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It was not that Gallipoli, with all its casualties, hardship and suffering, was worse or even as bad as the experiences of later campaigns or the sufferings of defence forces and civilians in later conflicts. But because it was the first great national test of Australia's youth in the horror of war, it has become the focal point of remembrance and gratitude for the fallen and the broken in health of all the conflicts of World War II, Korea, Malaya, Borneo and Vietnam. In recent times Australians have been engaged in United Nations operations of democracy against aggression.

The effect of this annual commemoration is most immediate for those who actually experienced the events, and we should therefore not be too surprised if some young people do not fully appreciate those events which they did not experience first-hand. However, younger generations of Australians must be taught and made aware of the importance of these historic happenings.

The Anzac Day tradition is not passive; it is not the memorial of greatness that is past. It is meant as an inspiration to new generations of Australians by giving examples of those Anzacs, and later generations of our fighting men and women, who were presented with a challenge of national unity of meeting the problems and difficulties of our everyday lives and affairs. It is meant as a continuing challenge to our youth for demanding qualities and ideals as positive and self-effacing as those symbolised by Anzac.

For some of today's youth, war is a story or a movie, or even perhaps a once-a-year holiday to watch the Anzac Day parades. But for those service personnel and their families who served and suffered for peace, it means Australia can today hold its head high in the world community as a nation that has demonstrated its commitment to freedom and democracy.

Anzac does not stand only for courage against great odds on the battlefields; it also stands for all that is finest in the human personality and character. It stands for steadfastness and selflessness, compassion and mateship, loyalty and leadership. Even though the spirit of "Anzac" was created by those at Gallipoli, it belongs to Australia and its people, and it must never be forgotten.
STATE PRESIDENT’S
ANZAC DAY ADDRESS
CONTINUED

It is up to our youth of today to be aware and forthright in understanding the problems in today’s society by carrying on the spirit and tradition of Anzac by reminding our legislators, academics, religious leaders, pacifists etc. that these people must possess the conventional insight that Australia has to maintain an army, navy and airforce which is capable of immediate deployment in defending Australia from potential aggressors as well as maintaining our commitments to certain treaties. At the same time they must ensure that the Australian society can live in harmony without internal racial, ethnic or religious problems; they must eradicate the evils of drug use and overhaul our justice system to protect not the perpetrators of crime but those innocent people who are currently being affected by these selfish people.

This can be achieved by our youth of Australia; it is their future and their children’s future at risk. Today, therefore, is for everyone of us to recognise responsibilities to our time and generation. We honour the dead of two world wars and more recent conflicts by seeing and accepting a duty. Our greatest tribute to them is to educate future generations of Australians to remember the sacrifices made by our forebears and go forward in the same spirit of mateship to whatever lies ahead of us, because “they only deserve freedom who are prepared to defend it”.

LEN KEYNES

Erratum – State Secretary’s Notes
Autumn Issue

Attention is drawn to the second paragraph of the State Secretary’s notes in the autumn edition 1996 of The Listening Post. The sum of $20,525 noted as supplement to the ‘Aged Sailors, Soldiers and Airmen’s Relief Fund’ is incorrect.

This is a very important issue and by way of explanation I provide the following:

As noted in the Secretary’s notes, gross proceeds of Poppy Day sales amounted to $166,308. This, however, included a sum of $20,525 paid by Sub-Branches to Anzac House for the poppies which they sold. When this is deducted, a balance of $145,783 remains. Also included in this balance is a sum of $565 collected by Central Branch members, the whole of which is donated to the Aged Soldiers, Sailors and Airmen’s Relief Trust Fund (Aged Fund). When this further amount is deleted the total sum for the Aged Fund and Sub-Branches amounts to $145,218, resulting in a division of $72,609 to the Aged Fund and Sub-Branches respectively. As already stated, well done Sub-Branches!

Inconvenience or consternation caused by the error is regretted.

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Authorised by: J Surridge, Editor, The Listening Post
Anzac Day 1996 was an enormous success with equal or greater attendances at services and parades throughout Western Australia than were recorded during our 'Australia Remembers' year. Once again the participation of record numbers of families proves that this special commemorative day will continue to be observed for a considerable time to come by the people of Australia.

The dawn service at Kings Park, and similar services in the suburbs and the country, attracted very large numbers of participants including many children.

Attendance at the parade and service at The Esplanade was boosted by several reunions and included a high proportion of Vietnam Veterans. Spectator numbers were also at a record level, and it was pleasing to note that people of many nationalities were included amongst them.

I wish to thank you all for your participation and trust that Anzac Day will continue to receive the wonderful support that it did this year.

JOCK GELDART

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Submarine named after highly decorated World War II admiral

The second of Australia’s new Collins class submarines was officially named HMAS Farncomb at a ceremony in Adelaide last December. Alan Zammit, who served in HMAS Australia and HMAS Sydney during World War II, recalls the admiral after whom the submarine is named.

Beneath the starch, the medals and the gold braid, Rear Admiral Harold ‘Hal’ Bruce Farncomb had a soft, practical heart – and a sense of humour.

Confronting one of his midshipmen who had said he was not interested in going ashore at Malta, Farncomb ordered him to write a history of the island as punishment. But on learning that it was not ignorance but a shortage of money that had elicited this seemingly arrogant attitude, Farncomb is reported to have said: “Well Mr Bloody Midshipman, you had better take this ashore and buy yourself a guide book,” handing him a crisp note.

Farncomb, one of the first officers in the fledgling Australian Navy, was born on 28 February 1899 in North Sydney and educated at Sydney High School before entering the Royal Australian Naval College, aged 13.

Three years later he passed out top, won the Grand Aggregate prize and joined the HMS Royal Sovereign as a midshipman, serving with the Grand Fleet.

Promotion came rapidly: sub-lieutenant in 1918 and lieutenant in 1919 after gaining five first-class certificates at Greenwich Naval College, London. He returned briefly to Australia. On the voyage back to England on a passenger liner, he met his future wife, Jean Ross Nott. They married in 1927.

In April 1933, Farncomb joined HMAS Australia as executive officer and 18 months later the ship sailed for England.

By 1937, he was convinced war with Germany was inevitable and spent six weeks leave visiting Germany, improving his knowledge of the language. While there, he met two Jewish girls whom he later sponsored to move to the US. The Holocaust wiped out their families.

In June 1937, he became the first graduate of the Royal Australian Naval College to be promoted to captain. His first command was the escort sloop HMAS Yarra. In June 1939, he commissioned the cruiser, HMAS Perth.

The following year found Farncomb on the heavy cruiser HMAS Canberra on convoy work in the Indian Ocean and hunting the German pocket battleship Admiral Scheer. In November, Canberra rescued the survivors from the Port Brisbane, sunk by the German vessel, Pinguin.

In March 1941, Canberra and her reconnaissance Walrus aircraft spotted the German supply ship Coburg transferring water to the Ketty Brovig. Thinking the Coburg was a raider, Canberra opened fire. Both German vessels scuttled themselves; the Canberra finished off the Ketty Brovig with gunfire. To the sailors, Farncomb became known as “Fearless Frank”.

On Christmas Eve 1941, only 17 days after Japan entered the war, HMAS Australia became Flagship with Farncomb in command, transferring with Admiral Crace.

There then followed the Battle of the Coral Sea during which the Australia was given up for lost. She later emerged safely, with Farncomb mentioned in despatches for bravery. Crace recommended him for promotion to Flag Rank.

On 7 August, HMAS Australia led the attack on Guadalcanal, the first Allied offensive in the Pacific, with Farncomb’s tactical planning earning him high praise from his US colleagues.

The Allied ships were subject to dive bombing and low level torpedo bomber attacks. One aircraft crashed just 100m from the Australia. The US destroyer Jarvis was hit by a torpedo intended for the cruiser.

Rear Admiral Harold Farncomb CB, DSO, MVO, pictured whilst serving as a Captain in the Royal Australian Navy. Photo: RAN
Following the blessing of the foundations for the new wing of Hollywood Private Hospital in the presence of the Governor of Western Australia, His Excellency Major General Michael Jeffery, the rebuilding programme is coming along very nicely. Stage one, including the building of new accommodation with mainly private rooms, a new entry and a new admissions reception area will be completed by early 1997. A shuttle bus service is now available for patients and visitors.

The redevelopment means car parking is now temporarily a little further away, so the bus will be used to ferry people over the hospital's 29 acres of land. As you can see, it's business as usual with minimal interruption. After all, we're not going to let a few bricks and a little bit of cement damage a reputation for care and commitment that has been fifty long years in the making.
After Guadalcanal, Farncomb commanded the Flagship at the Battle of the Eastern Solomons and the landing at Arawe and Cape Gloucester.

He received the DSO from King George VI at Buckingham Palace.

In the Australian autumn of 1944, Farncomb went to England where he took command of HMS Attacker, a US-built escort carrier on lend-lease to the RN.

The Allied forces landed between Cannes and Marseilles on August 15. The Attacker carried 27 Seafires and two Swordfish aircraft which attacked railways, roads and bridges to bottle up the enemy.

When Commodore Collins was wounded in a kamikaze attack off Leyte, Farncomb was flown to Manus Island to take command of the Australian Squadron and promoted to Commodore first-class in December 1944.

Farncomb in Australia, with Shropshire, Warramunga and Arunta, sailed on Boxing Day. Off Luzon, they were attacked and Australia, under the command of Captain JM Armstrong RAN, was hit in five kamikaze attacks. Thirty nine were killed and 56 wounded, including Farncomb who stayed on duty.

The Americans awarded him and Captain Armstrong the Navy Cross for extraordinary heroism.

In February 1945, his squadron took part in the bombardment of Corregidor and its subsequent fall.

He was awarded the CB for his distinguished service. The squadron then took part in bombarding Wewak, Labuan Island and Balikpapan.

Farncomb was relieved by Commodore Collins in Manila Bay on 22 July 1945. His next appointment was a brief stint as temporary Flag Officer in Charge NSW, followed by Commodore Superintendent of Training at Flinders Navy Depot, HMAS Cerberus.

On Trafalgar Day 1946, the US Naval Attache invested Farncomb with the Legion of Merit, Degree of Commander.

In January 1947, after being promoted rear admiral, he became Flag Officer Commanding the Australian Squadron, a position he held for three years. After a posting in Washington, he retired in April 1951.

Farncomb learned Latin and studied for the Barristers’ Admission Board examinations. He was admitted to the NSW Bar on 6 June 1958 and later became a solicitor.

The most highly decorated senior RAN commanding officer of World War II. Farncomb died on 21 February 1971. His ashes were scattered into the sea from his former Flagship, HMAS Sydney.

Courtesy: VETTAFAIRS DVA, and VIC JEFFERY, Naval Public Relations Officer (WA).
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The Education Department of WA is once again to be congratulated for staging the annual Schools’ Commemorative Anzac Service.

On Wednesday 24 April, 1200 students representing 20 metropolitan schools assembled at the State War Memorial in Kings Park to pay tribute to the servicemen and women of past wars. Students from John Curtin Senior High School formed the band and choir, both performing brilliantly. The Readers Theatre script, “Three photographs and a handful of clippings”, celebrating the spirit of Australia in word and song was also performed by the same students.

The service, for students by students, was very capably led by Hollywood Primary School Year 7 students Marieke Van Bruggen and Michael Green. Guides and Scouts manned the flag poles and during the service Legacy Wards Rebecca Batten (10) and Nicholas Errol (9) laid a wreath at the War Memorial on behalf of all school-children in WA.

In his address, the Minister for Education, Mr Colin Barnett, drew upon experiences of members of his family to encourage students to communicate with people from older generations to help fully understand the horrors of war and to truly appreciate the freedom in which they live.

More than 100 guests, including the President of the RSL, Mr Len Keynes, the President of Legacy, Mr John Burridge, and the Lord Mayor of Perth, Dr Peter Nattrass, attended the service.

The Schools’ Commemorative Anzac Service has been a highlight in the calendar of the Education Department for many years. The Swanbourne Education Office hosts the service each year and schools are invited to participate as performers on a rotational basis. The service is always a very formal affair and the 1200 pupils marked the occasion appropriately. A recording of the service is made each year and a copy is held by the RSL.
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Bish arrived in Australia in 1949 and became an Australian citizen in 1955. Most of his working life was with the Public Service; he retired in June 1987 as the senior economist for the Water Authority of WA.

In 1949 Bish joined the RSL; since 1973 he has been a member of the State Executive, resulting in his being awarded a Life Membership in 1982. He has also been a member of the Kings Park Honour Avenue Committee since 1972 and a Sub-Warden on the State War Memorial since the early sixties.

Several Polish decorations have been awarded to Bish, one of them being the equivalent to the OBE and another equivalent to the RSL Meritorious Service Medal. He was awarded the OAM for his services to the ex-service community.

Well done Bish, and congratulations from all.

ANN KEYNES

The President and Members of
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In addition to Navy, Army and Air Training Corps Cadets, other community-based cadet units have also been established. These include St John Ambulance, Police Rangers, State Emergency Service and a brand-new type of cadet organisation, the Emergency Services Cadet Corps.

Although supported financially by the State Government, the school cadet units established under the scheme need ongoing community support to assist with their operations. In particular, instructors are needed by some of the units to assist with the day-to-day running, and this is where you may be able to help.

Do you have a Defence Force, St John Ambulance, Police or Cadet background, and can you spare a few hours a week? Then please contact the Principal at one of the following High schools who will be able to put you in touch with the Unit Commander/Co-ordinator.

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THE LEAGUE MOTTO

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«The condition upon which God hath given liberty to man is eternal vigilance.»

Wendel Phillips in an address before the Massachusetts Anti-Slavery Society in 1852 said:

«Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty.»

Some people have attributed this also to Thomas Jefferson but no one has found any record of Jefferson using the sentence.

In the early 1920s the Victorian Branch of the League suggested that the League should have a motto, and the NSW Branch of the League recommended:

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The State President has received the following letter from the Secretariat, Awards and National Symbols Branch, Department of Administrative Services.

I write concerning formal recognition of awards made to Australian servicemen by the Government of the United States of America (US) for both bravery and service during the Vietnam conflict.

The issue of formally approving the acceptance and wearing of foreign awards by Australian citizens was flagged by the Committee of Inquiry into Defence and Defence Related Awards (CIDA) in its Report of March 1994, and referred to the 1989 Guidelines concerning the acceptance and wearing of Foreign Honours and Awards by Australians.

These Guidelines set the policy under which such awards can be approved and basically the requirement is for a foreign government to approach the Australian Government through a diplomatic note verbale for approval to have (their) foreign award accepted and worn.

In relation to US awards made to Australian servicemen in Vietnam, where in fact formal approval would be retrospective for awards already conferred, necessary processes have been agreed between the US and Australian authorities in seeking such formal approval.

An application form has been developed for US medal awardees (or a family member in posthumous cases) whereby they may submit details of their US award(s). The form must be initially processed by this office, with advice sought from the Australian Department of Defence to validate the service details of the awardee, before it is passed to the US Embassy in Canberra for further action. In line with the US Government’s requirements, the onus is on the awardee to provide ‘proof’ of validity of the US award when making an application. Guidance notes on the type of proof required is given with the application form and purely anecdotal evidence will not be accepted.

Completed application forms, along with supporting documentation (photocopies) must be sent to the Department of Administrative Services (DAS) and not direct to the US Embassy. The postal address and a helpline phone number is given on the front of the application form.

For information: when the US Embassy receives an application for a particular US award and is happy with details provided, they will submit a diplomatic note verbale to the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT). DAS eventually processes diplomatic notes to the Governor-General and, once his approval has been given, advises DFAT who would then formally advise the US authorities. The US Embassy will advise the particular individual or family member concerned of the outcome.

You will note that where proof can be proved that a US award was actually recommended by the US military authorities during the Vietnam conflict but the medal itself was not actually awarded, the US Government will examine making such an award. However, the application form is NOT for individuals to now seek a new award if they believe they should have received a USA award but didn’t.

I understand that the US Embassy will ‘batch’ groups of applicants into diplomatic notes verbale, possibly by award type or some other grouping, or when a certain number of applications has been received after a month period or so, rather than singularly for each applicant. It is therefore not possible to advise how long the formal approval process will take once an application is submitted.

The matter of awards conferred by the (then) Government of the Republic of South Vietnam (which obviously no longer exists) is a more complex issue. You may have noted CIDA’s comment on the possibility of granting discretionary authority to the Minister responsible for the Australian Honours System, to waive the requirements of paragraph 2 of the Guidelines concerning the Acceptance and Wearing of Foreign Honours and Awards by Australians. Whilst this issue is being examined, any policy on South Vietnamese awards will take some time to be finalised and implemented. Application forms are available from this office. I have sent similar letters to each RSL state branch directly, and it would be appreciated if you could advertise through your state network the fact that a process of seeking approval for US awards has been established and that application forms are available.

Thank you for your help with this issue and please don’t hesitate to contact me if you need further advice or if I can be of any assistance to you.

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The Dockers have sought approval from the AFL to have the Leonard Hall Game played each year on or near Anzac Day to recognise the achievements and sacrifices of Australia’s servicemen and women.

On Friday 26 April, two World War I veterans, Mr Leonard Hall and Mr Francis Isaacs, who had the privilege of ‘tossing the coin’ before the match, were the Dockers’ guests for the night. These two gentlemen were driven onto the field in World War I jeeps, accompanied by Army Cadets who carried the Australian flag. The Last Post was played and a minute’s silence was observed. It was appropriate that the Dockers won the inaugural match.

A media release from the Fremantle Dockers states Mr Len Hall was born on 9 May 1897, one day after the first VFL game ever played. In 1914, at the age of 16 years, he joined the 10th Light Horse, served at Gallipoli and later in the Middle East. His life was saved by his horse which bore the brunt of an explosion that killed most of his mates. The horse had been given to him by the legendary cattleman, Sir Sidney Kidman. Mr Hall still has a piece of shrapnel from the battle of Beersheba embedded in his arm-which sets off airport security devices to this day. Mr Hall spent most of his working life with the PMG in Perth, and still looks after himself in his home of 45 years in Scarborough. His portrait hangs in the National War Museum in Canberra.

Mr Francis Isaacs, who will turn 100 in August 1996, is the oldest surviving Gallipoli veteran in WA. Originally from Queensland, he served at Gallipoli, saw action on the Western Front and was wounded three times. A bootmaker by trade, Mr Isaacs now lives in Kardinya with his daughter.

In 1997 the Dockers hope to introduce a concession for veterans to attend the Leonard Hall Game. As the Dockers are supporting the veteran community we hope the veterans in turn will support the Dockers. Well done Dockers!

LEN KEYNES

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"Weariness, complacency or discord, or squabbles over petty matters will mar our prospects. We must all drive ourselves to the utmost limit of our strengths. We must preserve and refine our sense of proportion. We must strive to combine the virtues of wisdom and daring. We must move forward together, united and inexorable."

Winston Churchill

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The residents of the War Veterans' Homes at Mount Lawley and Meadow Springs, Mandurah, have been given video recorders through the generosity of Highgate Sub-Branch (for the Mt Lawley recorder) and members of the Mandurah RSL Social Club (for the Meadow Springs recorder). We now seek support in the form of donations of old or new video tapes for our 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

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But war itself is my enemy
and it is my father's too
Peace is of course the best solution
though to some this seems untrue.
Yes, my hero has been to war
but it was our leaders who sent him yet, when you're a career soldier,
you know the realities of war are grim.

That's not to say we should lose touch
with what's right and wrong in our time,
but there are rules even in times of war
or be perpetrators of war crime.
The media call some murderers
and this may be how you feel
but my father loves his country:
he felt the need for defence was real.

So next time you see them marching
don't see soldiers who glorify war:
they are the people who fought for us
when our country heard others call.
For many live with the realities...
of their mates who are no longer here:
Lost lives, lost limbs, lost minds
make the initial objectives unclear.

Yet, I am my father's daughter
and I'm as proud as I can be
'cause this Vietnam vet put his life on the line
and I know he did it for me.
For this reason, and more, I honour him
and all who shared in wars past:
for they are the unsung heroes
though each war I hope is the last.

Yes I am filled with contradictions,
for it's peace I really seek
but I will not hold those who fought for me
in contempt, or view them as weak.
But I will surely remember them
lest, we should ever forget:
they've made the greatest sacrifice,
so I honour my father, a soldier, a vet!
CAROL L. MITCHELL (nee Mettam)
THE SIXTH DIVISION’S FINAL CAMPAIGN
DECEMBER 1944 – AUGUST 1945
by Dr Richard Reid, Australian War Memorial

On the afternoon of 12 September 1945 Lieutenant General Hatazo Adachi, commanding officer of the 18th Japanese Army in Papua New Guinea, was carried into the headquarters of the Australian 17th Brigade at Yamil in a sedan chair. The General had been declared medically unfit to walk long distances. Next morning Adachi set out on his last official journey of the war. He was flown the 85 kilometres from Hayfield near Yamil to the coast at Wewak where he was driven to the airstrip at Cape Wom.

At the airstrip 3,200 men from the 6th Australian Division, the 8th Brigade Commonwealth Military Forces, Papua New Guinean soldiers of the 2nd New Guinea Infantry Battalion, the 3rd Australian Base Sub-Area and contingents of the Royal Australian Air Force and Royal Australian Navy were paraded in a hollow square. Adachi, accompanied by three staff officers and escorted by a contingent from the Australian Provost Corps, walked 400 yards down the centre of Wom airstrip between the ranks of silent Australian servicemen. Waiting to receive him behind a table draped with the Australian flag stood Major General Horace Robertson to his right and left stood Captain Morris of the Royal Australian Navy and Air Commodore Walters of the Royal Australian Air Force. The men who watched Adachi make his walk had been carefully chosen. Robertson’s orders had stipulated that where possible each unit was to have its commanding officer present and formed up with his men. Soldiers were to wear full jungle green uniforms, hats with centre crease and properly turned up, web belt and gaiters. The Commando units were to wear their berets. Each officer was to carry his holstered pistol on his right side with a lanyard over his shoulder. Other ranks were to carry rifles with bayonets fixes. Ribbons and decorations were, where possible, to be worn. To ensure everyone had a good view of the proceedings Robertson gave instructions that shorter men were to be positioned in the front centre of each unit group.

At 10 am General Adachi surrendered the 18th Army unconditionally to General Robertson. He signed an instrument of surrender to that effect on the wardroom table from RAN Motor Launch ML 805, which had been used by Robertson to accept the surrender of Japanese naval forces in the area under Rear Admiral Sato three days previously. After signing Adachi, taking his sword in both hands, passed it ceremoniously over the table to Robertson. The 6th Division’s final campaign against the Japanese in Papua New Guinea was officially over.

The campaign began at Aitape on the north west coast of Papua New Guinea in December 1944. The 16th and 19th Brigades advanced along the coast and the immediate hinterland towards the great Japanese base of Wewak. Wewak fell on 9 May 1945 and by the end of the month the enemy had been driven from the coast. Inland the 17th Brigade advanced through the Torrecelli Mountains towards Maprik, which was captured on 21 April 1945. By 8 August the Brigade had advanced to Kiariyu and were preparing to close with units of the 16th Brigade at Numoikum. In repeated actions throughout the fighting Beaufighters of Nos 7, 8 and 100 Squadrons bombed and strafed enemy positions. Ships of the Royal Australian Navy shelled Japanese positions and assisted with landings east of Wewak on 11 May 1945 designed to encircle and cut off any Japanese fleeing from Wewak.

The Division’s casualties tell their own story. Four hundred and forty two men were killed and 1,141 wounded. A further 145 died of other causes. More than 16,000 men were admitted to hospital suffering from a range of tropical diseases, mainly malaria, dysentery, dengue fever and scrub typhus.

In December 1944, at the start of the campaign, the Japanese 18th Army was estimated at between 30 and

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35,000 men – at the surrender 13,500 were left. Nine thousand had been killed in battle and the remaining 7,500 had died of disease and malnutrition. Only 269 Japanese were taken prisoner. General Adachi estimated that approximately 100,000 Japanese perished in Papua New Guinea between 1942 and 1945. In September 1947 Adachi took his own life while waiting trial as a war criminal at Rabaul. In a farewell letter to the Emperor, aware of the incredible suffering and hardship endured by his men, he wrote:

“I have demanded perseverance far exceeding the limit of man’s endurance....... However, my officers and men all followed my orders without grumbling, and, when exhausted, they succumbed to death just like flowers falling in the wind”.

For Australian soldiers the fighting in this final campaign was no less intense, brutal and demanding of all the skills and endurance of the soldier than any other fought in Papua New Guinea. It comes as something of a shock to realise that the casualties suffered were comparable to those units along the Kokoda Track in 1942. The 2/2nd Battalion, for example, had 64 men killed in action or died of wounds on the Track; it lost 54 between Aitape and Wewak.

Units were often in action for months with little respite. The story of the 2/6th Battalion is typical. By early July 1945 the 2/6th had fought its way through mountainous jungle areas for over five months. The Battalion’s role had been on the right and left flanks of the 17th Brigade’s advance through the Torrecelli and Prince Alexander Mountains between February and July. Every man who went through this campaign will recall villages and localities where the combat was sharp and mates were lost at places like Gwanginam, Kombichagi, Bungara, and Yamil. As the Torrecelli villages were a major food producing area the Japanese defended it strongly. All patrols faced the constant threat of ambush. On 14 July Lieutenant Johnson’s patrol lost three men killed and two wounded. The 17th Brigade’s War Diary summed up the five month progress of the 2/6th Brigade through the Torrecellis:

“During this period their advance had been generally across a series of mountain ridges densely covered with jungle and big timber. Each ridge was intersected by deep gorges dropping some thousand feet into the mountain streams. The fatigue of movement was immense, the problems of supply heartbreaking; it was jungle fighting at its worst”.

For some senior battalions of the Second AIF Aitape-Wewak was their introduction to jungle warfare. Since their return in 1942 from the Middle East the veteran 19th Brigade had guarded the Northern Territory. Now they fought out the war in the swamps and mountain ranges of the north coast of New Guinea. The Westralians of the 2/11th had not seen action since the disaster on Crete in 1941. On 10 May 1945 the battalion waded through a swamp in an encircling movement designed to cut off the Japanese retreat from their base at Wewak. Woop Waters wrote to his mother about the swamp:

“What a picnic this was. Up to our waist in slimy mush and still with a grin up. Never was I so fed up with the so-called mopping up campaign. We certainly needed an ousize in mops to dry this up.... It was pouring rain as usual”.

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It was along the narrow tracks over the razorback jungle hills east of the swamp that the 2/11th spent what Sergeant Williams called the Three Grim Days. These days were filled with attacks on hills known simply as 620, 710 and 770. The attack by D Company on 710 had all the elements of a first world war trench action.

On the night before the attack the Padre visited the company and the men wrote letters home. Next morning, following an intense artillery bombardment, D Company rushed up the razorback. Six enemy machine guns brought them to a halt. Later at 4.30 pm they renewed the attack gaining the summit. The Japanese counter-attacked, led by an officer wielding a sword and a shotgun. In the ensuing hand-to-hand fighting the enemy were beaten off to a neighbouring ridge where some strapped themselves to trees and kept up incessant fire on D Company. Rain began and on the slopes of 710 Australians lay badly wounded.

The evacuation of those soldiers is one of the legends of the 2/11th. Men went forward and lay on their backs along the slope as the wounded were passed down. Papua New Guinea stretcher bearers received them and bore them down the worst part of the track to waiting jeeps. Despite the risks, torches were used to guide the bearers. Sergeant Williams wrote, “Mateship defied the jungle”.

Savage actions like that at hill 710, fought within three months of war’s end, point to the particular tragedy of this final campaign. Woop Waters writing to his mother touches on it:

“We may make home yet who knows.... I went out to one of our companies who are putting on an attack. The artillery fired 2000 shells in twenty minutes on the Jap positions. How in the hell anyone lived through it beats me. But as soon as the barrage lifted and the boys attacked he was full of fight. It is amazing how he survives and just shows what we have to fight. The boys are pretty tired and have all had it....It really is a war of nerves”.

This exhaustion with the campaign was common among the men of the 6th Division. Never once did it affect their performance as professional soldiers.

What touched them all, as it touched official historian Gavin Long when he wrote their story ten years later, was the way in which these last desperate actions of a dying Japanese army were killing Australian veterans, men who must have been wondering if after nearly five and a half years of war, they might just make it home. Long’s attention was drawn to the high casualty rate in the 2/11th resulting from these actions in May. From the enlistment numbers of the dead of the 2/11th, he noticed how this unit had maintained its strong Western Australian character. More sadly he remarked on the deaths of men like Corporals Donaldson and McLennan, and Lieutenant Chidgzey. Army numbers indicated these men were original volunteers – Thirty-Niners – soldiers who had served out the whole war only to die within weeks of final victory. Every unit in the 6th Division had its quota of such men.

What did the Sixth Division achieve in ten months campaigning? They brought a Japanese army in the field to the verge of defeat. There was no doubt of that. After the fall in June of the stoutly defended Japanese positions on Mounts Shiburangi and Tazaki, General Adachi planned a last stand in the hinterland behind Wewak. He anticipated that this final battle would last no longer than his food and ammunition allowed. At that stage Japanese survivors would melt into the bush to carry on ‘ambush warfare’. The Japanese 18th Army would have ceased to exist as a fighting unit.

Along the coast and in the Torrecellis there were many who were glad to see the Australians. Local villagers were suffering greatly from the Japanese occupation, especially from Japanese use of available gardens and food supplies. And there was one special group of soldiers who were overjoyed to see the men in jungle green – the Indian Army prisoners of war.

In the Commonwealth War Graves Cemeteries at Rabaul and Lae one senses the presence of the vanished British Empire for many of the graves are of native soldiers of the old India Army. One thousand and thirty eight Indian soldiers are buried at Rabaul and Lae representing an unknown proportion of the total number who were brought to Papua New Guinea from Singapore to labour for the Japanese. Many lie in unknown jungle graves.

As the 6th Division swept along the coast in 1945 they rescued Jemedar Chint Singh of the 2/12th Frontier Force Regiment, Indian Army. Chint was one of 210 survivors of approximately 3,000 Indian soldiers brought to Wewak by the Japanese on 16 May 1943. Chint could not thank the men of the 6th Division enough for his liberation. As he left Wewak for Australia in January 1946, to testify at a war crimes hearing into the fate of his 2,800 dead brothers in arms, he wrote a farewell message to the 6th Division:

“We were suffering from terrible diseases and there was no hope of life; at this hour of our calamity the Division worked as an Angel for us. We were fed, clothed and looked after in hospitals and in the camp by Doctors, Nurses, and the Camp Staffs; to them we owe our lives. Every member of the Division shared with our miseries and helped us in this wilderness where we had no hope to live”.

The achievement of the 6th Division lived on in the heart of this grateful Indian soldier. Australians should be no less fulsome in their praise of the 6th Division, as a unit which did its duty by Australia to the end of a long and savage war.
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He said, “Under this new policy, RSL members will get a significant increase in cover for damage to another person’s car or property, a lift in their cover for personal belongings, and increased cover for damage to a caravan or trailer damaged in a car accident.

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The new policy has been heartily endorsed by RSL executives in all states, and it is expected that not only will those who choose it reap the benefits when transferring from existing Oceanic policies, but that there will be many other members and their families taking it up as well.

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Firstly, let me introduce myself. My name is Lt Bill Lawless, Commanding Officer of TS Krait, Naval Reserve Cadets’ in Hervey Bay, Queensland, and I need your help to achieve a goal never before attempted anywhere in Australia.

To tell you a bit about us, we are a voluntary youth organisation sponsored by the Royal Australian Navy for males and females 13 to under 19 years of age. The Navy sponsors a large number of units Australia-wide and each unit has its own name and identity, each staffed by Naval Reserve Cadets, Officers and instructors.

The aims of the NRC are to teach skills and lifestyle associated with the Australian Navy: seamanship, sailing, power boating and to give young adults the opportunity to experience training programmes in specialist fields such as, gunnery, marine engineering, marine technology, communications, Naval aviation, physical training, cooking, music, supply and secretariate etc. Most importantly, Cadets are encouraged to explore their potential, develop confidence, pride, self-discipline, assume responsibility and self esteem and learn to make friends and communicate with others effectively. Those assets are important in pursuing a successful career not only in the Navy, but also in the commercial world.

The Australian Navy supplies uniforms and training equipment, but not land, buildings or the necessary resources for maintaining and running a unit. This is acquired through fund-raising by the Cadets and staff together with a dedicated team of voluntary workers.

Our Unit was founded in 1993 with Accreditation granted in December of that year. Since April 1994, six Cadets have been accepted into the Navy with another three awaiting their intake later this year.

TS Krait Naval Reserve Cadet Unit is dedicated to the bravery of a group of 14 Navy and Army volunteers from “Z Special” who, on 2 September 1943 set off in a captured Japanese fishing boat renamed The Krait, from the shores of Australia in “Operation Jaywick” and took part in one of the longest and most extraordinary sea raids in the history of the war. In tiny canoes, they stole into Singapore harbour, planted limpet mines on the Japanese ships and sank 40,000 tons of shipping. They returned to the Krait, and after 5,000 miles and 47 days, reached Australia where another campaign was launched almost 12 months later, codenamed “Operation Rimau” and comprising six of the original “Krait” crew; every member was either killed or executed by the Japanese.

Four members of the original crew of the “Krait” are still alive and it is to them and their comrades we wish to pay tribute with the construction of a full size replica of “The Krait”.

The replica will be approximately 80ft long and ultimately will be manned by the Naval Cadets as part of their training. It is hoped to circumnavigate Australia and journey back through the Lombok Straits to Singapore to relive that memorable journey. The “Krait” replica will be used as a tourism venture by the Naval Cadets, taking tourists to Fraser Island to visit the Z-Special Training Area and other points of interest in Hervey Bay, finishing with a tour of our establishment and memorabilia room. The profits from this venture will be used to further the education and training of our young Cadets.
**KRAIT REPLICA CONTINUED**

As 1995 marked 50 years since the end of World War II and money was allocated by the Government for this *Australia Remembers* year, funds have been offered by the Government for this venture. Through DEET and Skillshare, it is hoped that work on this construction will commence shortly and will employ 84-100 people. These people will have the opportunity of on-the-job training and should they wish to pursue a career in this field will have this experience accredited to any apprenticeship they embark on.

Additional funds in excess of $100,000 are desperately needed for the construction and outfitting of the *Krait* replica, and we seek contributions to help us achieve our goal of bringing the *Krait* back to life so Australia “does remember”.

Perhaps you feel you would like to help us with our undertaking and become a part of “history in the remaking”. If you are able to make a financial commitment to this project, however small, you will be helping to bring a dream to fruition, contributing to the creation of employment for many people, and the part our young adults will play in the future of Australia.

We hope you can help us in some way and any contributions may be sent to PO Box 1241, Hervey Bay, Qld 4655

**LT BILL LAWLESS**
Commanding Officer

**TS Krait**

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**LA STYLE SHUTTLE BUS A HIT**

You don’t have to go to Hollywood, California to have a ride in one of LA’s Universal Studios-type shuttle buses. Hollywood in Nedlands has one that is just the same. Hollywood Private Hospital recently purchased the electric “bus” to transport visitors and patients around the hospital grounds and to and from the hospital car parks.

Redevelopment of the hospital means car parking is now temporarily further away. The hospital covers 29 acres of land, making it a long walk to get to some wards. Hollywood’s Executive Director Roger Snell said the shuttle bus purchase seemed like a good solution to the problem.

“When Hollywood was built in World War II for military personnel, it was built pavilion-style, like an army barracks which was fine for the then younger patients and their visitors in the 1940s,” Mr Snell said. “However, in 1996, Hollywood continues to care for veterans and war widows, many of whom are in their 70s and 80s, so we want to make it as easy as possible for visitors and patients to get around the hospital.”

A donation of $6000 from the Police Department Traffic Branch to Hollywood paid for the sales tax on the bus, which had to be imported from America. The Branch donated all proceeds from the annual Police/Honda Motorcycles Skills Course, as its contribution to *Australia Remembers*, the 50th anniversary of the end of World War II.

The bus runs from 9am to 5pm Monday to Friday, the times at which the demand for parking is greatest. Hollywood is looking to a service club or volunteer organisation to run the shuttle, and an appropriate donation for that service would be made.

For further information, contact Catherine Archer on 346 6716.

Driver Michael Abbott with happy passengers on the new shuttle bus, (from left) Mrs Bill Mitchell, Natasha Belonogoff, Mrs Cynthia Belonogoff and Norman Krakouer.
MEMBERSHIP

Here in WA the League has and is doing much that it can be proud of; however, with what seems to be the swift ever-increasing passage of time, we do not have the luxury of being able to rest on our laurels. The challenge is to look not only to the future but to prepare and plan for it.

In order that the WA State Branch League can build and improve upon the foundations that have already been established, an ongoing commitment is required from all League members.

One way we in the League can assure the League's future survival and much more importantly its future success, is by recruiting, thereby increasing membership. This is one sure way that the League can continue in to the future with confidence.

I therefore ask that you consider yourselves members of one big recruiting team and pose the following question, “What have YOU done to increase membership?”

I know that many of you show your commitment to the League in many and varied ways, yet it is precisely because of that commitment that the League membership needs to be increased so as to be able to improve upon the invaluable work by those who went before us.

I acknowledge that not all members are or will be able to actively recruit so I would ask that the rest of us who can do so try that little bit harder and, instead of accepting a personal membership goal of one, go for two or three and for the really adventurous four or five. Ten members or more are all that is required to open a Sub-Branch! The criteria for membership is, simply put, either six months, full or part time service, in one of the Armed Services of the Australian Defence Forces or Service in one of the Armed Services of Australia’s allies.

You as a Sub-Branch member and recruiter have a plethora of initiatives and strategies that can help the State Branch in its recruiting drive; for example, does your Sub-Branch have a recruiting officer? If not, why not?

It is surprising how many members are not fully aware of all that the League does. If one does not fully understand this then it is difficult to properly “sell” the full advantages of membership to those who are eligible to join.

In the community generally, within WA and other parts of Australia there is, because of what we do for Veterans and Ex-Service members, a groundswell of goodwill towards the League. However, in order to retain not only our status as the premier Veteran and Ex-Service organisation but more importantly an organisation that is intent on continuing with its commitment to Veterans and Ex-Service members, we have to increase our membership.

I ask that you all accept this challenge in the same spirit that you have all met and overcome previous challenges. If any of you have any suggestions that can help advance the cause of increased membership please let me or my colleagues know.

Membership Committee members intend visiting as many Sub-Branches as possible to gain feedback which will assist us in our deliberations in the formulation and implementation of the State Branch Membership/Recruiting Objectives and Plans, both long and short term.

JACK BABBAGE
Chairman Membership Committee (09) 349 0826

WEST AUSTRALIAN MARCHING ASSOCIATION (INC)

Mr Percy White, representing the State President, presented Sarah Isaacson with her Participation Award at the West Australian Marching Association’s State Championships, held at Gilbert Frazer Reserve, North Fremantle in March.

Sarah is the smallest marching athlete in the State and loves to play the game with her fellow team members of the red Robins. WAMA State Committee members would like to thank Mr White for his contribution on this significant day.

SHARON MURRAY

Sarah Isaacson receiving her Participation Award from Mr Percy White, State Executive Member.
These are the only building remaining from the Fort Arthur Head battery complex. The quarters and toilet were built during the initial construction (1905-05). Other buildings, including the workshop (barracks) and laboratory, were added later.

Quarters

Plans for the battery and associated buildings were prepared in Melbourne. A draftsman, A.E. Francis, was sent to Perth in early 1904 to compete drawings and specifications under the supervision of Major J. T. Hobbs, Staff Officer Engineering Services for the Australian Army in Western Australia.

Hobbs wrote to the AAG for Engineering Services in Melbourne stating: “With regard to Sergeant’s quarters at Arthur Head, I have altered the walls of the building to brick as it will cost little more that a good wooden building, will make a much better job, and the cost of maintenance, especially with regard to painting, will be very much less.”

Early in 1905 finished plans were sent to the Western Australian Public Works Department, responsible for the Commonwealth-funded construction, and tenders were advertised soon afterwards. The successful tenderer was C.H. Carter for a sum of 4,935 pounds ($9870). This included construction of the quarters and toilets.

One of the hand-coloured plans for the building shows on the reverse side “Major Hobbs copy”. The plans are the same as the building in almost every detail. The only differences being the concrete front verandah, originally specified to be timber, and a corrugated iron lean-to, which houses a toilet, at the rear of the quarters where there used to be an open porch. The drawings also show details for a brick ‘earth closet’ (toilet) which can be seen close to the edge of the cliff.

Following the completion of the building in 1906, an ‘Abstract of Authorised Alterations’ was prepared. It and accompanying documents included items relating to the quarters and toilet. The roof of the quarters was painted with “oxide of iron” (red paint) and a “small door” was formed “at the back of the E.C. (toilet)” to provide “for pan services required by the Local Board of Health”.

Later works on the quarters and surroundings included graveling the drill ground in 1907, connection of sewerage in 1914 and the addition of the lean-to in the 1940s. It is possible that the front verandah of the quarters was replaced.
with concrete when the drill ground was gravelled, changing levels.

From the time of construction until the 1950s, the quarters were variously known as 'sergeant's quarters', 'kitchen', 'men's quarters', and 'district gunner's quarters'. This reflects the changing uses of the building.

During the 1950s it was occupied by an army caretaker. When the Fremantle Harbour Trust regained possession of the military reserve in 1956-60, they renovated the quarters and leased them to a tenant, Mrs Gerrard, who lived there until 1986. From 1986 until 1988 the quarters were the Arthur Head Bicentennial Project office.

Workshop

A memorandum written in 1906 discussed possible future works for the battery and stated: "There was at one time apparently a proposal to provide a barrack building on the parade space". It is evident, from plans and documents, that a barracks building was constructed between 1907 and 1909 and that this is the corrugated iron shed situated between the quarters and the old toilet. The inadequacy of the building as a barracks was stressed in a memorandum written in 1909 which stated: The O/C RAA (Officer in Command Royal Australian Artillery) informed me that the men were in a miserable state at Arthur Head Fort owing to the severity of weather'. Arrangements were made soon afterwards for the old post office in Cliff Street to be used as a barracks.

Plans and files dating from 1916 to 1959 refer to the building as an 'armary (armoury) room', and 'artifer's shop' and as a 'workshop'. The name workshop has been chosen for the building as it served this function for the majority of its life. When Mrs Gerrard became the tenant of the quarters the workshop was described as a 'garage'. From 1987-88 it was used as a workshop by the Arthur Head Bicentennial Project.

The building appears to have been re-roofed and the walls reclad. Double doors were replaced by a metal tilting door after 1965 and the floor was resurfaced at some stage.

Laboratory

A contract was let in 1912 for the construction of Fremantle Fort Forrest and Arthur Head Laboratories. The buildings were completed in early 1913 for a total cost of $960 pounds ($1920). One of the laboratories remains and is situated between the public toilets and the quarters.

Laboratories were an integral part of batteries in the nineteenth century and were used to make up gunpowder charges. The laboratory at Arthur Head was probably used to test cordite, the propellant used to fire shells. Cordite consists of a mixture of nitro glycerine, gun cotton and mineral jelly. It was placed in a silk bag and then loaded into the breach of the gun. As it was chemically unstable and could deteriorate, the cordite had to be tested and this was done in the laboratory.

The building is divided into three rooms and the central one was used for testing cordite. The two outer rooms were probably used to change into special clothes to be worn in the inner room, and for storing goods and equipment.

The guns were removed from the battery in 1943 and thereafter the laboratory was used for other purposes. Although inside doors and those at the southern end have been removed and windows fitted in place of wooden shutters on the western face, the building has little changed since it was built.


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by Norton Foster

Here we were, four Australian soldiers trudging along the edge of a railway track in the middle of the night somewhere in the centre of northern Greece. We were all in high spirits for we had just escaped off a German prisoner-of-war train which had left Salonika some two hours earlier bound for Germany. Our escape from the train was unpremeditated. However, from the time some 56 of us had found ourselves packed jam-tight into a cattle truck, we were sure there would be no way we would be willing to see out the expected eight day journey to Germany in those conditions.

There was absolutely no comfort in our situation, no seats to sit on, or even room where one could lie out flat. We either had to stand up or sit with our knees up under our chin, and as there was insufficient room for everyone to do the latter at the same time, everyone had to take turns at standing up. To make matters worse we were rotten with dysentery, which had plagued most of us from the first couple of weeks after we were taken prisoner on Crete some two months earlier – 31 May 1941 to be exact. We were also emaciated, lousy and unwashed, and altogether not a pretty sight.

The cattle truck is a pretty common sight around Europe even today but during the war it was the sole means used by the Nazis for transporting millions of people to places they didn’t want to go. It is a rail box wagon about 6 metres long, 3 wide and two high. It has a sliding door on each side about 1.5 metres wide reaching from floor to ceiling. When the doors are closed they are locked on the outside by a pivoted L-shaped steel arm, the end of which fits into an eye fixed to the body of the wagon. The doors were kept locked in this way whenever there were prisoners inside. With the door closed, the only ventilation inside was through two small openings about 50cm wide and 35cm high placed high up under the roof at one end of each side wall and open to the elements.

In our wagons these were crisscrossed with strands of barbed wire stapled to the outside of the wagon at about 10cm intervals.

In true German fashion it was planned to stop the train every hour and unload the prisoners a wagon at a time to attend to the calls of nature on the side of the track. But dysentery like “time and tide” waits for no man so, not long out of Salonika, one of the corners of the wagon was cleared for use as a toilet. In spite of this, and hampered by the darkness and the crush of bodies, people at the far end were often unable to make it in time. It is not hard to imagine the results.

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On the way back to the train after the first stop and eyeing the window from the outside, someone said "Y'know it would be pretty easy to escape from this bloody deathtrap if we could only get out that window. Once out we could swing around the corner of the wagon on to the buffers and jump off from there. Easy like falling of a log!" We all looked at each other but had our doubts.

We got back into the wagon and started to discuss the possibilities among ourselves. "How can we get out of such a small window so high up? What if the train is going to fast? How can we get the wire off? Where are we going to head for?" and so on! After a while, none of these problems seemed insurmountable and we came to the conclusion that it was worth a try. If we got onto the buffers and waited for the train to slow down going up an incline before we jumped off we could roll away into the darkness. It seemed feasible enough and the very thought of it gave us a ray of hope and lifted our spirits considerably.

First up we tried putting our hands through the wire while standing on the back of one of our mates kneeling on the floor and trying to lever the wire off the outside with our mess knives. However, neither our backs nor our equipment were up to the task and we soon had to abandon it. Then someone got the bright idea of lifting up one of our light-weights horizontally and getting him to kick the wire off with his army boots. We soon gave this a try and when it seemed to be a goer, decided to attack it in earnest while standing on the back of one of our mates kneeling on the floor and trying to lever the wire off. It was obvious we would have to get through this if we were to avoid doing ourselves an injury if we slipped. We soon worked out that the best way to do this was to stand with our backs to the window and while clinging to the shoulders of a couple of mates in front, have two others lift up our legs and feet from behind and feed them through the opening.

Little Leo Brandon – he who had had first go at kicking at the wire – was first to leave and was soon out of sight. I was about sixth in line, being preceded by Joe Plant, Ossie Osborne, Noel Lumby and Reg Clarkson (all members of the same army platoon). Reg had agreed to wait for me on the buffers so we could both get off together, in case we got separated from the others. Once outside, it was relatively easy to swing around the end of the wagon onto the buffers although it was pretty hairy making the leap as the train slowed down. Nevertheless we both got off safely, triumphant, if somewhat shaken. The arrangements were that once we were off the train we could walk back along the track until we met up with Leo, who would be waiting for us where he got off. We would then all head off east, moving by night and hiding by day, and eventually make our way into Turkey which was a neutral country at that time. None of us had much of an idea of what was involved in this but, fired with the enthusiasm of escaping, we did not much care.

It was thus that we found ourselves – Clarkson, Osborne, Lumley, and Foster – picking our way along the track hoping to meet Brandon and Plant further ahead. It was incredibly dark and the going was difficult. As far as we could make out, it was open country with not a glimmer of light to be seen anywhere. We had been walking for about 10 to 15 minutes and I figured we must be getting pretty close to where Leo got off the train when Ossie kicked something soft and heavy with his boot. He stopped, bent down, peered at it for some seconds in the darkness and finally picked it up.

"Bloody Hell! It's an Aussie army boot!" he said somewhat surprised. "A small one" and with a cry of anguish, "Gawd. It's got a bloody foot in it!" Leo must have slipped when he jumped and fallen between the rails and the wheels cut off his foot.

This pulled us all up short: stunned that our adventure should end in such an awful tragedy. We all had visions of Leo's mangled body bleeding to death somewhere on the side of the track. Our anguish was shattering. "We'll have to find him!" someone said. "Look on both sides of the track. He can't be far away." "Quiet! See if you can hear anything."

We stood still, straining to hear cries or moaning of any kind – stunned that our little mate could have come to such a tragic end – but all was quiet. Before we had a chance to organise there was a loud pained exclamation from Ossie; "Aw shit!" he cried, and then started to laugh. "The bloody boot's full of shit!" and he proceeded to throw it away from him as hard as he could and rub his hands in the dirt as though to erase forever the thought of that horrible thing from body and mind. It is easy to guess what had happened: someone on the train, caught in the grips of dysentery, had used his boot as a toilet and pushed it out the window. Five frightened soldiers breathed a great sigh of relief, collected their wits and proceeded on their way.
We never did find Leo or Joe that night. After walking another 20 minutes along the track we concluded we must be past the spot where they jumped from the train and that they must have set off together eastwards on their own. We silently wished them luck and proceeded to do the same ......

Courtesy: LEGS ELEVEN MINOR
News Letter of the 11th (1914 -1918) and 2/11th AIF Bns Assn.

CAUTIONARY TALE

There was once a stock control manager who used to work at least 60 hours a week administering the company’s warehouse. The manager was very diligent and didn’t really mind working such long hours until he got married.

Naturally he then wanted to spend more time with his new wife, so he went to his bosses and asked them to put some of his administrative tasks on the company’s computer.

No way, the bosses replied. The computer was already overloaded and a big backlog in other applications was building up. Automated stock control just wasn’t on the priority list, but because he was doing such a good job, he could have a raise.

The manager felt that perhaps he hadn’t put forward his argument strongly enough and asked for permission to buy a microcomputer as he felt sure that it could be a help.

No way, said the bosses. “We know all about the dangers of letting microcomputers breed like rabbits in our organisation – you lose control of your corporate information”.

By now the manager realised he had two chances, a slim one and a fat one, of getting automated help in his job and he thought hard about leaving the company. But, after all, the company had been pretty good to him, so he decided to use his raise to buy a microcomputer.

He then set about learning how to program and to develop the systems he felt he needed. That pushed his working week to 80 hours but, in the end, he had what he needed.

He went back to the bosses and showed them what he had done. The bosses were incensed. He had no right to do that sort of thing – his job was to look after the stock, not to fool around with matters that didn’t concern him.

So the manager went back and put the entire stock system onto his micro. The result was that he cut his working week from 60 hours to 30 hours. He was pleased, his wife was pleased, but the bosses were worried. All the company’s production and delivery schedules depended on the information stored on the micro.

To allay their fears, the manager offered to teach his assistants how the system worked if the company would buy another micro and recompense him for his own. “That’s outrageous and out of the question,” the bosses said.

“The bosses want everything for nothing,” the manager thought glumly as he wrote out his resignation, packed up his micro and floppy discs and headed for the door.

Some time later, the bosses phoned him. “We really would like to use your programs,” they said, a little sheepishly. “We can’t get the production and delivery schedules right without them.”

“OK” said the former manager, and named a consultancy fee as big as his former annual salary.

Moral: Listening can be cheaper than shouting.

ANON

Kindred Spirits Malaysian Getaway
13-26 August 1996

Organised by the company that organised the Reunion of Ex-Servicewomen in Darwin in June 1996, this tour is for ex-servicemen and women and kindred spirits. It features a week in Kuala Lumpur and a week in Penang with some tours (KL sightseeing, historical Melacca, Chinatown etc) and lots of time for leisure and shopping.

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The tour is limited to 40 passengers. Bookings on a first-come, first served basis.

Details contact Women that Work in Darwin
Telephone (089) 851909 or facsimile (089) 483566
Early in 1942 six Australian Army Sisters, during a week’s leave in Cairo, went to the cinema. When the film finished, in the gloom, rush and push of a packed crowd, two of us were separated from the others.

Eventually we found a taxi and gave directions to the driver ‘George’. He seemed to turn a great many corners and, perhaps foolishly since we were ignorant of the areas, Ulis was mentioned.

Abruptly he was confused. Then suddenly we were in a slum-lane with the taxi up against a dark wall! A crowd of shouting men immediately surrounded the car, pounding on the roof and smacking at the windows. The din was terrific! We sat stunned, and George crouched out of sight.

A door was wrenched open and an English private tumbled into the car, slamming the door shut as he fell. He was astounded!

“I heard yelling and saw a taxi in the middle of the mob. What the hell are you two girls doing here?”

We explained that we were lost (and so was George), and that we wanted to get to the bridge and the Australians’ houseboats.

Our welcome guest turned on George who, roused from his terror, backed rapidly out from the dead-end, and with bodies falling or brushed off, we were soon free and in the open road.

We soon reached the bridge, and our hero hurried us along the river bank, watched us up the gangway and onto the deck.

Then, turning smartly, he ran back to the waiting George. Almost there, he looked back, and seeing us still on the deck shouted in despair, “I’m AWOL and over an hour late. They’ll kill me for this.” And the two were off at speed.

Stupified, we had not thought to open our purses and grab a handful of money for unfortunate George, nor to ask our rescuer his name.

Inexperienced then, we could have still, somehow the next day, contacted British Senior Authority to explain the situation and saved our splendid soldier from harsh treatment, or we could have written an explanation as he would have been easily tracked down.

Jess made the only comment on the night’s event. “We didn’t even say ‘Thank You’.” Nothing was ever again said of the affair during the years we were together. Last Anzac Day I recalled the details of that evening in Cairo.

Fifty-three years later I write about that brave young man who save us in our hour of need.

I hope the following will convey a little of what so many Sisters and VAs felt for soldiers. It was recognised that if a Sister (English or Australian) ventured alone into crowds or dubious places, a khaki-clad soldier would always be near he to make sure she was safe. Then he/they would wander off.

These responsible young men — our brother, our guardian angels! They could be of a similar type that writer Florence Wards (1964 – 1916) said simply “...the best of all, amongst the rarest of the good”.

On behalf of women in uniform — indeed of all women these days — I offer heartfelt thanks to those ever-present watchers, at home and abroad.

Many young girls would have received similar prompt and selfless protection to that given to two Australian Sisters in danger, when a young English private ‘did not walk by, on the other side’.

To all servicemen of dreadful times, and those who stoically endured pain and lengthy rehabilitation, who in their glorious, crazy youth, unknowingly inspired those around them, and for all Armed Forces, especially the largely unsung, quiet men of the ‘Merchant Marine Service; I have unfailing respect and affection.

FC TURNER (MALETTI)
ex RAANS

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**THE MISSING AND THOSE WHO MISSED THEM**

Less said the better
the bill unpaid, the dead letter
no roses at the end
Of Smith, my friend
Last words don’t matter
And there are none to flatter
Words will not fill the post
of Smith, the ghost.

For Smith our brother
Only son of a loving mother,
The ocean lifted, stirred,
Leaving no word.

JOHN PUDNEY

*NB This very moving poem by John Pudney is believed to have been written in memory of those gave their lives in World War I.*

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Paying tribute to the MN’s war role

During the course of World War II some 2,284 merchant ships and 251 trawlers were lost to enemy action and with them the lives of some 31,908 merchant seamen and 814 fisherman.

Events in 1995 served to remind the nation of the great debt owed to the wartime generation. In the future we must ensure that their sacrifices are not forgotten.

On 1 November 1994, the Prime Minister launched an appeal to create a National Memorial Arboretum in the heart of the English Midlands near Lichfield. The site chosen for this living tribute to the war-time generation lies on the banks of the River Trent, where some 200 acres of reclaimed gravel beds have been donated for this purpose.

The central feature of the site will be a circular Avenue of the United Nations, along which it is hoped representatives of all the member states will plant a tree in the spirit of peace and reconciliation. Elsewhere, the Royal British Legion is sponsoring a poppy field, whilst the Royal Navy is planning for a ‘flotilla’ of oaks to sweep through the site.

As a suitable tribute to the merchant service and fishing fleet, it has been suggested that a wood be planted with each tree representing a lost ship. If an individual or group wished for a particular vessel to be remembered, this could also be arranged. The trees themselves will be mainly of native broadleaf, but evergreens and exotics would be included for two reasons. Firstly to show the worldwide spread of maritime trade, and, secondly and most importantly, to remind people of how many men from other nations served under the red duster during the war. It is hoped, therefore, that the 2,535 trees will be planted in their own separate plot.

Individuals, as well as ships, will be able to be commemorated by having trees planted on an adjacent site. The names of these individuals will be recorded in a Book of Remembrance to be kept in a chapel on the site; the ships will also be listed here. It is intended that this memorial wood be planted in 1996. Ships that went through the period safely can also be recalled.

The price to create the merchant navy wood will be £10.00 per tree, with a target, therefore, of £25,350. Donations, made out to ‘The Merchant Navy Board’ (registered charity No. 212799) should be sent to:

Captain D.A. Parsons MNI
Merchant Navy Welfare Board
19/21 Lancaster Gate, London W2 3LN

A receipt will be sent on request.

Capt. D.A. Parsons, General Secretary
Courtesy: NUMAST (The journal of the British Merchant Service Officers Union).
Contributed by: BARBARA HARPER-NELSON
HOLLYWOOD TO BE REDEVELOPED

Hollywood hospital celebrated its second birthday as a private hospital with a function for ex-service organisations. The first repatriation general hospital to be sold by the Commonwealth Government, it was bought by Ramsey Health Care in February 1994.

The function coincided with the start of the first stage of the hospital’s major redevelopment. This includes building four new wards and an entry, admissions and reception area. Each ward will contain 22 private and four two-bed rooms.

Architects Silver Thomas Hanley have designed a building which will blend in with the Nedlands neighbourhood. The new accommodation will be built in front of the existing operating theatre block. This stage of redevelopment is scheduled for completion in March 1997 and will comprise private and shared rooms.

Also being built during 1996 is a 30-bed, stand-alone psychiatric unit, to be commissioned in January 1997, and a specialist medical centre offering strata title, lease and sessional units. The stage one redevelopment project is estimated to cost $20 million.

In the second stage of the redevelopment, additional operating theatres and purpose designed day surgery/day procedure units will also be added.

Speaking at the anniversary function, executive director Roger Snell said the development would seek to retain the character and spirit of Hollywood, originally built in 1942 as the 110 Australian Military hospital for military personnel. “On behalf of the staff I would like to convey our appreciation to the veterans and war widows and their respective ex-service organisations for their continued loyalty and support for Hollywood,” Mr Snell said. He noted that, in the short time since privatisation, Hollywood had:

Admitted 24,000 in-patients
Received and treated 60,000 outpatients through the medical centre
Performed about 11,000 operations
Performed 12,000 procedures in the day procedure unit and gastrointestinal unit

Experienced an occupancy average of 83 per cent
The hospital continues to serve WA’s veteran and war widow community.

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SCANT PROOF OF SMOKING AND PROSTATE CANCER LINK

The specialist Medical Review Council (SMRC) has upheld the decision of the Repatriation Medical Authority (RMA) that, at this time, there is insufficient medical and scientific evidence to say smoking causes prostate cancer.

The council’s deliberations took into account factors that might cause or aggravate prostate cancer.

This is the first review of an RMA Statement of Principals the SMRC has carried out, and its decision was released 23 January 1996.

In March 1995, the RMA issued two of SOP concerning the possible and probable causes of prostate cancer. The findings were that there was insufficient evidence to link prostate cancer and smoking but it was possible that the exposure to herbicides may cause cancer of the prostate.

In keeping with the undertakings given by the Government, an opportunity to test these findings on behalf of the ex-
VETERANS' AFFAIRS

representing veterans.

The SMRC was headed by convenor Professor Alex Cohen AO, who recommended two other eminent scientists, Dr Graham Giles and Dr Margaret McCredie, be appointed councillors. Both councillors had been nominated by the Australasian College of Epidemiologists and selected by Professor Cohen because of their experience in research in this field.

The SMRC also recommended that the RMA reconsider the effects of herbicides on prostate cancer. However, the connection between exposure to pesticides in Vietnam will still stand and the Repatriation Commission has said that no one need fear they will be disadvantaged by the decision of the SMRC.

The Repatriation Commission will study the decision of the SMRC very carefully in order to prepare any submissions the RMA may call for over the next few months.

AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL

The National President received the following letter from General Peter Gratton, AC OBE, Chairman of Council, Australian War Memorial:

I am replying to your letter of 12 December 1995 regarding the use of the word 'museum' with reference to the Australian War Memorial.

I note that this matter originated with the ACT Branch which last year took the serious and presumably unprecedented step of passing a censure motion against me personally for allegedly using the word 'museum'. This was done without any prior discussion with me, verbally or in writing, and was not appreciated.

I am at a loss to understand the League's position on this matter. Council and staff quite properly refer to our institution as the Australian War Memorial, which is its name, enshrined in legislation.

Having said that, I would like draw some related matters to your notice.

The Australian War Memorial is quite unique in combining in the one institution both a memorial and a museum, unlike say Melbourne's Shrine of Remembrance which is a memorial only, or London's Imperial War Museum which is a museum only. This unique concept goes back to the very inception of the idea of the Memorial by Bean in 1917. His concept was to commemorate through understanding, and he envisaged a commemorative institution which would also incorporate a display of relics and memorabilia and a collection of documents that would allow the Australian people to know and understand what had been achieved in their name. It was for this purpose that Bean and Treloar set the 1st AIF in France to collecting the relics which formed the basis of the Memorial's collection.

Thus the ideas of display and museum have been inherent in the Memorial from its inception, and continue to be so. Indeed the institution was called the Australian War Museum until 1923, and Council in the mid-1970s considered but rejected a proposal to revert to that title.

In introducing the Australian War Memorial Bill 1980, Mr Ellicott, then Minister for Home Affairs and Minister for the Capital Territory, clearly described the Memorial's main roles:

"The Australian War Memorial is the expression of the vision of that great historian Dr C.W.Bean and the dedication of those responsible for its development over the years. It is well known as the nation's memorial to those who have fought and died for their country. It is also acknowledged as a major museum and the largest repository of relics, art works and memorabilia relating to war or war-like operations in which Australians have been involved. [Hansard (Reps) 17 April 1980. p 1897]"

The Australian War Memorial Act 1980 requires the Memorial to undertake a museum function. Clause 5 states that the Memorial's functions include:

(b) to develop and maintain, as an integral part of the national memorial referred to in paragraph (a), a national collection of historical material:

(c) to exhibit, or to make available for exhibition by others, historical material from the memorial collection or historical material that is otherwise in the possession of the Memorial.

The Memorial's role as a museum therefore continues to be integral to its role as the nation's memorial, and we will continue to pursue Bean's concept of commemoration through understanding. The current Capital Appeal is to allow the development and renewal of the museum galleries, or simply 'galleries' as staff generally refer to them to distinguish them from other areas of the building such as the Commemorative Area or Research Centre.

I hope the foregoing may provide some assurance that the word 'museum' is not inappropriate when used as I have described and certainly should not be taken as offensive to the memory of those who have lost their lives.

PETER GRATTON
T.K.LLOYD
Deputy Chairman
Veterans' Affairs Committee
WAR VETERANS' HOMES

MT LAWLEY

Firstly, we apologise to many of our members who received two raffle books this year. The blame lies with the computer which, for some unknown reason, decided to duplicate the labels. This major hiccup put extra stress on our volunteer Raffle Committee, and we commend them for handling the situation so capably. We are extremely thankful for their dedication.

We would like to remind you that all monies from our raffles are used exclusively for the R.S.L. Veterans' Homes and the prizes. All assistance is voluntary and no commissions are paid out.

We were sorry to see Mr Dennis Nelson, our Executive Officer, resign due to ill health and thank him for the contribution he made to the Homes over the years.

We now welcome Mr Bob Mitchell, recently appointed to the position. Mr Mitchell is a former member of the State Executive and was also in an executive position with Healthways. We look forward to his invaluable input to the organisation’s administration.

We have been fortunate to acquire the services of Mrs Margaret Ponta who has taken on the position of Resident Care Co-ordinator. With 20 years nursing experience as well as being a welfare officer, she is proving invaluable. Margaret is no stranger to the organisation as she was one of our advocates at R.S.L. headquarters.

The Department of Health and Family Services has approved a grant for the development of our frail-aged section known as Howes Wing. All being well, work should commence toward the end of October.

Our Anzac Eve Service at the home was well attended this year, and we thank those who made the occasion such a success.

MEADOW SPRINGS

Security is becoming a major concern with the increase of attempted break ins and screens have had to be installed.

St Patrick's Day was again celebrated by the residents and staff with a special luncheon and entertainment enjoyed by all.

On Anzac Day the cook used his initiative and organised an Aussie Outback army lunch with the dining room decorated with various camouflage trimmings. The residents were extremely impressed.

GERALDTON

The village has now been completed after a few last minute hiccups. The hostel is running well, and our Manager, Mr Alan Ellis has a variety of ideas to keep residents entertained.

KEN MURPHY

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MEDICS AT WAR
By Len McCarthy

Covering the history of the 2/13th Field Ambulance Unit formed in W.A. in December 1940, this book holds the reader's interest from the front cover to the back.

During the years it was in existence, the unit served in India, the Middle East, the Western desert, Tobruk, Palestine, Syria, Darwin, northern Queensland and the Pacific. The total strength of the unit was 243 and comprised 13 officers and 230 other ranks.

The unit left for overseas on the Aquitania on 10 February 1941. A number of well-known ships included in the convoy covered by the naval escort were: the Queen Mary, Mauritania, Nieu Amsterdam, Johan De Witt, the Empress of Australia and Windsor Castle. The unit landed at Bombay and proceeded to its camp at Poona Racecourse where training prepared the men for their first action.

After a short stay in Palestine the unit moved to Syria to set up a forward dressing station. While there the unit received its first mascot; a black and white desert dog promptly named "wogsie". Leaving Syria created a problem, ie, what to do with "wogsie". The happy ending is told in the book.

After Japan entered the war, the unit was ordered back to Australia, arriving in May 1942. Leave was granted followed by training in Adelaide and Brisbane.

After a period in Darwin the unit's final action was in Brunei where again dressing stations were set up. Among those treated was the Sultan of Brunei and a number of girls and women who had been used as "comfort girls" by the Japanese.

The unit finally returned to Australia in 1945 and the last member was discharged in December of that year. The 2/13th Field Ambulance then ceased to exist.

I highly recommend MEDICS AT WAR to everyone interested in adventure and history. From the author, Len McCarthy, 31 Marradong St, Coolbinia, 6050, Tel: (09) 444 1927 or Nam Publications, PO Box 789, Fremantle, 6060, Tel 335 1772, Fax 619 430 4305. Perfect Bound $25, hardback $35, plus postage and handling costs, WA $5.00, Eastern States $9.00

M.C. (MIKE) HALL

LAUNCH OF MEDICS AT WAR

The book was launched at Anzac house on 17 April 1996 in the presence of a receptive and happy gathering of 2/13th Field Ambulance Unit members and guests.

Some notable attendees amongst the guests included the Deputy Commissioner, Department of Veterans' Affairs (Mr Jim Dalton), the Executive Director of Hollywood private Hospital (Mr Roger Snell), State Executive Member of the RSL (Mr Mike Hall) and Professor Christian Somers of Hollywood Private Hospital. Also present were artists Beverley Lunt, Clay Evans and Norm Aisbett. Beverley contributed to the book and its cover with her art work, Professor Bob Rees, Associate Professor in History, Murdoch University WA, besides his adroit handling of the book launch, also wrote the Foreword.

The very successful function ended on a happy note and many of the autographed books were purchased.

EDITOR

CONSCRIPTS AND REGULARS
by Micheal O'Brien

Micheal O'Brien has put together a very detailed and interesting history of the 7th Battalion from its conception in 1965 (when it had a small cadre of professional soldiers assembled at Puckapunyal, as the start of the formation of this new Battalion) through its training within Australia and then on to service in Vietnam. It is obvious that the author has gone to painstaking lengths to collate all the facts, and he is to be commended on his research. The abbreviations section of the book, has made it a joy to read.
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*It makes sense, doesn’t it?*

So please remember to tell the person you are dealing with

*“I saw your advertisement in The Listening Post”*. 
The author has recorded comments from all the rank structures within the Battalion (may of whom had kept diaries) and has detailed the way the men coped with various events. I regard this book as being a must for military historians or those interested in military history and it would also be of great value to current members of the army.

Down to earth, and interesting, CONSCRIPTS AND REGULARS, published by Allen & Unwin, is available from bookstores in hard cover RRP $45 (Aust)

BOB (SOOTY) SMITH

FLYING THE HUMP: 
In Original World War II Colour
by Jeff Ethell & Don Downie

When the Japanese captured the Burma Road in early 1942, crossing the towering Himalayan mountains became the only option, however dangerous, to keep China’s lifeline open.

Lasting more than four years, the operation cost the lives of more than 1300 American, British, Canadian and Chinese pilots and crew members while more than 500 transport aircraft crashed. The worst flying conditions in the world, Japanese fighters, the crudest of navigational aids, poor visibility and the inexperienced flight and maintenance crews, all took a toll.

This aerial lifeline ensured that a million-and-a half Japanese troops were tied-up supplying Chinese troops with the essentials to fight. Many of the lessons learnt were later used during the Berlin airlift, Pacific airlift to Tokyo during the Korean War, and even more recently, in Vietnam and the Gulf War.

This 168 page book is lavishly illustrated with almost 180 original colour photographs and is most interesting reading.

Published by Motorbooks International of the USA, this important addition to the World War II history of war in the air is now available in Australia. It is distributed by Capricorn Link (Australia) and retails at $45.00.

VIC JEFFERY

STEALTH AT SEA

THE HISTORY OF THE SUBMARINE
by Dan van der Vat

I have read with great interest this story of the evolution of the submarine and consider that it has been skilfully compiled.

Research by the writer must have been painstaking and laborious in order to collate all the facts and figures. Many writers, when quoting facts and figures, have a tendency to "over cook" them and to lose the plot. Some STEALTH AT SEA readers may consider that it contains an over-abundance of figures, but Dan used them to portray the efficiency of the submarine as a weapon of war.

I consider this book an epitaph to those men past and present, friend or foe, who participated in the evolution of the submarine service.

One criticism I make is that the book does not include any information about the author and one is left wondering as to his motivation in writing it. Dan has written several other books and possibly gives some personal details in one of them.

STEALTH AT SEA, is distributed by Allen & Unwin, is available from book stores in paper-back cover. RRP is $16.95 (Aust).

J.A. CUTTING OAM
Ex Lieutenant (5) RANR

I DIDN'T KNOW THAT

by Vera Bradley

I DIDN'T KNOW THAT (Sub-titled Cairns & District, Tully to Cape York, 1939 to 1946) is a history of the area as supplied by service personnel and civilians who served, trained or worked in the district during World War II.

The 443 page, A4-size book features photographs and maps, a 16 page list of Australian and Allied units and locations and 250 ships’ names. Many of the stories and researched information of what happened in the far north Queensland during World War II have never been published before.

The book would be of interest to children and grandchildren of service personnel (men and women), civilians and those employed in the essential services of the Main Roads, Allied Works Council, Civil Construction Corp and PMG linesmen during the years when “War over there” became “War on our doorstep”.

This soft-covered, easy-to read book is available from selected bookshops, Boolarong Press, 35 Hamilton Road, Moorooka, QLD 4105, or autographed copies from the author, Vera Bradley, 46 Mansfield Street, Earlville, QLD 4870. Price $49.95, Express Post $7.50.

KEEP THE FLAG

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DEDICATION OF SOUTH EAST ASIA MEMORIAL, ALBANY

On 17-18 August 1986, the Albany Sub-Branch will dedicate a Memorial to Service Personnel who served in the various conflicts in South East Asia, and we look forward to welcoming representatives from Sub-Branches throughout the State.

To ensure a memorable and problem-free visit, we have arranged that the Albany Tourist Bureau will look after accommodation, tours and sightseeing. They will also arrange airfares and tour options.

For reservations, the toll-free number of the Tourist Bureau is 1800 644 088

D.H.POSTHUMA

CONGRATULATIONS FROM VICTORIA

Enclosed please find a cheque for my subscription to The Listening Post and a donation to the RSL.

May I congratulate the editor and all who help on a great magazine. I find the articles and letters are all very interesting. Keep up the good work.

W.F. DOUGLASS
11 Dennis Court
Mooroolbark Vic. 3138
NB It is pleasing to The Listening Post committee that the journal is appreciated by a subscriber in Victoria.

EDITOR

JIM BRODERICK’S DIARY

Following the publication of Private JAMES PATRICK BRODERICK’S World War I diary in the Autumn Listening Post, I now forward a letter he wrote to his sister before he was killed at Gallipoli which she received some time after his death.

Private Jim Broderick’s nephew, (Jim Broderick Corcoran who lives in Sydney) sent me a photocopy of the original letter which has been read so often – no doubt by his sister who later became Nell Corcoran – that it eventually frayed at the creases and fell into four pieces. It is held together now with cellotape!

I have had a couple of favourable comments from friends who read Jim Broderick’s diary in your magazine and trust this letter will also qualify for publication.

WALLY EVES
8 Tununda Road
Coogee Beach 6166

Below is the copy of a letter written by Private Broderick and forwarded to his sister after his death.

My Dear sister,

If you receive this letter you will know that your brother is no longer in the land of the living. I am writing these lines just before going in to action and I am keeping the letter in my pay book in my breast pocket addressed to you. I am writing two letters, one to Annie and one to you.

We are all in great spirits and there is not a man amongst us who has the least fear of facing the enemy but we are all thinking of those whom we left behind. Bid all my friends a soldier’s farewell and write to Aunt O’Connor and say goodbye for me. Always be a good girl for Mr & Mrs Moroney for some day you will fully realise how good they have been to you. Say goodbye to S.M.Monica and Aunt Kate, (S.M.Teresa) for me. Do not fret over me dear sister because I hope to go to a better land, please God, and always remember me in your prayers. Never forget to pray for our dear mother; some day we will all meet in Heaven. If you ever marry and settle down let the man be of your own religion for I will be watching over you. “Sister, my little sister, whisper a fond goodbye”. God bless and protect you is the last wish of your brother who died for his country.

Jim

PS Don’t forget to send ten pounds to Aunt O’Connor.

NOTE: “S.M.Monica” very likely stands for Sister Mary Monica, a close friend of Private Broderick’s sister Nell and who became a nun; likewise “S.M.Teresa” was also a nun. Wally Eves.

Private Broderick received a fractured skull at Gallipoli – probably from shrapnel – and was taken to the Government Hospital in Cairo where he died on 6 May 1915, aged 23 years and seven months.

STAN GURNEY

I was very interested in the article on Private Stan Gurney VC in the Autumn edition of The Listening Post. He was one of my old school friends at Perth’s James Street School about 1925.

Stan was very unassuming with a quiet disposition and a happy smile. I am quite sure that the action which won him the Victoria Cross resulted from his wish to help his mates.

I was not aware that he had won this honour until our band, the Salvation Perth Fortress Band which had a number of returned servicemen from the 2/16th visited
Northam to play in the town hall about 1950. I saw a framed photo of him in the hall and immediately recognised my old school friend.

I believe a function in his honour was held a few years ago at the Victoria Park Hotel.

Stan was a good mate. I am glad he won this high honour and look forward to seeing his plaque in Kings Park.

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PRIEST CELEBRATES 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF ORDINATION

War Veteran’s Home resident, Fr. Patrick Kelly was born in Gannmain, NSW, and later qualified as a master butcher. During World War II he served in the RAAF and afterwards studied real estate valuation before working for the NSW Valuer-General and privately. He then came to WA and joined the Benedictine Community where he studied for the priesthood and was ordained for New Norcia.

L-R: Fr Gerard Kelly, Fr Pat Kelly and Fr Brian O’Loughlin during the jubilee Mass in the RSL chapel

Due to failing health, he is now in retirement at the War Veterans’ Home in Mt Lawley. On 23 January, Fr Kelly celebrated his 25th anniversary of Ordination to the priesthood. He was joined for the happy occasion by his nephew, Fr Gerard Kelly of the Catholic Institute of Sydney. Concelebrating the Jubilee Mass were Fr Kelly’s longtime friend, Fr John Chauncy, now in retirement at Archbishop Foley Village, Hilton; and Mt. Lawley Parish Priest Fr Brian O’Loughlin. Also present were Placid Spearitt of New Norcia, residents of the retirement homes and Mt. Lawley parishioners who regularly attend mass at the RSL chapel.

FR BRIAN O’LOUGHLIN
Contributed By: June Bailey

JOHN CURTIN LIBRARY

I am writing to thank your readers for their support of the John Curtin Prime Ministerial Library.

As a result of the piece in The Listening Post, we received an encouraging number of calls and letters from RSL members, including some who were able to offer first-hand memories of our wartime Prime Minister, Mr John Curtin. Their recollections have been added to our oral history collection and will be permanently preserved in this Library. Members have also been generous in giving us access to letters, photographs and other memorabilia associated with Mr Curtin and the war years.

All these contributions will help the John Curtin Prime Ministerial Library fulfil its charter as a research library and a place where future generations can learn about a great leader and a period in Australia’s history that clearly established Australia as a world power and played a vital role in shaping our national identity.

The Library will be officially opened next year but, in the meantime, we are continuing our program of collecting and copying material associated with Mr Curtin and his times. People who have any information are welcome to write to me at the John Curtin Prime Ministerial Library, Curtin University of Technology, GPO Box U1987, Perth, 6001

Once again I thank RSL members for their generous support and assistance.

VICKI WILLIAMSON
University Librarian

LONELY ANZAC

I was delighted to see in the Summer edition of The Listening Post the item I sent about the grave of The Lonely Anzac in Peterborough, England.

Please accept my thanks for including it. I am sending the magazine to my nephew, Alan, in Peterborough, who originally sent the article to me. Alan lives opposite the cemetery in which Sgt. Hunter is buried.

PHYLLIS N. HANCOCK (MRS)
Dongara

WX10351 JOHN ROBINSON

I am writing concerning my brother, formerly WX10351, John Robinson, C Coy, 2/4th M.G. Bn who died on 13 January 1976 in Adelaide after constant health problems stemming from his POW years. He was a fierce defender of the Australian Flag, and flew two – one at his home and the other at his business.
Recently I found a copy of a speech he made at a Welcome Home gathering in the Wooroloo hall, which I trust you find interesting. I also enclose a copy of a poem the Australian Flag, which I found some years ago. I think it is superb and describes my sentiments exactly. I hope and pray that the powers that be never change it.

MARY SLATER
“Liberton”
Wooroloo WA 6558

**A TRIBUTE EX 2/4th M.G.BN (C COY)**

Speech in Reply by John Robinson, Returned POW.

It is with great pleasure that I am able to be with you to join in your Welcome Home this evening. However, I am prompted to express my feelings as a climax to a short speech I delivered over five years ago, on the occasion of a farewell gathering prior to leaving Western Australia.

Firstly I wish to direct a few words to the residents of my village, as I would to peoples of villages in every part of Australia and, in my joy of being safely returned to my hometown, I offer you my heartfelt thanks for the able manner in which you carried on during my absence. It has astounded me to view your work which, in spite of adversity, has maintained everything I reverently thought of as home. Your spirit, your devotion to duty too often without praise, and your downright ceaseless toil and enterprise must now receive the highest praise and appreciation from all who joined the armed forces.

Secondly, I wish to address a few words to those of the armed forces. To countless thousands from every part of the Empire I offer my heartfelt thanks for many years of profound comradeship; living and working together must forever leave its mark of cooperation and good fellowship.

So much has been said and written on the “New World After the War”, but I am afraid that certain misconceptions have been instilled into the minds of servicemen by over-enthusiastic patriots. There is no doubt in my mind that successful rehabilitation for all servicemen and women is the sincerest wish of everyone. However, if your dreams of a better New World are to materialise, you must not go back to civilian society expecting an already overtaxed community to support your dreams without your own diligent application to productive toil. By that alone will these valleys regain their former green, that we may contentedly and profitably recapture pleasures and happiness.

Finally I would like to ask everyone to keep smiling, for these days of postwar uncertainty will soon clear.

Countless millions saw the Union Jack torn from its position and replaced by symbols of hate and tyranny, and only the blood and determination of the Free Peoples restored it to its old glory. If you had been (and thank God you were not) subject to a foreign flag, I am certain you would agree with me when I say our own flag is the most precious emblem in our possession.

Lest we Forget is the Anthem that will continue to echo from the cenotaph on Anzac days, but homage will not discharge our obligations unless we take care to preserve the ideals and freedom for which they fell and above all things to care for their loved ones.

I commend you to unfurl the flag over your homes, over your schools and over your public buildings, for it is the embodiment of cenotaphs and the beacon of freedom. Together we must care for the bereaved. Together we must maintain the spirit of cooperation learnt during war years, and if ever a doubt should creep into our minds that all is not well, walk over to the mast and give the chord a little tug, just to make sure our flag is right at the top – Lest we Forget.

**OUR AUSTRALIAN FLAG**

Our flag bears the stars that blaze at night,
In our southern skies of blue,
And the little old flag in the corner,
That’s a part of our heritage too.

It’s for the English, the Scots, and the Irish,
Who were sent to the ends of the earth,
The rogues and schemers, the doves and dreamers,
Who gave modern Australia birth.

And you who are seeking to change it,
You don’t seem to understand,
It’s the flag of our law and language,
Not the flag of a far-away land.

There are plenty of people who’ll tell you,
That when Europe was plunged into night,
That little old flag in the corner,
Was their symbol of freedom and light.

It doesn’t mean we owe allegiance,
To a forgotten imperial dream,
We’ve the stars to show where we’re going,
And the old flag to show where we’ve been.

**A SICK SOCIETY**

The author of the following is unknown. I think it hits the nail on the head.

There are those who claim that ours is a sick society...
That our country is sick – our Government is sick – that we are sick. Well, maybe they are right.

We are sick of being told that pornography is the right of a free press – but freedom of the press does not include being able to read a Bible on school grounds. We are sick
of hearing the same phrases – the same slick slogans of people who must chant the same thing like zombies because they haven’t the capacity for verbalising thought. We are sick of those who say we owe them “this or that” because of the sins of our forefathers – when we have “looked down both ends of a gun barrel” to defend their rights, their liberties and their families.

We are sick of cynical attitudes toward patriotism, we are sick of permissiveness, we are sick of the dirty, the foul-mouthed, the unwashed, we are sick of the decline in personal honesty, personal integrity and human sincerity.

Yes – we may be sick – but if we are only sick we can get well. And we can help society get well. And we can help our country get well.

Take note – you in high places. You will not find us under a placard. You will not see us taking to the streets. You will not find us throwing a rock or a bomb. You will not find us ranting in wild eyed mobs.

We will be at work in our communities. You will find us expressing our anger and indignation when necessary. You will find us speaking out in support of those institutions which contribute to the elevation of society not its destruction.

CLIVE WINNELL
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Lost Trails
CAN YOU HELP?

ERIC GAGGIN - 466 SQDN
RAAF

Mrs Dawn Shears, 25 Trood Street, MacGregor, Qld 4109, ph (07) 3343 1499, would like to contact any aircrew member who knew her father, Eric Gaggin, 466 Squadron, RAAF, Leconfield, East Yorkshire, between 4 September 1943 and 13 May 1944 – the date he and his crew went missing on a bombing operation over Hasselt, Belgium.

She is also interested in obtaining a copy, or loan, of the book 466 Squadron RAAF by Flt Lt Allan Blythe. This could be an English publication, as all enquiries in Australia have been unsuccessful.

LIGHT COASTAL SERVICES, RN

I am appealing to any of your readers who may have served in the Light Coastal Forces of the Royal Navy.

They may remember the comradeship that existed amongst the men who manned the Motor Torpedo Boats, Motor Gun Boats and Motor Launches. That comradeship is being maintained in the Coastal Forces Veterans’ Association, which now has a world-wide membership of more than 2,200 officers, men and WRNS who are former crews of the “Little Ships” or their relevant bases.

Each quarter all members receive their own magazine of some 50 A5 pages. Through the years many members have again been able to contact shipmates of long ago.

If any former Coast Forces man or woman is interested, he or she should, in the first instance, write to the CFVA Secretary, Len Bridge, 15 Henning Street, Battersea, London SW11 3DR UK, or telephone me on 065 599 504 for further information.

M.G. MUNNS
P.O. Box 123
Laurenton NSW 2443

REPAIR & SALVAGE UNIT

I hope you can help me contact personnel of RAAF R & S Unit stationed at Pell Field near Darwin during the war, in particular about October/November 1943. There were quite a few WA personnel at Pell at the time and I am enquiring if any of those RAAF members remember the air raid and bombing at Pell Field during the early hours of 12 November 1943. This was the last Japanese raid in the Darwin area and I would very much appreciate confirmation that Pell Field was bombed that night.

I applied for and was knocked back for a Veterans’ Affairs pension on 23 August 1993. The accompany documents
explain the reason but I know the Department is wrong because Pell was bombed on 12 November of that year. I believe I am entitled to a veteran’s pension. Confirmation by one or two others who experienced the raid will help my cause.

Hoping you can help me contact ex-members of that Repair and Salvage Unit.

JOHN BURKE
14 King Street, Yeoval NSW 2868

SEARCH FOR EX-RASC JERSEY BOYS

Since 1974 I have been searching for survivors of the 250 RASC Boy Apprentices who served in the Army Technical School, St Peter’s Barracks, Jersey, Channel Islands, and can claim modest success as 143 have been traced to date.

The Technical School was transferred from Aldershot to Jersey in October 1938 but all personnel and equipment were hurriedly evacuated to the UK on 19 June 1940, before the German occupation of the island. There were three intakes of boys to the school and the allotted Army numbers for individuals would have been:

- 5 January 1938 – 64000 range;
- 5 October 1938 – 66000 range;
- 31 August 1939 – 88000 range

In those days we enlisted at 14 years, straight from children’s schools. At 17 and a half years we were expected to qualify in our respective trades and then follow postings out to Man Service. The last of our boys would have been posted out in 1943.

We are now in the 70 - 75 bracket. During and after World War II a number of the ex-boys would have transferred to other arms of the service. Many enquiries have been made to trace the survivors through Corps and Regimental Journals, TV and Press; I was fortunate in finding two residing in Western Australia – living not many miles apart – Maj. Bob Page BEM (late REME) and S/Sgt John Mail (late Glider Pilot Regt).

It is quite possible that others could have settled in Australasia. Could you kindly ascertain from your records whether any such individuals have been listed?

From 1943 onwards these ex-boys would have been subjected to world-wide postings. That aspect, together with transfers, has created difficulty in my searches. However, those of us still blessed with mobility meet annually in the UK, and we have also enjoyed three nostalgic reunions on the island of Jersey.

It would be desirable to trace more ex-boys before we ‘fade away’. Any information would be greatly appreciated. We were the last of the RASC Boy Apprentices to be trained in Technical Schools.

JOE GUTTERIDGE
“New Horizon”
6 Tudor Way
Bridgwater, Somerset UK TA6 6UE
Telephone: (01278) 422 806

ANDREW McGUIGAN
I am trying to trace a wartime British Merchant seaman, Andrew McGuigan from West Pilton in Edinburgh, Scotland. I believe he left his ship in Geelong in Victoria around 1948.

If you can help – even in the slightest way — I would appreciate your contacting me.

ANDREW GROOM
9 Hathaway Terrace, Nelson, New Zealand

STOP PRESS!!

RSL & LEGACY BALL

The RSL (WA Branch) and Perth Legacy are joining forces to hold a ball in the distinguished presence of His Excellency The Governor Maj-Gen Jeffery and Mrs Jeffery.

It will be held on Friday 23 August 1996 at the Novotel Langley Perth Hotel.

Bookings and further details may be obtained through Anzac House – phone 325 9799 or Legacy House – phone 367 5799.
UTOPIA, HERE WE COME

Back in 1861 Dalgety Australia Limited was a firm of "Merchants and Ships Chandlers, Sydney Town."

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1. Godliness, cleanliness and punctuality are the necessities of good business.
2. On the recommendation of the Governor of this Colony, this firm has reduced the hours of work, and the Clerical Staff will now only have to be present between the hours of 7am and 6pm on weekdays. The Sabbath is for Worship, but should any Man-of-War require victualling, the Clerical Staff will work on the Sabbath.
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7. No member of the Clerical Staff may leave the room without permission from Mr Ryder. The calls of nature are permitted, and the Clerical Staff may use the garden below the second gate. This area must be kept in good order.
8. No talking is allowed during business hours.
9. The craving for tobacco, wines and spirits is a human weakness, and as such, is forbidden to all members of the Clerical Staff.
10. Now that the hours of business have been drastically reduced, the partaking of food is allowed between 11.30 and noon, but work will not on any account cease.
11. Members of the Clerical Staff will provide their own pens. A new sharpener is available on application to Mr Ryder.
12. Mr Ryder will nominate a Senior Clerk to be responsible for the cleanliness of the Main Office and the Private Office, and all boys and juniors will report to him 40 minutes before prayers, and will remain after closing for similar work. Brushes, brooms, scrubbers and soap will be provided by the owners.
13. The new increased weekly wages are hereunder detailed: Junior Boys to 11 years 1/4, Boys to 14 years 2/l, juniors 4/8, Junior Clerks 8/7, Clerks 10/9, Senior Clerks after 15 years with owners 21/-.

The Owners hereby recognise the generosity of the new Labour Laws, but will expect a great rise in output of work to compensate for these near-Utopian conditions.

Courtesy: THE LAW INSTITUTE JOURNAL

REUNION

A reunion of Airmen and Airwomen from all mustering and Royal Navy personnel who served at RAAF Station, Maryborough, Queensland from 1941 to 1946 will be held from 20 to 24 July 1996. It will include a welcome, an airport revisit, an evening dinner and other functions but the emphasis will be on providing opportunities to catch up with friends.

Register now whether you can or can’t attend. Tell us your name, address and phone number, your rank and number, course number or position.

We offer all who register a book describing the station, the town, its pubs, dance halls, picture theatre and skating rink. Stories of those days are actively sought for inclusion.

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President's Report

Our first meeting was held in February. Hospital visiting has been resumed and arrangements for our annual State Conference discussed. Another busy time is ahead for Executive members and Auxillaries. We are needed more each year by our sick and aged ex-servicemen and women, so our continued interest and support is very important

Auxillaries visited by Executive members were the Bullsbrook birthday lunch and Bedford/Morley fun and fundraising lunch. Mrs Norris and I attended the Rivervale/Carlisle AGM and Mrs Fisher and I attended the Cockburn meeting.

On behalf of all Auxillaries I laid wreaths at the Pre-Anzac service at the War Veterans' Home and at the Dawn Service in Kings Park. Mrs Barrell and I attended the Service and Parade on the Esplanade.

Until my next report, my best wishes to you all.

M. TAYLOR
State President.

“LEST WE FORGET” CLOCK

This clock in memory of World War I dead is located outside the post office at Bangalow near Lismore in northern NSW. Bob Piper, of Canberra, photographed the clock while visiting the small town where his father was born.

He says that, as far as he can ascertain, these “Lest We Forget” clocks were especially produced after World War I and might have been government issued in conjunction with the then RSL and perhaps the post office.

Bob says considerable thought went into their clever, perhaps unique, design, adding that the Bangalow clock must have been restored by the local RSL.

He is interested to know if there are others still operating in Australia and asks whether they should be reproduced and re-issued.

COURTESY: VETAFFAIRS, DVA.

Replies to:
The Editor, Vetaffairs'
PO Box 21, Woden ACT 2606,
or fax (06) 289 6025.

EX-SERVICE-WOMEN’S BOWLS DAY

The 10th anniversary of the annual Ex-Servicewomen’s bowls day, was held at East Fremantle Bowling Club on Friday 22 March and, as usual, was a great success.

First organised in 1986, interest and enjoyment has been maintained, so that this year, 120 ladies took part in a game of bowls followed by a delicious luncheon.

The winners of the shield, donated by the ex-WRANS Association, was a composite team from Victoria Park and East Fremantle of N. Angwin, J. McAulay, D. Needham, and E. Fairlee whilst the runners-up were a Wanneroo team comprising J. Carter, E. Eun, B. Robins and J. Leishman.

We were pleased to have among our luncheon guests Megan and Janette from DVA and Catherine and Barbara from Hollywood Private Hospital; their presence was much appreciated.

All interested bowlers, and any ex-servicewomen who would like to attend the luncheon only, are requested to contact Dorothy Needham on 330 3411 during January-February 1997.

DOROTHY NEEDHAM
ALBANY

Wider Representation in RSL
by Lyndell Whyte

In Celtic times women fought beside their men to defend their land but this trend was soon overturned as women were more and more sheltered from war.

This century has seen some radical changes to the perception of the women's role in society and its conflicts. Women now have a high profile in the armed forces, and the RSL in Albany has recognised this contribution by the election of its first female president.

Yvonne Bolton was elected to the position in February – an election which puts women firmly in the picture at the RSL.

Yvonne is one of the many thousands of men and women who have represented their country in conflicts overseas. She served with the RAANC between 1967 and 1973, reaching the rank of Captain, and served in Vietnam in 1969.

As she sits in a comfortable home which looks out across Princess Royal Harbour, the wilds of the Vietnam jungle seem centuries away. She talks casually of choppers and wounded men, of 24 and 38 hour stints in the field operating rooms. About healthy young men wounded and dead and she says the RSL is really dedicated to them.

"I feel pretty honoured to have been elected and have been involved with the RSL for quite a long time. People say that we glorify war with events like Anzac Day but it's important to have an organisation like the RSL to honour the dead, the injured and the fallen."

She believes that her personal war experiences contributed to her acceptance in the RSL. "I've always been committed to the aims of the RSL."

But that doesn't mean that she won't make any changes.

"I'd like to see more participation by returned soldiers in the RSL. It would be good to see them coming to meetings and getting more involved. I'd also like to see more women involved in activities, more spouses coming to meetings and social gatherings."

Yvonne believes that those women who stayed at home and raised families served their country as much as their husbands overseas. "It is very hard for these women. They just don't understand what their husbands experienced because often their husbands could never tell them. Those women who stayed at home have an important part to play in the RSL."

Yvonne said with Anzac Day the RSL has adopted a universal image which commemorates the efforts of soldiers from all wars. One of the RSL's major functions is to provide comradeship for its members.

"People can get together to honour the dead and remember their comradeship in stressful times. The comradeship is very important. Many men feel comfort in having a beer together. If they didn't have that outlet it would be very stressful for them. They must have some outlet and this is getting together and being close to other people who have had similar experiences. It's all part of sharing the burden and even though some of these common memories are 80 years old, they are no less dim in the minds of those who have experienced the horrors of war."

Yvonne said the RSL is also there to provide more tangible support to returned soldiers and their families.

"The RSL can arrange welfare or counselling. Even financial support for men and women."

Yvonne said the RSL has come under severe criticism over the years. "This criticism is unjustified. People don't understand the role the RSL plays and don't understand how soldiers feel when they come back."

WA RSL State president Len Keynes said he was very pleased with Yvonne's election. "Women play a big role in the RSL and they are entitled to the recognition. It is not a male bastion; that is a misconception."
Sub-Branch News cont.

He said that with so many more women joining the armed services, the RSL needed to reflect that changing face. As Yvonne says, "We are all in a world that changes all the time."

But there are several things that stand rock solid. The first is conflict, for no matter where it occurs, it always has the same pain, fear and grief. The second assurance is mateship and this is something which the RSL will no doubt continue to provide for many years to come.

COURTESY: ALBANY AND GREAT SOUTHERN WEEKENDER

BELMONT

On Sunday 21 April we held our Commemoration and Anzac Parade when the weather and attendance were excellent. Ex-servicemen and women marched with the members of the Royal Naval Association, Naval Cadets, Air Training Corps, Netherlands Storm Troops, Boy Scouts and Girl Guides, all led by the WA Police Band (Drum Major Peter Bannister and Pipe Major Keith Shoebridge). A special thanks to Graham Stephens, Norm Chester and Les McDonald who supplied the jeeps. Then there was the City of Belmont Brass Band and the Last Post was beautifully played by Barry Wilson. Marshal Commander was Alan Richardson of the Carlisle-Rivervale Sub-Branch, Director of Ceremonies was Robbie Kerr and Wardens were Ron Gwynne and partner. Captain John Hetherington of the Rivervale Salvation Army said the prayers and a very fine address was given by Mr Robin Clarke, Principal of Belmont Senior High School.

Many members attended the Anzac Dawn Service at the Belmont Memorial or the Dawn Service in Kings Park and some marched in the city Anzac Parade, which went like clockwork.

Members attended services at Belmont High School, Belmay Primary School and Notre Dame Catholic School. Since the Australia Remembers celebrations, there seems to be an increasing children's awareness of the Anzac traditions. It is good to know that both teachers and children have a better understanding of the events which took place 50 years ago. They have shown that they honour those who lost their lives and also those who lost their loved ones. As an example, for a service at the Notre Dame Catholic Parish Church, the inside of the church was decorated with flags and walls were hung with pictures (with compliments apparently of the DVA), illustrating wartime items. Before the Mass, teachers explained what Anzac Day was about, and during the Mass the Ode was read by our Sub-Branch member Mr Ben Colquhoun. All veterans, including President Mr Bill Sharpe and his wife Lois, were blessed in front of the altar.

Our Women's Auxiliary and the Dad's army of never-tiring volunteers worked untiringly to keep our clubhouse and surrounds, including the greens, in top condition. Unfortunately, we have lost two members - Jack Bell and Bill Lucas - who have been on the sick list for some time.

CARL F. CAUBO
Publicity Officer

BUNBURY

We are well past the planning stage for extensive renovations to the front of the hall. The plan can be viewed at the office any weekday morning. Workers will be needed in six months or so, especially people with carpentry and bricklaying skills. A register is being made up, so if you can help out please ring the office on 21 3596.

Once again the trailer raffle has been very successful, making in excess of $10,000 profit. The '97 trailer has already been built by students at South West College and will be the best one yet.

There were a few problems with some applications for the Philippines Medal. If you have applied but have not yet received your medal, please contact Doug Guppy at the welfare office.

At least 12 local schools included a guest speaker from the RSL in their Anzac Day services. Record numbers of children took part in both the dawn and morning services this year.

This year Vietnam Veterans' Day falls on Sunday 18 August and we are expecting a big day.

Friday luncheons will be held as follows:

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Monthly meetings are held on the third Wednesday - a special plea to all Vietnam Veterans - we need your support.

ALF MAINSTONE
Trustee

CITY OF PERTH

Last year was a very difficult one for the Sub-Branch because 560 of our members, through no fault of their own, failed to renew their annual subscriptions. It took a lot of hard work by your Committee to recover the lost ground, but happily we are nearly back to full strength for 1996.
The annual dinner at Anzac House last November marked the 80th anniversary of the foundation of our Sub-Branch by returning members of the 11th Battalion. It was, therefore, fitting that the President of the 2/11 Bn, Ken Johnson, and his wife, were guests of honour at the very enjoyable evening.

The AGM in February, which marked the end of an era when Mike Hall retired as President after 20 continuous years in this office, was very well attended. Vice-President Tom Taylor thanked Mike for his long and dedicated service to the Sub-Branch and made a presentation to him on behalf of the members in recognition of his outstanding record.

The new Office Bearers for 1996 are:
President Bill Parker
Vice-Presidents Tom Taylor and Frank Verdi
Secretary/Treasurer Dave McClelland

We have had very little success in getting our younger members to take an active interest in the Sub-Branch. We need the young blood (broadly defined as anyone under 70) to pick up the reins, as the old soldiers are fading away. If you have any ideas on how we can make the Sub-Branch more attractive we would welcome your advice. We are prepared to try almost anything.

The Secretary is in Anzac House every Tuesday, and you are welcome to come in for a chat or to discuss any problems you may have. He can also be contacted at home on 448 3812 if Tuesdays are not convenient.

We are looking forward to a successful year in 1996, and would like to see you at our meetings on the second Tuesday of every month except January. Best wishes and good health to you all and to your families.

DAVE MCCLELLAND
Secretary/Treasurer

CLAREMONT

On 19 April Members helped Legacy sell their badges to raise money and on the 24th some members attended an Anzac Service at East Claremont Primary School while others gathered in Kings Park with Carine Senior High School students to place posies by each plaque along Lovekin and May Drives.

Our Anzac Day service commenced at 7.30am when we were privileged to have Bishop Dennis Bryant, DFC, officiate. Also present were guests from Federal and State Parliament and a member of the Australian Army. The following breakfast in the council offices was accompanied by band music. Our thanks to the organisers for a very successful morning.

In the coming months we can look forward to guest speakers from Telstra, Rights of the Aged and the DVA, followed by a ladies’ night and an RSL Trophy Day (bowling).

Our meetings are held at Claremont Bowling Club at 2.30pm on the fourth Monday of the month. Until next edition, “Enjoy your RSL life.”

MARIlyn PIGGOTT
Vice President

GASCOYNE

On 24 April we held an Anzac Day Service for children from the School of the Air, Carnarvon. It was broadcast over the Royal Flying Doctor Service radio frequencies to children and their families over the vast area of Western Australia encompassing the Pilbara, Murchison and Gascoyne districts. Sub-Branch President Peter Chapman, Treasurer Roy Leighton and Secretary Bruce Tisdell led the service, ably assisted by SOTA Principal Peter Jones and his staff.

At the completion of the formal part of the service, children were encouraged to ask questions and for a few moments the airwaves buzzed as the children tried to be first in with their queries. Principal Peter Jones soon had them queuing up on air and order was restored. The children displayed a good knowledge of the heritage of Anzac Day and were refreshing eager to learn more about the Anzac spirit. It is hoped to repeat the service each year, regardless of when the school holidays fall.

The current committee of the Gascoyne Sub-Branch is:

President, Peter Chapman, Vice-President, Bernie Whitchall; Treasurer, Roy Leighton; Secretary, Bruce Tisdell. Helen Chapman and life-member Peter Tomlinson will look after hospital visiting.

The clubrooms, upstairs at 12 Robinson St, Carnarvon, are open for fellowship on Friday evenings from 1830 hours. Visitors to Carnarvon are cordially invited to attend. Meetings are held at 1730 hours on the last Thursday of each month.

BRUCE TISDELL
Secretary

GERALDTON

Dennis Moss, well-known Geraldton citizen who has taken an active interest in community affairs for many years, is our new President. He succeeded Police Inspector Lee Townsend, who has moved to Broome.

The former Company Sergeant-Major of A-Company, 16 Battalion RWAR, served as both Senior and Junior Vice-President and has been co-ordinator for ceremonial occasions such as Anzac Day, Poppy Day, War Cemetery Pilgrimage, VP Day and Vice Regal visits; he also served on the War Veterans' Home Committee.

Kevin Grey is the Senior Vice-President and Vietnam veteran Kevin Forrest the new Junior Vice President.
Spendlove continues as Treasurer, and Brian Cooper as Secretary and Welfare and Membership Officer, as well as Club Secretary/Treasurer.

The Sub-Branch Management Committee includes Frank Sharp, Bob Bandy, Ron Bradfield and Graeme Perham, and the Club Committee, again headed by Nancy Peacock, includes Gillian Sharp, Eric Gericke, Pat Elder, Derek Andrews, Barbara Jose and Sue Bain.

Returned to office were PRO Peter Barden, RSL Trustees Reg Tubby and Chas Peacock, Memorial Institute Trust members Brian Cooper and Bob Bandy, and auditors Bill Cunningham and Ron Bradfield.

In his report from Broome, retiring President Lee Townsend thanked everyone associated with the success of the multiplicity of events during Australia Remembers year and said the excellent work of Secretary Brian Cooper in a variety of capacities was worthy of special recognition.

He congratulated the Sub-Branch on receiving the Collett Cup for the twenty fourth time and the Women’s Auxiliary on receiving the Country Cup for the twenty seventh, describing the Auxiliary as a small dedicated group with a big heart.

The AGM unanimously decided to enter into a joint agreement with Geraldton Rotary Club for the management of Birdwood House.

As Public Relations Officer, it has been my privilege on a number of occasions to propose the toast to our Women’s Auxiliary – a small but highly dedicated group which, in Australia Remembers year, received the Country Cup for the twenty-seventh time. And I say, “Hats off to all Auxiliaries; your service to Sub-Branches and the community generally is much appreciated.”

It is always a pleasure to read the Women’s Auxiliary section of The Listening Post as it refers not only to the good work of the State Executive but also the generous support given by country and metropolitan Auxiliaries.

PETER BARDEN
Public Relations Officer

MANDURAH

The Sub-Branch lost an old respected member with the passing of Hayward Clifton at 97 years of age. Hayward served with the 10th Light Horse in World War I.

The Dawn Service was well attended and clear weather for the main service brought out a record gathering, including many young people. The Wanneroo City Pipe Band attended for the fifteenth year. Their music is much appreciated, both for the march and later at our hall.

This service will be the last at our present memorial. Next year we will have a new memorial – presently being built – at the Cultural Centre.

Please address Sub-Branch correspondence to 22 Third Avenue, Mandurah as we no longer have a post office box.

MRS WYN HOLDING
6 First Avenue, Mandurah 6210

NOLLAMARA - NORTH PERTH

Congratulations to Keith Boxshall on re-election to President. It was a popular decision and, with the selection of the new committee, I can see the Sub-Branch going on to bigger and better things. Special thanks to Glenys Graham, who presented Keith with a new gavel.

More than 650 people turned up at the dedication of our new commemorative plaque. The No. 51 Cadet Unit, Girrawheen, provided the honour guard.

The Anzac Day ceremony, held by the Sub-Branch on 21 April, attracted more than 400 people. Cadets from all services were represented along with two bands. Thanks to the Vietnam Veterans’ Motor-Cycle Club, led by Mr John Lewis, who again added colour with members riding their bikes in support. The salute was taken by several dignitaries, including Members of Parliament Mr Eoin Cameron, Senator Sue Knowles and Mr John Kobelke. Although it was a sad occasion, the march was well supported by members and many thanks to Graham Worth for his bugle playing.

No. 51 Cadet Unit, Girrawheen at the Anzac Day service

The Sub-Branch has now received sponsorship from Autoparts Toyota via Mr Ron Jones, and this is received with many thanks.

Our sporting members are enjoying themselves in the divisions of pool (Frank Emerson), darts (Gold – Doug Bradshaw; Blue – Frank Taylor) and golf (Keith Boxshall). To the ladies who supply supper for the home games for pool and darts – notably Mesdames Lewis, Southern, Spence, Cooper and Smith – the players thank you for your efforts.

No. 51 Cadet Unit, Girrawheen at the Anzac Day service
Sub-Branch News cont.

On the first and third Sunday, our singalong between 4.30 and 7.30pm is providing great entertainment and we thank Mal and Graham for their humorous additions.

Ken Hawke is running a day club and all members are welcome.

ROSCO JONES
PRO

PORT KENNEDY

We are a newly formed Sub-Branch and growing quickly. Our membership encompasses a wide range of ages and includes both sexes. We are also getting members from currently serving service personnel as well as from our veterans.

Your magazine is a great way to keep up with events and other units and is of great interest.

President: Doug Hinkley, tel: 593 2022; mobile 014 841 451.
Secretary: Tim Rubenstein, tel: 528 3565
Meetings: Last Sunday of each month at Palm Meadows Tavern, Warnbro Sound Ave, Port Kennedy, at 1.00pm
Correspondence: 20 Prevelly Circle, Waikiki 6169

D. MONCRIEFF
Junior Vice President
P.O. Box 2038
Rockingham 6168

RETURNED EX-SERVICE WOMEN

Our AGM was of particular interest as Senior Vice-President Ken Murphy attended and presented long-time member Rita Kneebone with her life membership—it was a well-earned honour.

Treasurer Doreen Deardon was farewelled before leaving on a protracted holiday in England; the interim Treasurership has been taken on by Pam O'Reilly. Welcome to the team, Pam!

President, Heather McManis; Senior Vice-President, Barbara Clinton; Junior Vice-President, Joy Whiting; and Secretary Myrtle Hookway were all returned to office.

Another member who has attracted media attention is Doreen Sheridan. For the last 16 years, Doreen has convened the “Dial a Sailor” project, whereby visiting American naval personnel are put in touch with Australian families offering hospitality. Doreen has just retired from this onerous work but is still an active member of the Sub-Branch.

We look forward to a busy and rewarding year and, in particular, the coming Congress at which we will have three delegates. A number of our members are on the sick list and we wish them a speedy return to health.

HEATHER McMANIS
President

RIVERTON

In February the committee and members had great pleasure in presenting to Merv Schofield, an original member and tireless committee worker, who is now the patron of the Sub-Branch, with the RSL Fifty Year Service Certificate.

The committee and members congratulate Merv on this very significant achievement. Merv represents, through his continued membership and dedication, the RSL’s high standards of comrade-ship and loyalty, the ideals set down by the original Anzacs and which today should be the ideal of all members.

On Friday 19 April the Sub-Branch held its annual Anzac dinner when we were honoured to host the Equerry to His Excellency the Governor of WA, Major Hamilton and his wife. State Executive Member, Mr Z.T. Kwiecinski OAM, represented President Len Keynes who was taken ill at the last moment. Members and guests enjoyed a very successful evening.

On Sunday 21 April, the Sub-Branch held its annual Anzac march in the Riverton area. The day was attended by representatives of the three services, politicians, local dignitaries, police, schools and service organisations and was led by the Naval Band of WA, conducted by the Reverend Jack Wilson. RAAF (td), and wreaths were laid on the Club’s memorial. It was very pleasing to see the large number (around 400) who turned out to march or just participate in the service. The Club’s sausage sizzle was again popular with the young generation, and our thanks to all those who assisted, especially the Naval Band and the West Australian Police (Fremantle Station). The absolute silence during the Last Post was in no small part due to the police efforts. Thank you.

We appreciate your contributions to The Listening Post.

However, we ask that you please observe our deadlines as late material cannot be accepted. This is a quarterly magazine and failure to get your notice in the correct edition could lessen its impact on our readers.
On Anzac Day itself, the Club’s Dawn Service and Gunfire Breakfast were well attended by both members and local residents. Club members then joined Canning and Victoria Park Sub-Branch in its march in the City of Canning and later in the camaraderie always associated with Anzac Day.

TONY MEEHAN
Publicity Officer

RIVERVALE-CARLISLE

Although attendances at meetings have increased, we would like to see many more come along and discuss matters vital to our future. We hope to issue regular newsletters to keep everyone in touch but, for those who are able, there is nothing better than attending meetings and asking questions.

Another bright spot reported by our Membership Officer, Bob Blake, is that we now have the greatest number of financial members ever. The Sub-Branch is not only continuing the drive for new members but it is also seeking social members.

The President, Secretary and Junior Vice-President attended a demonstration of electronic video machines legally approved for licensed clubs from 1 July 1996 and have applied to the Licensing Commission for approval to conduct a restricted licence.

Bingo is still held every Monday evening and we are investigating the possibility of free bus transport for those who need it. We regret that Peter Barnett is shifting to Rockingham and will no longer be available as Caller. Appreciation for his work over the years must be recorded. He will be sorely missed. If anyone feels he/she can assist by calling or calling back, please come forward.

The outside sealing of the ladies’ toilet, neglected for years, has now been completed. After several approaches by Secretary Len Smith, the Council advised its painters could not be spared but it was happy to supply suitable water sealer. Working bees of enthusiastic members, particularly Junior Vice-President, Bob Kerr (with necessary equipment) and Reg Rule, have now ensured the water from winter rains remains outside.

Dick Dawe, with the able assistance of the Ladies’ Auxiliary, is conducting our once-a-month Sunday functions. The big one is Christmas-in-July, 28 July (1700 hours, dinner at 1800), and early bookings can be made with Dick on 361 4473.

Apart from one cheerless note (the departure of Peter), this report portrays an optimistic future, which I hope all other Sub-Branches, together with out State headquarters, share.

TOM GRIFFITH
President

SCARBOROUGH

Birthday cards have been sent to members Dave Price, on his 80th, and Len Hall, on his 99th, and a golden wedding card to Howard Grafton and his wife. Welfare Officer Dorothy Delaney has sent get well cards to several members who have been in hospital.

At the March meeting guest-speaker Colin Paterson gave a talk on the problems he has as a sight-impaired person, and showed some of the aids available to people with failing sight. He also proved he had not lost his sense of humour as a result of his disability.

It was pleasing to see an even greater turnout of members, friends and visitors for the Anzac Day commemorative service at our Memorial Garden. Each year the attendance grows.

The service was opened by President Wally Evans, who welcomed guests Joe Camilleri, Stirling City Council, George Strickleand, Scarborough MLA, Liz Constable, Floreat MLA, and Bill Hedge, President of the Doubleview Bowling Club. The Wembley Downs Scouts, led by Group Leader Sheina Murphy, maintained their usual overnight vigil at the Memorial and performed the ceremonial lowering and raising of the Flags during the Last Post and Reveille, poignantly rendered this year by bugler David Scott of the Army Reserve Band. The President led our guests as they placed wreaths at the memorial; prayers were said by Dorothy Devaney and Mary Keatley played the organ, accompanying the Scarborough Ladies Choir.

After the service, all were invited to afternoon tea at the Doubleview Bowling Club.

Prior to the service, the President represented the Sub-Branch at the now-traditional talk to the pupils at Deanmore School on the meaning of Anzac Day; he reported that it was well received.

PETER STUBBS
On 22 February an historical event took place in the RSL Hall, Angelo Street, South Perth: the inaugural meeting of the amalgamation of the South Perth and Kensington Sub-Branches. This move had been under consideration for some time and finally it was sealed at the meeting.

If approved by the South Perth Council, the new name for the combined sub-branches will be the City of South Perth Sub-Branch. Congratulations to all concerned.

R.H. Mouritzcn
21 Sandgate Street
South Perth 6151

WANNEROO-JOONDALUP

Autumn was a busy time for the Sub-Branch. Firstly, in conjunction with the Member for Kingsley (Cheryl Edwardes), the Sub Branch assisted in the annual students’ Anzac Day held on the Wanneroo Showgrounds on 2 April 1996.

Children from schools in the Wanneroo area attended and took key roles in the ceremony with maturity and sensitivity. With students dressed in their respective school colours, it was a memorable sight under azure blue skies and before a large adult audience.

Cadets from the 153 Army Cadet Unit formed the colour party of the assembled flags, and tributes of flowers or donations of reference books (endorsed the occasion and destined for local school libraries) were placed at the foot of the flags.

Several schools undertook key roles – such as Marangaroo Primary School whose students, in school colours of white and blue, provided the choral side of the ceremony and were a credit to their school. So were the students of the Woodvale High School (in black and white), who provided the brass band music so essential on such an occasion.

The second activity was a welfare fund-raising exercise at the newly-opened Kingsway City shopping centre. A free sausage sizzle was organised by the centre's management to recognise its first Sunday trading. 2000 sausages, 2000 bread rolls, together with 2000 fruit drinks, tomato sauce and onions, were donated, and shoppers were encouraged to have a “freebie” and, if they liked, make a donation to RSL Welfare. They liked! – and the sum of approximately $1450 resulted for welfare.

The inaugural Anzac Day Service at Joondalup was conducted at Central Perk, in front of the recently-erected memorial. (The work was completed by the light of head lamps, at about 2000 hours on 24 April!) Before a large gathering of several thousand people, three bands, four cadet units of the three services, contingents of serving army and air force personnel, Scouts, Guides, Brownies, Cubs, Girls' and Boys' Brigades, formations of various ex-service organisations, Cypriots, Vietnamese and other kindred folk took part in the march past.

The ceremony commenced in overcast and dull conditions at 0645 hours. President Tony Kent welcomed and Graham Edwards MLC, a Vietnam war veteran, gave the occasional address.

The Wanneroo Civic Choir led the singing and also sang “I am Australian” and “I still call Australia home” to a very receptive audience.

As in previous years, dignitaries laying wreaths were given the option of placing a floral tribute or present a reference book for a local school library. Some 30 books, endorsed with the Story of Anzac and the donor's name, were received for distribution. After the ceremony, Scouts distributed the floral tributes to local hospitals and organised a sausage sizzle and coffee.

BASEL BEST
Trustee

Representatives of three services at the Colour Party base – some of the schoolchildren in the background
UNIT ASSOCIATIONS

AUSTRALIAN EX-SERVICE ATOMIC SURVIVORS' ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED
President: Max Kimber, 1 Romford Place, Kingsley 6026, Tel: 409 7241. Secretary: Mrs D. Jackson, PO 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) (INC)
President: Mr Ron Gregor (R/L), Tel: 537 6301. Vice President: Mr Neil Chaplin, Tel: 275 0388 (w). Secretary: Mr Steve Lamborn, Tel: 320 3444 (w). Treasurer: Mr Ray Murphy, Tel: 335 2111 (w). Memberships: Mr John Deakin, Tel: 321 8533 (w). Membership: Major Robin Lovegrove, Tel: 420 4402 (w). Newsletter Editor: Mr Doug Child, Tel: 320 3444 (w).

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: WO1 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 1.30 pm.

AUSTRALIAN WO\'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, 126C Basinghall St., East Victoria Park 6101. Tel: 381 5157. Meetings: 1st floor, Anzac House on the 1st Thursday of the even months, 10am-12 noon.

BCOF ASSOCIATION OF WA
President: Mr J.D. Dowdell, 5 Labyrinth Wy, South Lakes 6164, Tel: 417 1164. Secretary: Mr Doug Splice, 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 Georges Terrace.

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

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

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

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

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

EX-PRISONERS OF WAR ASSOCIATION OF WA
President: Arthur Robinson, 19/26 Pinaster Street, Menora 6050, Tel: 271 4733. Secretary: Ruth James, 7b Wenden Place, Willetton 6155, Tel: 457 8727. All correspondence and enquiries to the President at the above address. Association meetings are held the first Wednesday of each month.

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

EX-WRANS ASSOCIATION WA
President: Mrs 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.

FLEET AIR ARM ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA
President: Hilton Devoreux, 21 Regency Drive, Thornlie WA 6108. Secretary: Theo Bushe-Jones, 26 Baltic Mews, Waikiki WA 6169, Tel: 527 9186. Meets second Wednesday of each month, 71 West Parade, East Perth. All correspondence to PO Box 3886, Stirling Street, Perth, WA 6849.

GUARDS ASSOCIATION OF WA
President/Treasurer: Mr Peter Mulrennan JP, (IG). Tel: 443 8081. Secretary: Mr Andy Britton, 31 Backhouse Rd, Kingsley 6026, Tel: 409 9468. Welfare Officer: Mr Arthur Budgen (HG). Meeting: 1st Monday of the month at Anzac House, at 7.30pm (unless otherwise advised).

HMAS BATAAN VETERANS' ASSOCIATION
President: Mr Dick King, 89 Empire Avenue, City Beach 6015, Tel: 385 9089. Secretary: Mr Jack Le Cras, 10 Kenton Court, Kingsley 6026. Treasurer: Mr Bob Truman, 12 Regent Grove, Morley 6062, Tel: 279 6903. For further information please contact any of the above.

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

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

HMHS WARRAMUNGA VETERANS' ASSOCIATION
President: Vacant. Secretary, Mr T.E. (Tom) Oakley, 43 Strickland St, Mt Claremont 6010. Tel: 384 3042. Treasurer: Mrs P.D. (Pat) Ingham, Unit 79/96 Guildford Road, Mt Lawley 6050. Tel: 271 1826. For any further information please contact any of the above.

KOREA & SOUTH EAST ASIA FORCES ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA (WA BRANCH)
State President: Mr H.D. Whitehurst, Tel: 361 9062. State Secretary: Mr A. McMorland, 10 Ridgeway Place, Mahogany Creek 6072, Tel: 295 3459. State Treasurer: Mr Harry Fowle, 11 Mirador Road, Morley 6062, Tel: 275 1259. Meetings: Second Saturday in June, September and December at the Belmont Sub-Branch, 22 Leake Street, Belmont at 1000 hrs.

LIMBLESS SOLDIERS' ASSOCIATION OF WA (INC)
"(Wingies and Stumpies)"). President: P.R. Collins. Secretary: C.C. Brown, 80-82 Henley Street, Como, WA 6152. Tel: 450 6428 (Postal Address): Bag Lot No. 2 Post Office, Como, WA 6152. Secretary: Mrs L (Tuck) Fealy, Unit 156, 10 Morrison St, Como 6152, Tel: 313 0456. Meetings as called. Annual reunion nearest Saturday to November 23.

"N' CLASS DESTROYER ASSOCIATION
President: Mr Don Griffiths, 8 Radiata St, Riverview 6210, Tel: 535 6454. Secretary/Treasurer: Mrs Dorothy Higgins, 69 Spigel 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
President/Secretary: Mr A.D. Needham, 16 Warragoon Crescent, Attadale. Tel: 330 3411. Treasurer: Mr S.G. Thomas, 91 Coleman Crescent, Melville, 6156. Tel: 330 3427. Meetings: 1130 hrs last Monday of each month at the Navy Club, 64 High Street, Fremantle 6160.

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

NAVAL ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA (WESTERN AUSTRALIAN SECTION) INC.
President: Mr Jack Appleby, 143 McDonald Street, Joondanna 6060. Tel: 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 Coolbinia/Yokine Amateur Football Club, Wordsworth Avenue, Yokine. Entrance to building opposite no. 27. All correspondence to Secretary, PO Box 311, Inglewood 6932.

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

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

PEGASUS (AIRBORNE FORCES) ASSOCIATION OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA (INC)
President: Don Newman, Tel: 246 1738. The Hon. Secretary: John Hately, 14 Purloy St, Bayswater 6053, Tel: 279 8626. General meetings held at Riverton RSL first Sunday of every third month, commencing February at 2.00pm. Informal luncheon meetings first Wednesday of 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-Oct at 1330 hrs), (Nov-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, Bullcreek 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, Bullcreek.

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

RATS OF TOBRUK ASSOCIATION (WA BRANCH)
President: Mr Kevin Scott, 24 Wilberforce St, Mt Hawthorn 6016, Tel: 444 4655. Secretary: Mr W.C. (Bill) Mahar, 272 Marmion Street, Palmyra 6157, Tel: 339 2187. Meetings: Committee meets second Tuesday of each month at 1pm Anzac Club.

REGULAR DEFENCE FORCES WELFARE ASSOCIATION (WA BRANCH)
President: Cdr RW Usher RANEM. Secretary: WO1 B.F. Cooper JP A1MM Tel: (09) 409 6577. Treasurer: Sjt R.A. Hinton. Tel: (09) 387 2237. All correspondence to the Secretary, PO Box 14, Hillarys 6025. Meets the first Wednesday of each month at the USI Rooms, Irwin Barracks, Karrakatta at 12.30pm. Any member is welcome.

ROYAL AIR FORCES ASSOCIATION (BRANCH 1210 WA)
President: Mr Norman R.T. Jarrett, Tel: 592 7524. Secretary: Mrs Anne Oldham, 6/4 Pearson Place, Floreat 6014, Tel: 387 6241. Treasurer: Mr John Brigden, Tel: 247 1302. For further information and meeting details, contact Secretary.

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE ASSOCIATION (WA DIVISION)
Twelve branches and nine affiliated groups. A fully licensed club is open to members daily. For further information and meeting details contact the State Secretary. Telephone: 332 4444.

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

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

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN ARMY ORDNANCE CORPS ASSOCIATION
President: Mr Don Blair, 193 Labouchere Rd, Como. Tel: (H) 474 1741, (W) 272 2933. Secretary: WO2 D. Cocking. Treasurer: Maj Darryl Richards, Tel: (H) 342 0508. Address for correspondence: c/- 13 Fd Sup Coy, Irwin Barracks, Karrakatta 6010.

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN ARTILLERY ASSOCIATION (WA)
President: Mr J.A.T. Hobbs, 10 Edgar Way, Mt Pleasant 6153, Tel: 364 3568. Secretary/Treasurer: Mr. R.J. Shurman, 40 Carlyle Cres, Duncraig 6025, Tel: 447 1423. Meet on the third Monday each month at 10.00am, Anzac House downstairs. 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.

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN NAVY – ALLIED CHINESE SHIPS
President: Mr Neville Philp, 14 Hamilton Tce, Greenmount, Tel: 294 1798. Secretary: Mrs B. Philp, same address as President. Meetings and luncheon at Anzac House, second Friday in February, April, June, August, October and December at 11.30am.

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

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN NAVY CORVETTES ASSOCIATION (WA)
State President: J. Appleby, 143 McDonald St, Joondanna 6060. Tel: 444 3598. State Secretary: J. Shepheard, Unit 45, Ocean Gardens, 60 Kalina Dr, City Beach. Tel: 385 8400. State Treasurer: M. Cory, 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 Jelis, 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 Nalpa 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 7.30pm (except December).
Unit Associations cont...

THE AUSTRALIAN FEDERATION OF TOTALLY & PERMANENTLY INCAPACITATED EX-SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN LIMITED WESTERN AUSTRALIAN BRANCH INC.

TP1 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.

Lunches available weekdays and weekends by booking one day prior.

THE AUSTRALIAN WATER TRANSPORT ASSOCIATION, WA BRANCH

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

THE BURMA STAR ASSOCIATION

WANEROO BRANCH

President: Major Rupert Platel (Retd), 49 Banksia St, Joondanna 6060, Tel: 444 4914. Secretary: Ben Colquhoun, 5 Oakland 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 HEAVY AIRCRAFT ASSOCIATION (WA)

President: Ed Cole, 1/22 Dale Road, Mandurah, Tel: 095 355 853. Secretary: Max Davey, 8/228 Albert Street, Osborne Park, Tel: 344 2114. Social Meeting: second Monday each month Anzac House; for further information please contact Secretary.

THE ROYAL AUSTRALIAN REGIMENT ASSOCIATION (WA BRANCH)

President: Mr Ken Barrington, Tel: 446 4227. Secretary: Mr Kevin Trent, 3 Broad St, Kensington 6151, Tel: 367 7794. Meetings: second Wednesday at 8.00pm in February, April, June (AGM), August, October and December. For venue please call the Secretary on 367 7794. All correspondence to the Secretary.

THE ROYAL MARINES ASSOCIATION

WESTERN AUSTRALIAN BRANCH

President: Mr Gordon Norton. V/President: Mr Graham Chapman. Hon Secretary: Mr Jim Wood. Treasurer: Mr Don Getliffe. Meetings: The Navy Club, 64 High St, Fremantle at 8.00pm the last Monday of every month including public holidays. Address for correspondence: The Hon Secretary, 25 Jindarra Close, Cooloongup 6168, Tel: 527 9510.

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

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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 Stoddart, 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.

WAAAF BRANCH RAAF ASSOCIATION
(WA DIVISION)
President: Mrs Olga Sullivan, Tel: 332 8693. Secretary: Mrs Moira Ball, 6/91 Parkway Road, Bibra Lake 6163, Tel: 417 8578. Meets 2nd Monday each month at 10.30am.

WRAAC ASSOCIATION (WESTERN AUSTRALIA)
President: Mrs May Tomich, 2 Ludlands Street, Morley 6062, Tel: 276 8616. Address all correspondence to Box 6149, East Perth 6892.

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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 Bullcreek.

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President: L.M. Griffiths, 52 Koolinda St, Falcon 6210, Tel: 534 2991. Secretary: Lt. Col. E.W. Dubeirlin, ED RL JP, 28A Houston Ave., Dianella 6062. Tel: 275 1348. Meetings as arranged by committee.

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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 6101. Tel: 361 8762.

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2/7TH AUSTRALIAN FIELD REGIMENT ASSOCIATION
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2/7TH FIELD AMBULANCE ASSOCIATION
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2/13TH FIELD AMBULANCE ASSOCIATION
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ASSOCIATION
President: Mr A. Henderson, 45/177 Dampier Ave, Kallaroo 6025, Tel: 307 3627. Secretary: Mr E. Harrod, 13 Hadley St, Safety Bay 6169. Tel: 527 6833. Committee meets Anzac House second Wednesday each month. Visitors welcome, AGM second Wednesday in August.

2/32ND BATTALION ASSOCIATION (WA)
President: Mr Fenton Smith, 184 Shaftesbury Ave., Bedford 6052. Tel: 271 6492. Sec/Treasurer: Mr Colin Edmiston, Unit 3, 456 Main Street, Balcatta, 6021. Tel: 341 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
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7TH BATTALION THE ROYAL AUSTRALIAN REGIMENT (Pig Bn)
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President: Mr I.M. Walter, 4/18 McLeod Road, Applecross 6153, Tel: 364 3270. 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.

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25 SQUADRON BRANCH
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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 Eason, 568 Marmion Street, Booragoon 6154, Tel: 330 7387. Secretary: Mr D.A. Hamilton, 80 Stoneham Road, Attadale 6156, Tel: 330 2923. Meetings and luncheon held at the Carlton Hotel, 248 Hay Street East at 11.30am on the third Monday of each month.

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

460 SQUADRON RAAF ASSOCIATION (WA)
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1940 DUNKIRK VETERANS ASSOCIATION
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They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old. Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun, and in the morning, we will remember them. LEST WE FORGET.

**FEBRUARY 1996**

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FX 670484, Bowers, H. Mandurah Navy  
WX39330, Brand, J.F. Bunbury 11Bn  
WX 33693, Brean, A.G., Mandurah, 22 A/A HVY  
24911, Brown, E.F., Central, RAN  
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R324167, Hird, J., Wembley-Floreat, MN  
31938, Hutton, M.A., Armadale, 22 Sqn  
WX28452, Issbister, R.W., City of Rockingham, AIF  
F/V297, Jones, A.A., Bunbury, RANVR  
80771, Kirk, W.J., Wagin, RAAF  
WX19386, Kirk, E.W., Harvey, 2/28 Aust Inf Bn  
WX38080, Langridge, H.A.B., Busselton, AD LHQ  
310217, Lindsay, G.J. Canning Dist-Vic Park, 22 Con Sqn  
WX21468, MacLeod, W., Bunbury, 1/33RD  
WX37534, Marlow, G.E., Nannup, 2/32 Aust Inf Bn  
25133, McSorley, D.T., City of Perth, RAN  
WX5550, Metzke, J.D.C., Marragin, 2/3 Tank A Bty  
119759, Morley, T.R., Wembley-Floreat, RMAC  
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WX18314, Powell, F.J., Armadale, 2/28 Aust Inf Bn  
WX37895, Savin, C., Wembley-Floreat, 2/10 Aust Inf Bn  
WX9411, Sherriffs, J.J., North Beach, 2/28 Aust Inf Bn  
WX3396, Smith, P.S., Cottesloe, 2/16 Aust Inf Bn  
WX1020, Smith, O.R., Northcliffe, 2/11 Aust Inf Bn  
R26716, Spouse, S.G., Mosman Park, RAN  
WX32670, Stark, D.E., Rtd, Ex-Svc Women, AAMWS  
110 AGH  
WX31966, Sutcliffe, T.D., City of Perth, 2/3 AA  
41115198, Trigwell, E.W.M., Donnybrook, RAAF  
16433, Vines, F.C., Busselton, RAAF  
NX24474, Willmott, O.D., City of Perth, 3 RAR  
NX31627, Yeowell, L.R., City of Perth, 2/3 Aust Inf Bn  
WX26319, Young, I.A., Mandurah, 67 Bn  

**MARCH 1996**

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WX29437, Daly, H.R.G., Bunbury, 10 Aust L.H. Regt  
22164311, Dixon, R., City of Perth, K.O.Y.L.I.  
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407638, Downie, C.R., Scarborough, RAAF  
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83980, Edwards, G.L., Belmont, RAAF  
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**G2 00133, France, A.L., Geraldton City, RAN**  
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84419, Grose, A.J., North Beach, RAAF  
2222911, Hill, A.R., Central, 5 GRP Sqn  
F5717, Hills, B.G., South Perth, RAN  
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AUS12648, King, A.E., City of Rockingham, RAAF  
WX27535, Lockyer, G.A., Northam, RA, 2/1 Rail-Const Coy  
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T254002, Mellors, J., Murray, RASC  
033171, Murphy, T.W., Central, RAAF  
SX9599, Nicholson, N., Mandurah, 2/48 Aust Inf Bn  
16843, Niven, M.D.T., Bedford-Morley, 21 Sqn  
WX27225, O'Doherty, H.M.F., Yokine-Joondanna, 3 BROMO Prop  
WX39390, O'Sullivan, B.M., Highgate, 2/4 MG Bn  
W15807, Palassis, G., City of Perth, C.M.F.  
81282, Pearce, S., Albany, RAAF  
F3907, Perry, H.J., Mandurah, RAN  
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0000, Ross, W.H., Highgate  
25146, Thorne, R.W., Mandurah, RAN  
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WX8838, Whittfield, E.J., Mandurah, 2/3 FD Regt  

**APRIL 1996**

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WX8083, Brand, R.W.C., Manning, 2/3 AA Sigs  
WX25801, Brown, A.B., Cockburn, 2/3 ASC  
WX4115, Buurchell, H.L., Kojonup, 2/3 MG Bn  
22236741, Cameron, A. Bunbury, 144 Fld Pk-Sqd  
57199, Clifton, H.G., Mandurah, 10 L.H. Regt  
WX13780, Evans, F.D., Eastern Region, 2/11 Aust Inf Bn  
A510131, Gibbon, M.R., City of Perth, RAAF  
17222, Gilmore, L.J., Belmont, RAAF  
38425, Hollis, C.V., Manning, RAN  
1544NS, Jeffery, R.F., Claremont, RANR  
WX13125, King, E., Harvey, 2/106 AGT  
WX22633, Loukes, K., Bunbury, 5 MD W/SPS  
22338914, Lucas, W.J.A., Belmont, Pioneer Corp  
38043, Marshall, K.M., Osborne Park, RAAF  
WX45093, Murray, F.A., Geraldton City, 25 L.H. Regt  
WX14475, Olver, J.P., Three Springs-Arrino, 2/32 Aust Inf Bn  
52092, Otway, A.E., Goscaingy, 28 Aust Inf Bn  
WX30024, Patrick, R.P., Bicton-Palmyra, 16 Aust Inf Bn  
WX9636, Pettit, K.W., City of Wanneroo, 2/28 Aust Inf Bn  
W55022, Polini, A., Gosnells, AIF  
WX51283, Rice, J. Yanchep-Two Rocks, 2/23 Aust Inf Bn  
WX9802, Sawkins, K.M., City of Perth, 2/43 Aust Inf Bn  
WX11458, Taylor, J.A., Cockburn, 2/4 HD Sqn  
WX21958, Tarell, J., Fremantle City, 2/3 A/A  
WX13239, Vigar, R.L., Upper Swan, 2/28 Aust Inf Bn  
SX27026, Williams, C.J., Highgate, 2/106 GT Coy  
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