously under pressure for time and obsessed by the threat, which he himself had courted, of an approaching war on two fronts.

In the midst of the offensive, Hitler ordered the redeployment of two particularly combat-proven divisions to the western front in France and even the removal of the 11th Army, with its numerous troops and powerful artillery element, to the northern front. Naturally, this method of leadership and the unilateral decisions by the 'Supreme War Lord' were strongly opposed and heavily criticised by his closest advisers.

This absorbing book is not a routine account of battle, but a stunning review of the motivation, futility and misplaced principles in one of the greatest military defeats of this century.

Published by the highly acclaimed Arms and Armour Press of London, this book is distributed in Australia by Capricorn Link, PO Box 6651, Baulkham Hills, NSW, 2153. RRP $39.95.

VIC JEFFERY

**TROPICAL BOUGAINVILLE MEMORIES**

by AK McDonald

This book is in two sections. The first outlines the author's experiences, particularly from a personal communication level, whilst serving on Bougainville. It reveals a person who is deeply conscious of the feelings of other people and contributes to the better understanding of other races. It does suffer, in the opinion of the reviewer, from a certain disjointedness which could be improved upon without much effort.

The second portion is that of the two appendices dealing with tropical medicine and sanitation. This I found most interesting and probably of almost text-book quality and of great interest to laymen and professionals alike, particularly those who are working in Third World conditions among indigenous people.

It is recommended reading for those interested in:

- improvement of general prevention of spread of disease in tropical areas and among indigenous peoples
- social relationships with Third World peoples, and
- general awareness of totally different places and conditions.

This book is bound in a cream semi hard-back cover with green spine and a 'tropical' flash-outline of the contents on the front cover. It contains a generous number of...
clear black and white photos taken of the indigenous people and the terrain which will enhance the interest of the reader. The book retails at $30.00. Enquiries to Ken McDonald (09) 474 2652 or The Manager on (09) 367 9880.

DON MEREDITH

**A WALK IN THE JUNGLE**

by Neil Roberts

This young man was born in a small Victorian country town during the 1950s and, as a child, he was fascinated by large parades and brass and highland bands. His greatest love of all, the military type parades, was the Anzac Day march which was one of the reasons he decided to enlist in the Army. His book is very light and easy to read and gives one a bird’s eye view of a young infantry soldier’s life, from his enlistment into the Army through the various stages of his training, and his service in Vietnam.

His story stuck me as being down to earth with no frills, and at no time did he try to glorify any of the events which took place during his service. He served with AR11 and B Coy 8RAR in Vietnam until he was evacuated back to Australia with falciporum malaria.

Unfortunately, like many others from Vietnam, he is having to fight the Department of Veterans’ Affairs for recognition regarding his disabilities.

I would recommend this book to those who are interested in the thoughts and life of a digger who served in Vietnam.

BOB (Sooty) SMITH

**LONE EVADER**

by Ted Coates

When the RAAF Pilot Sergeant Ted Coates took off for his last raid on Germany, little did he know what the next few months had in store for him - by morning he was sleeping in a French forest, his Wellington bomber burning in the distance and two crew dead. During the following months he walked, cycled and travelled by rail with brave French civilians helping him to reach Spain.

Coates had a wounded leg, was in pain and, with winter approaching, suffered from cold and wet conditions. Coates became so ‘cocky’ that he began visiting barbers and, later, partaking glasses of vermouth in village cafes. Once, he even contemplated travelling through Paris to take in the sights. Through grit and determination and with no help from the underground, he eventually made his way to Spain and returned to England.

This book is a fine study of human nature as one lone and lonely man dug deep into himself to make good his escape. It is available from Australian Military History Publications, 13 Veronica Place, Loftus, NSW 2232, at a cost of $20.00, including postage.

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HMAS WATERHEN

Sunday, 30 June 1996, will be the 55th anniversary of the sinking of HMAS Waterhen, the first RAN ship to be sunk by enemy action in World War II. This occurred in the Mediterranean while Waterhen was on her way to Tobruk during a 'Tobruk Ferry Run'. As the result of attacks by JU87 (Stuka) aircraft the ship suffered a near miss and the engine-room was flooded. HMS Defender, who was in company at the time attempted to tow her back to Alexandria but in the early hours of Monday, 30 June 1941, she capsized and sank.

I would like to hear from any of the Ship's Company with a view to arranging a reunion and a Church Service in Sydney on Saturday/Sunday 29/30 June. If any member knows the present whereabouts of anyone who served in Waterhen could you please contact:

MAX PECHLEY,
Unit 8, 99 Groom Street
Hughes, ACT 2605
Phone (06) 281 2405

CHARLES E. PENNELL -
WX32445

My husband's brother, Charles Ernest Pennell WX32445, is coming over from NSW for this year's Anzac Parade and would like to know if any of the men from the Special Mobile Force formed at Melville in 1944 are here in WA. My brother-in-law is now 70 years of age and would very much like to meet some of his mates on Anzac Day.

(Mrs) B. PENNELL
44 Klap Road
South Yunderup WA 6208

O.J. WALTON

As a means of commemorating his service and sacrifice for others in World War II, I am trying to build up a profile on an Australian soldier from the war who gave his life for his country. He was WX11395 Pte O.J. 'Ollie' Walton of the 2/32 Battalion and, after service in the Middle East, was in the Pacific when he died of wounds.

If anyone can tell me anything about 'Ollie' Walton, would they please contact me.

G. HEAFIELD
RMB 5970
Myrtleford, Victoria 3737

EX FLT LT D.A.R. KING
(A 416684)

I have received a request from Mr Alun Emlyn-Jones of Wales who is trying to locate a fellow aircrewman from World War II.

Would you please check your membership records for A 416684 Flt Lt D.A.R. King who served in 51 Sqn Bomber Command flying Halifax aircraft based at Snaith, Yorkshire.

If Mr King is a member of your Branch, it would be appreciated if you could advise me in order to re-address a letter from Mr Emlyn-Jones.

Your co-operation is appreciated.

TOM ROBERTS
Returned & Services League
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THE RAF REGIMENT ASSOCIATION

I wish to contact former Ground Gunners and members of the Royal Air Force Regiment and advise them of the existence of the Royal Air Force Regiment Association.

I know that many former Gunners (or Rock Apes) emigrated after World War II and, although we have had some success in finding members in Australia, I am sure that there are many more. I would particularly like to bring to their attention to the new Depot of the RAF Regiment. In 1994, after almost 48 years at Catterick, the Depot of the RAF Regiment moved to its new home of Royal Air Force Honington in Suffolk (wartime members would remember the Depot as being at Belton Park, Grantham).

A unique corps within the Royal Air Force, the RAF Regiment was formed by Royal Warrant of His late Majesty King George VI on 1 February 1942 and, in brief, is responsible for the defence of RAF airfields and installations. In the 54 years since its formation the RAF Regiment has served and continues to serve in every theatre of operations from the North Africa landings onward. It also has the honour to man the Queen's Colour Squadron of the RAF, famed for its silent precision drill.

Formerly known as Ground Gunners, Gunners of the RAF Regiment were particularly distinctive in the RAF during the war years for they were amongst the few members of the RAF who wore khaki battledress to which was added blue RAF Regiment Shoulder Flashes - Khaki and Blue! It was not until 1949 that the standard RAF blue battledress was adopted.

This Association was formed on 1 February 1990 and is open to all those who are wearing or have worn the RAF Regiment Shoulder Flash or the old Ground Gunners Badge, whether in Regular or Auxiliary service. New members would be warmly welcomed. Overseas members are looked after by the Honorary Secretary's office and receive the Association's Bulletin which is.

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currently published three times a year. There is no sur-
charge for overseas members.
HARRY HATHAWAY
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ATTENTION ALL SERVING AND
EX-MEMBERS OF RAAF
GROUND STAFF

Of all the books that have been written about the
RAAF in World War II and its subsequent involve-
ments, there is no doubt that the greatest part of their
subject matter was devoted to the deeds and exploits of
our aircrew and very properly so. When hostilities
reigned, these were the men who carried out the dan-
gerous tasks of taking the war to the enemy. All too fre-
quently, as we all know, many of them suffered impris-
onment and worse still, even greater numbers lost their
lives. No tributes could ever be paid that were not rich-
ly deserved. Thanks to the efforts made in 1995,
Australians of all ages will remember their contributions
to what we enjoy today and those of their comrades in
the Army and Navy.

The men with the wings were the public faces of the
Air Force whether they liked it or not. When we saw our
aircraft overhead in the war days, our thoughts and best
wishes went out to the men who flew them and made up
their crews. People rarely gave a thought to the men and
women of the often unseen and generally overlooked
Ground Staff whose many and varied labours made all
the flying done by the aircrews possible. That was their
job.

If it is not already too late, it would seem that this is
the time when we should be doing whatever it takes to
specifically acknowledge the Ground Staff. Surely there
must be a lot of them, old timers and those currently in
the Service, who have tales to tell about the more mem-
orable and recordable incidents in their service. Too
young for World War II, I was a post-war enlistment and
can recall the many times I sat with my peers and list-
ened to the older men’s stories and reminiscences, most
of which were either interesting, humorous or a mixture
of both.

On page 7 of the RAAF Assn. Victorian Division
newsletter, “Contact” for winter 1995, there is a perfect
example of what I have been trying to describe. Under
the heading, “Members’ Memoirs”, George Pollard, now
90 and an ex-Fabric Worker, has recounted an episode in
which 28 survivors of a DC3 ditching were rescued in an
operation involving a Sunderland, a Liberator and a
RAAF Sea Rescue boat. One can only guess at the num-
ber of stories that can be produced from the many thou-
sands of “erks” and their memories. George participated
“hands on” in this operation.

It is my intention to seek the support of the various
ex-servicemen’s and ex-servicewomen’s clubs and associ-
ations and so encourage contributions to a collection of
anecdotal accounts, from all ranks, that will become
something of a recording and acknowledgement of what
all mustering of RAAF ground staff gave and give to the
still-serious business of putting aircraft into the air. I
offer my time and services towards getting it off the
ground: others may wish to join in this project.

Finally, this may provide a welcome opportunity for
aircrew members who may wish to pay a tribute to “The
Erks”.

PAT MELICAN
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MORSEBY BOMBING

The Japanese attacked Port Moresby on 28 February
1942, bombing and strafing the town centre and the air-
field at Seven Mile. Six Catalina flying boats were being
serviced in the harbour at the time. When the Zeros
attacked, the airmen left the flying boats and headed for
shore. They breathed a sigh of relief but then realised
that an electrician, LAC John Nancarrow, was still aboard.
One of the airmen jumped into a small boat and
rowed back to rescue Nancarrow who was found wound-
ed in one of the Catalinas.

As his rescuer was trying to get Nancarrow into the
boat, they were attacked by a Zero. Nancarrow, who
could not swim, was shot out of the rescuer’s arms and
was never seen again.

In the August Vetaffairs supplement there was a pho-
tograph of Mrs Ethel Nancarrow, his widow, taken dur-
ing the Australia Remembers pilgrimage to Papua New
Guinea in July. When I saw her photo, I found her
address and phoned her. She told me I was the only one
of her husband’s former RAAF colleagues who had ever
been in touch with her. John Nancarrow’s RAAF num-
ber was 27601 and his address was Hut 17, HQ RAAF,
Port Moresby.

I am trying to find the name of the hero who, against
great odds, tried to save John Nancarrow. Did he ever
get a medal? He should have. Although I have tried hard
for more than 30 years, I have not found the person’s
name. But I am on the scent again and hope to be suc-
cessful this time.

If anyone has a clear recollection of what hap-
pened in the harbour that day, I would love to hear
from them (Tel. 068 891629) and I’m sure Mrs
Nancarrow would also love to hear from anyone who
was in Hut 17 and who knew both John and the person
who made the heroic rescue attempt. Who was he? I
think his name was Len. He was a good cricketer and
probably an electrician who lived in the same hut as John
Nancarrow and was attached to headquarters staff. Can
anyone help?

JACK BRADLEY
Narromine NSW 2821
SUB-BRANCH NEWS

ITEMS FOR THIS SECTION SHOULD BE TYPED AND DOUBLE-SPACED WHENEVER POSSIBLE

ALBANY

RSL members and the public are invited to attend the unveiling of the South-East Asia memorial at a dedication weekend, 17-18 August, 1996. The unveiling will be carried out by the Governor of Western Australia, Major-General Michael Jeffery.

Believed to be the first of its kind in WA, The memorial has been erected to commemorate those who served in South-East Asia conflicts since 1945, i.e. Korea, Borneo, Malaya and Vietnam. Full details of this historical event will be published in the winter edition of this magazine.

Telephone inquiries to Ted Morgan (098) 416614 or Snow Parker (098) 416887 (after 6pm; written inquiries to the Secretary, Albany Sub-Branch, PO Box 241, Albany, WA 6330.

YVONNE BOLTON
President

BELMONT

As our Patron said in his new year's message: "1996 promises to be the most successful year our Sub-Branch has experienced ... there are so many dedicated willing members volunteering for the specialised tasks and this, together with the support of our flourishing Women's Auxiliary, makes success inevitable. Achieving the tall order of the best year on record is possible even though it may be difficult to emulate previous years. It is amazing how overall so few can give so much".

The general trend in our Branch is that membership is increasing, and it is good to see many new members contributing. A large storage shed, or garage, has been erected, enabling us to store mowers etc. Part of it will be converted to an outside bar, and it is possible there will be as much activity outside (bowls etc.) as inside the big hall, where another airconditioning system has been installed. This was badly needed and will be enjoyed by everyone.

Funding for these projects comes largely from our benevolent Women's Auxiliary, and even the Bowls Club and our Recreation-and-Sport-Fishing-Club donate money.

New Committee members elected at the 19 November meeting are V. Putland, F. Byles, B. Wake, B. Carvell, W. Greig, E. Worth, P. Gordon and M. Brennan. Bill Sharpe remains President, with the never-tiring Secretary Harold Hames still at the helm. How the ladies of the Women's Auxiliary are able to keep up all the catering and work associated with our many functions is beyond us. We are very sad to learn that Mrs. Beryl Rymer has retired as President owing to illness.

Our State Executive member Mike Hall was present,ed with the City of Belmont Community Service Award. His association with the RSL began in 1944 and he has served on the State Executive for 35 years. A Life Member of the League, he recently received the Meritorious Medal, awarded by the National Executive.

There is a word that goes with dedication, but has a stronger sense of value - the word loyalty. You can't gain much without it.

CARL F CAUBO
Publicity Officer

BICTON-PALMYRA

The Sub-Branch can look back on 1995 with a great deal of satisfaction. Much has been done to improve the amenities for the members and hirers of the hall which has had electronic surveillance installed, with additional security for the members' amenities area. A new store-room was built and a small bar-serving area constructed for hirers' use. At present, extensive memorabilia cabinets are being installed in the members' section. Much of the work was done by members, who are to be congratulated for a fine effort.

On the social side, the Melbourne Cup Day attracted 110 people, who thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Our annual dinner and Christmas social were outstanding successes; the introduction of a band this year proved a winner.

Membership has increased significantly and we look forward to 1996 with optimism. Visits from other Sub-Branch members would be very welcome. We are located at 28 Foss Street, Bicton, and our trading hours are 1600 - 2030 hrs (Friday) and 1000 - 1530 hrs (Sunday).

R. WILLIS
Committeeman

BUNBURY

If you are not coming to the luncheons on the second Friday of each month, you are really missing out. Everyone is welcome and the price is only $5.00. It is important to ring and book, because, as numbers have been around 70, our ladies need to know how many to cater for.

Our current Committee is Chris Mills (President), Ross Stewart (Snr Vice-President), Charles Ferguson (Jnr Vice President), Neville McWilliams (Secretary), Ronald Tremble (Treasurer) and Bill Turner (our new Committeeman). Also active in the Sub-Branch are Lesley Mills (Office Manager), Ross Stewart (Bar Manager), Alf Mort (Membership Officer), Alf and Bob Mort (Hospital and Home Visiting), Ford Campbell (Policy Officer) Norm Eaton and Alf Mainstone (Trustees) Tom, Doug, Max and Nev (Welfare) and
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Trevor Kenny (Security Officer).

Now is the time to get Congress agenda items in for discussion at the next meeting. Don’t forget we meet on the third Wednesday of every month.

ALF MAINSTONE
Trustee

COMO

During 1995, the polished granite seats at the South Perth Memorial gardens were dedicated. I represented our Sub-Branch at the President’s and Secretaries’ meeting at Anzac House, the Anzac Day Service and the Christmas Function at Mt Lawley War Veterans’ Home, the Hollywood Hospital Hall of Remembrance Dedication, the City of South Perth Christmas function and various school graduation nights.

The Sub-Branch Citizenship Awards were presented by the President at the following schools:

- Como High: Nilar Nyunt and Peter Capitola
- Como Primary: Jessica Van Ende
- Collier Primary: Ross George and Buffy McKinlay
- Penrhos: Li Zeng

A commemorative Anzac Day service will be held at the Memorial Gardens at the corner of South Terrace and Sandgate Street on Thursday 25 April.

Order of the service will be:

- On site 7.00am
- Fall in 7.10am (in South Terrace)
- Move off 7.15am

Wreaths will be laid by the Presidents of the Kensington, Manning, South Perth and Como Sub-Branches, other dignitaries and members of the public.

At the conclusion of the service at 8.00am the City of South Perth Council has kindly invited everyone to morning tea at its offices.

KEITH FRUIN
President

GERALDTON

Last year will always be remembered as a particularly special one because of the extra efforts made to support all the “Australia Remembers” events, including Anzac Day, Remembrance Day, VE Day, VJ Day, War Cemetery Pilgrimage, Poppy Day (a record collection), Diggers’ Dinner, the art exhibition, Vietnam Veterans’ Day and Corvettes’ Association activities.

Appreciation Certificates to mark the 50th anniversary of the end of World War II were presented at functions at the Geraldton War Veterans’ Homes and a Christmas party at Bootenal Tavern. The recipients included our oldest member, 95 year-old Alex Payne of both World Wars, and two other War Veterans’ Homes Hostel residents, 93 year-old Jack Beaver and 90 year-old Wally Cleaver.

Our Sub-Branch was delighted to be associated in large numbers with the march and the opening of the Regional Museum’s Aboriginal Heritage and Cultural Gallery. Servicemen featured included 10 members of the Mallard family, including six brothers and a stepbrother, as well as other relatives, including a son of one of the Mallard sisters and a son of one of the Mallard brothers. All but one of the Mallard brothers served in the army; the other was in the RAAF. Also in the limelight were army veteran Jim Joseph, who opened the Gallery Exhibition, Bill Carlyon, who saw many inmates of Changi die on the Burma railway, Ron Kelly of HMAS Adelaide and HMAS Shropshire and Ron Harris, who was killed in Vietnam.

Additions to our War Museum section at Birdwood House include a bugle that Graeme Perham’s uncle, Sergeant Roy Thompson, was carrying at Gallipoli when he was killed alongside one of his brothers three days after the Gallipoli landing. It was allowed out of the showcase for the Pilgrimage ceremony at the War Cemetery.

Former Sub-Branch President, Allan Ellis, now RSL War Veterans’ Homes Manager, has announced that $5,850 was raised towards the planned Community Centre from the auction of seven vehicle numbers plates featuring the “Australia Remembers” logo. “GN 1945” realised $3,400.

A new Sub-Branch President will be elected at the AGM, as Police Inspector Lee Townsend will become Broome’s new Police Chief. This Vietnam Veteran has done an excellent job as our Sub-Branch leader.

Geraldton artist Allan Koba has donated an impressive pencil drawing for inclusion in the War Museum memorabilia at Birdwood House. The drawing, “Valour in the Mud” depicts an Australian soldier carrying a wounded American over his shoulder in a mud patch. It was highly commended in the “Australia Remembers” Art Exhibition organised by the Sub-Branch in association with the Art Gallery and O’Connor MHR Wilson Tuckey. Alan also won one of Mr Tuckey’s $500 prizes for a pencil drawing called “Humping My Bluey”. It depicts either an Aboriginal carrying his swag after the war or someone who had come back to find no jobs and family.

Asked if he had any association with World War II, the Australian-born Allan Koba said his Polish parents were in a concentration camp during the German occupation before settling in South Australia in 1947.

The other $500 prize was won by Meg Cooper, wife of our hard-working Secretary, Brian, for a pastel called “School Defence” which depicts a dozen schoolboys erecting an air-raid shelter.

As a member of the 2/11th Battalion AIF, Lieutenant Val Lee, WX425, was involved in the evacuation of the 6th Army Division in Crete. On 28 May 1941, he was wounded in the leg during one of the numerous aerial attacks. Noticing that he was immobilised, a young soldier asked if he could help in any way. Lieutenant Lee requested a “cuppa” but had no personal gear with him, so the man offered him half of his own dixie, which was warmly accepted. Further strafing followed almost immediately however, and the two men lost contact.
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Shortly afterwards, Lieutenant Lee was captured and taken by cattle truck to Germany, where he spent the remainder of the war in POW camps at Lubeck, Warburg and Bichstadt. Many and varied were the uses found for the half-dixie during those years. Lieutenant Lee was released and flown to England, arriving on 8 May 1945, the day peace in Europe was declared.

In June 1946, he was in the lounge of the Wongan Hills hotel in WA with his fiancee and several friends when he was tapped on his shoulder.

"Excuse me, sir, could I have that half of my dixie back please?" asked his Crete Samaritan, who had spotted Val Lee from the bar area. The man was a Queenslander working in WA temporarily on the Government Railways - so the coincidence of meeting again was, indeed, incredible.

Fifty years on, Val Lee's widow, Phyllis, has donated that same half-dixie to this Sub-Branch for inclusion in the War Museum display. She made this gesture and provided the story as she was preparing to leave Geraldton to live at Caversham after 26 years in this city, where her husband died 11 years ago.

PETER BARDEN
PRO

NORTH BEACH

As part of the 50th anniversary celebrations a "Back to the 40s Day" was held at the North Beach Bowling Club on 6 November, 1995. This drew many visitors and resulted in a successful day, thanks to a very good sub-committee.

The Sub-Branch annual dinner on 6 December was attended by 100 people with entertainment provided by Ken Williams. Thanks to the dinner committee for a successful night.

After due deliberation the Sub-Branch will still hold its monthly meetings on the first Tuesday of the month (except January), but meetings will commence at 7pm.

FRANK HEATH

SCARBOROUGH

The Sub-Branch is pleased to welcome four new members, Terry Tugwell, Chas Jamieson, Don McKenzie and Alf Price. Sadly, however, we have lost two valued members - Doug Johnston and Pat Stunner who passed away.

President Wally Evans represented the Sub-Branch at the wreath-laying ceremony at the State War Memorial, while the pupils at Doubleview School maintained their keen interest in the Scarborough RSL Memorial Garden by placing flowers there on Remembrance Day. Our President hopes that, in this coming year, we can arrange our own wreath-laying ceremony in Scarborough.

Norm Sanders has presented the Sub-Branch with the banner that he proudly carried at the Australia Remembers Cavalcade in November.

In reporting on the Bowling Carnival in Sydney, Dudley Docking said that rain was a big problem, causing some games to be washed out. Doug Piggott has been elected National President of RSL Bowls.

Welfare Officer Dorothy Devaney has sent birthday cards to four members in their eighties - Joe Bartlett (80), Allan Drummond (81), Ted Bond (82) and Alan Simpson (83). Congratulations! Dorothy has had some inquiries regarding widows' pensions and says the yardstick for consideration of pensions is the Statement of Principles - all 750 of them. Dorothy can give advice or refer people to the Veterans' Advice Network at Veterans' Affairs.

At our December meeting, 29 members volunteered to take part in a simple test carried out by physiotherapy students at Curtin University, supervised by lecturer Linda Williams. They were observed as they walked 10 metres with the students noting their gait and movement. Linda said she and the students were delighted with the response and were very impressed with the general fitness, particularly of the older members. The useful data has been handed over to the physiotherapists at the Stroke Unit of RPH where it will be used to compare the reactions of fit, older men. A big thank you from Linda Williams and Curtin University!

The new committee has already met to discuss ideas for outings etc.; these will be submitted to the next Sub-Branch meeting for approval.

PETER STUBBS

THREE SPRINGS-ARRINO-CARNAMAH-ENEABBA

Three Springs held its annual dinner on 8 December in the local hall. There were 108 people present, including our special guests for the occasion: the Shadow Minister for Veterans' Affairs and Member for O'Connor, Mr Wilson Tuckey, and his wife Jenny, Rear-Admiral Philip Kennedy and his wife Judith, and a member of the State Executive, Mr Bert McClenaghan. Visitors came from far and wide.

Mr Tuckey was introduced as "Iron Bar" which created much laughter and applause, and a short resume was given of Rear-Admiral Kennedy's naval career, concluding with his involvement with the Collins Class submarines being built for the Australian Navy.

The main part of the evening was the presentation of 45 Australia Remembers Certificates of Appreciation from the Federal Government to ex-service men and women and to those who worked in the Land Army or munitions or who were man-powered. There were also three Certificates of Appreciation from the Sub-Branch to the Three Springs Sporting Club, Mr and Mrs Duplock of the local hotel, and the Golf Club for their dedicated support. The Certificates were presented by Wilson Tuckey, but when Jack Thorpe was presented with his, Rear-Admiral Kennedy read a history of his army career and related it with these words: "Things are done well in Three Springs. You have got something..."
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good going on here. I hold Jack in very high regard for he has shown great leadership and I salute him for that.

The final of these presentations was made to Jack's sister, June Thorpe, who was a member of the AWAS in a special intelligence unit. Her duty was to tap telephones for security purposes. She did not know she was entitled to any war medals until this night, when Wilson Tuckey called her up and pinned them on - the ASM and the 39-45 Medal.

In his address, the President advised that the Sub-Branch welcomed four new members last year and had awarded six scholarships, of $100 each, to the three schools in the area - Three Springs, Mingenew and Carnamah. As a result of a car rally, $200 was raised and donated to the War Veterans' Building Fund, $100 has been given to the Red Cross and $50 to the Royal Flying Doctor Service. Last Anzac Day was one of the best ever, with Major-General Ken Taylor, AO, as our special guest. His version of the Australian army today was straight from the shoulder and highly supported by those present.

To conclude the evening, Mr Tuckey gave an informative talk on his portfolio of Veterans' Affairs and spoke of changes that would take place if a Liberal government came into power.

The final activity of the evening was the presentation of a Life Membership Certificate to Jack Thorpe by Bert McClenaghan of the State Executive. He said this Sub-Branch had a State-wide reputation and would put a lot of city branches to shame.

JOANNE STOKES
PRO

WANNEROO-JOONDALUP

Following a notice to members, the October general meeting unanimously endorsed the recommendation to amend the name of this Sub-Branch to Wanneroo-Joondalup.

Negotiations with Land Corp have resulted in a grant of open space within Central Park, Joondalup, where a monument, in the process of fabrication, will be erected. The open space at Central Park will enable the Sub-Branch to cater more for community support at the Anzac Day services, the previous ones held in Wanneroo having resulted in cramped conditions owing to attendances in the vicinity of 5000. This Anzac Day service will be held at Joondalup, commencing at 0630 hours.

For Remembrance Day 1995 a "Drum Head Service" was conducted inside; the normal weather conditions at this time of the year have meant that outside services were extremely uncomfortable, mainly for the young cadets who support them. Last year's service at the old Wanneroo City Hall was quite a dramatic one. The drums were piled on the stage by the drummers of all the representative bands with flags of the United Kingdom, Australia, New Zealand and the United States providing a background of colours. Wreaths were laid by civic and political leaders.

On the social side, the Sub-Branch conducted its annual dinner dance at the Whitfords Tavern - and what a wonderful night it was with 80 people attending, enjoying a sumptuous buffet meal, drinks at the table and entertainment by a wonderful four-piece old-time dance band. We hope more members will support the Sub-Branch this year, when a proper dance floor is planned. It was an event to which a member could take his lady and know beforehand that it would be an evening of class.

Monthly meeting attendances continue to improve which has considerable impact on decisions we have to make.

Two reminders: monthly meetings are at 7.30pm at Whitfords Tavern (third Monday), and Anzac Day Service at Central Park when the memorial will be dedicated. Fall in 0630.

B. BEST
Trustee (Phone 447 0051)
WOMEN'S AUXILIARY

Since my last report, we delivered Christmas parcels to hospitals, nursing homes and the residents of the War Veterans Home. Our visit to Hollywood Private Hospital, with gifts for all the ex-servicemen and women there, was warmly received. Hollywood's Director of Clinical Services, Julie-Anne Wark, said she was delighted to welcome the ladies.

Thanks go to all Auxiliaries for their generous donations which enable us to spread a little happiness among our sick ex-Service people. We accepted many invitations from Auxiliaries, Sub-Branches and Kindred Organisations last year and thank everyone for their kindness and hospitality.

Mrs Norris and I attended the War Veterans' Home Remembrance Day Service, and I placed a wreath on the War Memorial at the Service in Kings Park on behalf of all Auxiliaries.

It was a privilege to present Certificates of Service to Mesdames D. Bruden and N. Dorrington of Bedford-Morley Auxiliary and Mrs M. Fisher of Rivervale-Carlisle Auxiliary. Congratulations to those three ladies.

Executive members met recently to begin work for 1996. Hospital visiting has resumed and arrangements for our State Conference are in hand. Please send in agenda items as soon as possible.

Our best wishes to anyone who is on the sick list.

M. TAYLOR

Above: Hollywood patient Mr Ernest ("Dick") Read with RSL Women's Auxiliary member Mrs Pat Barrell.

Left: RSL Women's Auxiliary Immediate Past President Mrs Allison Cayley with Mr Don Harris, of the 85th Squadron, and Mr K.S. ("Stan") Lance of the 2/4 Machine Gun Battalion.
On 25th April each year Anzac Day provides us with the opportunity to remember and give thanks to the many servicemen and women who gave their lives in defence of Australia.

It is well documented that the tradition of Anzac was born during World War I. It may not be as well known that Aboriginal veterans served with distinction in World War I and all subsequent conflicts involving Australian forces. Aboriginal veterans were involved in the Korean campaign during the early 1950s. For some reason the Korean campaign does not capture newspaper headlines as easily as the two World Wars or Vietnam. Each year Anzac Day provides the opportunity for Korean veterans to march proudly alongside the survivors of better known conflicts.

Gavin Frederick Mallard is an Aboriginal veteran who survived the Korean campaign. Born in Northampton in 1930, as a young man was employed on various farms around the Northampton area.

At an early age Gavin decided to continue a family tradition of serving with the Australian Army. He also had a strong belief that, as a soldier, the most effective way to protect Australia was to fight in foreign countries. That belief was strengthened after his experience while training in post World War II Japan (in the early 1950s). It was here that he witnessed the devastation caused by the atomic bombs. He was even more convinced that battles be fought away from Australian shores following operational service during the Korean conflict. Gavin served with 2 Battalion, Royal Australian Regiment.

On one occasion (July 1953) he recalls his platoon being ordered to remain in an operational area for seven days. They actually spent 13 days there and took enemy shelling daily. Gavin volunteered to obtain flak jackets for his platoon one evening when it was discovered they had not been delivered.

The wet and wintry conditions were the least of Gavin's worries when the vehicle he was driving drew enemy mortar fire; however luck was with him and he returned safely with the armoured vests.

His Platoon Commander, Lieutenant Burns, later thanked him personally for his effort in providing for the 90 men under his command.

The Mallard family had extensive military service. They were initially represented in the armed forces of Australia during World War I and the tradition continued through to Vietnam. Gavin confirmed that his relatives served in each of the following conflicts as recognised in an exhibition at the Geraldton Museum:-

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After discharge from the army Gavin returned to Northampton and worked on farms between 1954 and 1959, and then as a plant operator for 10 years with the Northampton Shire. He moved to Carnarvon in 1969 and worked with Wesfarmers and the Carnarvon Shire before his retirement in 1988.

Gavin unfortunately suffers from several medical conditions which resulted from his service in the Korean War. The Department of Veterans' Affairs continues to compensate him for his war injuries and has also provided him with a Service Pension since he turned 60. Gavin also receives full medical cover from the department which proved beneficial last year when he was admitted to Hollywood Private Hospital for treatment.

Gavin has also utilised other programmes administered by the Department of Veterans’ Affairs, including the Vietnam Veterans’ Counselling Service. He is well aware of the services provided by the Department of Veterans’ Affairs; however other Aboriginal veterans may not be as well informed. The Department is undertaking a project involving the identification and recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Veterans.

If you are (or you know of) an ATSIC veteran, please contact the Dept of Veterans’ Affairs on 366 8500 (metropolitan area) or 1800 113304 (country areas).

Gavin will attend an Anzac Day Service this year. He hopes he will be involved with the ceremonies in Perth, but will be content to march with other ex-Servicemen and women in his home town of Carnarvon.

On Anzac Day 1996, Australians can be justifiably proud of the contributions made over a period of 80 years by Gavin, his family and all Aboriginal veterans in the defence of Australia.

TREVOR HOLFORD, DVA

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UNIT ASSOCIATIONS

Box 405, Greenwood, 6024. Tel: 294 1054. Treasurer: Mrs D. Thomas, 41 Parkfield Road, Kelmscott 6111. Tel: 390 5762. Meets third Monday February, April (AGM), June, August, October, December at Belmont RSL Hall, Leake Street, Belmont, Bus 306 ex Perth Bus Station.

AUSTRALIAN INTELLIGENCE ASSOCIATION (WA)
President: Mr Ron Gregor, Tel: 537 6301. Vice President: Mr Neil Chaplin, Tel: 307 1388 (W). Hon Secretary: Mr Steve Lamborn, Tel: 320 3444 (W), Box 244, North Perth 6006, Tel: 307 1388, Fax: 401 5236. Membership Officer: Mr Arthur Pickett, Tel: 367 9573. Property Manager: Mr Doug Child, Tel: 320 3444. Treasurer: Mr Stan Bryant, Tel: 274 4128.

AUSTRALIAN LEGION OF EX-SERVICEMEN AND WOMEN (INC.)
State President: Mr L.C.W. Hutchings, 17 St Johns Court, Kingsley 6026, Tel: 309 9575. Meetings: State Council meets 3rd Thursday of even months at 13th Brigade Headquarters, Irwin Barracks, Karrakatta, at 1.30 pm.

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

AUSTRALIAN VETERANS AND DEFENCE SERVICES COUNCIL (WA COUNCIL) AVADSC
Chairman: Air Cdre S.W. Dallywater OBE AE (Retd) Tel: (09) 383 3161. Deputy Chairman: Mr L Hutchings. Secretary/Treasurer: W01 B.F. Cooper CD AIMM, Tel: (09) 409 6577. All correspondence to the Secretary PO Box 14, Hillarys 6025. Meets on the first Wednesday of the even months at the USI Rooms, Irwin Barracks, Karrakatta at 10.00hrs.

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

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

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

February, April, June, August and October at 1.45pm, Red Cross House, 110 Goderich St, East Perth

BRITISH EX-SERVICEMEN ASSOCIATION INC.
President: Mr D. Clarke, Tel: 309 1046. Secretary: Mr K.R. Crane, Tel: 310 9099. Treasurer: Mrs J. Turnell, Tel: 497 3612. Meetings 3rd Tuesday of the month at Anzac House, at 7.00pm. Correspondence to: 35 Westminster Rd, Leeming 6149.

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

EX-PRISONERS OF WAR ASSOCIATION OF WA
President: Mr C.E. Ingram, 3-54 Federal St, Tuart Hill 6060. Tel: 344 7949. Secretary: Mr H Davey, c/- TPI Village. All correspondence and enquiries to the President at the above address. Association meetings are held the first Wednesday of each month.

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President: Mrs M. Galliott, 42 Commonwealth Avenue, North Perth 6006. Tel: 443 3536. Secretary: Mrs R James, 7B Wenden Place, Willetton 6155, Tel: 457 8727. Meetings: same time and place as men.

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President: Mrs Rena Blackett, Unit 3/93 Aurelian Street, Palmyra 6157, Tel: 339 5030. Secretary: Mrs Helen Oliver, 2 Dryden Street, Munster 6166, Tel: 434 2084. Treasurer: Mrs Laurine Drew, 13 Thorpe Street, Morley 6062. Meetings: second Monday of each month at Anzac House (unless otherwise advised).

FEDERATED TB SAILORS, SOLDIERS & AIRMEN'S ASSOCIATION
President: Mr Frank Hamilton, 35 Clement Drive, Karrinyup 6018. Tel: 448 5204. Secretary: Mrs Grace Storer, 16 Dowell Place, Bibra Lake Tel: 417 9598.

Meetings last Monday each month except January. Correspondence to the Secretary.

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UNIT ASSOCIATIONS CONT...

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Secretary: C.C. Brown, 80-82 Henley Street, Como, WA
6152. Tel: 450 6426 (Postal Address): Bag Lot No. 2
Post Office, Como, WA 6152: meeting first Wednesday
each month except January, 1.30pm.

MIDDLE EAST VAD ASSOCIATION WA
President: Mrs Joan Dowson, MBE, 3 Bay View Tce,
Mosman Park 6012, Tel: 384 6712. Secretary: Mrs L
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313 0456. Meetings as called. Annual reunion nearest
Saturday to November 23.

“N” CLASS DESTROYER ASSOCIATION
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6210, Tel: 535 6454. Secretary/Treasurer: Mrs Dorothy
Higgins, 69 Spigl Way, Bateman 6150, Tel: 332 5723.
Meetings: for details of meetings please contact
Secretary on 332 5723.

NAVAL ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA,
CITY OF FREMANTLE SUB-SECTION
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Thomas, 81 Coleman Crescent, Melville, 6156. Tel:
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CITY OF PERTH SUB-SECTION
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Hawthorn 6016, Tel: 444 3762. Secretary: Mr John
Ross, 1 Benwee Road, Floreat 6150, Tel: 387 6960.
Meets fourth Tuesday of each month commencing at
8.00 pm at 71 West Parade, East Perth.

CORRESPONDENCE TO THE SECRETARY PLEASE AT THE ABOVE
ADDRESS.

NAVAL ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA,
(WESTERN AUSTRALIAN SECTION) INC.
President: Mr Jack Appleby, 143 McDonald Street, Joondanna 6060. Tel: 444 3598. Secretary: Mr Tom
Oakley, 43 Strickland Street, Mt Claremont 6010. Tel:
384 3042. All correspondence to Hon. State Secretary,
PO Box 8289, Stirling St, Perth 6849.

NETHERLANDS EX-SERVICEMEN’S ASSOCIATION
OF AUSTRALIA INC.
President: Mr E Baints, 154 Wood Street, Inglewood
6052. Secretary: Mr J. Kuijpers, 18A Dauntless Way,
Duncraig 6023, Tel: 448 7178. Meetings: Tuesday 10.30am - 2.30pm, Sundays 4.30pm - 8.30pm. Held at
the Coolabina/Yokine Amateur Football Club, Wordsworth Avenue, Yokine. Entrance to building oppo­
site no. 27. All correspondence to Secretary, PO Box
311, Inglewood 6932.

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

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OF AUSTRALIA (WA BRANCH) INC.
General meeting held at Anzac House at 1.00pm, first
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PEGASUS (AIRBORNE FORCES) ASSOCIATION
OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA (INC)
President: Don Newman, Tel: 246 1738. The Hon.
Secretary: John Hatley, 14 Purley St, Bayswater WA
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February at 2.00pm. Informal uncheque meetings first
Wednesday in every month 12 noon, Anzac Club, Perth.
Ladies welcome both meetings.

POLISH EX-SERVICEMEN’S ASSOCIATION
SUB-BRANCH No. 9.
President: Dr W. Gorski, OAM, Tel: 387 7347. Hon.
Secretary: S. Zalewski, Tel: 274 6280. Hon Treasurer:
Z. Slowinski, Tel: 298 8426. All correspondence to 33
Eighth Avenue, Maylands 6051.

RAAF ASSOCIATION MANDURAH BRANCH
President: Ron Lopaten, Tel: 535 7830. Secretary:
John Gabriel, Tel: 535 4314. Clubrooms: Phone & Fax:
535 8217, 0900-1200 hrs, Tues to Thurs. Meetings: 3rd
Tuesday of each month at 133 Mandurah Terrace,
Mandurah (May to Oct - at 1330 hrs), (Nov to Apr - at
1500 hrs). All correspondence: PO Box 1015, Mandurah
6210.

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

RAEME VIETNAM ASSOCIATION (WA BRANCH)
President: Mr John Klein, 99 Walter Rd, Bassendean
6054, Tel: 279 3080. Secretary: Mr Garry Whykes, 33
Kanimbila Way, Morley 6062, Tel: 276 1920. Meetings:
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President: Mr Kevin Scott, 24 Wilberforce St, Mt
Hawthorn 6016, Tel: 444 4655. Secretary: Mrs Joan Dowson, MBE, 3 Bay View Tce, Como, WA 6152.
Meetings: as required at Anzac House at 1.00pm, first
Tuesday each month, except January. Secretary: Mr
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ASSOCIATION (WA BRANCH)
President: Cdr RW Usher RANEM. Secretary: WO1 B.F.
Cooper JP AIRM Tel: (09) 409 6577. Treasurer: Sgt
R.A. Hinton. Tel: (09) 387 2237. All correspondence to
the Secretary, PO Box 14, Hillarys 6025. Meets the first
Wednesday of each month at the USI Rooms, Irwin
Barracks, Karrakatta at 12.30pm. Any member is wel­
come.
Unit Associations cont...

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

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

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN ARMY NURSING CORPS ASSOCIATION WA BRANCH
President: Mrs Judy Gibson, 19 Carnegie Way, Padbury 6025, Tel: 401 7138. Secretary: Mrs Olga Greig, 9 6153, Tel: 364 3568. Secretary/Welfare Officer: Mr H.A. Coelling, Unit 45, Ocean Gardens, 60 Kalinda Dr,

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

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN ENGINEERS ASSOCIATION OF WA
President: Mr M.J. Ryan OAM, Bus Ph: 481 0205 A/H 307 2385, Mobile 015 446 666. Secretary: Mr N J Clark, Bus/Home Ph: 342 5808, Mobile: 019 102 338 Meetings: Second Sunday in February, April, June, August and October at 10.30am at 13 Fd Sqn RAE Sappers Way, Irwin Barracks, Karrakatta. Meet on the third Monday each month at 10.00am at Anzac Club. Meetings are open to all members, and members of affiliated Associations.

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

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN NAVY CORVETTES ASSOCIATION (WA)
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City Beach. Tel: 388 8400. State Treasurer: M. Corry, 4 Nottingham St, East Victoria Park. Tel: 361 2824. Meetings: February, May, August, November.

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

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

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

SUBMARINE OLD COMRADES' ASSOCIATION OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA
President: Commander Pete Shield RN (Ret'd), 19 Fifth Road, Armadale, Tel: 399 4243.. Secretary: M.E.M. (Michael) Pearson, 8-106 Terrace Road, Perth 6000, Tel: 221 1037. Meetings: Leederville Bowling Club, second Wednesday of the month at 7.30 pm (except December).

THE AUSTRALIAN FEDERATION OF TOTALLY & PERMANENTLY INCAPACITATED EX-SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN LIMITED WESTERN AUSTRALIAN BRANCH INC.
TPI Memorial Estate, Bag Lot 2, Post Office, Como 6152. President: Mr Jim Balk. Secretary: Mr Peter Lofdahl, 80 Henley St., Como 6152, Tel: 450 1893 or 450 1921. Meetings: 2nd Tuesday of each month (except January) commencing at 10.30am. Luncches available weekdays and weekends by booking one day prior.

THE AUSTRALIAN WATER TRANSPORT ASSOCIATION, WA BRANCH
President: Mr Jack Patterson, 15A Greville Way, Girrawheen, Tel: 342 0142. Secretary: B. Thomas, 9 Queens Road, Mt Pleasant 6153. Tel: 364 3008. Meetings first Monday each month (except January) Anzac Club 1130, when Monday is a public holiday the first Tuesday. All ex-Water Transport welcome.

THE BURMA STAR ASSOCIATION
WANNEROO BRANCH
President: Major Rupert Platef (Retd), 49 Banksia St, Joondanna 6060, Tel: 444 4914. Secretary: Ben Colquhoun, 5 Oakald Avenue, Cloverdale 6105; Tel: 277 4814. Meetings the second Tuesday each month at the Nollamara Autumn Centre, Sylvia Street, Nollamara.
THE BURMA STAR ASSOCIATION
(WESTERN AUSTRALIAN BRANCH)
President: Mr John Barton, Unit 7/5 Sepia Crt, Rockingham 6168. Tel: 527 3351. Secretary: Mr Len Kebbell, 17 Glengarry St, Parkwood 6147. Tel: 457 5027. Meetings: Every third Wednesday of the month. Contact either of the above for more information.

THE ROYAL AUSTRALIAN REGIMENT
ASSOCIATION (WA BRANCH)
President: Mr D. Getliffe. Hon Secretary: Mr Jim Wood. Treasurer: Mr G. Simpson. Meetings: The Navy Club, 64 High St, Fremantle 6160 at 8.00pm the last Monday of every month including public holidays. Address: PO Box 1692, Midland 6056. Meetings: 3rd Wednesday of each month at the Navy Club (Inc), 64 High Street, Fremantle at 7.00pm.

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

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

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

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

VIETNAM LOGISTICAL SUPPORT VETERANS' ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA (INC.)
President: Vic Boreham, 8 Hollis Street, Samson 6163, Tel: 337 8885 (h), 334 2489 (w). Vice President: Ric Gilling, 137 Waterford Drive, Hillsary, 6025. Treasurer: Keith Cox, 22 Carbon Crt, Osborne Park 6017, Tel: 245 1573, 244 3115. Secretary: Brian Long, 38 MacArthur Ave, JPadbury 6025, Tel: 402 0241.
Meetings: the Victoria Cross Room, Anzac House Perth, on the third Tuesday of every second month. Dates can be confirmed with the Secretary.

VIETNAM VETERANS AND DEFENCE FORCE JOBLINK
President: Mr Bill Sturgess. Administrator: Mr G Purcell, 148 Lord Street, Perth, Tel: 227 6961 or 227 6963

VIETNAM VETERANS ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA WA BRANCH INC.
PO Box 21, Maylands 6051. Office: 219 Railway Parade, Maylands, Tel: 370 3011. Fax: 322 4964. President: Mr Rob Cox, Tel: 332 4964. Secretary: Mr Keith Jones, Tel: 443 1530. Welfare Officer: Mrs Joe Cox, Tel: 332 4964. Meetings: Held three monthly, Peninsula Hotel Building - 219 Railway Parade, Maylands.

VIETNAM VETERANS M.C. AUSTRALIA
President: John Lowis. Vice President: Paul Kennedy. Secretary: Brian Rees. All correspondence to be sent to the Secretary, Vietnam Veterans Motorcycle Club, PO Box 1442, Wangara 6065, Tel: 245 1573, 244 3115. All correspondence please to the above address. Contact Secretary for information.

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PO Box 21, Maylands 6051. Office: 219 Railway Parade, Maylands, Tel: 370 3011. Fax: 322 4964. President: Mr Rob Cox, Tel: 332 4964. Secretary: Mr Keith Jones, Tel: 443 1530. Welfare Officer: Mrs Joe Cox, Tel: 332 4964. Meetings: Held three monthly, Peninsula Hotel Building - 219 Railway Parade, Maylands.

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

WAAAF ASSOCIATION (NOR-WAAAF GROUP)
The NOR-WAAAF Group (Northern Suburbs branch of the WAAAF Association) meets on the last Thursday of each month at 1200 hours, upstairs at Anzac House, with the exception of December and January when the group is in recess. For information ring Lillian Waldie on 349 1829.
Unit Associations cont...

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

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

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

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

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

2BN MALAYA MERDEKA VETERANS (WA)

2/1-2/2 PIONEERS W.A.
Chairman: L.A. Preedy, 152 Keightley Road, Shenton Park 6008. Tel: 361 6294. Meetings to be held at Anzac House on third Friday in March, July and November in Anzac Club.

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

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

2/3RD MACHINE GUN BATTALION ASSOCIATION
Committee meets when necessary. President: K.E. Eckermann, 31 Tranquill Road, Kelmscott 6111. Tel: 390 6072. Secretary: F.J. (Banjo) Binstead, 101 Star Street, Carlisle 6010. Tel: 361 8762.

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

2/7th AUSTRALIAN FIELD REGIMENT ASSOCIATION
President: Mr Joe Stokes, 23 Gairloch St, Applecross 6153, Tel: 364 1933. Secretary: Mr Bill Woods, 4/2 Lewington Gdns, Bibra Lake 6163, Tel: 417 3989. Meets in the Pure Steel Room, Gloucester Park at 11.00am on the second Tuesday of each month except January.

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

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

2/16TH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION
A.I.F. ASSOCIATION
President: Jim. Smith, 1/113 Edward St, Osborne Park 6017, Tel: 444 4748. Secretary: J.S. Miller, 120 Lockhart St, Como 6152, Tel: 450 4170. Treasurer: K.P. Nicol, 31 Valenre St, Dianella 6062. Tel: 276 2146. Editor Pigeon post: D.K. Norrish, 6 Magnolia Way, Forrestfield 6058. Tel: 453 2001, or PO Box 26, Forrestfield 6058. Committee meets at Anzac House on the first Wednesday each month at 10.30am.

2/28TH BATTALION AND 24TH ANTI-TANK COY.
ASSOCIATION
President: Mr A. Henderson, 45/177 Dampier Ave, Kallaroo 6025, Tel: 307 3627. Secretary: Mr E. Harrod, 31 Tranquilly Rd, Safety Bay 6169, Tel: 527 6833. Committee meets Anzac House second Wednesday each month. Visitors welcome, AGM second Wednesday in August.

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

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

7 ARMY TROOPS COY RAE ASSOCIATION
President: Mr Jack Benari, 38 Roeback Drive, Salter Point 6152, Tel: 450 3876. Secretary: Mr Colin F. Stoddart, Unit 3, 456 Main Street, Balcatta, 6021. Tel: 453 2001. Meetings as arranged.
Unit Associations cont...

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

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

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

16TH BATTALION, THE CAMERON HIGHLANDERS OF WA ASSOCIATION
President: Mr Ralph LaPlanche, Tel: 349 5434. Secretary: Mr Jim Richardson, 6 Isaac Street, Melville 6156, Tel: 330 5405. Members advised re meetings by letter as required.

28TH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION (AIF) 1939-45 ASSOCIATION
Committee - Mr Phil Wilkerson, Tel: 330 7263. Mr Clif Tamblyn, Tel: 364 5008. Mr Tubby Whitfield, Tel: 458 9983. Annual reunion early January, other functions as arranged by Committee.

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

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

48TH & 2/48TH BATTALION ASSOCIATION
President: Mr Tom Easom, 588 Marmion Street, Booragoon 6154, Tel: 330 7387. Secretary: Mr D.A. Hamilton, 80 Stoneham Road, Attadale 6156, Tel: 330 2923. Meetings and luncheon held at the Carlton Hotel, 248 Hay Street East at 11.30am on the third Monday of each month.

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

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

1940 DUNKIRK VETERANS ASSOCIATION
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