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Cover pic: The arrival at Wandsworth Hospital of the first Australian wounded from ANZAC.

Painting by G. J. Coates, ROI.
Welcome to all members of the WA Branch of the RSL. We hope you had a joyous and prosperous festive season. We are now well into 1999 and things continue to progress at a rapid rate. The planning and co-ordination for ANZAC Day has commenced in earnest; all Associations have received the information relative to their requirement to ensure a successful day.

The State Branch has received approval to sell ANZAC Day Tokens in 1999. These have been sold in the Eastern States for as long as I can remember. The success of their sale greatly depends on the support of the membership and we need sellers, sellers and more sellers. If the Sub-Branches and Unit and Kindred Associations approach this with the same endeavour as Poppy Day it will be successful. All funds raised would be utilised in the patriotic fund. We need your support to sell tokens so speak to your Sub-Branch or Association committee to support this fund-raiser.

It is now time to think about State Congress in June. The planning for this is quite involved so members should now be placing relevant motions through their Sub-Branches for inclusion at Congress.

The WA State Branch of the RSL showed a steady growth in membership in 1998. We now have in excess of 12,300 members but we should not stop there as the RSL must continue to increase its membership to ensure we can meet the needs of veterans and service personnel in the next five years. It has been estimated that support to Veterans will double in that time so we need younger members to meet those needs.

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The close of 1998 ended the year marking the 80th anniversary of both the signing of the Armistice and the Department of Veterans' Affairs, as well as the 50th anniversary of the Returned Ex-Servicewomen's Sub-Branch, the ex-POW Association, the Royal Australian Regiment Association and the Citizen Military Forces. The WA Branch membership donated nearly $9,000 to the New Guinea Appeal and we raised over $125,000 (a record) in ticket sales for the War Veterans' Home raffle. My sincere thanks to all those who assisted with these worthy causes. In particular, I am grateful to the Chairman of the WVH Raffle Committee, Mr Jim Hall, his wife Vera and all the dedicated members of that committee.

1998 was the year that the WA Branch strengthened its Community Link Program by introducing Affiliate Membership and officially embracing Neighbourhood and Rural Watch. It was the year we encouraged Sub-Branches to adopt Cadets and considered establishing an Outreach to keep contact with members living at home, no longer able to attend RSL meetings. It was the year that the 52-bed Aged Care Howes Centre was opened at the WVH Mt Lawley and nine Western Australians were awarded the French Legion of Honour for services in World War I.

It was the year the League's membership in WA reached the highest point for seven years peaking at 12,300 and the year that most WA centres reported record crowds on ANZAC Day and Remembrance Day. From my perspective it was also a year of stabilisation and general assessment of our overall position as little by little problems were identified and addressed and new goals set. An internal review of procedures at the WVH resulted in a degree of reorganisation, partial rationalisation of the accounting function and various cost saving measures being implemented across the board. At the time of writing there are still some hiccups in the computer hardware re-allocation program. In the day-to-day operations of the ANZAC Club a break-even point was nearly reached compared to 1997 when a loss of some $25,000 occurred.

While the overall trading position of the League improved in 1998, vis-a-vis 1997, overall finances have never been so low since 1973. I am pleased to announce that an Internal Review into League finances has now commenced to critically examine current and future income and expenditure, investments and current financial procedures. I am grateful that Mr Bob Elliott of Highgate Sub-Branch has agreed to Chair this one-time committee which in due course will make appropriate recommendations in the overall interests of the League.

RSL National Congress 2000

We should have an interesting two years ahead of us. I am hoping that in the year 2000, Western Australia might be host State to the RSL National Congress. My hope is based on our June 1999 State Congress agreeing that WA might be considered a bid and the other States concurring that WA could be the host State. If the National Congress were to be held here, the dates would be from Monday, 28 August to Friday, 1 September 2000, i.e. the week before Tom Scully's AIRCREW 2000 which I understand starts on Monday, 3 September 2000! Food for thought.

Presidents and Secretaries' Meeting
27 March 1999

At the October 1998 meeting it was agreed that an additional meeting would be held in March 1999. Please note the date. Details of the program are published on page 5 of this issue of The Listening Post but may be subject to change. Details have also been promulgated in the monthly Sub-Branch Circular. Perhaps the most important aspect to be discussed will be a proposed new concept of RSL government in WA. If we get the clear light from those attending the meeting, the proposal would then go before Congress in June 1999 as an amendment to the Rules.
ANZAC Day

This year Mr Vivian Folland of Kojonup, aged 100, has accepted our invitation to be the RSL’s guest of honour on 25 April. Mr Folland was a recipient of the French Legion of Honour last year and we anticipate that he may lead the ex-Servicemen at the parade in a wheelchair to be pushed by Mr Ross O’Connor of the State Executive. Alternatively, Mr Folland may elect not to take part in the march. Mr Folland has indicated that in any event he is very unlikely to attend the Dawn Service.

RSL Combined Thanksgiving Service

A new initiative this year will be an RSL Combined Thanksgiving Service at St George’s Cathedral on Saturday, 24 April at 3:30 pm (time to be confirmed). We anticipate that His Excellency, or his representative will attend together with other dignitaries and everyone would be most welcome. Details will be promulgated in the Sub-Branch Circular nearer the event.

Flame of Remembrance

At the time of going to press we anticipate that the Flame of Remembrance may be dedicated at the State War Memorial, Kings Park, on Saturday, 18 April at a time to be advised. Channel 7 has kindly offered to cover the ceremony live, probably nation-wide, and we are most grateful for this offer. We will keep you informed of this most important event.

KEN BLADEN

From the State Governor

Dear Lieutenant Colonel Bladen

Yesterday’s activities have rounded off well your first year as State President of the RSL.

Once again a good crowd was at hand to witness the commemoration of the 80th anniversary of the Great War Armistice. I was particularly pleased with the positive approach of the media to Remembrance Day this year. With careful nurturing their continued support will be a great bonus to the future of the RSL as our peak veterans’ body.

Marlena and I were also delighted to join you all at the Remembrance Day Luncheon. The work put in by, as you described her, “National Treasure” Joan Dowson and her team again made for a pleasant and relaxed luncheon. The girls of the Presbyterian College under Brian Underwood’s direction again provided a quality musical edge to an enjoyable function, and I have written to them under separate cover.

Would you please extend our congratulations and thanks to the many people of the RSL who put in a great deal of effort to provide a fitting and moving tribute to Australia’s fallen heroes.

MICHAEL JEFFERY – GOVERNOR

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Remembrance Day Lunch, 11 November 1998

Twenty two large Australian flags decorated the wall of the Novotel Langley Hotel when the State President, Lt-Col Ken Bladen, and Mrs Bladen welcomed His Excellency the Governor Major General Michael Jeffery AC MC, and Mrs Jeffery, accompanied by his ADC, Major Jeff Harrison and other distinguished guests to the lunch.

His Excellency was piped in by pipers from Presbyterian Ladies College, and Captain Brian Underwood was Master of Ceremonies.

The official guests included the Hon Douglas Shave MLA (representing the Premier); Dr Geoff Gallop (Leader of the Opposition); Mrs Tess Stroud (Deputy Lord Mayor, City of Perth), Commodore Paul Kable RAN, Fleet Bases Australia, and Mrs Kable; Brigadier Richard Lawler, Commander 13 Brigade; Group Captain Peter Sopwell CSM, Officer Commanding RAAF Base Pearce, and Mrs. Sopwell; Assistant Commissioner Doug McCafferty (representing the Commissioner of Police); Miss Sallybeth Bumbrey, US Consul General; Mr Russell McLaughlan (Acting Deputy Commissioner, Department of Veterans’ Affairs); Mrs Margot Stretch, Chairman Australian Red Cross Western Australia; Mr Kevin Cass-Ryall (Hollywood Private Hospital) and Holly Wood (Sunday Times).

The Commanding Officer of the Special Air Service Regiment, Lt-Col M.S. Hindmarsh, gave an outstanding address as guest speaker.

The special table for past State War Memorial Wardens included Sir Charles Court AK KCMG OBE and Lady Court; Dr Haydn Williams AK CBE and Mrs Williams; Mr Donald Aitken AO ISO and Mrs Aitken; Mr Keith Mattingley AO and Mrs Mattingley; Commodore David Orr and Mrs Orr; Rear Admiral Phillip Kennedy AO and Mrs Kennedy; Mr Michael Kailis CBE OAM and Mrs Kailis; Mr Vic Ferry DFC and Mrs Ferry and Mesdames Nan Larkin and Joan Tonkin.

The Presbyterian Ladies’ College Stage Band was splendid and with vocalist Kathryn Holt, who sang Amazing Grace, won everyone’s heart.

The Committee which organised this function included members of the Returned Ex-Service Women’s Sub-Branch Mesdames Betty Hunt-Smith, Rita Kneebone, Iris Gawthorn, Joy Whiting, Heather McManis OAM, Dorothy Whitaker, Pat Rowlands OAM JP, Mrs Mary Knuckey and Barbara Clinton; Messrs Oliver Lovelle, Len Copley and Keith Mattingley AO.

All luncheon proceeds Lunch went to the RSL Welfare Fund.

JOAN DOWSON
Presidents and Secretaries’ Meeting  
Saturday, 27 March 1999

Venue: War Veterans’ Home, Mt Lawley  Time: 9.00am - 1.00pm  Program: See separate Agenda at Annex A

RSL State Council & State Executive

We propose to put before you a new concept for League government so that the RSL in WA gets better overall representation on a regional/geographic basis by having an elected RSL State Council meet quarterly (eg February, May, August and November). Representation would include Women’s Services. The elected Council would then appoint a much smaller number from within its ranks to meet monthly as a State Executive. Elections for the State Council would be conducted during State Congress much as they are now. The advantages of such a system (in my view) are:

1. The elected State Council would comprise representatives from defined districts and/or Sub-Branches – not just a group at random which is the situation that exists now.

2. The State Council (meeting quarterly) would enable Districts/Sub-Branches to have a better on-going input into League affairs than at present and facilitate better uniformity and progress to be achieved, State-wide.

3. Between Council meetings a smaller State Executive (12-15), meeting monthly, would conduct day to day affairs.

4. Quarterly Council meetings could be held at different locations within the State (on occasions) which hopefully would foster camaraderie and a better understanding and tolerance between members.

Honorary State Treasurer

Our Rules don’t allow for the WA Branch to have an Honorary Treasurer. If Congress were to elect/appoint a qualified person to this very important position, I envisage his / her responsibilities would be along the following lines:

1. On an ex-officio basis, chair the Finance Committee and be responsible to advise the financial position to State Congress.

2. Attend all State Council and State Executive meetings.

3. Maintain a watching brief/portfolio on the overall finances of the League and work in conjunction with the State Accountant.

4. Assist the State Accountant to prepare the annual budget.

5. Present the financial position of the League to State Congress and make appropriate recommendations.

The Chairman of the Finance Committee needs to have appropriate experience and finance qualifications and stable tenure of appointment; it is too important a position to be left to other Committee members. In my view he / she should be directly responsible to State Congress which elects that person in the first place. I envisage that persons considered suitable to be Hon. Treasurer would submit CVs etc to State Executive who would make recommendations to State Congress.

K.J. BLADEN, State President.

Annex A - Proposed Agenda

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Mr President, distinguished guests, ladies and gentlemen.

The earliest reference to what we now call Australia Day occurred on 1 February 1817 when the Sydney Gazette referred to a ‘Dinner Party to be given for the purpose of celebrating the Anniversary of the Institution of the Colony’. The following year Governor Macquarie ordered a 30 gun salute to be fired from Dawes Point, Sydney, on 26 January in honour of the 30th Anniversary of the landing of Governor Phillip at Sydney Cove in 1788. It was not until 1931 that the State of Victoria called 26 January ‘Australia Day’ and the other States quickly followed. In 1946 an Australia Day Council was formed to ‘foster National appreciation of the significance of the day’.

Australia Day is what we, as Australians, make of it. What does Australia mean to us? Our great country – ‘the lucky country’ – is a land of contrasts. We live on the smallest continent in the world but the driest; our huge land mass of a little less than three million square miles has a population of just eighteen and a half million people. We live in large cities and one-horse towns; often, flat deserts and undulating rain forests. We embrace the beauty, the colour and the vastness of our great land, which is well-stocked with unique flora and wildlife, with great pride.

We’ve never had a civil war, we’ve been bombed but not invaded, our resources are infinite and our people energetic. While some would argue that our colonisation by Britain is something to produce anger or shame, we are fortunate indeed to have been handed the heritage of freedom, justice and human rights from Great Britain, without having to fight as the Americans did. Australia as a Constitutional Monarchy is unique; this helps to explain why we live in one of the six oldest democracies in the world and have one of the most stable systems of government. Long may it continue. If a tiny minority of our population insists on urging us to apologise or feel guilty for what occurred over 200 years ago they cut little ice with me; under any other colonists than Great Britain these people would undoubtedly have been much worse off than they are now, or wiped out completely. While no one person or no system is perfect, I am proud of my British heritage and I feel proud to be an Australian; I make no apology whatsoever.

We celebrate a mix of peoples from all over the earth, whose customs have enriched our society and whose skills and energies have helped the development of our industries and great cities. We come together as separate States and
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All the indications are that the ‘Lucy Country’ may well change by minority groups, at least for the moment. History has shown what time will tell how this will affect us, but the early indications are that it is unlikely to be too kind to those on the lower income groups. Externally, there is the Asian economic crisis and instability to our south. It is a time bomb waiting to explode. And all this at a time when our defence spending is at its lowest level since 1935! The indications are that the ‘Lucky Country’ may well need all the luck it can get in the future. History has shown that in war the seeds of victory or defeat were sown years ahead of the event. If successive governments continually fail to pay an adequate insurance premium for the defence of the country, our house is likely to get scorched or even burnt to the ground. However, despite this, we must face the future with confidence and continued faith in the Almighty.

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But the flag the Australian dies to save
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If ever they want us to stand the brunt
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We will carry our own flag up to the front
When we go to the wars again.....

I would like to finish my Australia Day address by quoting from a subsequent poem by Banjo Patterson written after the Gallipoli landings. It’s entitled, We’re all Australian Now.

The fisher-boys dropped sail and oar
To grimly stand the test
Along that storm swept Turkish shore
With miners from the West.

Our six-starred flag that used to fly
Half shyly to the breeze
Unknown, where older nations
Ply their trade, on foreign seas

Flies out to meet the morning blue
with Victory at the prow;

For that’s the flag the Sydney flew
The wide seas know it now.

Our old world differences are dead
Like weeds beneath the plough
For English, Scotch, and Irish-bred
They’re all Australian now.

And with Australia’s flag shall fly
A spray of wattle bough
To symbolise our unity
We’re all Australian now.
Thank you for listening. God bless you, Australians all.

Ken Bladen

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 Territories but were federated as one Nation in 1901, under the Australian Flag.

In 1999 Australia stands at the crossroads. Whether or not our country will eventually become a republic will depend on the result of a referendum to be conducted in November of this year. As good and loyal citizens and members of organisations such as the Naval Association or the RSL we will, in the final analysis, accept the decision of the umpire - the will of the people. However, there is much ignorance - especially among migrants new to this country and our own younger generation - of the advantages of a constitutional monarchy such as ours, and what the Australian flag means and how it came into being. It is to be hoped that by the time voting for the referendum is imminent, everyone will be better informed on such matters than they are now. I welcome the Flags Act Amendment Bill (1996) which has enshrined the Australian Flag in legislation, thereby preventing the flag from part of the Constitution and for that to occur a referendum is necessary.

On the homefront, the introduction of a GST is now almost a fait-accompli, the GST we had to have! Only time will tell how this will affect us, but the early indications are that it is unlikely to be too kind to those on fixed incomes or the lower income groups. Externally, there is the Asian economic crisis and instability to our immediate north, not to mention the Middle East - which is a time bomb waiting to explode. And all this at a time when our defence spending is at its lowest level since 1935! The indications are that the ‘Lucky Country’ may well need all the luck it can get in the future. History has shown that in war the seeds of victory or defeat were sown years ahead of the event. If successive governments continually fail to pay an adequate insurance premium for the defence of the country, our house is likely to get scorched or even burnt to the ground. However, despite this, we must face the future with confidence and continued faith in the Almighty.

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### FOR FORMING UP AREAS
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- Bus shelter 16 St George’s Tce
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Guidance Notes: Parade and Service on The Esplanade

1. RSL Guests are requested to be seated in the RSL Guest Enclosure no later than 9.20 am.
2. RSL Hosts and VIP Guests, who are to be seated on the Official Dais adjacent to the Hobb's Memorial, Riverside Drive, will arrive by car between 9.00 and 9.20 am. A separate instruction detailing the order of precedence of arrival and timings will be issued in due course.
3. The Defence Force contingents step-off from Langley Park at 9.20 am, move up Victoria Avenue, left into St Georges Terrace, left into William Street continuing into Riverside Drive. The parade will continue past the saluting base turning left on to The Esplanade as directed by Marshals, where units will take up positions for the Commemorative Service.
4. The Ex-Services contingents will step-off from St Georges Terrace at 10.00 am, following the route taken by the Defence Forces.
5. At 11.00 am, when all marchers are assembled in their positions on The Esplanade, the Vice Regal Salute will be given. The ANZAC Day Service then will commence.
6. When the Service terminates at 11.55 am, His Excellency’s Representative will depart and the parade will be dismissed.
7. Official Guests departing the Official Dais by vehicle will leave in the reverse order of their arrival from immediately after His Excellency’s Representative’s departure.
8. It is requested that Official and RSL Guests expedite their departure to enable the aged and infirm vehicle-mouted veterans to vacate their positions on The Esplanade with minimum delay.
9. If you require transport in the ANZAC Day March, please contact:
   Jeeps – Norm Chester on 9291 6767
   Cars and mini-buses – Barbara Bryant on 9401 9373.

Dawn Service, State War Memorial, Kings Park

1. VIPs and Wreath Layers are to assemble in the vicinity of the Floral Clock on Fraser Avenue. They are to be in position by 5.40 am when VIPs will be briefed by the Chief Marshal and Unit Association representatives will be assembled in parade order by the Deputy Chief Marshal.
2. At 5.55 am the Official Wreath Layers accompanied by a Drummer and under the control of the Chief Marshal will move as a body to a position on the road opposite the entrance to the State War Memorial.
3. His Excellency the Governor of WA’s Representative will arrive by vehicle at the State War Memorial entrance at 5.58 am where he will be greeted by the State President of the RSL, the State Warden of the War Memorial and the Deputy Warden.
4. His Excellency’s Representative, and the officials who received him on his arrival, will move to the head of the procession and take up position, from left to right in the following order:
   State Warden, His Excellency’s Representative, The State President of the RSL, Deputy Warden.
5. The procession moves off and, on reaching the Memorial, halts. The ‘Still’ is sounded by the Bugler, after which the ceremony commences with His Excellency’s Representative laying the first wreath. He is followed by the Official Party who will lay their wreaths in order of precedence.
6. When Wreath Laying is completed the Last Post will be sounded by the Bugler followed by the Two Minute Silence.
7. The Two Minute Silence will be broken by a Gun Salute, then the Bugler will sound Reveille. The Ode will then be delivered by the Deputy Warden; this completes the Ceremony, which should terminate at approximately 6.25 am.
8. His Excellency’s Representative, the State President and Wardens will move back from the Memorial to the Court of Contemplation where His Excellency’s Representative will address the Sub-Wardens and public before departing the area of the State War Memorial for a further service to take place at the Jewish Ex-Servicemen and Women’s Memorial.
9. After the Official Party has retired, private wreaths may be laid at the Memorial.

See next page for guidance notes for RSL Sub-Branches conducting their own ANZAC Day Services.
SHIRE OF MUNDARING
ANZAC SERVICES
1999

BLACKBOY HILL
SCHOOL CHILDREN'S SERVICE
FRIDAY 23 APRIL 1999
1.30 pm
Guest Speaker
MRS RUTH REID AM

SATURDAY 24 APRIL 1999
5.30 pm
SUNSET SERVICE

NIGHT VIGIL

SUNDAY 25 APRIL 1999
6.15 am
DAWN SERVICE

ANZAC DAY MARCH AND SERVICE
BELLEVUE RSL
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11.45am PARADE FORMS
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3. All stand and face the memorial/flag pole. Flags should be furled or held prior to raising.
4. Speech/Prayers
5. Wreaths are laid.
6. The Bugler (or recorded music) sounds The Last Post and the flags are raised slowly to the masthead and then lowered to the half-mast position.
   a. The Ode is delivered by the designated person.
      '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.'
      The gathering repeats 'We will remember them'.
   b. A period of two minutes silence is then observed.
   c. The designated person says 'Lest We Forget' and the gathering repeats 'Lest We Forget'.
   d. Rouse or Reveille is then played. The flag is raised to the masthead and lowered to half-mast where it should remain until midday when it is raised to the masthead until sunset.
7. Service ends.
Ladies take care!
Don’t become a victim of a bag-snatcher

Broken bones, bruising, abrasions and trauma, plus the loss of valuable possessions and, perhaps, dignity – these are frequently the result of a “bag snatch” as we so often see reported by news media. The victims, almost always women and usually elderly, are targets for these cowardly and criminal attacks.

At a recent National Seniors’ Association meeting, Senior Constable Joe Mazza offered the following advice.

“To offer the best protection, police officers advise that handbag straps should be as short as possible, that the strap should be worn over one shoulder and the bag tucked into the waistline with the arm over the bag. This offers a confident outlook especially when walking with the head up. Bag snatchers do not want to be seen so confidence and eye contact is a deterrent. It is not recommended by the Police Service to have the straps of the bag over the head and across the chest, leaving you compromised to be dragged to, or along, the ground and subsequently injured. Let your bag go; do not risk the pain and inconvenience of injury.

How planning ahead can help you ease the pain of a family’s loss

In the confusion and emotional numbness that follows for their loved ones after a person dies, it is sometimes difficult for the grieving relatives to make decisions about funeral arrangements.

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Awards aplenty for Hollywood

Hollywood has received a number of awards for its service to veterans recently.

John Bannon, of the Wembley RSL sub-branch, and Korean and South East Asian Veterans' Association president Kevin Emberson both presented Hollywood with certificates for service to the veteran community in November last year.

Earlier in the year Hollywood had received certificates from the Returned and Services League for Hollywood's distinguished service to Veterans, the Naval Association and the Vietnam Veterans' Association.

Social Work Services

Social Workers are available to all Hollywood Private Hospital patients upon request from their doctor. Six Social Workers are available to provide a service to the medical and surgical units, the rehabilitation unit and the palliative care unit. A follow up service is also provided to you, if required, following your discharge from hospital.

A Social Worker can:

• Liaise with you and your family to provide the medical team with a good understanding of your home situation and highlight any concerns you may have about your health or your circumstances.
• Provide you with counselling and support for you and your family during the difficult times.
• Work with you and your family to establish systems of support and care following your return home, for example, respite care, home help.
• Organise assessment of supported accommodation, such as care in hostels or nursing homes.
• Provide you with information and resources to assist you and your family in adjusting to illness or life changes.

Hollywood Private Hospital provides Social Work services at no additional cost. If you feel a Social Worker may be able to assist you please request your treating doctor to arrange a referral.

If you have any queries please contact the Social Work department on 08) 9346 6000.

After Hours GP Clinic

The only after hours GP service north of the river is now based at Hollywood Private Hospital, in Nedlands.

The After Hours Family Medical Clinic operates from the Hollywood Medical Centre, on Monash Avenue, from Monday to Friday, 6pm to 9pm, Saturday, midday to 9pm and Sunday 9am to 9pm.

No bookings are needed for this service - people are able to “walk in” for an appointment if they are unable to get hold of their regular GP and need to see a doctor urgently.

Dr Tish Nicholas, who is co-ordinating the service, said Hollywood is a good location, with plenty of parking and public transport close by.

“Basically this is a service for people who can’t get into see their own GP,” Dr Nicholas said.
New Rehabilitation Clinic
an Australian first

When Eleanor Garland was told she needed a hip operation she expected a long recovery period. But Mrs Garland was involved in a revolutionary new exercise programme before and after the surgery and believes her relatively speedy recovery is thanks to the programme.

“It’s definitely the answer,” she said.

Mrs Garland is one of the many “success stories” involved in comprehensive research of a rehabilitation programme designed by Professor John Bloomfield. The research is measuring both the length and extent of recovery of patients after major operations.

According to Professor Bloomfield the programme is a first for Australia and follows a trend in Europe and the US. “This is a programme which costs little and has the potential to save millions in health care dollars by reducing rehabilitation times,” he said.

Professor Bloomfield said it was strange that this concept had been largely overlooked up until now, as it produced excellent results for patients.

From left: physiotherapist Helen Gilbey, patient Eleanor Garland and Professor John Bloomfield in the Hollywood Functional Rehabilitation Centre.

“It could be that medicine has become so highly technological that for treatments to be thought valuable they are expected to be very costly. During the last 15 years, sports medical scientists in Europe have used sports science training techniques in the rehabilitation of their patients and have found the results to be outstanding.

“The Hollywood Functional Rehabilitation Clinic has adopted many aspects of the European model. This is an active rehabilitation model which has major benefits for patients. Most importantly, our research has show that it is cheap and effective - it works!

“Elite athletes - through research into sports science - can now train to levels previously not thought possible.

“The Clinic uses these methods and applies them to patients - before and after operations,”

Training equipment, which has been traditionally used by top athletes has now been adapted for clinical use. In addition, various training methods have also been modified, with the main emphasis being placed on variable resistance training.

Patients undergo a thorough assessment before the programme starts and a personal plan is developed. They are assessed again at the end of training.

In most cases patients have made great improvements in physical performance - and they recover from their operations much more quickly.

When patients are compared to those who have not received training their rehabilitation is much shorter.

This is where the huge savings can be made in health care dollars spent as recovery times are reduced.

The Hollywood Functional Rehabilitation Clinic, at Hollywood Private Hospital, Verdun Street, Nedlands, contains gymnasium equipment and a hydrotherapy pool. Referrals from a GP are needed. For more information, contact the Clinic on 9386 6211.

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Repatriating POWs to Australia

In May 1945, the British aircraft carrier HMS Formidable was damaged by a Kamikaze pilot and at the end of the war was converted to a troop transport to repatriate Australian troops. Joan Dowson, a Red Cross Field Force Officer, was requested to give a talk on “Red Cross Column of the Air”:

When I was asked to relate some of my Red Cross experiences I did not quite know where to begin as they had been many and varied. Then I thought that perhaps my duties on the HMS Formidable would be the most interesting and decided to speak on this phase of the work. But I must begin at the beginning . . .

We had been very busy at the Redbank Military Hospital in Queensland preparing to move, with several other AGHs, to form one of the largest hospitals in the southern hemisphere at Holland Park, through where it was expected that all released Prisoners of War from the north would pass to be “seasoned” as they termed it, before returning to their home States, when suddenly I had notice to pack and move to Sydney to posting on a Royal Naval ship.

Everything happened so suddenly that, with the wild rush of having more injections, obtaining a passport and tropical clothing, and not knowing either our destination or length of stay in the ship, we did not fully realise our unique experience of going on one of the Royal Navy's largest aircraft carriers. On 19 September we joined the HMS Formidable, which was to be our home for the next three months. We drew all our Red Cross supplies for the POWs from Sydney, consisting of toilet gear, towels, pyjamas, slippers, socks, pullovers, sunglasses, cordials, peanut butter, barley sugar, honey, tomato juice, whitebait, chocolate and cigarettes, as well as games, books, deck chairs and tables, and that morning’s issue of Sydney papers, plus three portable gramophones and 500 records, bedside lockers, bed rests, walking sticks, crutches and material for handcrafts.

We left Sydney with very mixed feelings as our destination was in the air and we knew no-one on the ship; however, we were instructed to stand to on the flight deck to dress the ship as we left Wooloomooloo. It was a grand sight with the Royal Navy smartly standing to in their blues and the marine band playing in the centre of the flight deck. We were drawn to attention by the bugles when we returned the salute of the smaller ships on the way out of Sydney harbour. The Admiral came out in his small motor boat to see us out the “boom” and he must have had some qualms at seeing women on board his ship for the first time in the history of the Royal Navy. The four British Sisters had comfortable cabins off the quarter deck and the 12 British and Australian VADs had the Admiral’s quarters and their own dining room. The two British and two Australian Red Cross Officers had the Captain’s “shore” cabin and, with the English Sisters, dined in the wardroom. The men put up with women entering their wardroom, or holy of holies, with great tact. The ship had its own broadcasting system and some excellent programs were arranged by the entertainments group – music, plays, quiz sessions and lectures.

On our first day at sea the crew began a complete reorganisation of the hangar, which was to be the hospital and quarters for the POWs, and it was strange to see the trucks and jeeps running up down the huge hangar carrying stores and clearing it out and then being hoisted and stored away in the bulkhead. Next, the whole hangar floor 500’ x 62’ was scraped and painted by the ratings ... coloured bunting was erected to hide the bulkhead storehouse and make the hangar bright and attractive. The hospital section was screened off, made into wards and then the duty room, dispensary, kitchen and bathrooms were arranged. Meanwhile, we began unpacking and organising our Red Cross stores and make comfortable our Red Cross Welfare Room which was to act as a library and office for the POWs.
We called at Manus and everyone was allowed to go for a swim overboard – gangways were let down “forward and aft”. It was a most unreal feeling swimming off an aircraft carrier with several hundred others in the middle of the Coral Sea! Next we refuelled at Leyte, which was hot and steamy and the harbour was crowded with ships. Just before entering Leyte, the ship made the crossing of the line and King Neptune came into his own. Naturally, the whole of the ship’s company was more than keen that the tail-less mermaids should pay Neptune “court”. I really must admit we were all very scared about it; however we managed to survive our ordeal and the entire ship seemed to thoroughly enjoy the proceedings. On arrival at Manila, our destination; the Commander of the ship and a small party went ashore in the Captain’s motor boat; one English and one Australian Red Cross officer were allowed to go to contact Red Cross Headquarters for extra stores.

The Australian Red Cross representative called for us and took us out to the 5th Replacement Depot, where our well Australian POWs were waiting to come home. There, we met the British Red Cross, Australian Sisters and Red Cross Field Force and American Red Cross girls, who were living in adjoining huts. The girls at this depot had a bare minimum of comfort, having with them only what they could take when they flew up. Their time was very busy and they were all terribly happy to be able to do so much for the POWs. Their recreation centre was filled from morning to night, and the girls who worked at the Replacement Depot took it in turns for Canteen duty and chatting to the boys who did not give them any opportunities to rest from talking. We didn’t have time to see the girls at the hospital, as they were some distance out of Manila in the other direction. The prices in Manila itself were unbelievable – 6/6d for an ice cram, 4/6 for a squash and 36/- for a steak. Naturally, very few men could afford this, but they didn’t have to go hungry as there were numerous American Red Cross hospitality centres where doughnuts and coffee were always served free.

The passengers, as we called the POWs, who included Australians, Englishmen and New Zealanders, finally began to embark. The first landing craft arrived alongside the forward boat deck with stretcher and walking patients, who immediately were taken down to the hospital at the end of the hangar. At the same time, the second landing craft was alongside the starboard boat deck. The men came straight into the forward lift well, where they passed in turn by tables, receiving several pamphlets, including a card designating them into Red, White and Blue watches and saying where they were sleeping in the hangar, at what hours they ate etc. They also received a free chit for use at the NAAFI Canteen – all from the Royal Navy. We followed up with our distribution of cigarettes, chocolates and newspapers.

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Royal Navy men, acting as guides, carried the men's heavy
baggage and showed them to their bunks. The entire
embarkation of more than 1200 men took little over two
hours of steady and co-operative work.

The relief of the passengers to be at last on board and
on their way home on what they termed "a luxury hotel
on the seas" all boiled down to one verdict – the Royal
Navy was 'tops'. The men's entertainment was fully
organised by the ship and the men said they didn't have a
spare moment. They were welcomed on the first evening
by our concert. The lift well, which only a month before
had been conveying planes, was raised to make an ideal
stage. The beds were moved back and the men sat on
cushions on the floor. We repeated the concert one
afternoon for the 250 bed patients. Picture shows were on
several times a day, and the boys would "book" their seats
eyli in the afternoon for the evening session and leave
them for their tea only if someone would stand by and
guard them while they were away. The POWs had the bare
minimum of restrictions, even to "lights out". The Red
Cross deck chairs were placed all round the flight deck
giving the impression of a large lounge. These would be
erected in the morning and ship's crew would stow them
away again in the evening.

Every POW was allowed to send an Expeditionary
Force Broadcast Message home from the ship. The Red
Cross dealt with each message which, when completed
ready for transmission, was taken to the signals officer.
The boys could also broadcast a personal message home.
The ship had an information bureau at the forward end of
the hangar for the men, which was open all day. Small
parties of men were conducted over the ship, even the
island (which is the bridge and super-structure) was open
to all the men. There was a canteen erected in the centre
of the hangar and each day a map showed the distance
travelled and a sweep was run on this. Magazines and
books were supplied by the ship's Welfare Committee and

Red Cross. It was a happy ship and it was grand to see the
daily improvement in health of the POWs and their general
enthusiasm.

The wards' provisions were supplemented by Red
Cross supplies, and the sick men were visited in the
morning and any requests attended to. There was a morning
issue of cigarettes, toilet gear and extras such as whitebait,
tomato juice, sweets, salted peanuts, asparagus, parcels,
socks and books. In the afternoon, all up-patients had a
similar issue, including a cool drink. One afternoon we
gave them a party, dividing all the States into separate
groups, plus one for the United Kingdom and one for New
Zealand. The officers joined in, and so quite a number of
men met friends they hadn't known were on board. One
of the passengers played the violin, with a ship’s officer
accompanying him, and the party ended with community
singing. The Captain, ship’s officers and crew, did
everything humanly possible to make the men’s trip home
happy and comfortable – which the men were quick to
realise and appreciate. The Senior Medical Officer
personally planned a cast for a spinal case, so the patient
could be moved about the ship easily and comfortably.
The passengers and ship’s Company combined in a
farewell concert.

On the eve of arrival in Sydney, shoe brushes and polish
appeared from nowhere and there was a wild rush as colour
patches had to be sewn on. The men dressed the ship on
arrival in Sydney harbour and looked a grand sight. It was
amazing how smart these weary men of only a week ago
could appear. Small ships tooted around the Formidable
and large banners, waving welcome signs to the boys on
board, fluttered in the breeze. When the ship neared the
wharf it proved too much for their self-control and they
all rushed over to the wharf side where a band played
Waltzing Matilda. Major General Plant came on board to
welcome the boys; after his address he was walking around
the ship and asked a group of boys if they had any
complaints. Much to everyone’s surprise, a voice said, “Yes
sir – no complaints.”

Many and varied were our jobs on this trip with Red
Cross stores to distribute and personal contacts to be made,
library books to select for the sick and messages to send
on their behalf, patches to be sewn on and various other
work for 1300 men. It was certainly a big undertaking but
we felt that no matter what we did for them, it was too
little in repayment for what they had done for us. I think
that quite a number of ship's officers had rather wondered
what the Red Cross would be doing to warrant our
inclusion on this mercy trip, and it was gratifying to hear
them say that they could now see why the British and
Australian Red Cross had provided personnel and
wondered what they would have done without us.

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Wearing of orders, decorations and medals with civilian clothes

General
The word ‘Decorations’ on the invitation card is the intimation from the host that the entertainment is an official one and that decorations should be worn.

Wearing Decorations with Evening Dress and Dinner Jacket
When it is desired that decorations be worn with Evening Dress or Dinner Jacket, invitations will state either ‘Evening Dress-Decorations’ (for full evening dress) or ‘Dinner Jacket Decorations’. When ‘Evening Dress-Degorations’ is prescribed those not in possession of full Evening Dress may wear Dinner jacket, with decoration, etc. With ‘Dinner Jacket Decorations’, it is permissible to wear either a stiff evening collar or a soft collar.

The occasion on which the insignia of orders, miniatures of orders, decorations and medals are worn with Evening Dress or Dinner Jacket are:

a. at parties and dinners when any member of the Royal Family is present. Guests may expect to be informed if any such member will be present;
b. at functions given in embassies or residences of ambassadors and ministers, unless otherwise notified by the ambassador or minister concerned (a decoration of the country concerned should be worn in preference to a British one, and if both are worn, the former should take precedence over the latter);
c. at evening parties given by or in the presence of a representative of the Sovereign, when within their sphere of jurisdiction;
d. at official dinners and receptions, including Service dinners, and public dinners where the host intimates that ‘Decorations’ should be worn; and
e. on official occasions when the hosts are:
   (1) Cabinet Ministers
   (2) Ex-Cabinet Ministers
   (3) Knights of the Order of the Garter
   (4) Knights of the Order of the Thistle
   (5) Knights of the Order of St Patrick

Female Members
Females in civilian dress may wear the orders, decorations and medals to which they are entitled under the same conditions as for men. The manner of wearing the insignia of orders, decorations and medals is the same as for males except that Dames of Orders do not wear neck badges, but wear the badge over the left breast instead.

Females receive awards in the Order of Australia as medals or neck badges, not mounted on bows. They are to wear these decorations as medals or neck badges with uniform. A kit is available from Government House (Honours Secretariat) to mount awards on bows for wear with civilian dress.

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Notes:
1. Ladies may wear miniatures if the material or style of dress makes the wearing of full size medals inappropriate.
2. Ladies may wear insignia on a bow rather than as a neck badge.
3. Black tie
ANZAC Day at Sea

April 25 is indelibly proudly etched into Australia’s history as ANZAC Day when our minds spring immediately to that barren Turkish peninsula where the ANZAC legend began.

There have been many naval activities falling on April 25 in the 84 years since that historic day. A brief glance gives a few examples:

1915 - One of the patrolling British destroyers off Gallipoli that day was HMS Scorpion commanded by Lieutenant Commander Andrew Cunningham, RN. Sadly these supporting warships were under orders not to engage shore targets in the initial stages of the landing and could only patrol offshore while their countrymen were unmercifully shelled by the Turks. During World War II Admiral Andrew Cunningham was the Commander-in-Chief of the British Mediterranean Fleet.

1916 - The Royal Navy submarine E-22 was torpedoed and sunk by the German submarine UB-18 in the North Sea.

1918 - The British sloop HMS Jessamine sank the German submarine U-104 in the South Irish Sea. Reversing the situation on the same day, the German submarine U-105 torpedoed and sank the sloop HMS Cowslip of Cape Spartel and the submarines U-153 and U-154 sank the Q-ship Willow Branch off the Cape Verde Islands.

1925 - The unveiling of the Royal Naval Reserve Memorial on Horseguards Parade on the 10th anniversary of the Gallipoli landings. The memorial was eventually moved to the Royal Naval College at Greenwich.

1940 - Three 452-ton Royal Navy trawlers, HM Ships Bradman, Hammond and Larwood – all named after famous cricketers – were sunk by German aircraft in Norwegian waters.

1941 - The destroyer HMAS Vendetta evacuated 350 ANZAC troops from the beach at Megara in Greece. Another 70 were taken off by the destroyer HMAS Waterhen which was giving seaward cover to the evacuation.

1943 - The British destroyer HMS Pathfinder and aircraft of the Fleet Air Arm No. 811 Squadron from the escort aircraft carrier HMS Biter sank the German submarine U-203 in the North West Atlantic.

1944 - The destroyer HMAS Vendetta and the corvette HMAS Bundaberg provided close gunfire support to Australian troops in the capture of Madang, New Guinea.

1945 - The sloop HMAS Swan engaged Japanese targets at Cape Wom, near Wewak, New Guinea (see photo). On the other side of the world, the British submarine HMS Venturer was recalled from the last submarine patrol in Britain’s home waters in World War II.

1950 - The Royal Australian Navy Fleet Air Arm 21st Air Group, consisting of No. 808 Squadron (flying Sea Furies) and No 817 Squadron (Fireflies), was commissioned in England.

1952 - Once again in the thick of it, that faithful servant, the Tribal-class destroyer HMAS Warramunga, joined the US battleship USS Iowa in the bombardment of communist positions at Chongjin, Korea.

1964 - The former Z-Force vessel Krait arrived at Sydney for restoration as a museum ship. Found in Borneo, it was purchased by public subscription.

1966 - HMAS Sydney III, the fast troop transport and former aircraft carrier, sailed on its fourth voyage to Vietnam.

1982 - Helicopters from the Royal Navy ships, the guided missile destroyer HMS Antrim, the guided-missile frigate HMS Brilliant, the ice patrol ship HMS Endurance and the frigate HMS Plymouth crippled the Argentine submarine Santa Fe (the former USS Catfish) off South Georgia during the Falklands War.

1990 - HMAS Stirling-based submarine HMAS Oxley held a short service above the position of the Royal Australian Navy submarine AE-2, lost in the battle against Turkish forces whilst supporting the Gallipoli landing 75 years before.

VIC JEFFERY
NAVY PRO (WA)

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LEGACY
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Many thanks to all Members and Sub-Branches who supported us in selling the 1998 Legacy Christmas Puddings. The response and results were excellent.

1999 Legacy Badge Day Appeal
Friday, April 16

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The Diary
of Pte C.A. Crews

I have in my possession a war diary compiled during World War I by my late father, (then Pte) Cecil Arthur Crews, of the West Australian 16th Battalion, 1st AIF. I have condensed the original somewhat, but the remainder still reflects the accuracy and spirit of my father’s original text. It makes compulsive, dramatic reading of great poignancy, simply written by a young man, who never once allows bitterness or self-pity to encroach into his words.

I think it is a valuable image of our military and social history and gives us a humble appreciation of the deeds of these young men and their simple, cavalier approach to life and death in the trenches. I offer this extract to you for your consideration for publication in The Listening Post.

I include also two photographs of my father— one in uniform, the other taken in England after his repatriation by the Germans.

I ask only one favour. If the diary is published, would you be so kind as to forward to me copies of the magazine that I could distribute to members of my family as a family history and an article of pride.

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Diary of No. 770 Pte Cecil Arthur Crews
10 Pl. C Coy, 16 Bn.
Bullecourt, France 1917

11 April 1917: Wounded. Lying in a shell-hole all day. Very cold. Three companions, all wounded very seriously. 11 o’clock, the boys retired— those that could get away. Charlie Ellis blundered into the same shell-hole, trying to get back to our own lines, very surprised at finding me wounded. He took some persuading not to try and make it back to our lines. Machine gun fire on every shell-hole, those trying to get from our hole did not get very far, always got shot. German soldiers came out about two o’clock collecting our wounded, Charlie amongst them...

One of the tanks that went into action with us passed over the shell-hole. I thought it would bring all the clay in with it, but to my surprise, and those with me, it passed over us without disturbing the clay.

4 o’clock... German soldiers come out to collect more of our wounded, saying they expected our people to bombard their trenches. I was carried to their trench. Being full of wounded there was no room for any more of us. I was once again unlucky that day, having to lie in a half-broken-down trench all that night until 10 o’clock the next day. One of the worst nights I had experienced. Snowing, the first four inches of snow in no time, then rain. Wet through and through. Very cold indeed. Three greatcoats over me, being my own and two belonging to my comrades that had died in the trench alongside me.

Treatment by the Germans was all that one could wish for. Given cigarettes whenever I asked for one, they even hunted amongst our dead for any rum they may have had in their water bottles, always bringing it along and saying, “Good!... comrade.”

Every Fritz that passed I would try and ask him when the stretcher bearers were coming. The only way I could make them understand was to make a sign of the cross on their arm. They would then pull out their watch and show me a time, but I was one of the last to leave the trench. Carried out by four Germans on an oil sheet lashed to poles, two carrying and two of them ‘spelling’, it was a long carry, right through our own barrage. I never expected to ever get through. They were brave fellows these stretcher bearers, our own shells bursting all around us, they never stopped until they reached the centre of a French village.

Placed in one of the houses, there was about a dozen of our boys there around a fire-pot. I was made comfortable to wait for an ambulance. I was that comfortable that I did not care to shift. The only thing was our guns, which were trying to find the village, shells passing over the top of the house, too close to be comfortable. Through a window I could see two of our air planes going towards our lines and knew that our guns would soon find the village.

A coach took about one hour to do a trip with six wounded, that meant two hours before I could get away and in that time the guns found the village (then the fun began).

Houses all around us were coming down, expecting any minute that the one we were in would come down on our heads. Things were getting warm in the village and the Germans began to clear out. Some moved us into another room of the house, thinking we would be safer, then they too cleared out. Within a few minutes one of our
shells came through the top storey of the house, we thought our time had come, it fetched the plaster ceiling down on top of us, covering stretchers and everything. We had just given up all hope, when a dozen Fritzies came running in, and grabbed our stretchers and hurried us to the coach which had stayed outside the village because of the heavy shelling. They ran three quarters of a mile with us, six wounded on stretchers, and one with several wounds, hobbling ahead, being urged on by the Germans. His name being Comery, he lived in West Perth for a number of years, and belonged to the 16th Battalion - one of the “Old Boys”. We were quickly shoved into the coach, Comery riding up with the driver. Shells bursting all around us, necessitated us getting a move on very quickly. The driver was not backward; he knew his work and started off ‘at the gallop.’

The road was in terrible condition, our shells covering it all day. Several times I thought we would capsize. We could look back and see our shells doing good work with the roads and village. Out of danger now... but work cut out staying on the stretcher.

Arrived at another village and carried to an old coach house, and there met many of our lads. Not long there, when hot soup was brought around by Fritz. This went down OK, being my first meal in some considerable time. Whilst meal in progress, two German doctors do our dressings. My leg has an entrenching tool tied to it to prevent my foot from turning the opposite way. New dressings are put on and the leg strapped into an iron frame, then we are carried across the road to another house. Plenty more of our boys there. Felt very comfortable, though still wet through.

Here we had a bed of straw, and the Germans waiting on us hand and foot, attending to our every little want. I try to find out how long we will be there. A German indicates we move off at six in the morning. Not long before I am fast asleep and less before I am roughly wakened by a Fritz saying, “Come!”

Three of us placed in a cart, with a walking case up with the driver. No springs on the cart and it moves off across cobbles, which brings howls and curses down upon the driver. If he could have understood us he would have felt proud of himself! Anyway he could do no better, he had to get there. Something like ten miles that ride, passing every now and again through French villages. Most were uninhabited, others billeted German soldiers. Unpleasant conditions owing to heavy snow and rain for most of the journey. Wet through again.

Arrive at a rest station. Very comfortable with square marquee tents with plenty of straw on the ground covered in rugs, then two rugs to cover ourselves. Feed of hot soup then sleep, so ended the 12th of April.

The next morning (13th April) we are fed with soup and coffee. Life seemed a little brighter. About three o’clock placed on stretchers and carried across to a hospital train that stood not far away. About six o’clock it began to move off; where we were going we did not know, enough
to know we were on the move somewhere. We try to find out from our German attendant, he explains in his own way, but we could not make head nor tail of him, so we have to lie back and wait and see. It was fairly comfortable but a very slow affair. Once, we are stopped at 11 o’clock at night and are still at the station the next morning. We were well fed however. Every four hours there is something. Black bread or soup. It does not matter to us; we are always hungry and it is very acceptable.

After three days we arrive at our destination, a place called Verden. Fifty of us are taken off here, the rest are sent on to Hanover. Army Medical Corps men meet us, all very old men with great covered-in vans. They carry flaming torches which had been dipped in something inflammable. The vans were driven by motor power and had rubber tyres, but over the cobbles they were equally as rough as any of our previous transport. Trip is only about a mile, thank goodness, as my wounds are very painful and not dressed during the 3 day train journey. Arriving at hospital we are surprised there is quite a crowd to meet us, including six British Tommies. I am first off, carried to what is called Number Three Ward, and dumped on a bed, and left to get my clothes off the best way I can. One Tommy places my belongings in a bedside locker, our clothes are tied and taken away for fumigation. It is 11 o’clock and I sleep.

Somehow during my sleep my leg turns and I awake with the pain. I ask a staff member to please turn my leg. He turns it alright! Turns it without my body turning. He is a Belgian soldier and does not understand much English. I call him some very nice names, but of course he doesn’t understand. No more sleep for me that night. I lay awake listening to the boys groaning, feeling very much like doing the same myself.

They had nothing for us to eat when we arrived so we are given a huge, hard biscuit, sent out from Russia for their troops imprisoned in Germany. They have to be soaked in water for about 24 hours to make them soft enough to get your teeth into.

**Monday, 15 April.** 7 am. Breakfast. One mug of coffee. One very thin slice of black bread. Nothing to put on it. We make the most of it, though hard to get down. A sister comes around with a doctor, picking out the more serious cases, to be dressed and operated on. I must look comfortable in my frame as I am left until the next day.

12 o’clock. Soup for us and at 3 o’clock coffee and a thin slice of bread. Tea time, soup again (different type) that tasted terrible but very hungry and it will just have to go down and fill up a space somewhere. I never seem to be able to satisfy my hunger. We go to sleep very hungry.

**Tuesday, 16 April.** Soon after breakfast an operating table is carried into the ward, as the normal operating rooms are being used for wounded Germans, also another hospital nearby with 20 wards also share the same operating rooms. Sisters start buzzing around the table getting everything ready for the doctor. Fourteen of us to have our wounds dressed. My leg is very painful as they move me. Soon old, blood-soaked bandages are removed and paper ones put in their place. Leg back into the frame and back into bed.

The young fellow in the bed next to me (48th Battalion), is very badly hit through the knee and blood poisoning has set in. His leg is three times normal size and covered in a wire netting arrangement to stop it twisting. The doctor removes his dressings. It is just on dinner time and the sister tells the lad he is not to eat for the doctor is to take off his leg. The lad says alright, and gives up his soup to another. Shortly they come for him and carry him to the operation room. He is away about 45 minutes and is returned in a semi-conscious state. They give him a needle and he sleeps but soon awakes to his troubles.

Next to me, on my right is a very dark lad, a half-caste boy of the 76th Battalion. He had been hit in a dozen places, one lot in the stomach, with a great bandage around it. He tells the sister he would like to eat but is worried about the stomach wound. She examines his wound and tells him to eat. He is still worried but eats, and comes to no harm. Poor fellow, he was a joke for some time. The doctor re-dresses his belly wound, but sends him back without anything on it for the wound is only a scratch. We laugh and he gets terribly cross when we speak of his stomach wound. He was a very good lad to us and looked after our every need, and I can tell you, we wanted things at times.

The chap next to him is Barrett who is wounded in the head and has shrapnel in his shoulder. The doctor took the splinters out of his head, but it is giving him trouble. I don’t think he will be able to stand a hot climate again and in the mornings he is always very dopy.

Next to him was O’Neal, who had been wounded in the left arm and also left leg. They cut his left foot off a couple of days after we got here, he seemed OK for a few days, but then seemed to sink and became delirious. Lasted about a week. Died. I think he must have developed some kind of fever.

Next again is Emmery, who is having a jolly bad time. Ever since he came in he has had something wrong with his insides. He can keep nothing inside him and is not expected to live much longer. He has hardly any flesh on him, just a mass of bones. I don’t think he can last much longer.

Next to him is a chap named Castles, being wounded in a very dangerous place, also a very painful place. He will leave this country minus something he brought into it and that won’t be a limb (enough said).
Then there is Private Wilbon, 13th Battalion, better known as 'Blue' and up at work after two weeks. Also Tippard, 16th Battalion, who was the first up and sent off to work. Also Pearson, 14th battalion also, well soon, and sent off with Tippard.

Next to him, Bryant of the 16th. One of the 'Old' battalion, invalided home from Egypt, returned to France by the same boat as myself. He lasted about six weeks here then sent off unexpectedly, having annoyed one of the underoffizizers in some petty way.

Across the ward were lads who were here when we arrived; Sgt Evens, Cpl Spencer and Ptes Riley, Linch, Burgers, Gibson and Melia. All seem content. All were receiving food parcels and Riley offered to arrive; This bucked us up.

Burgers, Gibson and Melia. All seem content. All were receiving food parcels and Riley offered to arrange for the 'professor' to write the letters to the Red Cross to organise parcels for us. He also told us of a committee of British NCOs who send relief food out to those prisoners who had just been captured. We arranged for the 'professor' to write the letters for us. This bucked us up.

About a month after the letters were sent out, parcels arrived for us. There was great excitement whilst they were being opened. Biscuits, jam, army rations, dripping, tinned fruit and a case of Wild Woodbine cigarettes. The cigarettes were very much needed, almost as much as food. Everyone is in the best of spirits. Our food problems are over for now; parcels from Blighty and biscuits from Switzerland.

X-rays showed there was nothing in my leg, I was put to sleep and when I awoke my leg was in plaster. I was this way for two months. Then another operation. I felt very bad afterwards and I think too much chloroform was used. I could not shake the effects for a week, no sleep at night and I cannot close my eyes without great nerve jumps all through my body, especially in my bad leg. I don't sleep or eat for five days.

I look a picture. The leg in some way has come apart again, and the least little movement causes great pain. I ask for something and get a needle of morphine. This has no effect. No sleep. The following night I am given two morphine pills and I sleep all through the night, and the biggest part of the day. Most of the nerve jumps have gone, but I cannot even move my head with the broken bones giving horrible pain.

They wait for the operation cuts to stop discharging then re-plaster me. I am comfortable, being now able to turn in bed. But the plaster is being soaked with discharge and when the leg is hot, it gives off a terrible stink. I keep the blankets tucked in around me (to lessen the stench), and it's about as much as I can stand.

They take me back to the operation room and it surprises me that they don't make a face when the bandages are taken off, for the stench is enough to take your breath away. I expect to be in another plaster at any time ... time will tell.

That is as much as I have to write about up to the present (20 July 1917). Emmley died at 9 o'clock this morning. Unconscious for several hours before he died.

My leg has been out of plaster now 12 days, the bone is properly set this time. Today I did my first trip outside, the foot gets very painful after hanging down for awhile.

A trip outside once every day now for a week. I think this will fire the foot up.

Two drafts of Tommies have come into the hospital since we came, some very bad cases amongst them. Also a draft of French soldiers.

Up to date I have received 5 letters from Blighty. 2 from Mrs _, 1 from _ (names illegible), 1 from John, 1 from R.S. (very unwell).

August 21 1917. My third day out, feeling very weak on the one leg. Saw my first German funeral.

August 22 1917. Out in the sun for about one hour, too hot to stay any longer. One of the boys died in 2 Ward. Bleed to death. Two days of bleeding then they took off his arm this morning; he never recovered consciousness.

In the last page of the diary is the following entry:

When the sands of the desert grow cold
And its infinite numbers are told
God gave them for me
And mine they shall be
For ever to love and to hold,
When the stories of judgement are told
And the mysteries of heaven unfold
I'll turn, love to thee
Mine Shine you shall be
When the sands of the desert grow cold.

C.A. CREWS 5 January 1918.

This was Cecil Crews' second wounding, having been shot at Gallipoli, treated and sent to France. He was repatriated through Holland to the U.K. before the war ended, where he convalesced. His leg was five inches short as the result of his wounds, and he wore a built-up boot for the rest of his life.

The Editorial Committee welcomes articles for possible inclusion in The Listening Post are welcomed ... but please be aware that we reserve the right to edit and abbreviate material to meet the layout requirements of the magazine.
THE WORLD WAR II HERITAGE SITES OF THE NORTHERN KIMBERLEY (part 3)

by Lindsay J. Peet, Research Officer of the Defence Heritage Committee of the National Trust of Australia (WA)

Site 5: LORAN SITES, SIR GRAHAM MOORE ISLAND (1944-46)

Loran is a long-range radio navigation system with two stations sending out synchronized pulsed signals which enabled aircraft or ships to determine their positions using a special receiver. The wartime Loran triplet along the north-west coast of Australia seems to have been placed to assist the proposed Allied recapture of Java: two stations were in the Kimberley and one near Darwin, all on offshore islands and roughly in a straight line. Designed and financed by the United States, this triplet was constructed by Australian Army engineers.

Work on Station No. 161 (“Master/Slave”) on the north-western corner of Sir Graham Moore Island commenced in early 1944. USAAF Army Airways Communications System (AACS) personnel installed the technical equipment in August, and commenced operating the triplet by September. This Station had a bakery, a post exchange, electric stoves, refrigerators, iced water fountains, an electric washing machine, relatively luxurious sleeping tents, and a distillation plant that provided potable water. All supplies were barged in using a beach on the south of the Island; a stack of 80-100 wartime 44 gallon fuel drums remain at this beach.

After hostilities ended in August 1945, the AACS started withdrawing its personnel from this Loran triplet. As it was needed to assist post-war flights to and from the NEI, the RAAF took it over by December 1945, operating it until late 1946. All buildings, transmitting aerials and equipment were removed for storage about 1947. The sites (mainly concrete foundations) are accessible by boat and possibly by helicopter.

Site 6: C-53 WRECK SITE, ANJO PENINSULA (1942)

This aircraft crash site is directly related to the massive Allied air evacuation from Java through Broome, in February-March 1942. An USAAF C-53 Skytrooper transport aircraft (troop-carrying version of the DC-3, SN 41-20066) assisted with ferrying evacuees to Perth.

This C-53 departed Perth at 11.10am on 26 February on a non-stop flight to Broome. It carried four crew (but no navigator) and two passengers. The pilot, Lieutenant Ray Van Diver, headed 20° east of the correct course for Broome. By 5.30pm, the C-53 was about 350 km east of Broome. Realising he was too far inland and was lost, Van Diver headed north towards the coast. By 7pm they were over water (Vansittart Bay near Kalumburu), however low fuel and approaching darkness portended a hazardous outcome. Fortunately, a small coastal salt pan was sighted on a nearby peninsula (Anjo). The C-53 landed on it but ran off into the trees, its left wing colliding with one, swinging the transport to the left and stopping with its nose against another tree.

The uninjured airmen were down at an unknown location (actually 630 km northeast of Broome). Distress messages were radioed to Broome. Unsuccessful air searches were mounted the next day, involving USAAF heavy bombers and a Qantas flying boat. With little food or water the six men weakened. On 1 March, after re-assessing available information, Captain Orme Denny of Qantas flew to...
Vansittart Bay, found the C-53 and successfully rescued the six stranded men.

Although some parts were removed from the C-53 during and after the war, the basic airframe is remarkably intact, although the interior is bare. Accessibility is by helicopter, requiring a permit from the Kalumburu Aboriginal Corporation (KAC).

Site 7: SHADY LADY SITE, ANJO PENINSULA (1943)

Late on Friday 13 August 1943, eleven B-24 Liberator heavy bombers of the NT-based 380th Bombardment Group (USAAF) left Darwin on the world’s then longest bombing raid, the oil refinery port of Balikpapan in Japanese-occupied Borneo. Last over the target was Shady Lady (SN 42-40491). On its return leg, it encountered severe tropical storms which pushed it west of its course for Darwin and also slowed it down, so the pilot, Lieutenant Doug Craig, headed direct for the nearest airfield, RAAF Drysdale. Dawn on Saturday saw Shady Lady unavoidably over the Japanese airbase at Koepang in Dutch Timor. Two Zero fighters took off, vigorously attacking the B-24 almost down to the WA coast; Craig used up valuable fuel in successful defensive manoeuvres.

Reaching the WA coast, Shady Lady flew across Vansittart Bay to the Anjo Peninsula where a long coastal salt pan was sighted. Desperately low on fuel, Craig decided to force land. Making a powered approach, he settled the main wheels on the ground, then lowered the nosewheel three times before it stayed down. The end of the salt pan approached rapidly so he braked slightly, but the overstressed nosewheel broke off and Shady Lady abruptly stopped with a badly damaged nose. Injuries were minor.

The crew radioed RAAF Darwin and the Drysdale Mission sent out local ground search parties. Although only about 40 km northwest of Drysdale, Shady Lady was not found until later in the day by a RAAF bomber. The 11 stranded airmen were very short on water and food but next morning three local Aborigines appeared and found them water. At dusk on Sunday, Father Seraphim Sanz arrived in a Mission lugger. The next day he sailed the airmen to Mission Bay and handed them over to the RAAF who flew them back to their NT base at Fenton.

Subsequently, Shady Lady was decided repairable. This work took several weeks as only light aircraft from RAAF Drysdale could land on the soft salt pan. Local Aborigines assisted, including carrying a replacement nose some 60 km overland from Drysdale. Shady Lady was flown off only two days before Spring tides flooded the salt pan. The discarded parts of the damaged nose, plus 0.5 inch ammunition, remain there. Clearly visible are the landing tracks of Shady Lady. Accessibility is by helicopter, requiring a permit from the KAC.

Conclusions

Defence sites are different from other heritage sites in that they are usually positioned in response to perceived threats and form part of evolving networks. This applies to all four World War II RAAF sites in the Kalumburu area. The Loran, however, seems to have been independently superimposed to fit into the overall American radio navigational networks in the Pacific. Of the two aircraft crash sites, Shady Lady was intentionally in the area, but the C-53’s presence was due to happenstance.

These important, but remotely located heritage sites, should be protected:

i) no more “plundering”, cleaning up or demolition for any purpose;

ii) preparation and implementation of conservation and management plans (including full archaeological surveys).

These sites need interpretative material and heritage trails, and could become part of the Kimberley cultural heritage scene as they are the front-line reminders of a past conflict.

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Rules changed on wearing of foreign awards

The Minister for Veterans’ Affairs, the Hon. Bruce Scott has announced that Australian Vietnam Veterans can now formally accept and wear South Vietnamese Government and Cambodian Government Awards which were earned during their service in the Vietnam War. Records show that several hundred Australians received South Vietnamese and Cambodian awards during the Vietnam War, but at the time Australians were not allowed to officially accept or wear individual foreign awards.

“Under the Government’s foreign awards policy, there is now a mechanism whereby honours and awards issued by a former foreign government which has ceased to exist, may be formally recognised and approved for wearing. This will allow veterans to wear those awards and medals with great pride. This recognition has been sought by Vietnam Veterans for a very long time, and it is hoped that more recipients and their families will apply for the official recognition of their service during the Vietnam War. I advise that applications are available from the Vietnam Veterans’ Association of Australia, the Australian Army Training Team Vietnam Association, the RSL, the Defence Department and PM&C. This is good government policy brought forward by this government. It is going to be very much welcomed by the Vietnam Veterans”, and I hope it will be supported by both sides of this Parliament,” Mr Scott said when making the announcement in the National Parliament in December.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander (ATSI Veterans’ Advisory Group

Last year the Department of Veterans’ Affairs initiated a project designed to further
- focus on health and aged care needs of ETAS Veterans;
- develop strategies to identify ATSI Veterans not already within the DVA system;
- develop communications strategies to more effectively convey to eligible ATSI Veterans their DVA and other entitlements;
- advocate on behalf of ATSI Veterans at Commonwealth and State levels.

The Advisory Groups is to have, as members, a large number of ATSI Veterans from various States. DVA requested that the RSL State Branch nominate a representative from our Veteran community.

An approach from the then State President resulted in Riverton Sub-Branch member, Robert Isaacs JP, accepting the position. Robert was born in Subiaco although his family origins are in Margaret River. He grew up as a Ward of the State and attended Castledare Boys’ Home and Clontarf Boys’ Town. He served the Australian Army (CMF) from 1961 to 1964. His many achievements include:
- a Rotary Scholarship to visit the USA in 1976;
- appointment as a Justice of the Peace in 1982;
- the first Aboriginal person to be elected to WA Local Government in the metropolitan area (currently Deputy Mayor of the City of Gosnells);
- President and Foundation Member of the Aboriginal Medical Service;
- Currently employed by Homeswest as Manager of the Aboriginal Home Ownership Scheme.

Robert provided the following background notes on the project.

The Australian community recognises that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island veterans have made a significant contribution to Australia’s defence and believe they should
be treated with the same respect and access to benefits as other Australian veterans.

While the Department of Veterans' Affairs has made a number of energetic efforts in the past to identify surviving Aboriginal and Torres Strait veterans and their needs, especially at the State Office level, it could be argued that many of the strategies adopted to achieve this up to the present have been largely culturally inappropriate and therefore not fully successful. The department is now undertaking for the first time a national examination of the needs of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander members of the veteran community.

The aim is to develop an agreed upon strategy for taking these issues forward: especially those matters which come under the umbrella of the department.

Following recent meetings in Darwin and Brisbane, a group of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander veterans established the "Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islands Veterans' Network."

The role of the network is to:

- provide a means for the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander veterans to share information with each other.
- Enable discussions on issues of concern about entitlements/benefits.
- Provide information to other indigenous veterans, their widows or dependents on how to access their benefits.
- Act as an advocate to DVA and the Government on behalf of Aboriginal veterans, their widows and dependents on matters affecting them both, access to entitlements/benefits and recognition of the contribution to the nation by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander veterans.
- Assist DVA in the identification of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander veterans, the development of a nominal roll and provision of advice on policy and program development within the Department.

The members of the Network are considering a number of initiatives:

- The establishment of a war memorial as a major way of achieving recognition tied to the reconciliation process.
- A request for DVA to commission a study on the impact of war service on the families of indigenous veterans.
- Continuing the DVA project to establish the number of indigenous veterans.
- Discussions with the Aboriginal Medical Service regarding registering their doctors as DVA Local Medical Officers.
- A Nominal Roll of all Aboriginal Medical Service members regarding registering their doctors as DVA Local Medical Officers.
- A Nominal Roll of all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders who have served in the Armed Forces of Australia, whether during peacetime or on active service, during the wars and conflicts in which Australia has been involved.

**Identification Project**

The initiative to establish the number of indigenous veterans has been an ongoing project with the Department of Veterans Affairs for a number of years. This most recent effort is supported by a group of indigenous veterans. It is hoped that through their participation, other veterans and/or their widows/dependants will come forward with the information necessary to enable maximum participation in DVA programs and the development of a Nominal Roll.

**Why is DVA running this project?**

The Department has no way of identifying any person's heritage or indigenous background from the service documents originating from the Department of Defence as they only indicate a person's name, date/place of birth, height, weight, eye colour and distinguishing marks. The Department of Veterans' Affairs therefore has no record of how many Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islanders have served in the Australian Defence Forces in any of the wars or conflicts in which Australia has been involved. The Department believes that there are many Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders who, for whatever reason, have not or are not accessing their entitlements. DVA exists to serve all of our Australian veterans, their widows/ers and...
dependants through programs of care, compensation and commemoration. This includes our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander veteran community.

Importance of the project?
Establishing the number and identity of indigenous veterans is vital, as without this information DVA is unable to provide an effective service to this particular veteran community. This means that many of them will not receive their benefits/entitlements.

How many indigenous veterans are there in WA?
More than 100 living veterans in WA have already notified the Department of their indigenous heritage. However, there is the possibility that there are another 400 or more Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander veterans living in WA who are yet to come forward. There is also the likelihood that they could be eligible for some benefits and services.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander veterans believe that the Forums’ in Darwin and Brisbane were extremely successful and the spirit of friendship and cooperation displayed there has put the RSL and Veterans’ Affairs on a good footing for the future.

Contacting the Network
To contact the members of the Network, please call Derrick Jaquet at the Department of Veterans’ Affairs, Perth on 9366 8247 or if you live in the country, call the toll free number 1800 113304 and ask to speak to Derrick Jaquet. He will put you in contact with the Network members.

Home Maintenance Helpline
Brochures providing information about the Veterans’ Home Maintenance Helpline have been supplied to various ex-service organisations throughout Australia. The Helpline assists members of the veteran community with property maintenance advice and referral to reliable and efficient tradespeople.

A survey commissioned by the Department Veterans’ Affairs revealed that 98% of veterans consider staying in their own homes to be important. This information, and the finding that many members of the veteran community want advice on how to arrange the services they need to maintain their homes, led to the development and launch of the Veterans’ Home Maintenance Helpline in April 1995.

Over 12,000 members of the veteran community contact the Helpline each year and the recent evaluation indicated that they are very satisfied with the services they received. Your members may previously have benefited from this service, but I am writing to you because I would like to ensure that all veterans are aware they are eligible to use the Veterans’ Home Maintenance Helpline.

I would also like to make sure that veterans are aware the Helpline does not give financial or legal advice, nor is it able to answer questions about pensions or other Veterans’ Affairs matters. All such enquiries can be directed to the Department on 1800 133 304. Also, that whilst the Helpline advice is free, callers must pay for work done by tradespeople, including call out fees.

Please call Alison Hale on (02) 6289 6100 if you wish to discuss any aspect of the Helpline service.

BARRY TELFORD
Branch Head Housing and Aged Care Branch
Sharing the strength of our Reserve

There are more than 4000 Reservists serving in the three services throughout WA. Reservists come from all walks of life although the majority are employed by the Federal and State governments.

The Navy Reserve provides a part-time force that is fully integrated with its permanent counterparts at HMAS Stirling. There is a high demand for Reserve support at Stirling and Reserves are used in all departments ashore and on WA-based ships.

The Army Reserve is spread throughout the State being represented by elements of 13 Brigade and the Pilbara Regiment. Other major units are the University Regiment and 5 Training Group.

The Air Force Reserve in WA is represented by No 25 City of Perth Squadron. The ground element provides ground support capability for the flying operations at Pearce.

It is no secret that the viability of our Defence Force is now much more reliant on the Reserve. Reservists now serve alongside the Regular personnel, sharing the same equipment and training to achieve higher standards of combat readiness than ever before. This success is, however, dependent on supporting our Reservists to help balance the demands of work and family against military service.

Employers of Reservists receive significant benefits from the training that Reserve personnel receive. The training promotes personal and physical development, teamwork, initiative and leadership, all of which makes them more productive employees, while at the same time helping Australia in its Defence needs.

Each year the Defence Reserve Support Committee runs a “hands on” weekend providing a taste of service life. Called Exercise Executive Stretch, it is free to executive level staff. Managers and senior executives are kitted out in uniforms for the weekend at Bindoon Army Camp. The exercise is designed to demonstrate to employers of Reservists the benefits their employees derive from military training and how development of specialised and individual skills and abilities is reflected in a civilian workplace environment.

Trees planted for lost diggers

by Lt Matt Grant

Past and present members of the Royal Australian Regiment gathered in Brisbane late last year to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the raising of the regiment and to attend the opening of the RAR National Memorial Walk at Gallipoli Barracks, Enoggera.

The weekend of celebrations and remembrance began with a march through Brisbane to Anzac Square and the Eternal Flame, where wreaths were laid for the hundreds of infantrymen who have perished on operational service since 1948.

A function was held to allow many old soldiers to catch up with former colleagues as well gain an insight into the life of the grunt - 1990s style.

A service at the site of the memorial walk was attended by the Governor-General, Sir William Deane, who officially opened the walk, and more than 20 serving and retired Australian Army generals.

The Governor of Queensland, Maj-Gen Peter Arnison, and the Governor of Western Australia, Maj-Gen Michael Jeffery AC, MC were among the former RAR officers in attendance, which boasted colour parties from every serving battalion.

Following the official opening of the walk families of the soldiers whose memories are honoured there walked among the native trees - one planted for each soldier lost in 50 years of tradition, service and dedication.

First woman pilot earns her wings

by Graham Davis

The Royal Australian Navy has welcomed its first woman pilot.

Twenty-two-year-old Sub-Lt Natalee McDougall from Cuballing in Western Australia graduated from the Australian Defence Academy’s helicopter training facility recently. The Chief of Navy, Vice Admiral Don Chalmers, welcomed her to the aviation ranks and presented her with her wings.

Natalee was one of six young naval officers to graduate from the school and who received their wings from Vice Admiral Chalmers. The presentation and associated parade of ADF pilots took place at the Fairbairn base.
For Natalee the graduation meant an end to 17 months of intensive classroom and practical training at Fairbairn. She first flew the PC9 fixed wing trainer then advanced to the Squirrel helicopter.

"Now she will go to 723 Squadron Cmdr Mark Jerret at HMAS Albatross for more intensive training," Lt Cdr David Gwyther, careers co-ordinator for the aviation school, said. "She will fly Squirrels. Sub Lt McDougall is the first woman to graduate as a pilot for the RAN in its 50 years of naval aviation. Four other women had begun training but three failed and moved on.

"The fourth would have graduated with the Navy. She, however, was poached by another service," Lt Cmdr Gwyther said. "Sub Lt McDougall is our first woman pilot."

To graduate with Natalee were Sub Lt Stuart Cayzer, 23, from Wagga Wagga, Lieut David Bettenay, 26, from Mount Gravatt, Sub Lt Andrew Sleeman, 21, from Perth, Lieut Nathan Lewis, 25, from Sydney and A/Sub Lt Paul Kimlin, 22, from Melba in the ACT.

The men will join Natalee at 723 Squadron.

A modest Natalee said she did not want to be singled out for special attention.

Courtesy: Navy News

School of the air

A new Australian Defence Force unit will be at the leading edge when British Aerospace Flight Training Australia starts supplying all basic flying training for the ADF next year.

The new Australian Defence Force Basic Flying Training School will be created before training delivery under the new contract starts on Jan 4. It will be a Training Command-Air Force unit.

British Aerospace Flight Training Australia at Tamworth was selected in May to provide all basic flying training for the ADF.

The $86 million 10-year contract, signed in June, provides for a strong service ethos in a system by which a civilian contractor will supply basic flying training to all three services for the first time.

RAAF Central Flying School, the custodian of ADF pure flying standards, will certify all instructors for their task.

Four ADF staff have been employed at Tamworth under an existing contract as a detachment of HQTC. However, the new contract, with a much greater scope, requires the ADF to station about 28 staff at Tamworth. Of these, 23 will have a direct flying training role while the remainder will be mainly administrative.

Navy student pilots presently do their basic flying training at the RAAF's No 2 Flying Training School at Pearce in Western Australia.

Number 1 ADF Pilots' Course will start on January 4, 1999. The second, third and fourth courses will start on March 22, June 14 and August 30. The first course will have 12 Army students. The second course will have Army and Navy students, RAAF students will join Army and Navy students on the third and subsequent courses.

Courtesy: Navy News

Flt. LT Pete Budd - his life as an embryo test pilot

Former F/A18 "driver" and now embryo test pilot Flight Lieutenant Peter Budd is having his whirlwind social life somewhat curtailed as he passes the halfway mark of his course at the Empire Test Pilots School (ETPS) in the south of England.

Whether it be riding a Harley cruiser across the United States, flying to Milan for his birthday or creating palpitations in the hearts of young English lasses, the 30-year-old bachelor is now finding his books are his closest friends.

But Pete, originally from the seductive environs of the Gold Coast, is now well on his way to completing the 12-month course at Boscombe Down before his posting to the Aircraft Research and Development Unit (ARDU) at RAAF Base Edinburgh.

"Taking the course was a logical extension of my career," he said. "Hopefully, it will help me realise my ambition to be part of the team involved in the selection of the F/A-18 replacement."

He says the course is very demanding and it's not unusual to survive on four hours' sleep a night just to keep up with the workload.

"There are ten of us, primarily from a fast jet background," he continued. "I'm one of the youngest and although there is a mixture of cultures with students from America, Canada, Norway, Holland and even a Frenchman, as with all military pilots, we all get on well together.

"Before we touched an aeroplane there were four weeks of ground school. It was solid work. We had to cover what seemed to be a four-year engineering degree in four weeks. Some of the course members had a Masters degree in aeronautical engineering. Consequently for pilots like me, without a formal engineering background, there was a lot of extra work. You have to learn to work smarter rather than harder. I found it was better being 90 per cent prepared for a mission and 100 per cent rested rather than 100 per cent prepared with inadequate rest."

Flt. Lt Budd found ETPS a big culture change from the operational RAAF environment where you are taught to know your aeroplane thoroughly before your first flight.

"Here you have this different ethos - you walk out to an
aeroplane you don’t know and go flying,” he still recalls with amazement.

After the conversion course the students are familiarised with test techniques - the handling qualities of the aircraft and the performance. To give pilots the maximum exposure to different aeroplanes the Harvard, Tiger Moth, Tornado, Alpha Jet, Concorde simulator, Dakota, Andover, CAP10, a number of different helicopters and even gliders are added to the curriculum.

ETPS was formed in 1943 when it was recognised, mid-way through World War II, experience did not necessarily provide the ingredients for a good test pilot. Today, the School is one of four in the western world - two are in the United States and one in France.

The Principal Tutor at ETPS, Squadron Leader Simon Smith, said the instructors are there to help because it is not a ‘sink or swim’ course. He highlighted that it is a course where you can not cope on your own.

Sqn Ldr Smith admitted: “We do work the students very hard, probably harder than any other course in the Royal Air Force. In essence what we do at ETPS is to translate the science of the aeroplane into the practicality of operating on the front line.”

When asked what characteristics make an ideal test pilot Sqn Ldr Smith replied: “You don’t want a genius fighter-pilot type, you want a balanced, normal individual... you are looking for someone who is very stable, very careful, very observant and extremely methodical. However, the most important characteristic above all is integrity.”

Sqn Ldr Smith concedes there are any number of funny incidents which occur, some of which could never be published. He said the nature of the business is “we throw students at different aeroplanes and we expect them to make mistakes - it’s how they react to those mistakes which is important.

“As each student does something funny he is given a nickname. Pete for example, got called “Streamer” because he was flying around in the Hunter and his instructor, perhaps inadvertently, said, “when we land you are going to stream the ‘chute (deploying a parachute to slow landing) - it’s that button there,” he laughed.

“Unfortunately the chute button sticks out prominently on the dashboard in the Hunter and when Pete put his finger near it he accidently streamed it; so now he has cleared the ‘chute to operate in flight! Pete was second last to get his nickname so he was doing very well. The Royal Navy pilot on the other hand was so aggressive putting the throttles to idle after landing that he passed through the idle gate and shut the engines down and had to be towed back to dispersal. He’s called “Flame-Out. “Our United States Navy F/A-18 pilot came on the course boasting that he had never been sick in an aeroplane. He’s been sick three times and he’s now called “Chuck.” Only the Frenchman has survived, but it’s only a question of time.”

Pete says the hardest part of the course for him was not the extreme flying but learning to talk. “As a test pilot every time you see something you comment and everything is recorded,” he said. “Coming from an F/A-18 background unless you are talking on the radio you just don’t talk. It was a real culture shock learning to ‘quack’. Also I found it strange to have an instructor in the back or beside you who says nothing – you run the sortie and unless you’re about to kill him he’ll just sit there. During an inverted spin in a Hunter from 40,000 ft this can be a little unnerving because the manoeuvre is so unpredictable. But the course does make you look at the big picture – what things are really important.”

The former Gold Coast boy, who has also flown a tour on C-130s, said flying other aircraft has really made him appreciate the F/A-18. ‘It makes me realise the depth of thought that has gone into the design of the Hornet.’

However, it is not all hard work for Peter whose brother, Matt, is also a RAAF pilot. He has a flat in Salisbury adjacent to the Avon River which is only a stone’s throw from the nearest pub. He’s bought a mountain bike with front and rear suspension which he rides to work across the local fields to keep him fit. And he ‘says’ with a straight face the dozen or so candles places strategically in his lounge room are just in case of a ‘power failure’.

But the last word from Sqn Ldr Smith who emphasised that the students on the course are all very aggressive, all very high achievers and very very competent. ‘They all believe I’m not only going to pass this course, I’m going to pass it well and I’m going to make my country proud of me’.

In 1998 ETPS had a special guest, Air Vice Marshal Peter Nicholson, to present the McKenna trophy which is awarded annually to the best student. It is 25 years since young Flt Lt Peter Nicholson graduated with the McKenna trophy.

_Courtesy Air Force News_

### The most unsuccessful Nine Gun Salute

Rounding Cape Horn, the yacht Adventure, entered by the Royal Navy for the 1974 Round the World, was given a nine gun salute of welcome by HMS Endurance, a 3,600-ton ice-breaker. Part of the sixth shot hit the 55-ft yacht and wrecked its headsails. The ten-man crew, which had just won the previous leg of the race, had to spend the rest of the day sewing them up.

_Courtesy: British ex-Services Assoc. Newsletter_
ANZAC House
Awards and Presentations

Brigadier Bill Jamieson (Vice President, Save the Children) receives a cheque from RSL State President, Ken Bladen, for the New Guinea Appeal Fund. Funds were raised through donations by members of the League throughout WA.

Mr Ian Blackburn (former Manager of the ANZAC Club) receives a Certificate of Appreciation from State President watched by Brigadier Jamieson.

The State President presents a cheque from the RSL to Mrs Joan Spencer of the Women's Auxiliary.

Mr John Jackson receiving his Certificate of Appreciation from the State President.

Mrs Vicki Catoni receives a Certificate of Appreciation from the State President.

Mr Bob Maher presents a cheque to Ken Bladen on behalf of the Lotteries Commission. Funds will be used for RSL Welfare.
VOLUNTARY DONATION

Mr K. Bladen
State President
Returned and Services League
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Dear Ken,

We have pleasure in enclosing our cheque for $2,500 – a contribution from this Sub-Branch to assist in reducing the State Branch debit.

This payment was to have been made next June; however, at our last monthly meeting it was agreed that it would possibly be of more assistance to the State Branch to make the contribution now.

We congratulate your Executive on its endeavour to reduce the large deficit recently incurred and assure you of our continued support.

E.W. (TED) DAVIE
President, Mandurah Sub-Branch

NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AT HOLLYWOOD HOSPITAL

Kevin Cass-Ryall has been appointed Executive Director of Hollywood Private Hospital, the 350-bed private teaching hospital in Nedlands. Kevin, Hollywood’s Director of Corporate Services for four years before the promotion, has more than 15 years’ experience in the health sector.

Prior to working at Hollywood, he was Chief Executive Officer of the Armadale-Kelmscott Health Service.

HONOUR AVENUE COMMITTEE REPORT

The past year has seen a steady improvement in the maintenance and presentation of the many plaques in the Kings Park Honour Avenues. This complements the substantial amount of work being undertaken by the Kings Park Board to upgrade this already beautiful and popular part of our State’s heritage.

A recruiting drive has bolstered our membership and

2/2 Commando Association members at their recent ceremony in the Kings Park Honour Avenues. Left to right: Ralph Finkelstein (President), Jack Carey (Secretary), Don Murray, Tom Forster, Bob Smyth, Dick Darrington, Ray Parry and Ted Monk.

younger generation of volunteers has been trying hard to keep up with the World War II veterans on the committee. The ongoing replacement of posts and the continual repainting program keeps us busy. Unfortunately, actions by a few vandals have added to our workload this year.

We are fortunate to have received support once again from a number of donors. The National Australia Bank, the Friends of Kings Park, Bunnings, Dulux, Taubmans and Highgate, Subiaco and Wembley/Floreat Sub-Branches have provided the support that has enabled our RSL volunteers to continue the good work that started in 1922.

The past year has seen the Honour Avenues used by ex-service organisations, serving defence personnel and members of the public as a focal point of their commemorations. Carine and Duncraig Senior High Schools placed flowers on plaques on ANZAC and Remembrance Days respectively. The widespread publicity given to the passing of 80 years since the end of World War I has added to the significance of this unique memorial.

CHRIS BROOKS
Hon Secretary

We are looking for some humour...

... to lighten up our pages. Do you have some funny stories from your service days that could tickle the fancy of fellow members? If so, we would very much like to hear from you. Please address your contributions to the Editor at the address on page 1.
The Ode and its usage
Keith Rossi’s recent letter on The Ode was a reminder to all of its origin and why and for who it was written. When used at commemorative and similar services to honour those who fell in battle The Ode is unsurpassed in intent and beauty.

It is not however a catch-all poem appropriate for every occasion. I strongly support Keith’s observation that some are embarrassed when it is used at funerals of elderly ex-service members.

At the funeral of a ex-service relative The Ode was read by his well intentioned comrades, but the words “They shall not grow old...” and “age shall not weary them...” were embarrassingly inappropriate - my relative was approaching 80 years and could walk only with the aid of a stick.

When written, The Ode was not intended for such usage and certainly should not be tinkered with to make it seem appropriate. There is an obvious need for a 4/5 line poem, other than The Ode, suitable for the funerals of our aged members who, in the main, die from natural causes. There are surely Australian poets capable of producing such a poem. It could be drawn from a poem already written or selected from submissions to a national competition with a suitable cash prize.

If this could be done, the RSL would have The Ode for all commemorative occasions and a poem suitable for use at most of today’s funerals.

In my opinion our National Executive should lead in this matter and include it on the Agenda of the next National Congress for discussion/decision.

With our ever-ageing population, this is a subject whose time has come.

GORDON REYNOLDS
Bellevue Sub-Branch

Saving Private Ryan
Les Butler, ex 22nd Anti-aircraft Battery, received a Christmas card from granddaughter Jodie, a 21-year-old university student, and thought the sentiments expressed by her were worthy of a wider audience. We agree ... thank you Jodie.

Dear Grandad,
I just wanted to wish you a wonderful and healthy new year. Also recently I went and saw the movie Saving Private Ryan. I came away very moved by it and wanted to say thank you for fighting in the war, and all that that means to me now. I don’t think very often of the sacrifice and hard times you went through, but this move make it a little more real for me. So thank you for what you did, I admire and thank you.

Hope you are doing well.

Love Jodie

EDITOR’S NOTE: Spielberg’s unsanitised depiction of the horrible reality of war and its consequences has no doubt provided many people with a new appreciation of the word SACRIFICE.

ADVERTISING REVENUE

The RSL needs your support to continue publication of The Listening Post

Advertising revenue is required to pay for production of your quarterly magazine and all members and Sub-Branches are urged to encourage local business proprietors and tradespeople to seek more customers through its pages. The Listening Post has a state-wide circulation of more than 11,500 copies per issue, making it an attractive advertising medium.

COMMISSIONS PAID: Members and/or Sub-Branches who introduce advertisers to The Listening Post will be paid a commission of 25%. If you know of business proprietors who could benefit from exposure to the veteran community, you can earn dollars for your Sub-Branch or yourself. YOU MUST advise Westralian Publishers in advance of the contact to ensure that the commission is recorded.

For further information, please contact Pat Hosking
Telephone: (08) 9246 0872  Facsimile: (08) 9246 7545
AIF Malayan Nursing Scholarship Fund

On 26 November, the AIF Malayan Nursing Scholarship Board conducted a presentation for the latest recipients of Certificates from the John Curtin University School of Nursing.

This Memorial award is a result of a fund set up by the Australian Imperial Forces after the surrender of Japanese forces in August 1945 at Changi.

This Memorial was established by Trust Deed with the AIF Malayan Nursing Scholarship Fund and Australian Red Cross and is maintained in perpetuity for nurses from Malaysia to further their studies in an Australian tertiary institution.

Protection of the Australian National Flag against desecration

I am grateful for the League’s support for the changes to the Flags Act 1953 initiated by the government, which ensure that a vote of the national electorate is required before the design of the Australian national flag can be changed. The legislation was supported by both sides of the parliament in both houses so that the Australian people have the final say on any change to the design of the flag. The government is not opposed in principle to entrenchment of the design of the flag in the Commonwealth Constitution but is conscious of the difficulty of achieving any change, no matter how desirable, to the Constitution. This matter will be borne in mind by the government for the future.

In respect to the motion to make deliberate desecration of the flag a criminal offence, the vast majority of the Australian community deplores those who desecrate the flag as a means of political expression. The criminal law although it does not make desecration of the flag an offence, does provide scope for legal action against those who act in a disorderly or offensive way.

The government supports the use of the Australian national flag at sporting events and expects it will be accorded the pre-eminent position it deserves. The flying of flags at sports events is, however, one for the event organisers. Since 1922 representative national Australian sporting teams have been able to seek permission from the government to display the Commonwealth Coat of Arms on their uniforms and this proud tradition continues. Naturally, I expect that Australian sporting teams will always march under the Australian national flag.


CHEERS LADS!

Each December, courtesy of the RSL, In-Pensioners at London’s Royal Hospital Chelsea enjoy Christmas cake and a glass or two of a popular Australian beverage. The 1998 ceremony was co-ordinated by our staff at ANZAC House and, judging by the smiling faces above, this traditional gesture was well received.

Agent-General for Western Australia the Honourable Clive Griffiths AO JP attended the festivities. He also assisted in the cutting of the cake, which featured the RSL Badge, the Western Australian Coat of Arms and the wording...

“TO OUR FORMER COMRADES IN ARMS AT THE ROYAL CHELSEA HOSPITAL A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM THE RETURNED SERVICES LEAGUE OF AUSTRALIA”.

SHANE SEERS

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RSL Schools Involvement
ANZAC Day 1999

A proposal from the RSL Youth Committee has recommended that:

a. all Sub-Branches liaise with every school in their area with a view to all schools conducting a formal ANZAC Day service on Friday April 23;
b. where possible this should also include any local Cadet unit;
c. a suggested basic program will be forwarded to each Sub-Branch in the near future; and
d. in the meantime, we would like to have all Sub-Branches make contact with the various schools (primary and secondary), with the idea of them running lead-up programs on the courageous deeds of our service men and women during all conflicts.

O.L. LOVELLE JP
Chairman, RSL Youth Leadership Links

New Royal Australian Mint coin issue honours the last ANZACs

A new commemorative coin, to be issued by the Royal Australian Mint from 1 January, honours the sacrifice of the original Australian and New Zealand Army Corps (ANZAC) members. The $1 coin, which is not for general circulation, carries a portrait of an Australian soldier from the World War I period and the legend “The Last ANZACs”.

The Minister for Veterans’ Affairs, Mr Bruce Scott, said the coin issue was a highly appropriate and public way of honouring the sacrifice and service of those who were the original members of the Australian and New Zealand Army Corps. “Sadly, none remain of those who went ashore at Gallipoli on April 25 1915, and only a handful of those who came later are still alive.

“This coin issue honours not only those men who served on Gallipoli, but also their spirit - the ANZAC spirit - upheld and carried on in later conflicts by other service men and women from Australia and New Zealand,” the Minister said. “Their courage and selflessness are as much a part of the ANZAC tradition as that of their forebears. Every Australian should be proud of our veterans and the Royal Australian Mint has clearly played its part in helping acknowledge the debt we owe to those men and women who helped defend the freedom we enjoy today.”

IMPORTANT MESSAGE
to all Members & Sub-Branches

RSL Headquarters staff advise they have implemented a change in office to enable a more efficient and improved service to current Members, potential Members and Sub-Branches. The Book Keeper and Membership Clerk have combined forces and are now in the same office to assist with all Membership or Sub-Branch financial queries on the new direct phone number of (08) 9325 8585.

It is anticipated that we will be able to offer a more efficient and personal service than has been possible in the past - so when visiting Headquarters please do not hesitate to call into the Membership office and introduce yourself to Robyn and Kathy who will more than pleased to answer any of your questions.

REUNIONS
No 25 (City of Perth) Squadron RAAF
Details of our annual reunion on ANZAC Day this year are:
Form-up for March Past: Irwin Street 0930
Reunion Time: 1200hrs
Venue: WA Fire and Rescue HQ 480 Hay Street, Perth
Contact: Bruce Weber, 31 Ireland Way Bassendean 6054. Phone: (08) 9377 2103
Email: bweber@perth.dialix.oz.au
Internet: http://cleo.murdoch.edu.au/~bm_hutch

22ND Construction Squadron Association R.A.E
All those who served with or were attached to this squadron at any time are asked to respond as soon as possible. Organisers wish to ensure everyone gets an invitation to the annual reunion at the Devils Inn, 13 Field Sqn, RAE Irwin Barracks, Karrakatta on Friday 9 April 1999 at 1800hrs
Contact - Ron (Blue) Dupoy on (08) 9344 5841 or Neville Clark on (08) 9342 5808

RAAF 79 Squadron (UBON)
Our National reunion will be held in Perth from 23 - 26 April 1999 and will be followed by a five day tour of the South West. Details are available by telephoning:
Margaret & Vic Murray (08) 9311 4359
or Margaret & Bob Archer 041 8920 338
The Bush Wireless: Pension Update Corner

This is the first of what I hope will become regular brief “up-dates” on Disability pension matters to keep our members informed. As the RSL’s (and therefore, your) Advocate - I will endeavour to briefly discuss one topic each edition. I see my role as partly that of an educator - to communicate to readers some helpful facts: especially those relating to disabilities fairly common to many of our veterans.

The first thing to bear in mind is that, like everything in life (except death and taxes!), the rules governing disability pensions regularly change. Many World War II veterans will have already seen great changes - mostly marked improvements! - towards them and the ways in which they have been treated over the last 50+ years. This is where this column may be useful: helping to get the word out as and when the changes take place.

SoPs?? SoPs? What are SoPs??

The first and most important thing to know is that since 1 July 1994, the DVA has gauged claims for disability entitlements against “Statements of Principals” (known in the trade as “SoPs”). These are individual “Statements” for virtually all types of injury, disease and disabling conditions (except rare forms of disease). There are hundreds of them. They spell out clearly the circumstances that must exist before the DVA will accept that a veteran’s illness/disability is due to his service.

They also set the legal “standard of proof”: for men who have had “active service” in hostile territory - there is a lesser requirement that a “reasonable hypothesis” is established. For men without active service (eg: World War II men who remained in Australia - NOT serving in Darwin during the period of bombing) it is much harder. These latter claimants have to establish “that it is more probable than not” that their original injury (or illness) was due to their service.

If a person can comply, or “meet” the causative “Factors” for a disability as they are listed in the relevant SoP, the claim will probably succeed. If he/she cannot, the claim will probably fail (even on appeal).

A new SoP for “heart disease”

The SoP I wish to address in this edition is for the very widespread “Ischaemic Heart Disease.” This covers all heart conditions arising out of an imbalance between the supply and myocardial demand for oxygen - eg: angina, heart attack, arrhythmia, etc. Why? Because the DVA, through its Repatriation Medical Authority) has just issued a revised SoP, and there may be veterans who “missed out” under the previous version, who might like to see if they can now have another go.

The “factor” regarding smoking has been broadened. Where previously the veteran would be refused, if smoking had ceased more than 15 years before the condition was diagnosed, some modifications are now in place. I will quote directly from the latest SoP (which now has three “classes” of smoking history):

**Factors**

5. (e) smoking at least five cigarettes per day or the equivalent thereof, in other tobacco products, for a period of at least one year immediately before the clinical onset of ischaemic heart disease; or

5. (f) where smoking has ceased prior to the clinical onset of ischaemic heart disease:

(i) smoking one or more but less than five pack years of cigarettes or the equivalent thereof in other tobacco products, and clinical onset of ischaemic heart disease has occurred within five years of cessation; or

(ii) smoking five or more but less than 20 pack years of cigarettes or the equivalent thereof in other tobacco products, and clinical onset of ischaemic heart disease has occurred within 15 years of cessation; or

(iii) smoking at least 20 pack years of cigarettes or the equivalent thereof, in other tobacco products, and clinical onset of ischaemic heart disease has occurred within 20 years of cessation.

For those who claim war-time passive smoking (and some do, even after 50 years), the immersion in that atmosphere (“in an enclosed space for at least 1000 hours”) must have been no more than five years before the onset of heart disease.

NOTE: A “pack year” is a pack of 20 tailor-mades, per day, every day of the year (7,300 cigarettes per year).

As you can see, the SoPs have introduced a very legalistic “exactness” to the claiming process. They are just Soooo specific - in some ways it has made things harder - just occasionally it has opened up easier avenues for veterans (especially some cancers) to have their condition recognised as war-caused.

REMEMBER: if you are considering claiming for a condition, ring and ask me to post the relevant SoP out to you. (Make sure your GP has advised you of the medical diagnosis for it, as the SoPs are listed under their official, medical name - eg: “Lumbar spondylitis”, not “sore lower back”). If I am unavailable, leave your name, address, phone number and the SoP you require with the office staff, and I will be happy to send it out.

MARGOT HARNESS, War Compensation Officer

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ANZAC House Office Staff

This is the first in a series of articles highlighting the contributions the staff make to the smooth running of our organisation and the services they provide to our members.

JUDY ALMOND
Office Co-ordinator

ROBYN RAYNER
Bookkeeper

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Membership Clerk

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State President’s Secretary

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ANZAC Club Manager
Function Co-ordinator

ROBYN RAYNER
Advocate to VRB
War Compensations Officer
VVTEAS Enquiries

To contact any of the above and for appointments regarding Welfare and assistance with Pension Applications, please ring
(08) 9325 9799.

For guidance with planning your next Unit reunion or function, please ring
(08) 9325 9079

Remember, these professional officers are here to help all RSL members and their families.
DENNIS CONNELLY

PAT ROWLAND AOM JP
Welfare Officer
Overseas Pension Officer

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Lost Trails

2/23 Australian Infantry Battalion

Would you be good enough to help us find three former members of our Battalion, the: Bill Butler, Charlie Attrill and Ernie Carter? We believe they came from Kalgoorlie and that Bill Butler was a miner.

DON TIBBITS, President
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D Coy 3 RAR

I maintain a list of all personnel who passed through the ranks of D Coy 3 RAR during its tour of South Vietnam in 1967/68. A copy of this issue is mailed to all members each year as my Christmas card but I am unable to trace 38 men; four of them either enlisted or were called up in WA.

It would be appreciated if anyone who has any information at on these men would contact me.

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RAEME

Assistance is sought to locate two retired RAEME Colonels, Lt Col Jones and Lt Col Everingham, who served in Japan as COs of the British Commonwealth Workshops in Kure some time during the period 1948-1953.

I am acting on behalf of Mr W. Budgen who has submitted an “Application to Determine Qualifying Service to the Department of Veterans’ Affairs for periods spent in Korea whilst a Clerk in the British Commonwealth Workshops. During that time two COs commanded the Workshop: Lt Col Jones and Lt Col Everingham. Mr Bugden needs to contact either of his former COs in order to obtain confirmation of the administrative tasks he was performing no their behalf, on a regular basis, in Korea. I hope some of your members may know the present whereabouts of the men.

The RDFWA Queensland Office is manned only for a few hours on Thursdays. However, I can be contacted at any time at home on (07) 3272 1035, or by writing to me:
W. BULDO, Pension Case Officer.
1 Seaton Place, Parkinson, QLD 4115.

Sgt Jack K. Adams
2nd Brigade, Div. Ord.

I met Jack Adams (S1015) in Perth in April 1941 while on my way to the Middle East with reinforcements to the 2nd NZEF. We wrote to each other for a short time and then letters ceased. The great time Jack gave me during my leave in Perth has remained a happy memory with me, and now that I am a live-alone-er and dwell a lot on the happier days of those war years, I would like to contact him again. I realise me may hot have survived the war, nor possibly the years since, but if anyone could forward new of him, I’d be really delighted.

DON WHITE
23 Dame St., Waikouaiti,
Otago, NEW ZEALAND

Full Circle

On Remembrance last year at 11am, Corporal Alex Marshall stepped into the middle of the intersection of William and Hay Streets, Perth, to play the haunting notes of the Last Post. Following one minute’s silence, the rousing notes of the Rouse (Reveille) joined in the echo of buglers at the other inner city intersections.

Almost 30 years before, as a member of the Young Australia League, Alex Marshall had stood on the same intersection before the halted traffic and played the Last Post and Rouse on Remembrance Day.

Alex did this every year until, at the age of 15, he joined the Army. His Army career saw him stationed in Melbourne, Sydney, Townsville and Perth. In 1993, Alex was part of the official party involved in the return of the Unknown Australian Soldier, who is now at rest in the War Memorial in Canberra. While in France the unit toured the World War 1 battlefields where Alex played the Last Post at each Commonwealth War Graves cemetery. The bugle used on these occasions belonged to Corporal Merton Potter, a bugler who served on the Western Front with the 8th Battalion. His son, Graeme, kindly made the bugle available to DVA and the Army. The RSL has been instrumental in bringing back the tradition of buglers on city corners. City shoppers and workers are now able to take part in this rich tradition of remembrance.
UNTOLD STORIES
by Daphne Pyke

How fast the world moves on! Today's energetic adults have little appreciation and no personal memories of the World War II. How could they, in this era of satellites and the silicone chip, have any awareness of the time when news of the death of a beloved husband or son was received by telegram delivered by a boy on a bicycle?

There are, of course, plenty of histories of the period. The contribution of generals and high-ranking officers is well documented. The propaganda of politicians and the tactics of military strategists have received wide publicity. What is lacking, in official accounts of the war, is the story of the personal experiences of those who fought day after day and night after long night, giving their most vigorous years to fight and, if necessary, to die.

It is now over fifty years since the war ended and those who survived the fighting are old. Before it is too late we should gather their stories and record them for their children's children, and for us all. When they are dead we can never ask them to tell us what it was like in New Guinea, Egypt or Malaya. Why did they go to war? How did they feel in battle, and afterwards? What did they see, hear and smell? What food was provided, what did they wear, where did they sleep? How were they treated when they returned home and how difficult was it to take up civilian jobs again?

With sensitive questioning and the use of a tape recorder and microphone, the stories of returned soldiers, each one unique, can be gathered and stored for posterity. Oral history provides a means of honouring the contribution and memories of returned servicemen and women. Each sub-branch of the RSL should set up an oral history unit to preserve the wartime experiences of its members.

Before setting out with microphone to record some-one's history, planning is essential. There are publications and tapes available from the Oral History Unit of the Battye Library with clear advice on how to go about it. Practical hints and technical skills are dealt with as well as the all-important researching of your subject and preparation of your questions. Sub-Branches who take up the challenge to preserve the memories of their members should encourage a team of people to prepare themselves for the task.

Each name engraved on the war memorials throughout Australia represents a person who once lived, experienced war service and paid the ultimate price. They can no longer tell us of the pain, mateship, despair and hope, the thoughts they had and the questions they asked. It is still not too late to gather the memories of those who survive.

Sub-Branches, honour the stories of your returned servicemen and women . . .

LEST WE FORGET.

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN ENGINEERS

The skills gained while serving as a member of Australia's Defence Forces have frequently led to interesting post-service careers for many of us. New RSL members Mick Keen is no exception.

Twenty five years' service in the Royal Australian Engineers provided the expertise required to become a member of a team contracted to the United Nations; its mission to train Kurdish militia in Northern Iraq to detect and clear minefields.

Despite the hazardous nature of the work and the security concerns brought about by the regional tensions, Mick says he and his team-mates (predominantly ex-servicemen from Australia, New Zealand, Canada, South Africa and Britain) feel quite safe.

The team is based in an imposing fortress close to the Iranian border. Living quarters for the men are refurbished prison cells. Local militia forces provide additional security.

The obvious and urgent need to clear minefields and unexploded ordnance from past conflicts will ensure Mick and other serving and former sappers will live up to the RAW Corps motto Ubique (Everywhere) for years to come.

CHRIS BROOKS

A local militia member clearing anti-personnel mines.
Can you help?

Calling all Army Engineers(Sappers)

The Royal Australian Engineers Association of W.A (Inc) is endeavouring to trace all persons who have served as Army Engineers. If you served any time with RAE, RE, RNZE, or any other Military Engineers we would like you to contact us. We also seek people who were attached as support staff to Engineers Units.

The RAE Association of W.A. (Inc) is a very active organisation which meets regularly and whose membership is representative of all eras and aspects of engineering. If you are interested and wish more information please ring:

MICHEAL RYAN OAM ON (08) 9307 2385 or
NEVILLE CLARK ON (08) 9342 5808

Port Kennedy Veterans’ Memorial Park

Port Kennedy RSL Sub-Branch is calling for donations to help place plaques on the Memorial to commemorate World Wars I and II. This is an eight sided Memorial due to hold its Dedication Ceremony in March, all being well. There is still much work to be done.

For further information ring John Tucker at Rockingham City Council on 9528 0371. Mail may be sent to the Secretary, Port Kennedy RSL Sub-Branch, PO Box 2104, Rockingham, 6967, to be forwarded to Mr Tucker.

S.A. MONCRIEFF, PRO

The King Bay

In your spring issue there is an article on the King Bay. Could anyone tell us if she was a sister ship to the Nicol Bay, which I believed plied the waters of the North West and Kimberley in the 1950s and 60s. Can anyone provide information on her history and fate?

HOWARD YOUNG
PO Box 27 Kununurra 6743.
Phone (08) 9168 1563

Army Band Memorabilia

Over a period of time I have been collecting Australian Army Band memorabilia for the Defence Force School of Music Museum, Simpson Barracks, Macleod, Victoria.

I now seek help in locating anything to do with Army Bands - photos, inscribed side and bass drums, inscribed bugles, Drum Major’s staffs, etc. Any ex-Army Bandsmen will know what I am looking for. But I do not want medals, as these are a personal item and should remain with the family. Photos will be returned to the owners after I have enlarged and framed them and typed any relevant history.

The donors’ name is given to the museum and items can be sent direct to Lt Col Tony Sillcock, CSC, Commandant, Defence Force School of Music, Simpson Barracks, Macleod Victoria, 3085. Phone (03) 9450 7314.

J. L. KENNEWELL
100 Mount Crosby Road, Tivoli, Qld 4305
Phone (07) 3281 5183

Photo

If anyone can help with details relating to the photo above - place, time, names, etc - would you please contact Belmont Sub-Branch secretary H.W. Haines on 9478 2329 or A/H 9277 3587.

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Can you help? continued

Royal Air Force Helicopter Operations (Malaya Emergency) Association

We welcome enquiries from any ex-servicemen, of all ranks including National Service, who were part of Casevac Flight, 194, 155 and 110 Helicopter squadrons and ground support sections for contact with other members, reunions and newsletters.

BRIAN LLOYD (Secretary)
32 Redwood, Burnham
Bucks SL1 8JN, United Kingdom

Treatment for alcohol abuse

A comprehensive program to treat people with alcohol problems is starting in March at The Hollywood Clinic, the 30-bed psychiatric facility within Hollywood Private Hospital in Nedlands.

This is the first and only alcohol treatment programme of its type to be offered in a private psychiatric facility. Dr Michael Hagan, consultant psychiatrist, will be the programme’s Clinical Director.

Who can be referred?

People with a diagnosis of alcohol dependence or alcohol abuse who meet the following criteria can be referred

* Absence of any significant cognitive impairment or psychotic disorder
* Not in acute alcohol withdrawal
* A moderate degree of treatment motivation
* Do not regularly use illicit substances such as heroin or amphetamines
* Adequate social support
* A level of cognitive ability that enables the person to concentrate and understand therapy concepts
* Patients with dual diagnosis conditions such as depression, anxiety or personality disorder can be included in the programme.

Those eligible for treatment include:

* Veterans or war widow/ers with a gold card.
* Patients with private health insurance.
* Those eligible for workers’ compensation.

Therapeutic interventions

Patients may require a brief in-patient stay for detoxification prior to involvement in this treatment programme. Two streams of the programme are offered: firstly, a two-week afternoon based introductory stream and secondly a more intensive, intermediate stream requiring morning attendance over a month. For more information: or to arrange referral, contact The Hollywood Clinic Clinical Nurse Manager Julie Robson on 9346 6201.

Visiting USAF veteran honours

Australian war dead

On a recent visit to Perth from the United States, Larry Newman, a veteran of the Vietnam war, wished to honour the memory of Australian servicemen killed in that conflict.

Vietnam Veterans’ Association WA President Rob Cos arranged a wreath-laying ceremony at the Memorial Pavilion in Kings Park, which was attended by representatives of ex-service organisations, DVA and the US Navy.

Wreaths were laid on behalf of The Veterans of Foreign Wars US Association and the Aeromedical Evacuation Association USAF.

While based in Cam Ranh Bay (and also in Clark AB Philippines), Larry helped train RAAF nurses and medical technicians in the latest techniques in aero-medical evacuation.

He said this period was a highlight of his tour of duty in Vietnam and described the Australians as a ‘fine group of professionals’, remembering in particular Kevin Smith (Corporal?).

Co-incidentally, Larry’s next door neighbour in his home town of Lincoln City, Oregon, also has a link with Australian veterans. Richard Aust Jnr was a marine aboard the USS Houston when it was sunk along with HMAS Perth in the Sunda Strait in February 1942: Richard became a POW along with survivors from the two ill-fated allied cruisers.

CHRIS BROOKS.
Up Top
The Royal Australian Navy and Southeast Asian Conflicts 1955-1972
by Jeffrey Grey

This book is one of eight volumes of The Official History of Australia's Involvement in Southeast Asian Conflicts 1948-1975, which is published in association with the Australian War Memorial. The author is Associate Professor of History at the Australian Defence Academy.

The period 1955-1972 saw the RAN play a vital role in conflicts in the SE Asian region (UP TOP in RAN parlance) alongside the better-known contributions made by the army and the airforce. This book documents the role of the RAN in activities with the British Navy in defence of Malaysia and as part of the American Seventh Fleet in Vietnamese waters. Faced with the problems of under-funding and an ageing fleet, the book throws light on the logistic pressures and strategic considerations in providing a naval presence in two theatres of war at the same time.

A number of Australian Minesweepers and Destroyer/Destroyer Escorts saw active service as part of the Far East fleet in Malaysian waters during the 'Confrontation' with Indonesia during 1964-1966. Their role in this 'forgotten war' is revealed in an early chapter.

Vietnam veterans will be familiar with the roles played by HMAS Sydney and HMAS Jeparit but the activities of the Australian destroyers operating the length of the Vietnam coastline are generally not as well known. The contribution made by these fighting ships have been well documented and make interesting reading.

Lengthy chapters covering the Clearance Diving Team 3 and RAN Helicopter Flight Vietnam comprehensively record the hazardous work carried out by the men of these units. The performance of the men under difficult and dangerous conditions is reflected by the number of awards received by divers and aviators.

This is not a 'dry' historical account and, although rich in detail, is an easy read and would be of interest not only to RAN sailors, divers and aviators, but to anyone who has been UP TOP. Published by Allen and Unwin; recommended retail price is $59.95

CHRIS BROOKS

MASA JEPUN: Sarawak Under The Japanese 1941-1945
by Bob Reece

In this ground-breaking book, Professor Bob Reece of Murdoch University, Western Australia, traces the story of Sarawak's three and a half years under Japanese rule during World War II. Setting the scene with the Brooke Centenary, he narrates what is known of the early history of the Japanese in Sarawak before describing the preparations for war, the blitzkrieg invasion of Kuching on Christmas Eve 1941 and the fate of the European population.

The book goes on to outline the policies of the Japanese military administration and its efforts to reduce the wealth and influence of the Chinese as well as encouraging economic self-sufficiency. Particular attention is paid to the way in which people adapted and improvised in response to drastic shortages of consumer goods.

A major focus is the actual experience of individuals during the occupation, ranging from the European civilian internees at Batu Lintang to the Iban of the Rejang river. To a significant extent, it is a social history of the occupation, providing a wealth of first-hand narrative accounts published for the first time.

The book describes the Allied re-conquest of Sarawak in early 1945, in particular the guerilla war on the Rejang where the Iban turned against the Japanese. Finally, the work of the Australian military administration is described and the occupation's long-term significance is examined.

During his research, Bob Reece made extensive use of archives in Canberra, London, Washington and Kuching and interviewed British, Australian and Japanese civilian and military veterans as well as people from all over Sarawak.
Sarawak who lived through the era. The book is copiously illustrated in black and white and colour and reproduces a number of original documents.

MASA JEPUN is published by the Sarawak Literary Society, Kuching, Sarawak and is available in both hardback and paperback editions of A4 size. Price: $65 plus postage (hardback), $45 incl. postage (soft cover) from Masa Jepun, 15 Holland St, Fremantle 6160. Fax (08) 93606480.

The Battles of the Somme
by Martin Marix Evans

The Somme has become notorious as the site of the blackest day in British military history, 1 July 1916, when more casualties were suffered than any day before or since. The Somme valley held little of military importance except the enemy, yet it became the arena for a bloody, muddy battle of attrition in which hundreds of thousands lost their lives.

The first battle of the Somme pitched a largely volunteer British Army against a well-trained and well-entrenched German force. Losses were immense on both sides. The first appearance of tanks gave the enemy a promise of an end to the stalemate of trench warfare, but ultimately gave the Allies no greater advance than ground that could be walked in an afternoon.

The conflict on the Somme was still far from over, but the British Army was now a battle-hardened force. In 1918, the Germans launched a vigorous new thrust westwards that took them almost to Amiens.

The new sophistication of combined infantry, artillery, tank and aircraft operations was brilliantly demonstrated by the Australians and Americans at Hamel and by the Canadians in the second battle of the Somme in August.

With the breaching of the Hindenburg Line in September the Germans, once the finest field army in Europe, were finally in full retreat.

With numerous eye-witness accounts from those who actually experienced the horror of the trenches, this book commemorates the courage and sacrifice of soldiers of all nations on the 80th anniversary of the first battle’s commencement. Illustrated with contemporary battlefield photographs and Ordnance Survey maps, combined with modern colour photographs, the Battles of the Somme conveys these soldiers’ story in moving, appropriately human terms.

Published by Phoenix, the book is available through Allen & Unwin Publishers, PO Box 8500, St Leonards 2065 NSW. Recommended retail price is $24.95.

GEOFF TANNER

McAleese’s Fighting Manual
The Definitive Soldiers’ Handbook by Peter McAleese & John Ayely

The SAS have only themselves to blame. When they stormed the Iranian Embassy in 1989, they made a very difficult operation look easy. Covert operations in the Falklands and Northern Ireland continued the trend. And if one Gulf mission was a famous failure, the enduring image of today’s army is the special forces operator: armed with hi-tech gadgets and exotic submachine guns.

Former SAS Sergeant Peter McAleese is the veteran of over a hundred fire-fights on service in the Middle East and the jungles of Borneo. Later he fought with the Rhodesian and South African armies. Having seen more action than most men still alive, he speaks with the true authority of the soldier, not the armchair warrior or civil service bureaucrat.

Now he has condensed the lessons of a thirty year career into a single handbook: McAleese’s Fighting Manual. And it has some sharp words of warning for the “Men in Black”. The SAS won its reputation by thorough application of drills: training until they were second nature.

This is the foundation of good soldiering, but the discipline it requires is being undermined. The fad for specialist units and the concern for “political correctness” in much of the army are threatening to lower standards.

Written for serving soldiers today, as well as military buffs and survival enthusiasts, McAleese’s Fighting Manual is the most comprehensive guide to modern soldiering ever published.

The book is published by Orion and is available through Allen & Unwin Publishers, PO Box 8500, St Leonards 2065, NSW. Recommended retail price, Aust. $49.95. (Hard-cover)

GEOFF TANNER
**Blamey**

The Commander - In - Chief

by David Homer

Sir Thomas Blamey, as well as being Australia’s greatest and most important soldier was also a major figure in Australian history. He was a controversial figure with enormous political influence and this book pulls no punches in revealing the unsavoury aspects of his career. Sir Thomas Blamey is the only Australian soldier to reach the rank of Field Marshal and but his career is marked by numerous controversies.

Blamey looks beyond these controversies to assess what the Field Marshal achieved as Australia’s top soldier during the Second World War. Based on a deep understanding of Australian military history and wide-ranging research in many archives, this book examines Blamey’s conduct as commander, policy-maker and administrator. Blamey was a major figure in Australian history.

In the First World War he was chief of staff to the famous Australian commander, Sir John Monash. Between the wars he was a senior officer and for eleven years was Chief Commissioner of the Victoria Police. He held the Australian Army’s top position for almost all of World War II. Blamey assesses Blamey’s contributions to the Australian Army’s achievements over thirty years.

Available from the Publisher, Allen and Unwin, PO Box 8500, St. Leonards 2065, NSW. RRP. Aus. $49.95 (Hardback)

GEOFF TANNER

**Always First**


by David Wilson.

The history of the Air Force Construction Units is one of toil and sweat, of personal resource and professionalism. During war-time, and peace-time they served in remote areas under harsh conditions. Their members undertook hard physical work to build the facilities which were, quite often, taken for granted by those who followed. Always First, the motto of 5 Airfield Construction Squadron (5ACS) is appropriate as a title for this book. The Airfield Construction Squadrons were born of necessity, always understrength in men and material, and the recipients of plaudits and criticism. During World War II the attitude of the US Army was at times a threat to the future of the force. It could be seen as a little too much “red tape” by Australian authorities, mixed with American “we are in command here” and the typical Australian laconic “she’ll be right mate” attitudes all round that perhaps were the problems. All that aside, forward airfields, which were extremely vital to the aerial campaigns, and the “island hopping strategy” of General Douglas MacArthur, in the South West Pacific region, were developed often under fire, and became operational in the shortest possible time. Often they had moved away before the main operational force deployed to the facilities had arrived. In addition to the post-war development of facilities on the mainland, Airfield Construction Squadrons served with the occupation force in Japan, built the airfield at Butterworth during the Malayan Emergency and developed facilities at Phan Rang and Vung Tau in South Vietnam. Reading through this book, one can almost imagine the smell of diesel fumes from the D8 dozer, hear the rumble of the “sheeps-foot” roller, and the mustiness of freshly turned earth. Always First is based on official records and personal memories. This book is a long-overdue tribute to the unsung heroes of the RAAF’s Airfield Construction Squadrons. The book is available from Air Power Studies Centre, RAAF Base, Fairbairn, ACT. 2600. Tel. (02) 6287 6563. Fax. (02) 6287 6382. Price $14.95 plus $3.00 postage and handling. Cheques for full amount made out to “Collector of Public Monies” for Airfield Construction Book. Enquiries can be made through “Aviation Museum”, RAAFA, Bull Creek.

GEOFF TANNER (2ACS. Woomera - Cocos Island)
The Forgotten Force
The Australian Military Contribution to the Occupation of Japan 1945 - 1952
by Jim Wood

More than 17,000 Australians served in the British Commonwealth Occupation Force in Japan between 1946 and 1952. This book is the first full account of their contribution to that force. Almost four years to the day (15 February 1942) that Singapore surrendered to the Japanese Army, Australian troops disembarked at the war-devastated Japanese port city of Kure. It was 13 February, 1946 and Australians formed the vanguard of the 37,000 strong British Commonwealth Occupation Force. At its peak some 12,000 Australians were serving in BCOF, one third of its strength. The primary task of the Occupying Forces was the dismantling and destruction of the means by which the Japanese had waged war. Australian actions established the pattern for Australia’s political and military roles in the region of its most direct interest, usually in concert with the United States. Australia’s commitment to the Occupation of Japan, set in place the foundation of its post war relationship with this former enemy and linked Australia formally with the United States and New Zealand in the long standing ANZUS treaty.

This book is available from the publishers Allen and Unwin, PO Box 8500, St. Leonards, 2065, NSW. and from booksellers. Recommended retail price Aus. $39.95. (Paperback)

LEN OWENS

A Little Bit of Hope
Australian Force - Somalia
by Bob Breen

A Little Bit of Hope is a very personal account of the Australian contribution to the United Nations peacekeeping campaign in Somalia in 1993. On the Thursday before Anzac Day, Bob Breen was asked by the Australian Army to fly to Somalia to conduct research on the Australian participation in the peacekeeping efforts in Somalia. Bob re-enlisted in the Army the next day, re-leant how to shoot an assault rifle on the weekend, and, dressed in a flak jacket and helmet, arrived in Mogadishu four days later.

He then spent two hectic weeks at the cutting edge of Australian security operations in Baidoa, dubbed by journalists as “The City of Death”; patrolling with diggers by day and night, riding shotgun with them on food distribution convoys and living in compounds where Australian troops were protecting humanitarian relief workers from Somali gunmen. A Little Bit of Hope is the result of Bob’s time in Somalia. It puts the reader into the boots of the diggers who served in Somalia and gives a frank, honest and revealing description of the cutting edge of peace operations. As well as being a very personal account, A Little Bit of Hope contains military lessons to be learned from the experience of enforcing peace in the developing world.

Available from publisher, Allen & Unwin, PO. Box 8500, St. Leonards, 2065, NSW. Recommended retail price Aust. $39.95. (Paperback)

LEN OWENS

War: Australia’s Creative Response
by Rutherford and Wieland

This book, edited by Anna Rutherford and Jane Wieland, contains a rich and varied collection of writings addressing the impact of war on the imaginations of Australians. The essays from historians, artists, writers and cultural commentators, cover topics and issues during peace and war from the colonial period to the 1990s. It provides a comprehensive examination of the Australian home-front while the country has been at war, and examines the responses of different groups within Australia. It is available from the publishers Allen and Unwin, PO Box 8500, St. Leonards, 2065, NSW. and from booksellers.

LEN OWENS

Get the Bloody Job Done
by Steve Eather

This book tells the story of the Royal Australian Navy Fleet Air Arm at war in Vietnam. It highlights the extraordinary heroism and dedication to duty displayed by the pilots, aircrewman, maintenance and support staff of the Royal Australian Navy Helicopter Flight - Vietnam (RANHFV). Flying both in a war zone and in a role in which they had little previous experience, this dedicated group of Australian sailors served with distinction in a very difficult and unpopular war. They were the hardest-fought Australian aviation unit to serve in the Vietnam War and suffered a much higher casualty rate than the RAAF or Australian Army aviation units. The sheer intensity and protracted nature of their combat service is not understood or recognised by the Australian community or even by the Australian Defence Force.

Every person who served in the RANHFV was a hero. Nearly all the maintenance and support staff voluntary flew on operations as door gunners, sharing the hazards of action with the aircrew colleagues. On the ground the Australians were subject to rocket and mortar attacks which caused destruction and death. Despite these
dangerous living and working conditions, the Australians played a pivotal role in making their parent US Army unit - the 135th Assault Helicopter Company - arguably the most proficient helicopter unit in Vietnam.

The book is available from publishers Allen and Unwin, PO Box 8500, St Leonards 2065 NSW, or leading booksellers.

Recommended retail price is $A22.95.

GEOFF TANNER

POETS' CORNER

Remembering

My eyes have seen soldiers marching tall
They have seen death and the horrors of war
My mouth has tasted the anguish of thirst
It has tasted the salt of sweat
My nose has smelt gun power
And the putrid air of the trench
My feet have trodden on blood stained land
They have felt the thud of good men fall
My ears have heard gun shots
They have heard each man’s dying breath
My heart remembers each man’s face
It remembers the hope that the fighting would cease
My soul remembers all those died
Sarah Archibald, Year 7
St Francis Xavier School, Armadale

On Oceans Deep

In oceans deep where cold winds blow,
And waves are marching row on tow
In serried ranks, while down below we sleep,
No cross our resting place to mark
No bloom of flower, no song of lark,
Ships pass above and do not know
That we are lying here below.

Our island nation then hard pressed,
Stood alone, when all the rest had fallen.
We knew you who followed would prevail,
And knowing you did not us fail,
We now can sleep in peace in oceans deep.
JAYAR

Osborne Park Sub-branch
80th anniversary

Osborne Park Sub-Branch will hold mark its 80th Anniversary on Sunday 28 March 1999 with a celebration at the RSL Hall in Main Street.

A barbecue luncheon will commence at 1.00 pm. This will be followed by entertainment in the form of singing and dancing to the music of a Country and Western band. This function will be free for all members and their partners. Enquiries should be directed to Graham Dick, Secretary.

The least successful warship

In times of war self-sacrifice is a paramount virtue. New heights were achieved in 1941 by HMS Trinidad when it fired a torpedo at a passing German destroyer. While sailing in the Arctic, its crew completely overlooked the icy water on oil in the torpedo’s steering mechanism. The crew watched as the torpedo travelled at forty knots towards its target and slowly became aware that it was starting to follow a curved course. In less than a minute it was pursuing a semi-circular route straight into the Trinidad’s path. Displaying the precision timing on which naval warfare depends, the torpedo scored a direct hit on the ship’s engine room and put HMS Trinidad out of action for the rest of the war.

Courtesy British ex-Service Assoc. Newsletter

WA RSL

Brisbane Bowls Carnival 1999-2000

Members are reminded that this carnival will take place over the change of the century and the main event will be on New Year’s Eve 1999. Although the new millennium will not start until the year 2001, a number of members have indicated that they would prefer to be with their families at the change of the century.

Flight details and accommodation have not yet been finalised so members are asked to consider what they intend to do about the Brisbane carnival.

LES FYNMORE
President

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National results
The WA team had mixed results at the Adelaide carnival. Their best effort was runner-up to host state South Australia in the Dr Krantz Memorial Trophy. The best rink was Dudley Docking, Jim McCall, Les Fynmore and Max O’Loughlin, with four wins and one loss. The other team, skipped by John Crabb, had two wins and three losses.

Queensland won the Jack Hamilton VC Trophy for the second year running. The best WA team was Don Reynolds, Merv Hughes, Les Webb and Jim Lament with four wins and one draw. Ken Shaw’s team had two wins and three losses, Doug Lind had two wins and three losses and Ian Symington three wins and two losses.

VALE
Len Preedy, a Past President of the Subiaco RSL Sub-Branch, died on January 14. A Life Member and Past President of the WARSL Bowls Section from 1975 to 1980, Len was a member of the last WARSL bowls team to win the nationals.

Our deepest sympathy is extended to his family.

LEST WE FORGET

MAX PLESTER

WANTED: NATIONAL FOURS BADGES
R. Axford. Telephone: 9450 5852

DVA Day
The first mixed bowls for the new season was played at Nollamara in October. Sponsored by the Department of Veterans’ Affairs as part of its Health Week program, 24 teams turned out. Dusty Rhodes skipped the winning composite team, helped by his wife Malvina and Dell and Archie Reeves. Runners-up were John and Edna Wade, David Price and Betty Carter from Armadale. Max and Pat Plester and June and Ron Almond from North Beach were third. Game winners were teams skipped by Allan Bishop and Tony Snelling.

Archie Reeves, who will be 86 this year, was also in the winning team at Northam, together with Arnold Bryant, star raffle runner Fred Birnie and Max O’Loughlin.

Malvina Rhodes, Dell and Archie Reeves and Dusty Rhodes, winners of the DVA Gala Day bowls.

Tom Brindle, 1997 Club Champion, receiving his replica RSL Cup from Neville Parker.

Pat Cottrill, 1998 Club Champion, receiving the RSL Cup from Club Captain, Neville Parker.

The 1998 season was very successful for our club with members enjoying their games. We play on Thursday mornings, teeing off at 7:30 am and, although we have played on several public golf courses since we started, we have now settled on Rosehill and Whaleback as our venues. The management of these two courses have been very co-operative and we do not have any difficulties with our starting time. We play as a group, enabling us to meet after the game to hand out the prizes for the day and have a beer or two.

Dave Cordwell (Club President) and Neville Parker (Club Captain) have done a sterling job to ensure that everything runs smoothly every week, and our handicapper, Fairley Watson, puts in a lot of work to run the eclectic competition throughout the year. Barry Lewis did a great job as our Treasurer and managed to finish the year with all expenses paid and the bank statement still in black figures. We also passed another milestone in 1998 when Reg Gill achieved every golfer’s dream by getting a hole in one, the first club member to do so.

We held our dinner and presentation of trophies in ANZAC House in December. Congratulations go to Pat Cottrill who won the Club Championship for 1998.

Any League members who would like to play an enjoyable game of social golf with us in the 1999 season would be more than welcome.

DAVE McCLELLAND (Ph: 9448 3812)
BEAUMARIS BEACH

President Tony Kent has been presented with a Certificate of Service for his work on the State Executive. Tony has also received the Sub-Branch Charter, presented by State Secretary, Shane Seers.

The Sub-Branch has organised a charter fishing trip to the Abrolhos Islands in May but there are no vacancies left.

We meet on the second Wednesday of each month at the Whitfords Sea Sports Club at 1900 hours and visitors are welcome.

KEN MORRISON

BELMONT

We had the pleasure of welcoming State President, Mr Ken Bladen, to our September meeting and, three months later, the State Secretary, Shane Seers OAM, and his wife Vivienne. It is many years since we have had the RSL’s two most senior officials visit us and we thank them.

It is the custom of the Sub-Branch to present School Awards and the Air Training Corps Trophy annually. The ANZAC Scholarship Award of $300 goes to the most deserving student in Year 10 who is progressing to Years 11 and 12. President Bill Sharpe was at the Belmont Senior High School and made a presentation to Emily Van Kampin, the successful Year 10 student.

Bill Sharpe, Ron Reynolds and Brian Carvell represented the Sub-Branch at the Air Training Corps presentation night.

State Executive Liaison Officer Mike Hall OAM, JP, recently presented an RSL Life Membership Certificate and badge to Mitch Cadden, our Immediate Past President. Mitch thoroughly deserved them for the time and effort he put in while a Sub-Branch official.

At the recent Civic Dinner of the Belmont City Council Welfare Officer Bert Dean was presented with the Community Services Award by the Mayor Peter Passeri JP. Bert thoroughly deserves this award, not only for his visits to members in hospitals and nursing homes, and to widows of deceased members, but also his representation of the Sub-Branch on the Belmont District Housing Trust.

At our December meeting all the previous Officers were re-elected. Ted Worth and Norm Fairhall have retired and we express appreciation for their work over many years. We welcome Ron Naughton to the committee and trust he will enjoy his involvement.

This year marks the 70th anniversary of the formation of the Sub-Branch in 1929. The Belmont City Council also celebrates its centennial year. In conjunction with the Council, the committee has arranged the development of a paved area and memorial garden in the front of the bowling green, to be unveiled and dedicated on Sunday 28th March.

If any prospective members wish to visit our club at 22 Leake Street Belmont, they will be welcome and can contact the club on 9478 2329 or Secretary Harold Haines on 9277 3587.

Recently the Women’s Auxiliary held its election of officers. We congratulate Mrs Lesley Finlay on accepting the important position of President. To retiring President Joan Fitzgerald we offer our appreciation for the service she has given to the Sub-Branch during her three years as President.

H W HAIMES OAM JP
Secretary

BICTON PALMYRA
(INCLUDING NORTH EAST FREMANTLE)

Congratulations to Stan Webb and Allan Meyer who have been re-elected to the positions of President and Secretary respectively for the eighth consecutive year.

Social Secretary Kevin Hastie and his committee again organised a successful annual dinner dance, Christmas
party and new year’s festivities.

A day trip to the Pinjarra races provided wonderful entertainment, although the bookmakers left with their wallets not only intact, but financially enhanced.

April sees the 50th anniversary of our Sub-Branch. Special events to mark the occasion have yet to be finalised, so I urge all members to keep this in mind and await further announcements.

We welcome new members and proudly announce that our membership currently stands at 307.

Happy birthday to Jack Hewitt who is now 83 years young.

We note with sadness the passing of Jerry Koltasz and extend our deepest sympathy to his family.

TREVOR PESCUDD
Publicity Officer

**BUSSELTON**

The Sub-Branch finished 1998 on a high note with the Poppy Day Appeal and the annual Busselton Show being very successful fund-raisers. Funds from the latter enable the Sub-Branch to support the Army and Naval Busselton Cadet Units and to provide funds for the ongoing upkeep of our hall.

Remembrance Day commemorations were well attended; in fact the regulars remarked that it was the best they had seen in recent times. This can be attributed in part to the high profile of the Sub-Branch in the Busselton area. The local media responded with articles on the history of the Poppy and publicised the sale of poppies and the Remembrance Service. The committee has a number of suggestions to further improve the Service and, after evaluation, will implement them this year.

The annual dinner was a huge success with everyone enjoying the camaraderie of fellow members and their partners. The caterers (once again) provided excellent fare and our intrepid barman looked after us. 511 Regional Cadet Unit provided the Dixie Bashers/Pearl Divers who did a sterling job.

To start off the new year, the Sub-Branch was involved in the Busselton Festival by providing food stalls at Petticoat Lane on 20 January and at the Crownings of the Busselton Festival Queen on the shores of the Vasse River on 24 January. Due to the efforts of our members and their ladies both these events were a financial success. All our fund-raising activities entail a lot of organising and participation by members. Again the stalwarts of the Sub-Branch were to the fore and ensured the activities were successfully concluded. Special thanks to our ladies who always do a magnificent job.

As we have a large number of members living in the Quindalup/Dunsborough areas the membership officer, Ron Peach, has offered to look after them by facilitating the payment of membership and providing welfare support. Ron can be contacted on 9755 3255.

**Fellowship:** The dates of the monthly Friday fellowships for the first half of the year are:

- 26 March, 23 April, (Sunday) 25 April ANZAC Day, 28 May and 25 June. Fellowship commences at 1800 hours and guests are more than welcome.

**Meetings:** Monthly meetings are held in the RSL Hall, 40 Duchess Street, Busselton, on the fourth Tuesday of the month with fellowship at 1800 hours and the meeting at 1930 hours.

**Legacy:** This year Busselton Legacy will be conducting the annual badge day on Friday 16 April as opposed to January. The co-ordinator is Jim Cornwall and to ensure a successful day he requires a good sales team – i.e. plenty of helpers. If you can assist, contact Jim on 9752 2033.

**Welfare:** The Sub-Branch has a strong and active welfare team in attendance at the hall each Friday from 1000 to 1200 hours. Feel free to drop in and have a chat over a cup of tea or coffee.

**Membership:** Renewals may be paid at the hall on Fridays when the welfare team is in attendance, at the monthly meetings, by post (addressing the letter to the Secretary, PO Box 294 Busselton 6280 or RSL HQ) or by contacting the membership officer/secretary to make other arrangements.

GARRY LEA
Secretary

**CANNING DISTRICTS AND VICTORIA PARK**

The Sub-Branch enjoyed a fairly successful 1998 but we cannot rest on our laurels. Our Committee under President
Bill Day is functioning well and we thank Phil Cowling, Ruby and Neil Wright, and all our volunteers, including our Social Club. We have plans for improvements to our existing premises. With your help the Sub-Branch will succeed.

The AGM went off well but we would have liked to see more members there.

Raffles and social functions will be held throughout the year so please make an effort to attend. Sales, places and prices will be displayed at the club, which is available to hire for birthdays, anniversaries etc. We have now formed a Women’s Auxiliary and anyone interested in helping with the Friday night meals can contact the Auxiliary. Your assistance will be greatly appreciated.

We are to host Kapyong Day on 24 April and ANZAC Day observances together with the Korea & South East Asian Veterans Association.

ANZAC Day March details are: Assembly 7:45 am at Canning Old Town Hall, corner of Manning Road and Albany Highway; proceed to the RSL, Wharf Street, at approximately 9:15 am. Signallers should note that the format will be the same as for 1998. Line up in Pier Street for the March and the later reunion is at 109 Signal Squadron. Remember to inform your mates. For further details, contact Brian on 9277 1406 or Peter on 9305 1303.

WENDY SCHWAB

COTTESLOE

Our oldest member, 99-year-old Alf Bellord, was presented with the French Legion of Honour Medal for his service in the France during World War I. The presentation, by Mr Gregoire Chilovsky of the French Embassy in Canberra, took place at Alf’s home in Barsden Street Cottesloe.

Mr Chilovsky said the French Government was pleased to recognise Alf’s contribution in winning the war. Alf responded and, during the playing of the Marseillaise, sang in French.

The ceremony was attended by Cottesloe RSL members Dennis Hawtin (President), John McGuire (Secretary). Claude Larking and Doug Hill. Megan Pickering and Judy Hitchcock came from the Aged Persons Support Service and Debbie Hill from the Department of Veterans Affairs. Alf’s carers from Brightwater also attended and served tea and cake afterwards.

We look forward to a great year of recruiting and supporting the Restoration Fund.

JOHN MCGUIRE
Secretary

EAST VICTORIA PARK & VIETNAM VETERANS

The luncheon to mark the official opening of our new hall and facilities on Sunday 29 November 1998 was a huge success. A large crowd enjoyed an excellent meal, catered for by the students of the Bentley TAFE Hospitality Studies Department. Many thanks to them for the professional presentation and also to John Pass (Vietnam veteran), their senior lecturer, for organising their participation in this event.

Your committee is putting together a social calendar for this year. Your input would be appreciated, so let us know what social activities you would like included. Ring the Secretary, Jack Matthews, at the club on 9361 8802, Monday to Friday (except Wednesday) between 11am and 1pm or leave a message on the answering machine. It is your Sub-Branch and the club and the committee only carry out your wishes so do give them some ideas that they can work on.

Don’t forget our meetings are on the second Sunday of each month at 10am. Come and enjoy yourself with your fellow members, stay and have lunch afterwards and don’t worry – the footy is on the big screen!

Remember: “Laughter is the sun that drives winter from the human face”.

GEOFF TANNER

GERALDTON CITY

Because of Geraldton’s strong association with HMAS Sydney before and during World War II, we were privileged on 19 November to be part of a wonderful ceremony on Mount Scott to dedicate the site for a comprehensive memorial to the ship and her crew, lost off the midwest coast on 19 November 1941.

Geraldton Rotary Club President Richard Larriera said his club pledged $20,000 towards the $300,000 Memorial project. He also recognised the City Council, RSL Sub-Branch and Batavia Coast Maritime Heritage Association as principal supporters of the venture. Mr Larriera said the Memorial on Mount Scott Park would include a Path

Left to right: Doug Hill, John McGuire, Mr Gregoire Chilovsky, Alf Bellord, Claude Larking and Dennis Hawtin.
of Remembrance with plaques bearing the names and ranks of 645 lost personnel.

**HMNS Sydney**, which included local personnel, made three recorded visits to Geraldton and enjoyed its hospitality – in 1937, in November 1939 for three days R&R and again from 18 to 20 October 1941. Shows were put on by the crew which also took part in sporting events with local teams. The Visitors' Book at Birdwood House includes the names of 17 personnel from the Sydney, including 15 RAN and two RN members, while a blackboard message at the RAAF Sergeants' Mess at Geraldton had the chalk heading “Good luck to the air boys from HMAS Sydney”. Members of the ship's company wrote the message during the cruiser's last visit – and the 13 names of CPOs, POs and an RAAF Sgt attached to the ship appeared at the bottom.

Our Sub-Branch donated $500 to the Sydney Memorial Trust Fund at Geraldton, supported by a number of individual donations and co-operation was received from State President Ken Bladen in seeking National and State support. Yokine-Joondanna Sub-Branch donated $100 and pointed out that members Keith Alberthsen and Ernie Ryding served on the Sydney.

Poppy Day's collection of $4,438, including $250 from schools, was only $28 below the fourth consecutive record figure of the previous year. Other highly successful activities associated with Remembrance Day included the Pilgrimage to the War Cemetery and general cemetery; the Diggers' Dinner hosted by the Auxiliary; and the Remembrance Day parade when 40 men and women lined up at the Cenotaph for the service which included an address by President Dennis Moss on the 80th anniversary of Armistice Day.

Life Member and City Freeman Bill Cunningham BEM received a 50 year continuous service certificate and later was given a 90th birthday party at Birdwood House.

PETER BARDEN

**PRO**

**MURRAY**

ANZAC Day 1999 brings recognition to the Murray RSL in achieving its 80th birthday while the Women's Auxiliary celebrates its 75th. With this in mind, the Executive Committee, members and interested people are reminded that celebrations will mean that these milestones are well remembered in the Pinjarra area. Arrangements are underway and special guests will be invited to show the community that we are still an active organisation in Pinjarra.

The Sub-Branch also has decided than an inaugural award be made to the youth of Pinjarra with a presentation to a Pinjarra Police Ranger who by way of nomination is the “Most Efficient of the Year”. This award will be presented shortly after the ANZAC Day ceremony.

At last December's AGM the following were elected: President: Peter Wheeler (9531 3043); Senior Vice President: Alex Scott (9537 7374); Junior Vice President/Ass, Secretary/Membership Officer: Rod Crake (9531 2544); Secretary: Kevin Jones (95311608); Treasurer: Norm May (9537 6670); Welfare Officer Brian O'Toole (9535 6157).

Our mailing address is PO Box 421 Pinjarra 6208.

Members are reminded that meetings are on the second Tuesday of each month at the RSL Hall, Pinjarra, commencing at 1700 hours sharp. Your attendance is encouraged.

KEVIN JONES

Secretary

**NOLLAMARA-NORTH PERTH**

November 14 1998 was a day that will long be remembered at the Sub-Branch with pride at the Sub­ Branch. State President K.J. Bladen, Lt Col (Rtd) presented Mrs Joan Sutherland with the Certificate of Merit and a gold badge for her unstinting service and efforts with the Ladies’ Auxiliary. The State Secretary, Shane Seers OAM received an original set of the 10th Light Horse Medals on behalf of the Nollamara Sub-Branch from Mrs Kerry Nelson, and a Black Watch shield with original hackle was presented to the Nollamara Sub-Branch by Mr Andrew Mitchell. Other presentations included a donation by Roger Pace of an original 1915 .303 rifle (now mounted on a Sub-Branch wall), a presentation to John Robinson of a Certificate of Appreciation for his donations of model ships to the Sub-Branch and a Certificate of Appreciation to Adam and Ann McWilliams, in appreciation of their hard work.

Nollamara Sub-Branch President Keith Boxshall received a 1999 sponsorship package from Mr John Ellsbury of Matilda Bay Brewing.

The official opening of the alterations to the building was attended by 187 people who enjoyed a light lunch and the members and visitors celebrated well into the night with the Stevedores Jazz Band.

ROSCO JONES, PRO

**PHOTOGRAPHS**

Sub-Branch contributors are encouraged to send photographs with their stories. However, we receive a lot of photographs we cannot use because of poor focus or lack of contrast. Even some of the photos we do use are not sufficiently clear to give a good result. Make sure your are close to your subjects, and that they do not have shadows over their faces. EDITOR

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State President Ken Bladen, pictured above with North Beach President Bill Hepton, Senior Vice President Eddie Johnson and Acting Secretary Don Mcleod at the November Sub-Branch meeting. Mr Bladen spoke at the meeting, addressing the direction the RSL hopes to take, affiliate membership and various other topics, including The Tattoo. His speech was well received by a well-attended meeting.

Our membership is still growing and new members will be welcomed. If interested, phone Don Macleod on 9342 2633. Meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month, at 7pm at the North Beach Bowling Club.

OSBORNE PARK

Our Sub-Branch will hold its 80th anniversary celebration on Sunday 28 March 1999 at the RSL hall in Main Street.

A barbecue luncheon at 1.00pm will be followed by singing and dancing to a Country and Western Band until 6.00pm. The function will be at no cost to members, wives/husbands or partners.

GRAHAM DICK
Secretary

PORT KENNEDY

Congratulations to the Social Committee who did an excellent job during 1998.

Our boat raffle was a huge success with excellent returns in the bank. First prize went to Waroona, 2nd and 3rd prizes to Busselton and 4th prize to Leeming.

We are planning an ANZAC Theme Variety Show and Dinner Dance for the night of April 17 at a cost of $25 per person. We invite one and all to join us. Why not make up a table of friends? For bookings please contact Mrs L. Stevenson on 9593 1591.

At our AGM B. Stokes was promoted from Acting President to President, Mrs S. Moncrieff was elected Senior Vice President, and D. Stevenson as Junior Vice President. J. Moncrieff remains Secretary.

Our Meetings are held in the function room at the Port Kennedy Tavern on the last Sunday of every month, starting at 1300 hours. All are welcome.

Remember we still hold raffles at the Tavern each Friday between 1700 and 1900 hours. Come along and join the fun. For club information, please contact me on (08) 9592 1496, our Secretary Jim Moncrieff on 0418 917 561 or write to PO Box 2104, Rockingham, 6967.

S.A. MONCRIEFF, PR Officer

RETURNED EX-SERVICEWOMEN

At our Christmas party, a cheque for $1000 from our Amelioration Fund was presented to State President Mr Ken Bladen for RSL Welfare Funds.

This Sub-Branch, which celebrated its 50th anniversary during the year, was presented with a 50-Year Service Crest by Mr Bladen. Four foundation members, Laura Fealy, Ruth Donaldson, Phyllis Payne and Hazel Peers, were presented with Certificates for 50 Years Service. Unfortunately Miss Sylvia Perry MBE, who was awarded Life Membership of the RSL as well as a 50 Year Service Certificate, was not well enough to attend so Mrs D.J. Dowson MBE OAM, our Liaison Officer on the State Executive, accompanied by the President and office-bearers, made the presentations at her home.

Sadly, Lilly Pike passed away prior to her Award being granted but the Certificate is appreciated by her next-of-kin.

Our Sub-Branch has always been very supportive of RSL activities and we appreciate the recognition of our service over the last 50 years.

CECILE HINTON BEM
President

Left to right: Mrs Beryl Sunley, Miss Sylvia Perry, Mrs Cecile Hinton and Mrs Joan Dowson MBE OAM
RIVERTON

Mr Harry Lowe, President of the Riverton Sub-Branch receiving a plaque from the State President, Ken Bladen, on the Sub-Branch’s 50th anniversary.

RIVERVALE-CARLISLE

Arrangements have already been made to celebrate ANZAC Day with the Belmont Sub-Branch and we hope that many members will attend and return to our hall afterwards. Visitors are also welcome.

March 28 is the celebration of the 50th anniversary of the granting of the Charter to the South Belmont, later Rivervale and now Rivervale/Carlisle Sub-Branch. This open day will start at 11am with entertainment which we hope will continue throughout the day and will include a BBQ lunch, afternoon tea and then a BBQ in the evening and the bar will be open. This is a great opportunity for you busy bowlers and otherwise-occupieds to choose your time to have two BBQs with us for the price of only $6.

State President Lt Colonel K.J. Bladen will be there to present awards. Don’t forget the date - March 28.

Congratulations to our President Len Smith, who celebrated his 80th at a successful new year party held at the hall. Unfortunately he spent a few days in hospital recently and at the time of writing was awaiting results of tests. It is good to hear from Norm Healy after a serious operation. Bob Goodlet had a bad time on his recent holiday in the Eastern States as most was spent in hospital. Eric Smith has had his ups and downs so has to take things easy, Don’t overdo it Eric, you’ve done a good job organising the games after the general meetings.

The Women’s Auxiliary is ready for a busy year with monthly Sunday functions and other events and the Social Committee has plans for the whole year.

With State Congress not far away your committee want to hear interesting discussions at meetings on items to be brought forward. The League has an important place in national and local community affairs and you and I are part of it. We would like to see more at meetings to express their ideas. If you can’t attend please write or ring as we are keen to hear from you. Members should also give serious thought to the election of delegates to attend. It is something that should be resolved at an early date to allow for better communication. The standard of debate is high and we must be prepared to contribute.

Members are reminded they can hold private parties etc at our hall and receive a substantial discount on an already cheap venue.

TOM GRIFFITH
Secretary

SCARBOROUGH

The election of officers for 1999 brought us one only new committee member – Jacqui Young – and we also welcome back Dorothy Devaney as our Welfare Officer, so our experienced team will guide and direct us for another year.

The committee has recommended a new type of plaque for our Wall of Remembrance which will not weather or fade as others have done. Thanks to Doug Piggott for all his work.

ANZAC Day planning is well underway and this year could be the best yet. After a short ceremony based on the usual format, everyone will be invited to the Doubleview Bowling Club for a no-cost afternoon tea accompanied by light music.

Arrangements now can be made to order your own service plaque to be mounted on the wall at the appropriate time showing your service number, rank and unit which may not be known by your next of kin.

GORDON HARVEY
Vice President Ph: 9446 1904

VIETNAMESE SERVICES

Our Sub-Branch was formed in 1991 with the help of RSL State Executive Committee Member Percy White DCM SS and has steadily grown over the years to a membership of approximately 120 – and we are still growing. As a Sub-Branch we have proudly attended the ANZAC Day march and ceremony and the Vietnam Veterans’ Day (Long Tan Day) ceremony in Kings Park for a number of years.

Whilst the majority of our members are ex-Army, the South Vietnamese Navy and Airforce are also represented. During the many years of fighting against North Vietnamese and Viet Cong forces, our members operated from the 17th parallel to the Mekong Delta.

With the help of Perth’s Vietnamese community we
have been able to hold various functions which enabled us to raise money specifically to help our handicapped comrades who are still in Vietnam. Our members are excited at the prospect of our next major fund-raising effort. We want to raise funds to build a memorial in Perth, which will be symbolic of the sacrifice made by the Vietnamese servicemen and their Australian allies. It will be our way of saying thank you to Australia for helping in the fight for freedom and democracy. We hope to be able to dedicate the memorial on Vietnam Veterans’ Day in 2000.

LE QUANG VINH
Secretary

The Vietnamese translation of this report follows:

BẢN TIN MÙA THU 1999
Chi Nhánh Cựu Chiến Binh Việt Nam. Tổng Thư Kỳ Lê Quang Vinh

Chi Nhánh được thành lập năm 1991 với sự hỗ trợ của ông Percy White thành viên quân trận Hội Cựu Chiến Binh Úc, sự phát triển trên 120 hội viên, và tiếp tục gia tăng. Là Chi Nhánh Cựu Chiến Binh Đồng Minh Úc chúng ta đã hành diễn tham dự diễm binh Ngày Quân Lực Úc Tân Tây Lan và Ngày Cựu Chiến Binh Việt Nam (Long Tân Day) tại Công viên Kings Park trong nhiều năm qua.


Chúng ta đã tổ chức hàng năm tiếc gầy quỹ để giúp thương phục binh quế nhà. Chúng ta đang dự trù kế hoạch gầy quỹ xây dựng tượng của Thiếu Tướng Nguyễn Khoa Nam và một Sĩ Quan Úc hy sinh tại chiến trường Việt Nam. Điều này nói lên ý nghĩa “Cảm ơn” chiến binh Úc đã phục vụ cho lý tưởng tự do và dân chủ. Chúng ta hy vọng sẽ khánh thành được tượng vào Ngày Cựu Chiến Binh Việt Nam vào năm 2000.

We appreciate your contributions to

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This is your magazine and we want to fulfil the broad requirements of all our readers. If you have something you believe would be of interest to your fellow RSL members, please send it to:

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# New Members

The State President and members of the State Executive extend a welcome to new members of the League in WA. Their names are listed by Sub-Branch.

## Armadale
- Macleod G - Air Force
- McCudden A - Army
- Simpson G - Army

## Beaumaris Beach
- Miller D - Army
- Radford P - Army
- Tuffin G - Air Force
- Turner E - Army
- Watts K - Army

## Bedford – Morley
- Douglas J - Army
- Empsall A - Navy
- Marques H - Navy
- Tran N - Army

## Belmont
- Strachan A - Army

## Bicton – Palmyra
- Harvey J - Army
- Parmenter P - Army
- MacNish C - Navy

## Boulder
- Marwick R - Army

## Broome
- Petterson P - Air Force

## Bullsbrook & Districts
- Homes K - Army

## Bunbury
- Draper R - Army

## Busselton
- Lamont P - Navy

## Canning Districts & Victoria Park
- Colquhoun A - Army

## Central
- O’Neill J - Army

## City of Cockburn
- Hancock K - Army
- Harrower G - Army
- MacIntosh F - Army

## City of Perth
- Brown M - Air Force
- Clayton H - Air Force
- Gunn A - Air Force
- James J - Air Force
- Marment D - Air Force
- Ridge V - Air Force
- Ireland W - Air Force
- Aitken T - Army
- Donald G - Army
- Friend A - Army
- Martin P - Army
- Scott D - Army
- Robson K - Army
- Devereux H - Navy
- Johnston B - Navy

## City of Rockingham
- Stenhouse N - Air Force
- Cunningham T - Army
- Duffy M - Army
- Crosthwaite I - Army
- Taylor M - M, Navy
- Farrow S - Navy
- Ryan K - Army

## Collie-Cardiff
- Roberts G - Army

## Cottesloe
- Hurst E - Army

## Darling Range
- West J - Army

## East Vic Park & Vietnam Veterans
- Strathdee S - Army

## Eastern Regional
- Anderson A - Navy

## Esperance
- Oversby R - Air Force
- Timms A - Army

## Gascoyne
- McAlear K - Army

## Geraldton City
- Bentley R - Army
- Gardner T - Army

## Highgate
- Cockerill R - Army
- Hodgman D - Army
- Lyons T - Army
- Keen M - Army

## Kelmscott-Roleystone
- Reger P - Army

## Mandurah
- Barber J - Army
- Hannay W - Army
- Leach M - Army
- McCaughan R - Army
- Monk R - Army
- Pexton P - Army
- Rainer D - Army
- Storey R - Army

## Manjimup
- Barratt T - Army

## Margaret River
- Dyer R - Army
- Earl N - Army
- Gale B - Army
- Nixon R - Army
- Roe P - Army
- Milonas M - Navy

## Mount Hawthorn
- Kemp E - Army

## Nedlands
- Holmes J - Air Force
- Jones L - Army

## Nollamara-North Perth
- Hollihan E - Army
- Hoyne S - Army
- Pereira K - Army
- Winslow C - Army
- Honey P - Army
- Wines P - Army
- Spooner P - Navy

## North Beach
- Stingmore P - Army

## Northam
- Lavender C - Army

## Port Hedland
- Guest P - Navy

## Port Kennedy
- Andre J - Air Force
- Scudds P - Army
- Milligan M - Navy

## Returned Ex-Service Women
- Simpson M - Army

## Riverton
- Barlow B - Army
- Cherrie G - Army
- Ots H - Army
- Bailey J - Army
- Brown J - Navy
- Butler L - Navy
- Edwards P - Navy
- Markovic M - Navy
- Musgrave G - Navy

## Scarborough
- Cramp P - Army
- Stokes E - Army
- Tate B - Army
- Mills J - Navy

## Vietnamese Services
- Vu H - Air Force
- Nguyen N - Army

## Wanneroo-Joondalup
- Dickinson E - Army
- Holzheimer E - Army
- Tulp R - Army
- Tulp D - Army
- Creevy J - Army
- Pearman S - Navy
- Stringer R - Navy

## Wembley-Floreat
- Sinclair E - Army
The Editor of The Listening Post reminds all Unit Associations that it is the responsibility of each to keep its information to State Headquarters for this section up to date. Changes to the office bearers must be in writing.

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President: Neville Philp, 14 Hamilton Tce, Greenmount; Ph: 9294 1798. Secretary: Mrs B. Philp, address as per President. Meetings: 11.30am 2nd Fri bi-monthly (from Feb), ANZAC House.

**ALLIED MERCHANT SEAMEN ASSOC (WA BRANCH)**
President: Maurice O'Rourke, 240 Burke Dr, Attadale; Ph: 9317 2453. Correspondence to Secretary: Jack Edwards, 1 Cromer Rd, Brentwood 6153; Ph: 9364 8793. Meetings: 1pm last Tues monthy (AGM June), ANZAC House.

**ARCTIC CONVOYS VETERANS' ASSOC WA**
President: Alf Prout; Secretary: Jean Prout; Ph: 9561 1164. Correspondence to: 9 Intrepid Crt, Two Rocks 6037. Social meetings 6-8 times/yr. Enquiries phone 9446 4540.

**ASSOCIATION OF WRENS WA BRANCH**
President: Mary Teame, 3/63 Corbel St, Shelley; Ph: 9457 9059. Secretary: Mary Wyse, 1/16 Rambutan Pl, South Lake 6164; Ph: 9417 9877. Meetings: 10.30am 4th Thurs monthly, ANZAC House.

**AUSTRALIAN ARMY TRAINING TEAM VIETNAM (WA BRANCH)**
President: Bob Smith, 14 Dundeel Crt, Duncraig; Ph: 9448 5023. Correspondence to Secretary: Barry Long, 6 Hazelline Ct, Yanchep 6035; Ph: 9561 1741. Meetings: after ANZAC Day, AGM (mid-June), birthday (end July), others in quarterly newsletters.

**AUSTRALIAN EX-SERVICE ATOMIC SURVIVORS' ASSOC INC.**
President: Max Kimber, 1 Romford Pl, Kingsley; Ph: 9409 7241. Correspondence to Secretary: Randall Harding, PO Box 405, Greenwood, 6024; Ph: 9448 1609. Meetings: 11am 3rd Mon bi-monthly from Feb (April AGM), Belmont RSL Hall, Leake St, - bus 306 ex-Perth bus station.

**AUSTRALIAN INTELLIGENCE ASSOC (WA) INC**
President: Neil Chaplin; Ph: 9302 1388 (w) 9307 8460 (h). Correspondence to: PO Box 1724, Wangara 6065.

**AUSTRALIAN LEGION OF EX-SERVICEMEN AND WOMEN**
President: Lionel Hutchings Ph 9309 9675. Correspondence to Secretary: Vera Hutchings, 17 St. Johns Crt, Kingsley 6026. Meetings: 2nd Mon monthly, Aranmore Hall, Leederville; Fremantle 1.30pm 2nd Tuesday bi-monthly, Navy Club Fremantle. State Council Meetings 3rd Thurs bi-monthly at 13th Brigade Hqtrs, Irwin Barracks, Karrakatta.

**AUSTRALIAN SPECIAL AIR SERVICE ASSOC (WA BRANCH)**
President: Laurie Fraser MBE; Ph: 9224 8211 (w). Secretary: Bruce Wallis; Ph: 9384 1933 (w), 9387 6768 (h). Correspondence to: The House No 6 Battery Rd, Campbell Barracks, Swanbourne 6010. Meetings: 5pm 4th Wed monthly, The House (as above); AGM Sept.

**AUST VETERANS AND DEFENCE SERVICES COUNCIL (WA) AVADSC**
Chairman: Air Cdre SW Dallywater (Retd); Ph: 9383 3161. Correspondence to: PO Box 14, Hillarys 6025. Meetings: 10am 1st Wed monthly (from Feb), USI Rooms, Irwin Barracks.

**AUSTRALIAN WOMEN'S ARMY SERVICE ASSOC**
President: vacant; Correspondence to: Joy Tufnell, 1A Swan Rd, Attadale 6156; Ph: 9330 3945; Treasurer: Ruth Franklin, 126B Basinghall St, East Vic Park 6101; Ph: 9361 5157. Meetings: 10am 1st Thurs Feb, Apr, June, Aug, Oct, Dec. at 10am, Gallipoli Room, ANZAC House. AGM 1st Thurs Feb.

**BCOF ASSOC OF PERTH WA**
President: Len Phenna, 6A Western Ave, Yokine; Ph: 9349 5859. Correspondence to Secretary: LA Bland, PO Box 639, Balcatta 6914, Ph: 9345 5503. Meetings: 11am 4th Mon (if holiday – Tues) monthly Feb to Nov, Belmont RSL Hall, Leake St.

**BLINDED SOLDIERS OF ST DUNSTANS WA**
President: WA Walters, Retirement Village, 3rd Ave, Mandurah; Ph: 9535 3602. Correspondence to Secretary: Mrs P Dean, 31 Lamond St, Melville 6156; Ph: 9330 5458. Meetings: 1.45pm 2nd Tues in Feb, June, Aug and Oct (AGM Aug), Red Cross House, 110 Goderich St., East Perth.

**BRITISH EX-SERVICES ASSOC INC.**
President: DE Clarke, 11 Merton Pl, Kingsley; Ph: 9309 1046. Correspondence to Secretary: Jean Harris, 20 Roydon Wy, Girrawheen 6064; Ph: 9247 1009. Meetings: 1.30pm 3rd Tues monthly (AGM 17 Nov), ANZAC House.

**BRITISH SOUTH AFRICA POLICE**
President: David Rubery, 70 Fifth Avenue, Shoalwater 6168; Ph: 9528 4697. Secretary: Harvey Hedgekiss, 66 Cawston Road, Attadale 6156; Ph: 9330 4222. Correspondence to: PO Box 866, Canning Bridge 6153. Meetings: 10.45am 2nd Thurs in March, June (AGM), September, December at ANZAC House.

**DEFENCE RESERVES ASSOC (WA BRANCH)**
President: LCol (Ret’d) P Winstanley RFD, 55 Jeanes Rd, Karriyup; Ph: 9341 6883. Secretary: Maj (Ret’d), PC Pickersgill RFD, ED, 191 Kitchener Rd, Booragoon; Ph: 9330 4015.
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DIGGERS CLUB OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA INC.
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EX-AUSTRALIAN WOMEN'S LAND ARMY (AWLA)
President: Phyl Ptolomey, 84 West Rd, Bassendean; Ph: 9279 2279. Correspondence to Secretary: Hilda Grey, 21B Elvira St, Palmyra 6157; Ph: 9339 5391. Meetings: 10am 4th Thurs monthly, ANZAC House; WA.

EX-FORTRESS ENGINEERS ASSOC
President: Harold Smith, 58 Napier St, Nedlands; Ph: 9386 3305. Correspondence to Secretary: Reg Kidd, 257 Holmes Rd, Forrestfield 6058; Ph: 9453 2393. Meetings: AGM mid-April; Christmas last Sun Nov.

EX-POW ASSOCIATION OF WA
President: Arthur Robinson, 19/26 Pinaster St, Menora 6050; Ph: 9271 4733. Correspondence to Secretary: Ruth James, 7b Wenden Pl, Willeton 6155; Ph: 9457 8727. Meetings: 1pm 1st Wed monthly, ANZAC House; AGM 1pm 1st Wed March.

EX-WRANS ASSOC OF WA
President: Beverley Kain, 3 Voyager Crt, Cooloongup; Ph: 9527 3401. Correspondence to Secretary: Rena Blackett, 3/93 Aurelian St, Palmyra; Ph: 9339 5030. Meetings: 12.30pm 2nd Mon monthly, ANZAC House; AGM noon 2nd Mon Oct.

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President: Frank Hamilton, 35 Clement Dr, Karrinyup; Ph: 9448 5204. Correspondence to Secretary: Bert Turner, PO Box 2, Inglewood 6052. Meetings: last Mon monthly, except Jan.

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GUARDS ASSOCIATION OF WA
President: S. Bower. Correspondence to Secretary: Peter Mulrennan, JP, PO Box 370, Tuart Hill 6939; Ph: 9443 8081. Meetings: 7.30pm 1st Mon monthly, 7.30 pm ANZAC House. (AGM September.)

HMAS AUSTRALIA VETERANS' CLUB
President: Don Cookesley, 3 Dorking Rd, City Beach; Ph: 9385 7061. Secretary: Harry Townsend, 2A Darnelle Ave, Mt Pleasant; Ph: 9364 2489. Meetings: 11am 1st Tues quarterly (from March), Naval Association HQ, 71 West Pde, East Perth.

HMAS BATAAN VETERANS' ASSOC
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HMAS CANBERRA — SHROPSHIRE ASSOC (WA DIVISION)
President: Bill Kynaston, 29 Tifera Circle, Kallaroo; Ph: 9307 8029. Correspondence to Secretary: Arthur Carter, 93 Tamar St, Palmyra 6157; Ph: 9339 1483. Meetings: AGM Nov. Committee meetings as required. Annual reunion 9 August, other social functions about four times per year. Further information, please contact either of the above.

HMAS HOBART ASSOC (WA DIVISION)
President: Graeme Purkiss, 14 Hollis St, Samson; Ph: 9337 8976. Secretary: Clyde Goddard, 80 Derby Rd, Shenton Park 6008; Ph: 9381 8705. Luncheons: from noon last Thurs monthly, ANZAC House; AGM/Reunion 2nd Fri Feb.

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KOREA & SOUTH EAST ASIA VETERANS' ASSOCIATION (WA BRANCH INC)

LIMBLESS SOLDIERS' ASSOC OF WA (INC)
President: PR Collins. c/o TPI Memorial House, 80-82 Henley St, Como. Correspondence to: Secretary: Rosemary Maddren, Private Bag 12, Bentley Delivery Centre, Bentley 6983; Ph: 9450 6428. Meetings: 1st Wed monthly (except Jan) at 1.30pm. Office hrs: 9-11am Tues, 9am-12pm Wed & Thurs.

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NATIONAL MALAYA & BORNEO VETERANS' ASSOC (AUSTRALIA) INC
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NAVAL ASSOC OF AUSTRALIA, CITY OF FREMANTLE SUB-SECTION
President/Secretary: Don Needham, 16 Warragoon Cres, Attadale 6156; Ph: 9330 3411. Meetings: 11.30am last Mon monthly, Navy Club, Fremantle.
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President: Ben Haseldine, 71 Lynton St, Mt Hawthorn; Ph: 9444 3762. Correspondence to Secretary: John Ross, 1 Benwee Rd, Floreat 6014; Ph: 9387 6960. Meetings: 11am 4th Tues monthly, 71 West Pde, East Perth; AGM: 5.15pm 4th Thurs Jan.

NAVAL ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA (WA) SECTION INC.
President: Jack Appleby, 143 McDonald St, Joondanna; Ph: 9444 3598. Secretary Tom Oakley, 43 Strickland St, Mt Claremont; Ph: 9227 8143. Correspondence to: GPO Box 8289, Perth Business Centre, Aberdeen St, East Perth 6001.

NETHERLANDS EX-SERVICEMEN’S ASSOC IN AUST
President: E Baints, 154 Wood St, Inglewood. Correspondence to Secretary: J Kuijpers, PO Box 311, Inglewood 6932; Ph: 9448 7178. Meetings: 11am 1st Tues, Nollamara/North Perth Sub-Branch, 68 Sylvia St, Nollamara 6061; AGM: Nov.

NORMANDY VETERANS’ ASSOC
President: JE Mayers, 15 Finlay Crt, Rivervale; Ph: 9478 2071. Correspondence to Secretary: R Bruce, 2/159 Fitzroy Rd, Rivervale 6103; Ph: 9362 3597. Meetings: 11am 1st Tues monthly, ANZAC House.

PARTIALLY BLINDED SOLDIERS’ ASSOC WA BRANCH
President: Tom Hampton, 61 Gairloch St, Applecross 6153; Ph: 9364 2335. Correspondence to Secretary: M J Rinaldi, 35 Weaponos Rd, Scarborough 6019; Ph: 9341 6151. Meetings: 1pm 1st Tues each month (except Jan) at ANZAC House at 1.00pm.

PEGASUS (AIRBORNE FORCES) ASSOC OF WA (INC)
President: Ken Barnes, 51 Homestead Rd, Gosnells; Ph: 9337 1315. Correspondence to Secretary: John Hately, 14 Purley St. Bayswater 6053; Ph: 9279 8626. Meetings: 12pm 1st Wed monthly, ANZAC Club; AGM Feb.

PERTH LEGACY INCORPORATED
President: Eric Watts; Secretary: Gerald B. Haddon. Contact at Legacy House, 64 Mill Point Rd, South Perth 6151; Phone 9367 5799. AGM: 3rd Wednesday in Nov at 6.30pm.

POLISH EX-SERVICEMEN’S ASSOC SUB-BRANCH NO. 9
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RAAF ASSOC AIRFIELD CONSTRUCTION SQUADRONS BRANCH
President: Ron Lopaten; Ph: 9535 7830. Secretary: Ray Smith; Ph: 9534 3522. Meetings: quarterly at RAAF Assn Clubrooms, 133 Mandurah Tce, Mandurah.

RAAF ASSOC MANDURAH BRANCH
President: John McMahon, PO Box 1015, Mandurah, 6210. AGM: 3rd Tues of month at 1.30pm. Committee Meeting: 2nd Friday of the month at 1.30pm.

RAAF 467-463 LANCASTER SQUADRONS ASSOC WA
President: John MacKenzie, 186 Weaponos Rd, Wembley 6019; Ph: 9341 1358. Correspondence to Secretary: Jim Quinn, 9 Redcourt Rd, Attadale 6156; Ph: 9330 4151. Meetings: 4 times/year, RAAF Association, Bullcreek.

RAEFE ASSOCIATION OF WA
President: John Klein, Ph: 9279 3080; Secretary Lee Beaumont, Ph: 9528 1672. Correspondence to PO Box 186, Bayswater 6053 or e-mail curt@bigpond.com AGM: March each year. Meetings: last Wed each month at ANZAC House, 28 St Georges Tce Perth.

RAEFE CORPS COMMITTEE (WA BRANCH)
Contact Information Officer: Don Horsley, 11 Celestine St, Wanneroo 6065; Ph: 9306 2946.

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President: Maj Steve Carther; Ph: 9457 1720. Secretary: Capt Perry Beor, 38 Emily St, St James 6102; Ph: 9458 3952.

RATS OF TOBRUK ASSOC (WA BRANCH INC.)
President: Bill Mahar, 272 Marmion St, Palmyra; Ph: 9339 2187. Correspondence to Secretary: Betty Rumble, 13/19 Byron Rd, Kalamunda 6076; Ph: 9293 2723. Meetings: 1pm 2nd Tues monthly, ANZAC Club.

REGULAR DEFENCE FORCES WELFARE ASSOC (WA BRANCH)
President: Sqn Ldr TF Agnew. Correspondence to Secretary: WO1 BF Cooper JP AIMM; PO Box 14, Hillsary 6025; Ph/fax: 9409 6577. Meetings: 12pm 1st Wed monthly, AMP Building DVA, 12th Floor Conference Room.

ROYAL AIR FORCES ASSOC, 1210 BRANCH WA
President: Norman Jarrett; Ph: 9592 7524. Enquiries to Secretary: Maurice McFadyen, 161B Gibson Ave, Padbury 6025; Ph: 9401 5839.

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE ASSOCIATION (WA DIVISION)
President: Eileen Southern; Ph: 9311 4444. Correspondence to Robert L. Bunney, Bull Creek Dr., Bull Creek 6149. Ph: 9311 4444. Meetings: 7.30pm 1st Wed monthly, ANZAC House.

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE ASSOC WA DIVISION INC – BULLCREEK BRANCH
President: Ken Stewart; Ph: 9362 2246. Meetings: 7.30pm 2nd Mon monthly, Meg Olive Room, Air Force Memorial Estate.

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN ARMOURED CORPS
President: Garnet Buckley JP, 23 Quarkum St, Wanneroo; Ph: 9306 4232. Secretary: Lynne Mitchell, 15 Adisham St, Maddington; Ph: 9452 0228. Correspondence to: PO Box 631, Gosnells 6110. Meetings: 7.30pm 30 Mar, 29 June, 24 Aug, 26 Oct, 19 Jan, 10 Lighthorse Throsell Club, Irwin Barracks, Karrakatta; AGM 8pm 23 Feb.

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN ARMY NURSING CORPS ASSOC WA BRANCH
President: Irene England, 18 Connnought St, Forrestfield. Correspondence to Secretary: Helen Birch, 82 Florence Rd, Nedlands 6009; Ph: 9386 2396. Meetings: quarterly (contact Secretary).

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN ARTILLERY ASSOC (WA)
President/Correspondence to: John Hobbs, 10 Edgar Wy, Mt Pleasant; Ph: 9364 3568. Secretary: Doug Morris, 178 Empire Ave, Wembley Downs. Meetings: 10am 3rd Mon monthly, ANZAC House – open to members and members of affiliated associations.

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN ENGINEERS ASSOC OF WA
President: Michael Ryan OAM, 4 Milne Crt, Ocean Reef 6027; Ph: 9307 2385. Correspondence to Secretary: Neville Clark, 26 Linthorne Way, Balga 6061; Ph: 9342 5808. Meetings: 2nd Sun in Feb, Apr, June, Aug and Oct. 13 Fd Sqn RAE, Sappers Way, Irwin Barracks, Karrakatta.

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ROYAL AUSTRALIAN NAVY – ALLIED CHINESE SHIPS
President: Neville Philp, 14 Hamilton Tce, Greenmount; Ph: 9294 1798. Secretary: Mrs B Philp, address as above. Meetings/luncheon: 11.30am 2nd Fri bi-monthly (from Feb), ANZAC House.

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN NAVY CLEARANCE DIVERS ASSOCIATION WA CHAP "R"
President: Alex Donald DSC, 7 Woodley Cres, Melville Heights; Ph: 9330 6596. Secretary: POCD Bruce Day, Lot 240 Princeton Dve, Port Bouvard, Mandurah 6210; Ph: 9553 2484 (w), 9534 2753 (h). Correspondence: c/- Auscd Four HMAS Stirling, Rockingham 6958. Meeting: ANZAC Day (AGM) 1300hrs, Navy Club, High St, Fremantle.

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN NAVY CORVETTES ASSOC (WA)
President: Bernie Edmondson, 3 Moness Pl, Shelley 6148; Ph: 9457 5620. Correspondence to Secretary: Jack Shephard, Unit 45/60 Kalinda Dve, City Beach 6015; Ph: 9385 8400. Meetings: Third Monday Feb, May, Aug and Nov.

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN SIGNALS ASSOC WA (INC)
President: Peter Lofdahl, 7 Danaher Mews, Clarkson 6030; Ph: 9305 1303. Correspondence to Secretary: Brian Macauley, 173 Hardey Rd, Belmont 6104; Ph: 9277 1406. Meetings: 7pm 1st Thurs monthly (except Jan), ANZAC House – all Signallers welcomed.

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN SURVEY CORPS ASSOC
President: Ray Sargeant, 29 Bouvardia Wy, Greenwood; Ph: 9448 5787. Correspondence to Secretary: Philip Bray, 33 Naipa Wy, Duncraig 6023. Meetings: ANZAC Day, Corps Birthday (July) and Christmas.

SOUTH EAST ASIA COMMAND
Contact: John Martin, 9 Gladstone St, St James 6102; Ph: 9361 3390. Airforce and Associated Units (e.g. Chindits serving in 14th Army Theatre 1939-1945).

SUBMARINE OLD COMRADES ASSOCIATION
President: Alan Jameson, 7 Rodondo Pl, Shelley; Ph: 9457 1715. Correspondence to Secretary: Mike Pearson, 19/196 St Kilda Rd, Rivervale 6103; Ph: 9277 3741. Meetings: 7.30pm 2nd Wed monthly (except Dec) at Leederville Bowling Club.

SUBMARINE ASSOCIATION AUSTRALIA WA BRANCH
President: J. Rana, 6 Banksia Pl, Yangebup; Ph: 9417 1811. Secretary: WFJ Wells, 56b Planet St, Carlisle 6101; Ph: 9470 6921 or http://www.austsub.asn.au. Meetings: quarterly.

THE AUSTRALIAN FEDERATION OF TOTALLY & PERMANENTLY INCAPACITATED EX-SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN WA BRANCH INC
President: Kelvin Ferris, Ph 9450 1921. Secretary: Hubert Tucker, 161 Sixth Ave Inglewood 6052; Ph: 9272 3463. Correspondence to Private Bag 12, Bentley Delivery Centre, Bentley, 6983. Meetings: 10.30am 2nd Tues monthly (except Jan); Lunches: weekdays by booking day prior.

THE AUSTRALIAN WATER TRANSPORT RAE AIF ASSOC (WA BRANCH)
President: J Patterson, 53 Brinkley Cres, Koondoola 6064; Ph: 9342 0142. Correspondence to Secretary: B Thomas, 18/19 Bulrush Dr, Bibra Lake; Ph: 9417 8585. Meetings: 11.30am 1st Mon (if holiday, Tues) monthly (except Jan), ANZAC Club.

THE BURMA STAR ASSOC – WANNEROO BRANCH
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THE BURMA STAR ASSOC (WA BRANCH)
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President: Len De Grussa, 43 Pitt St, Dianella; Ph: 9276 7253. Secretary: Mrs Ronnie Roach, 90 Herdman Pde, Wembley; Ph: 9387 1843.

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President: Ken Barrington; Ph: 9446 4227. Secretary: Kevin Trent, 3 Broad St, Kensington; Ph: 9367 7794. Correspondence to: PO Box 6409, East Perth 6892. Meetings: Gurney VC RSL Hall, East Vic Park.

THE ROYAL MARINES ASSOC (WA BRANCH)
President: G. Chapman, 18 Zelkova Wy, Parkwood; Ph: 9457 0482; Correspondence to Secretary: F Walsh, 50 Wanjina Cres, Wanneroo 6065; Ph: 9405 2001. Meetings: 8pm last Tues monthly at Navy Club, Fremantle; AGM: 5pm 28 Feb 1999.

THE ROYAL NAVAL ASSOCIATION FREMANTLE (WA) BRANCH
President: David Wiseman; 7 Anders Rd, Safety Bay; Ph: 9592 1458. Secretary: Frank Cooke-Willis, 23 Foss St, Palmyra; Ph: 9339 5573. Meetings: 7.30pm 1st Tues monthly (except Jan), Navy Club, Fremantle.

THE ROYAL NAVAL ASSOC, MARMION BRANCH, NORTHERN SUBURBS
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THE ROYAL NAVAL ASSOC PERTH (WA BRANCH)
Chairman: Ivan Hunter, 28 Bandol Gdns, Secret Harbour; Ph: 9524 7506. Correspondence to Secretary: Geoffrey Paige, 106 Lansdowne St, Kensington 6151; Ph: 9367 1945. Meetings: 10am 1st Sun June-Aug; 7.30pm Nov-April, 3rd Wed monthly at RSL Hall, Belmont; AGM: 7.30pm 14 March; visitors welcome.

THE ROYAL NAVAL ASSOC (ROCKINGHAM & DISTRICTS BRANCH WA)
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THE SPITFIRE GROUP
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VIETNAM VETERANS MOTOR CYCLE CLUB (WA) INC
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WAAAF ASSOCIATION (NOR-WAAAF GROUP)
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WAAAF BRANCH AFA (WA DIVISION)
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President/Secretary: May Tomich, 2 Ludlands St, Morley;
Ph: 9276 8616. Correspondence to: PO Box 6149, East Perth
6892. Meetings: 8pm 20 Mar, 19 June (AGM), 18 Sept, 20 Nov,
ANZAC House.

WRAAF BRANCH - WAAAF ASSOCIATION
President: Judy Bland, 2 Graphic Ct, Beldon; Ph: 94C . 8296.
Secretary: T Little; Ph: 9417 7415. Correspondence:
c/- RAAFA, Bull Creek Dr, Bull Creek 6149. Meetings: 7.30pm 1st
Tues monthly, Meg Olive Room, RAAF Association, Bullcreek.

Z SPECIAL UNIT ASSOCIATION OF WA INC
President: Capt. Lou Reid MBE RL, 40 Halvorson Rd, Morley;
Ph: 9276 1535. Correspondence to Secretary: Lt Col Ted
Dubberlin ED RL JP, 28A Houston Ave, Dianella 6062;
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Z SPECIAL UNIT INTERNATIONAL (INC)
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1ST AUSTRALIAN PARACHUTE BATTALION, WA BRANCH
President: Bill Rose, 19 Jukes Wy, Glendale; Ph: 9444 6858.
Correspondence to Secretary: Ron Waters, 25 Clyo Wy, Kallaroo
6025; Ph: 9307 7079.

2/1-2/2 PIONEERS WA
Chairman: LA Freedy, 152 Keightly Rd, Shenton Park 6008;
Ph: 9381 6294. Meetings: 3rd Fri Mar, July & Nov, ANZAC
House.

2/2 COMMANDO ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA
President: R Finkelstein, 317/130 Cresswell Rd, Dianella;
Ph: 9276 7160. Correspondence to Secretary: JW Carey, 13 Stoddard
Way, Bateman 6155; Ph: 9332 7050. Correspondence to PO
Box T1646, GPO, Perth 6001. Meetings: 10am 2nd Tues
monthly, ANZAC House.

2/3 COMPOSITE ANTI- AIRCRAFT REGIMENT, SEARCH LIGHT
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President: Jack Manners, 3/85 Macleod Rd, Applecross;
Ph: 9364 5649. Secretary: Merv Smith, 3/7 Luffingham St,
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2/3RD FIELD REGIMENT ASSOCIATION
Pres/Sec: W.S.T. Stacy, 3 Jull Crt, Kardinya 6163; Ph: 9337 6227.
Meetings: 10.30am 2nd Wed monthly (AGM 11am May) ANZAC
House.

2/3RD MACHINE GUN BATTALION
President: KE Eckermann, 31 Tranquill Rd, Kelmscott;
Ph: 9390 6072. Correspondence to Secretary: FJ (Banjo)
Binstead, 101 Star St, Carlisle 6101; Ph: 9361 8762.

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President: E.W. Wallin, 3/63 Constance St, Nollamara 6061;
Ph: 9349 1409. Correspondence to Secretary: J. Kyros,
35 Covent Gardens, Stirling, 6021; Ph: 9445 2886. Meetings:
10am 3rd Tues monthly, ANZAC House; AGM: 12 noon
ANZAC Day.

2/7TH AUSTRALIAN FIELD REGIMENT (WA) EX-MEMBERS
ASSOC
President: Les Laylock, Villa 54 Parkland, Huntingbora Ave,
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2A Onslow Rd, Shenton Park 6008; Ph: 9381 9335. Meetings:
11am 2nd Tues monthly except Jan (AGM Aug), Pure Steel
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2/7TH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION ASSOC WA SECTION
President: Keith Fruin, 2/74 McCallum St, Ardross; Ph: 9364 7160. Secretary: Vern Sprigg, 8 Moss Vale, Floreat 6014; Ph: 9387 6732. Reunion after ANZAC Day March and Service.

2/7TH FIELD AMBULANCE
President/Secretary: Hal Finkelstein, 15 Jukes Wy, Glendalough 6016; Ph: 9444 0328. Reunion, September each year.

2/11TH AIF BN ASSOCIATION
President: Ivan Walter, 4/18 Macleod Rd, Applecross 6153; Ph: 9364 3270; Correspondence to Secretary: John Watson, 686 Canning Hwy, Applecross 6153; Ph: 9364 2126. Meetings: 10am 3rd Tues monthly, ANZAC House; AGM 17 March.

2/13TH FIELD AMBULANCE ASSOC AIF
President: Mervyn Schofield, 8 Tyre Ave, Riverton; Ph: 9457 2421. Secretary: Len McCarthy, 31 Marradong St, Coolbellina; Ph: 9444 1927. Meetings: pre-ANZAC Day luncheon, ANZAC House; AGM: last Fri Oct.

2/16TH BATTALION AIF ASSOC
President: J.F. Moir, 6 West Crl, Bullcreek; Ph: 9332 6684; Correspondence to Secretary: J.S. Miller, 120 Lockhart St, Como; Ph: 9450 4170. Meetings: 10.30am 1st Wed monthly, ANZAC House. Editor Pigeon Post: D.K. Norrish, 6 Magnolia Wy/PO Box 26, Forrestfield 6058; Ph: 9453 2001; Assistant Editor: Ian Darrock, 9A Silkyoak Pl, Morley; Ph: 9378 3705.

2/28TH BATTALION & 24TH ANTI-TANK COY ASSOC
President: R. Milne, 615 Mount Street, Booragoon 6154; Ph: 9330 1496. Correspondence to Secretary, T.R. Stenhouse, 47 Evandale St, Floreat 6014; Ph: 9387 1944 ; Meetings: ANZAC House 2nd Wed monthly, visitors welcome, AGM: 2nd Wed August.

2/32ND BATTALION
President: Collin Savage, 467 North Beach Rd, Gwelup; Ph: 9448 7907. Correspondence to Secretary: Colin Edmiston, 3/456 Main St, Balcatta 6021; Ph: 9349 0799. AGM: 2pm 15 April.

2/43RD BATTALION ASSOC WA DIVISION
President: Eric Treloar, 2 Alison Rd, Attadale; Ph: 9330 4764. Secretary: Wally Hughes, 20 Aberle St, Hamilton Hill 6163; Ph: 9337 2088. Meetings: 3rd Wed monthly (AGM 12pm Sept), ANZAC House.

3 TELECOMMUNICATIONS UNIT ASSOC (RAAF)
President: RJ Squiers; Ph: 9439 0955. Secretary: Ray De Fraine, 10 Cordova Crt, Craigie 6025; Ph: 9401 3293. Lunch: 11am-1pm 2nd Thurs monthly, ANZAC Club.

7 ARMY TROOPS COY RAE ASSOC
President: Jack Benari, 38 Roebuck Dr, Salter Point; Ph: 9450 3876. Secretary: Colin Wilson, 41 Herald Ave, Willerton 6155. Reunion: last Fri Sept, about 60 attend.

7TH BN THE ROYAL AUSTRALIAN REGIMENT (PIG BN)
President: Don Cruden, 26 Little River Close, Jane Brook; Ph: 9374 0014. Secretary: Doug Fieldhouse, 509 The Strand, Dianella; Ph: 9275 8598. Meetings: as arranged.

11TH BATTALION AIF 13TH BDE WWII
President: Roy Walsh MM, 63 Sexton Rd, Inglewood; Ph: 9271 5769. Correspondence to Secretary: Don Angwin, 7/6 Mt Henry Rd, Como 6152; Ph: 9450 1833. Meetings: as arranged.

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President: Bob Street, 24 Piercy Way, Kardinya 6163; Ph: 9337 5203. Correspondence to Secretary: James Richardson, 6 Isaac St, Melville 6156; Ph: 9330 5405. Meetings: members advised by letter as required.

25 SQUADRON
President: AJ Ferrer. Correspondence to Secretary: RG Podmore, 61 Anglesey Dr, Kardinya 6163; Ph: 9314 1447. Meetings: 8pm 2nd Tues monthly, Meg Olive Room, Airforce Memorial Estate, Bullcreek.

28TH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION (AIF) 1939-45 ASSOC
Committee: Phil Wilkerson, 51 Pt Walter Rd., Bicton; Ph: 9319 3009; Clif Tamblyn; Ph: 9384 5008; Harold Nicholson; Ph: 9447 5204. Annual reunion early Jan.

44TH BATTALION (AIF) ASSOC
Pres/Sec: R. Collins, 134 Roseberry St, Bedford 6052; Ph: 9271 4448. Meetings: ANZAC Day; AGM: 1st & 2nd Fri Nov.

48TH & 2/48TH BATTALION ASSOC
President: Don Spencer, 6 Killara Wy, Craigie; Ph: 9401 5744. Correspondence to Secretary: Brian Corby, 11A Ventnor Ave, Mt Pleasant 6153; Ph: 9364 7829. Meetings: 11.30am 3rd Mon monthly, Carlton Hotel.

460 SQUADRON RAAF ASSOC
President: Gerry Bateman DFC, 30 Norton Ridge, Winthrop; Ph: 9332 5051. Correspondence to Secretary: NB Johnson, 63 Kirwin St, Floreat Park 6014; Ph: 9387 4229. Meetings: quarterly.

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UNIT ASSOCIATION DETAILS

Please note:
Unit Association details for inclusion in this column are limited to the President’s and Secretary’s name, address (or relevant postal address) and telephone numbers, plus brief meeting details.

In order for more articles of general interest to be included, it is important that these entries are restricted to six pages only in this magazine.

CHRIS BROOKS (Editor)
Last Post

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

NOVEMBER 1998
WX38319. Agren, K.C., Nollamara-North Perth, 2/1st Aust Army
Topog
F2745. Bacon, A.F., City of Perth, RAN
23992. Bee, W.A., Wanneroo-Joondalup, RAN
F1508. Chandler, J., Wembley-Floreat, RAN
45110. Conway, J.R., Osborne Park, RAFAF
W196155. Corry, A.G., Rtd Ex-Svc Women, 15 Signals AWAS
**C170004. Creasy, N.W., City of Subiaco, Trg Comd
WX36916. Cussons, F.W., Kojonup, 13 Fd Coy
273784. Davenport, J.R., Nollamara-Nth Perth, 3 Welsh Guard Bn
WX21682. Daws, W.A., Applecross, 28 Aust Inf Bn
WX14088. Donovan, I.G., Bunbury, 91 Spec Gp
WX35296. Elliott, W.G., Central, 1 Aust Base Ptl
WX2823. Farmaner, H.G., Busselton, 2/7 Fd Regt
WX11592. Farmer, O.F., City of Rockingham, 2/11 Aust Inf Bn
22867004. Fellows, R.T., Bellevue, RAOC
WX33704. Flint, C.T.A., City of Perth, 22 Hy Bty
5/10457. Francis, B.R., Riverton, 3 Fd Regt
WX119037. George, I., Armadale 2 Aust Air Sigs
R53886. Hendrick, J., Port Hedland, RAN
45569. Hind, F.E., Merredin, RAFAF
94429. Hocking, R.M., Bullsbrook, RAFAF
WI45552. Howard, E.M., Rtd Ex-Svc Women, 66 Aty Bty AWAS
W508. Jeffries, A., Bunbury, 10 Light Horse Regt
WX6961. King, S.R., Bunbury, 2/28 Aust Inf Bn
WX13302. Long, J., Canning Dist-Victoria Park, 2/2 Docks
WX35011. Mackey, E., City of Perth, 2/3 Aust TPT
17168. McSwan, C., City of south Perth, 77 Sqn RAFAF
WX14131. Milne, G., Welshpool, 2/9 Comm
WX5705. North, T.B., Busselton, 2/16 Aust Inf Bn
5714974. Orriss, K.E., City of Perth, 3 RAR
WX34740. Peacock, N.W., City of Perth, 2/3 Ptns
WX84846. Prigé, E.K., Darling Range, 1 Div
4703286. Roads, R.R., Kulin, N/S Trg
WX43237. Rowe, A.I., Wembley-Floreat, 3 A.A. Regiment
WX37660. Sainsbury, J.C., Central, 25 Aust Line Sec
140381. Sawyer, D., Cottesloe, RASC
45712. Smith, A.N., City of Perth, RAFAF
2294987. Smith, D.J., Esperance, RAR
WX29780. Snell, R.J., Central, 16 Aust Inf Bn
7093010. Stokes, F.H., Bunbury, U.S.N.
1322746. Stratford.V., Canning Dist-Victoria Park, RAFAF
PKX892278. Tuddaham, K.F., City of Rockingham, Navy
22674858. Williams, W.G., Canning Dist-Vic Park, Queen's Royat Regt
WX3455. Boundy, C.A.P., Applecross, 2/6 Fd Plk RAF
WX12063. Rattigan, W., Claremont, 2/7 Fd Regt
WX2037. Board, I.G., City of Perth, 2/11 Aust Inf Bn
436316. Currie, K., City of Perth, RAAF
W34038. Ellis, S.A., City of Perth, 7 Army Tp
208074. Groombridge, P.I., Returned Sisters, 12 AGH
NX78407. Jones, A.I., City of Perth, 19 I.F.C Sigs
80278. Aberle, P.J., Mandurah
WX32674. O'Shea, J.K., Eastern Regional, 6 Aust Inf Bn
441935. Toolin, C.G., Cunderdin, RAFAF

DECEMBER 1998
22539368. Archer, R.J., Armadale, RAC
16631. Arnold, L.B., Esperance, RAFAF
53631. Bannigan, W., Belmont, SAS
WX4536. Boag, L.C., Canning Dist-Victoria Park, 2/7 Fd Amb
WX33878. Caddy, J.H., Wembley-Floreat, 53 Aust Portcraf
5/400362. Cooper, R.J., Manning, 3 RAR
WX5912. Dalton, J.G., Canning Dist-Victoria Park, 9 Div Salvage
7347452. Donald, J.S., Busselton, RAMC
P/JX293811. Elkington, C.A., Belmont, RN
WX3185. George, W.F., Manning, 13 Fd Eng
WX29550. Harris, J.W., Bedford-Morley, 11 Mov Con
WX28889. Hudson, C.J., City of Perth, Hy Bty
WX31123. Huggins, L.M., Como, Garrison Bn
WX4780. MacKenzie, D., Manning, 9 Div
SX27754. Meyers, G.R., Bedford-Morley, 3/14 Fd Amb
113168. Michell, D.E., Eastern Regional, WAAF
5077395. Newman, J.G., Canning Dist-Victoria Park, RAFAF
WX22128. O'Brien, R.J., Osborne Park, 42 I.Craft
WX21952. Paterson, H.G., Cottesloe, HQ NT Force
WX19904. Pearman, R., City of rockingham, 2/28 Aust Inf Bn
23005384. Pilgrim, L.W., Gosnells, RA
**F123456. Sambrallo, T., Fremantle City, 5 Marines
WX34263. Schofield, C.E., Nollamara-North Perth, 2/3 AF Coy
WX35153. Stephens, K.R., Welshpool, Aust Sigs
WX30093. Treasure, K.J., Canning Dist-Victoria Park, 16 Bn
WX6666. Wilkinson, N., Osborne Park 2/11 Aust Inf Bn
154218. Windsor, H.P., Manning, IES
WX18281. Blurton, D., Port Hedland, 2/8 Comd Sqn
WX17006. Pike, I.C., Rtd Ex-Svc Women, 2/6 AGH
45822. Ammon, R.F., Port Hedland, RAN
WX41816. Flanders, G.G., Belmont, 34 Aust Inf Bde
AIP600027. Seigne, M., Port Hedland, RNVR Fl Air Arm

JANUARY 1999
14432817. Auckland, R.W., Riverton, RASC
WX33632. Dowsing, M., Greenbushes, 25 Line Sec
PMX51044. Earnshaw, R.J., Riverton, RAN
16168. Errington, A.C., Wembley-Floreat, RAFAF
545007. Goss, W.A., Kwinana, RAFAF
2658326. Hart, C.A., Scarborough, Coldstream Guards
R63099. Heaney, R.E., City of Perth, Communications
R105464. Koltasz, J., Bicton-Palmyra, RAN
NVR18317. Moran, R.E., Busselton, RANVR
17975. Peirce, S.A., City of Rockingham
WX36338. Raynor, J.G., Scarborough, 110 Aust Bde W/shops
WX14779. Reeves, A.E., Canning Dist-Victoria Park, 28 Aust Inf Bn
8179. Scott, D.M., Canning Dist-Victoria Park, RAFAF
WX39970. Stickland, F., Osborne Park, 381 A/A
WX15810. Strevett, F.A., Lake Grace, 2/11 Aust Inf Bn
WX30513. Warrington, Allen J., Albany, 2/3 Aust Tank Attack
406338. White, G.O., Mosman Park, 283 Sqn
WX20059. Wilton, Irwin, Murawa-Gutha, 4 AIF Bn
WX18788. Wright, C.S., Applecross, 30AWC
WX2726. Gill, S.H.S., Claremont, 2/16 Aust Inf Bn
4125312. Fielder, Harvey, BUF
52/203479. Tran, Y., Vietnamese Services, 21 Div, ARVN

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Sue Fraser

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