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ANZAC DAY 2000

In this report it is relevant to discuss one of the major issues that affected the ANZAC Day activities in Perth in 2000.

The Perth Dawn Service, March and Service again saw increases in attendance by Veterans and the community, mainly families of Veterans.

The Dawn Service had one of the largest attendances in many years, if not the largest ever, with an estimated gathering of more than 10,000. The Dawn Service is now seen as one of the major activities on the annual events calendar by the Public Events Section of the WA Police. This is due to continued increases of attendees.

These continuing increases also highlight the need to continually plan and improve the service to meet the growing attendance. From an administrative aspect, there is a requirement to plan and prepare for larger numbers in 2001; this has commenced. Considerations will include parking, crowd control, State War Memorial access, seating for the elderly and invalid and sequence of events.

The major hurdle is the continuing increase of attendees in a relatively restricted area, perhaps the best in the land. We will continue to liaise with Unit and Kindred Associations to meet the needs of Veterans and the community for this major Commemorative Service.

The ANZAC Day March and Service saw the implementation of a number of major changes this year. These changes were required to conduct a review or dress rehearsal for future marches and services, as a result of the proposed redevelopment of the Esplanade and the realignment of Riverside Drive.

The ANZAC Day Committee was advised in 1999 of changes to the Riverside Drive foreshore and the proposed changes to the Alf Curlewis Gardens. After viewing an artist’s drawing on the changes, it was agreed to trial the March and Service in 2000 as a dress rehearsal.

It should be noted that once planning had commenced for ANZAC Day, all Unit and Kindred Associations were advised and invited to attend meetings to discuss the changes; this proved to be very successful and highlighted numerous issues for consideration.

With every great plan there are even greater failures: this was not the case in this instance, however problems were encountered, hence the requirement for a dress rehearsal. These problems now can be addressed to ensure they do not occur in the future.

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On page 9 in the last edition of *The Listening Post*, the Editor published a copy of my letter to the Prime Minister dated 21 December 1999. In fact I had written two: the first was dated 13 December 1999 and dealt solely with the recently released Vietnam Veterans’ Health Study Validation; the second letter of 21 December 1999 was much broader and dealt with defence and the general erosion of the TPI pension and Disability Pensions.

I have asked Editor Chris Brooks to publish the replies received: a short, non-committal letter of acknowledgement from the Prime Minister’s office dated 24 February 2000 and a longer one from DVA Minister Bruce Scott dated 9 March 2000. *(Reproduced on page 8. Ed.)*

The lack of significant positive action by the Government to the release of the Vietnam Veterans’ Health Study Validation is of great concern. While more staff for the Vietnam Veterans’ Counselling Service is appropriate, changes to the VEA to authorise treatment of Veterans’ children by the Department is urgently required. The recent issue by DVA of a booklet entitled “Post Traumatic Stress Disorder and War Related Stress – Information for Veterans and their Families” to those Veterans who suffer from PTSD is merely tokenism: the referring of the more important issues to the budget process (Prime Minister’s statement on Channel 9, 5 December 1999) because of “significant costs” is unacceptable.

Australian servicemen and women who served in the Vietnam War, like previous wars, did not put any conditions on their service – indeed their very lives were put on the line. That the Government should now place economic and budgetary considerations ahead of financial compensation owed to children of those who fought is outrageous. I cannot understand their apparent insensitivity.

**ACTION**

Every reader can help by urging his/her local member to urge the Government to immediately act on the findings of the Vietnam Veterans’ Health Study Validation.

**Review of Service Entitlement Anomalies – SE Asian Service 1955-75.**

In February the above Review was published by Major General the Honourable Bob Mohr RFD ED RL and Rear Admiral Philip Kennedy AO RAN (Rtd) in the form of a booklet with recommendations to DVA Minister Scott. The Committee members are to be congratulated on a job well done and it is to be hoped that their recommendations will be acted on and implemented as soon as possible.

**WA Branch Rules and National Memorandum and Articles of Association**

Both of these documents have now been re-drafted. The latter document’s new title will be the Constitution and, provided it is accepted by a majority of National Congress Delegates, will replace the existing Memorandum and Articles.

The WA Branch Rules, as re-drafted, were sent to Sub-Branches very early in the year for their comments. In a number of cases some excellent suggestions and recommendations have been received which will be incorporated in the new Draft. It is to be hoped the State Congress may ratify the new Draft Rules in July 2000.

**The GST**

The National President met with Prime Minister Howard on 8 March 2000 and has indicated that the Prime Minister

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**GOVERNOR’S LAST PARADE IN THE WEST**

His Excellency Major General Michael Jeffery AC AO(MIL) CVO MC and Mrs Jeffery attended the Dawn Service at Kings Park on ANZAC Day 25 April 2000 for the last time as Governor.

His Excellency later delivered the ANZAC Day address on the Esplanade after reviewing the troops on Parade. His Excellency and Mrs Jeffery officially departed Western Australia on 5 May to take up residence in Canberra after nearly seven years as State Governor and Patron of the Returned & Services League in Western Australia.

Major General Jeffery and Mrs Jeffery have done an excellent job and will be missed by us all. We extend to them both our very best wishes and warmest regards for a healthy, prosperous and happy retirement.
State President’s Message continued

expressed strong support for the RSL to be granted ‘charitable institution status’ on membership fees. The Prime Minister has now referred the matter to the Treasurer; however, there’s been no decision to date that we’ve heard.

Defence

May I take this opportunity of again stressing the importance of promoting the defence debate as often as possible and the need for the Government to greatly increase defence spending? While I dealt with this subject in the Autumn edition of The Listening Post in some detail, at the time of going to press I am not aware that the Government’s long-awaited White Paper has reached final draft as yet.

Employment of Women in Combat

RSL Standing Policy 13.2(vii)(g) states: “Women should not serve in Combat units of the ADF”.

The Joint Standing Committee on Treaties put out a Press Release on 10 April 2000 which indicates that over the next 12 months the Government will be considering whether or not to lift the remaining restriction on women’s deployment in Combat duties.

Up until now, Australia has expressed a reservation to the Convention on the Elimination of all forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW) by excluding them from combat and combat-related duties.

The Government has now indicated in its Press Release that the reservation regarding combat-related duties should be withdrawn.

Apparently the Defence Personnel Executive is currently working on proposals for a competency-based employment policy. This would allow women, if they have the necessary skills and strength, to be employed in combat units. Over the next 12 months the Government will be considering whether it should endorse this policy.

ANZAC Day Albany 2001

In the year of our Centenary of Federation, the City of Albany will be gearing up for a week of celebrations, which will culminate in RSL-conducted ANZAC Day activities on 25 April 2001. I had written to DVA Minister Scott in October 1999 inviting him to be in Albany for ANZAC Day 2001. Having now been informed by the Minister on 29 March 2000 that he definitely will be unable to attend. I have since managed to extend an invitation to the Hon. Kim Beazley MP, Leader of the Opposition. You guessed it: Kim was keen to accept and told me to ‘look no further’.

I am delighted to report that ANZAC Day Albany 2001 has now been accepted by the Federal Council for Centenary of Federation as a major Australian activity, subject to certain formalities.

HMAS SYDNEY – Memorial at Geraldton 2001

The Dedication of this Memorial is scheduled to take place at Geraldton on 21 November 2001, 50 years after the sinking of HMAS Sydney off the coast by the Germans. This activity has also been accepted by the Council of Federation as a major Australian activity.

State Congress 2000 (7 - 9 July 2000)

This is shaping up to be a good Congress and I am delighted to announce that Sir Charles Court AK KCMG OBE has kindly accepted an invitation to open the event on the evening of 7 July 2000. I look forward to seeing all Sub-Branch Delegates during Congress Weekend 8 - 9 July 2000.

RSL Cadet of the Year Awards 1999

At a special ceremony at ANZAC House a week before ANZAC Day the 13 finalists were all presented with Certificates of Recognition in the presence of their parents and guests. The names of the three winners were then announced and each received a cheque for $250 and an engraved RSL plaque. The winners were:

Cadet CPO Erin Commijs Naval Reserve Cadets
CUO David Akers Australian Army Cadet Corps
Cadet Sgt Aiden Holmes Air Training Corps

David Akers delivered an excellent 4-minute speech on the Esplanade on ANZAC Day, which was acknowledged by the Governor and for which we thank him.

We congratulate the winners and all who took part and particularly thank the Sub-Branches and Unit and Kindred Organisations whose generous donations made the whole thing possible. Under the capable care of Chairman of the Youth Committee Gordon Norton the three winners will shortly spend four nights in Canberra where accommodation will be provided at the Royal Military College Duntroon. We wish them well.

KEN BLADEN

Cadet of the Year Awards: L-R: Cadet Under Officer David Akers, Chief Petty Officer Erin Commijs, Leading Seaman Wayne Bennett (runner-up) and Flt Sgt Aiden Holmes
On 13 March, 1918, a young military officer commanding No.1 section of the 3rd Machine Gun Company and his men took up positions at Buff Bank in the Messines sector of France. His machine guns were dangerously exposed and with the safety of that critical part of the line in his hands, the young officer issued the following special orders to his soldiers:

1. The position will be held, and the section will remain here until relieved.
2. The enemy cannot be allowed to interfere with this program.
3. If the section cannot remain here alive, it will remain here dead, but in any case it will remain here.
4. Should any man through shell-shock or other cause attempt to surrender, he will remain here dead.
5. Should all guns be blown out, the section will use Mills grenades and other novelties.
6. Finally, this position, as stated will be held.

Fortunately Lieutenant Bethune, a Minister of religion in civilian life and his men survived their occupation of the post for 18 days of very heavy fighting and the position was held. These orders so impressed the higher command that they were promulgated by HQ 1st Australian Division and various American Staffs as a model of courage and determination.

So what is it that is so meaningful, indeed inspirational, about these clear but very blunt orders? First is the recognition by Lt Bethune of the critical importance, to the whole of the defensive position, of his small sector of the front and his absolute determination along with his men to remain in that position dead or alive. To remain in location no matter what, dead or alive, is a big decision both to make and accept.

In the heat of battle the business of living and dying does not come into play as a deliberate, calculated thought process. Everyone is too busy fighting. But in the cold light of day before an action commences, an order that says "Here we are and here we stay, no matter what", is far more demanding of that ultimate test of courage; a commitment in advance if you like to lay down one's life for the cause, and one's friends, as indeed did the Son of God, 2000 years ago almost to this day. And in that sector of the battlefront at that time, the possibility of this happening was very real.

Remember, too, that a number of Lt Bethune's men would have been married and all would have had families; yet selflessly and without hesitation they made an ultimate commitment to themselves and to their leader for the greater good. Included in that commitment, too, was that no matter whether the primary weapons of the section—the machine guns—were no longer able to fire, Bethune and his men would fight on, using rifles, bayonets, grenades or bare hands. They simply would not give up and when an Army, Navy, Air Force or civilian population is inspired in this way to not give up when the going gets tough, then we are well on the way to being invincible in war and a very great nation in peace.

The second commitment was that of Lt Bethune himself to personally take the most exposed area of his section's position where the danger was greatest and thus set an

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State Secretary's Notes continued

The major concerns raised to date were the continual stopping and starting during the march. The action that caused this has been well-documented and will be addressed for next year. The condition of the parade ground for the march past with dips and long grass caused concern for elderly Veterans and those in wheelchairs. These were noted, but the causes were unavoidable due to the time factor, (Easter). On Thursday, 20 April, much needed rain fell, followed by sunshine from 21 to 25 April which resulted in rapid grass growth. These issues can be fairly easily rectified for future marches and services.

There were other issues that caused organisers some problems but these were relatively minor in the big picture. It should be noted that several significant benefits were also achieved. One Association marched approximately 600 metres less than last year, while Veterans who had not marched in recent years participated.

The ANZAC Day March and Service procedures, as written, are “living” documents and will be reviewed to meet the needs of Veterans and the community.

State/National Congress 2000

The annual RSL State Congress will be held from 7-9 July in ANZAC House. Members who have issues which are relevant to the Veteran community, specific or general, and require RSL support, should have addressed these through their respective Sub-Branches prior to receipt of this issue. Members can observe the conduct of the State Congress by having their Sub-Branch advise State Headquarters. Members are required to book as seating is limited.

As a result of State Congress, motions debated and carried will be forwarded to National Congress for resolving. National Executive and National Congress will be held in Perth from 27 August to 1 September 2000. Further information on National Congress will be advised to Sub-Branches when confirmed.

RSL and RSL War Veterans' Homes Raffle - 2000

The annual raffle will commence shortly; we appeal for your support in this most worthy cause. Proceeds from the raffle are used solely for improving the quality of life for Veteran residents of the RSL War Veterans' Homes and to provide Welfare assistance to members and their families.

When providing Welfare we do not restrict this to the provisions of “cash grants”. Welfare contributes to the wellbeing, happiness and health and maintenance of Veterans, ex-defence and defence members and families. It also assists with ensuring that the work required for organised welfare of the poor, disabled and needy is maintained. We thank you for your support in this most worthy appeal, for without your support we will not meet our commitment to our Veterans.

S. M. SEERS OAM JP
inspiring example to his men. "Leading from the front" we call it. Something all leaders in peace should try to emulate.

Earlier Lt Bethune, when shown the position he had to defend, had strongly pointed out that it was a poor site for his machine guns. He was told to get on with it. Later common sense prevailed, the order was changed and Bethune was able to move his men to a better tactical site, but still exposed and in great danger.

Two things stand out here. First, Bethune had the moral courage to state his case strongly and reasonably to his superiors, but second, when told to get on with it, he did just that, like any good soldier must do.

So why have I chosen to speak about one man and his small group of Australian soldiers, in a battle that took place 82 years ago? Because in this tiny microcosm of what was a huge, ghastly and costly war, we see epitomised in Lt Bethune and his men, the fundamental components of what we now call the Australian character; physical and moral courage; a pervading sense of duty; personal and group discipline of the highest order; group camaraderie and loyalty; a sense of humour, and though unsaid, I am sure, a spiritual dimension. Because men when facing the real possibility of dying, do communicate very readily and very seriously with their maker.

And I think it is because Australians deep down in their own hearts today, perhaps particularly today, so admire these qualities as displayed by our servicemen and servicewomen, that ANZAC Day has such a huge significance for us, including a major impact for the good, on our national psyche. Because in times that are now changing rapidly, with people worried about job security, family disfunction, the pace of social and economic issues confronting us, it is a realisation that, in returning to the basic fundamentals of life as epitomised in the qualities of courage, loyalty, mateship, humour, compassion and the spiritual dimension, we return to principles that have stood the test of time in all circumstances; not just in war but also in peace. And these qualities, provided we develop them in our young through example and education, will not only see us through any difficult times in the future, but also inspire us to reach the full splendid potential of our nation, as a beacon of excellence in everything we do and all that we stand for.

Let us therefore remember with deep gratitude, all that has been given to us by Lt Bethune and the million men and women who have borne arms in defence of this nation over the past 100 years, including the 100,000 young Australians who have paid the supreme sacrifice over that time. Let us specially remember today on the 50th anniversary of the start of the Korean War, those gallant men and women who served in that campaign and, in the case of the 3rd Battalion of the Royal Australian Regiment, with the Canadian Princess Patricia's Light Infantry and some American tanks, halted the Chinese advance on Seoul and won a Presidential Unit Citation for their outstanding gallantry. Let us also recognise today the splendid performance of our forces recently returned and still serving in East Timor, Bougainville and other areas of the globe, and the contribution of our indigenous Australians.

It has been because that service and sacrifice as a totality has kept Australia genuinely free, that we now enjoy by any standard a very good life - clean air, stable governments, freedom of speech, religion and association, a beautiful common language, the rule of law and equal opportunities for all within an integrated, truly multicultural society.

So let us commit ourselves, on this peaceful ANZAC morning at this beautiful place near the river, to do all in our power to follow the inspiring example of Lt Bethune and his men and all who have served before and after, to encourage, nurture and utilise those characteristics we proudly identify with being Australian. For by doing so we will not only be invincible in war and a very good nation in peace, but we will in the most positive manner repay our debt to all those who have borne arms in the defence of our nation and made the supreme sacrifice in so doing.

A meaningful, thoughtful and enjoyable ANZAC Day to you all and very well done on a splendid march past and parade performance. It has been an honour to lead this march for nearly seven years and to take the salute from such a splendid body of men and women and young people.

Thank you.
Letters from the Prime Minister’s Office and Minister for Veterans’ Affairs

OFFICE OF THE PRIME MINISTER, CANBERRA
Dear Lieutenant Colonel Bladen,

Thank you for your letters of 13 December and 21 December 1999 regarding the release of the validated Vietnam Veterans’ Health Study, matters of defence, Gulf War veterans, Veterans’ Disability Pensions, the T & P pension and the Regional Summit. The Prime Minister has asked me to reply on his behalf. I apologise for the delay in replying.

I have forwarded your letters to the Hon Bruce Scott, Minister for Veterans’ Affairs and understand that he will shortly be responding to the issues you raise. Thank you for bringing these matters to the attention of the Prime Minister. I am copying this letter to the Federal Member for Curtin, Ms Julie Bishop MP.

Yours sincerely
JOHN R PERRIN, Senior Advisor (Social Policy)
MINISTER FOR VETERANS’ AFFAIRS

Dear Lt Col Bladen

I refer to your letter of 13 December 1999 to the Prime Minister, the Hon John Howard MP, concerning the Vietnam Veterans’ Health Study. Your letter has been referred to me for reply. I regret the delay in replying.

This Government undertook the Male and Female Vietnam Veterans’ Health Studies and the ensuing Validation Study because of its genuine concerns for the health and welfare of our veterans and their families.

I assure you the Government views the Study findings with concern. We recognise that there are a number of serious issues raised in the validation project which require a measured, whole of Government response. We are particularly concerned with the findings that there is a significantly higher prevalence of melanoma and prostate cancer amongst Vietnam Veterans than in the Australian community standard and that there is a higher rate of spina bifida and cleft palate or lip among their children. The Government views with deep concern the findings that there is a higher prevalence of deaths amongst their children than in the general community due to suicide, accidents and illness.

I hope to be able to announce important initiatives in the context of the next Budget. In the interim, adjustments will be made where appropriate within current legislation and funding, to the wide range of services already in place to support the health and welfare of veterans and their families.

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Group at Heroes’ grave, Kuching

Sandakan ANZAC Pilgrimage

A group comprised of friends and family made the journey to Borneo for the ANZAC Pilgrimage 2000.

The visit was the result of 14 months’ planning and the formation of the Borneo Prisoner of War Association.

It is intended to run this tour annually, with the possibility of a national tour in 2001.

The pilgrimage commenced in Kuching, paying homage at the Heroes’ Grave, the site where 13 of the local people who assisted the Allies were tortured and killed by the Japanese. This was followed by emotional dedications at the first Dawn Service to be held at Sandakan Memorial Park. The group followed the trail of the “Death March” to Renau, then to Kundsangin (the mountains near Mt Kota Kinabalu), with a final tribute at the Allied War Cemetery on Labuan Island.
Much has already been done since the initial findings were released in April 1998. This includes:

- Relevant Veterans’ Affairs specialist medical providers were sent letters notifying them that Vietnam veterans are an “at risk” group for strongyloides.
- The Vietnam Veterans Counselling Service (VVCS) has increased its counselling coverage in the last 12 months with the expansion of its Country Outreach Program to more than 320 contract counsellors.
- The VVCS has increased its number of therapeutic and psycho-educational groups for veterans and partners.
- New VVCS programs have been trialled for adolescent and adult children of Vietnam veterans.
- The Health studies were referred to the Repatriation Medical Authority.
- The studies were forwarded to the Chief of Defence.

Much continues to be done to assist Vietnam Veterans and their families, both through the Repatriation system and social welfare programs. Veterans are already fully covered under our Repatriation system for free health treatment for all malignant cancers. Compensation pension is paid where the condition is determined as war caused.

An educational booklet providing sound advice and practical suggestions to assist veterans and their families titled Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder and War-related Stress—Information for Veterans and their Families has been released. It has been forwarded to all veterans with a disability of Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) that has been accepted by the Department. An information letter sent out with this booklet informed veterans of the availability of another booklet aimed at older and adult children entitled, I thought it was just me. This booklet is produced by the VVCS and deals with the effects of PTSD.

The Government regarded the findings concerning child suicide as very serious when they were initially reported in the Vietnam Veterans’ Morbidity Study in April 1998. The high rate of accidental deaths that were reported are also of deep concern, as they may indicate an unacceptable level of risk-taking behaviour in some children through personal distress.

The VVCS began implementing its response to these findings in October 1998. This incorporates and builds on the strategies developed in the National Suicide Prevention Strategy and related suicide prevention strategies in the States.

This linkage to state suicide prevention programs is particularly important as young people are more likely to use community services rather than a service such as the VVCS which has been designed primarily for their parents’ needs. The VVCS has also established links with services including the Kids Line phone counselling service and the Reach Out site on the Internet, to inform them about the specific needs of veterans’ children.

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The Commonwealth will soon release a major report on a national framework for the prevention of suicide and self-harm. I understand that this report will officially list Vietnam veterans' children in the "at risk" category, ensuring that this group is included in the development of new suicide intervention strategies.

From March this year, the Department will implement a number of new initiatives. On 8 March, an Australia-wide satellite broadcast will be held for medical and allied health providers to educate them about the effects of war trauma on veterans, with a focus on the health of their families, in particular suicide risk in youth and young adults.

Educational workshops on suicide awareness and prevention will also commence shortly. These will be especially for veterans and their partners and will initially be held in all States.

I am committed to ensuring that services that promote the safety and well-being of the young people at risk continue to be available. In addition, the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare has been asked to further analyse the data from the validation study to help establish whether the incidence of suicide is higher in particular areas.

I am also very concerned at the high rate of birth defects reported in the children of Vietnam veterans and note that you mention the assistance to children available in the United States (US). However, there are several factors that make the situation different to that of the US.

In Australia, under the current Commonwealth and State welfare and health systems, a broad range of assistance is available to assist people born with severe disabilities such as spina bifida.

This assistance, depending on the age of the child, education arrangements, degree of disability and family situation, can include: Medicare and some pharmaceuticals, and a pensioner concession card; carer support; special employment programs for disabled persons; family payment; parenting allowance; child disability allowance; disability support pension and Austudy allowance. In addition, there is a range of benefits provided by state governments.

The Government will consider the validation data and the data from the Sydney University research that is currently being done on spina bifida. Current assistance available to veterans and their families with respect to congenital disabilities in their children will also be reviewed. The Government will then consider whether additional measures are required through the Repatriation system.

I appreciate your concerns and assure you that the Government is taking the findings from the report very seriously. In the interim, I will continue to ensure that services and assistance provided by the Department are targeting those groups most at need.

I trust that this information is of assistance to you.

BRUCE SCOTT MP

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**Farewell to Deputy Commissioner Jim Dalton**

**Department of Veterans' Affairs**

After 14 years’ service, including five years in Perth as Deputy Commissioner, Jim Dalton has announced that he will be leaving the Department of Veterans' Affairs. However, the good news is that he will be staying here in the West where he intends to pursue some new career opportunities.

Jim Dalton has done a wonderful job as Deputy Commissioner in WA and many veterans are indebted to him in the past for his help, guidance and expertise. Jim has been a good friend to the RSL in WA during his tenure and we all join in wishing him and his family continued good health and every happiness and prosperity for the future.
Lieutenant Colonel Ken Bladen (Retd)
State President
The Returned and Services League of Australia
WA Branch (Inc.) PERTH WA

Dear Ken,

Congratulations on what was a poignant and well executed observance of ANZAC Day in Western Australia.

With record crowds once again we have seen that public interest in the recognition of our heroic forebears continues to grow. The changes to the orientation of the Commemorative Service on the Esplanade did not detract in any way, from previous years, and Marlena and I found it a great deal more comfortable facing south than in the past. Looking at the crowd, however, I would suggest that the proposed redevelopment of the Esplanade might not accommodate the growing number of marchers and spectators, and I can not immediately suggest an alternative that would offer the space, convenience and setting presently enjoyed. While some aesthetic redevelopment of the site would never go astray I fear a considerable backlash from the Perth community should the parade be moved to another location.

I must also congratulate you on the RSL’s initiative of awarding Cadet of the Year prizes, which in themselves are relevant and attractive to young people. Cadet Under Officer Aker’s short address was excellent in every respect and he was a magnificent ambassador for the Cadet movement.

As a soldier I could not have wished for a better way to end my public life after six and a half years as Governor. Marlena and I have had a long and rewarding relationship with the service and veteran communities, a relationship that we will certainly continue after we leave Government House.

Thank you for the support that you, Stephanie and the RSL have given us during our time here. Particular thanks must go to your State Executive and to Shane Seers and his staff for their good work in taking ANZAC Day out to the public of Western Australia.

Marlena joins me in wishing all at the RSL a bright future for your vital work.

With warm personal regards to you and Stephanie.

Yours sincerely

MICHAEL JEFFERY
Governor
VICTORIA CROSSES

In recent months visitors to ANZAC House will have seen the obvious improvements made in the ANZAC Club facilities such as new carpets and repainting in the VC Room; however, the most striking improvement is the revitalised display of Western Australian Victoria Cross winners. Individually framed photographs, with citations and service ribbons included, are mounted on the walls and make an impressive display. Congratulations to State Executive Committee member Les Anderson and State Secretary Shane Seers, who were instrumental in bringing about the new look for our gallery of heroes.

Following are details on unusual Victoria Cross Awards:

• Three men have won the Victoria Cross twice (they received a bar to the original VC).
• The youngest VC winner was 15 and the oldest 61.
• There have been three cases where both father and son have received a VC.
• There are four known cases of awards to brothers.
• Five civilians have been awarded the VC while under military command.
• Although no women have won the VC, a gold representation of the decoration was presented to Mrs Webber Harris (wife of the CO of the 104th Bengal Fusiliers) by the officers of the Regiment for her ‘indomitable pluck’ in nursing the men of the Regiment during a cholera epidemic in 1859. Twenty seven men died in one night.
• The only un-gazetted award is the VC presented to the WWI American Unknown Soldier buried at Arlington National Cemetery.
• Although the VC can be bestowed only for actions ‘in presence of the enemy’, from 1858 to 1881 an amendment allowed for awards ‘under circumstances of extreme danger’. Six awards were made under this condition.
• Three Canadian VC winners from Winnipeg all happened to live on the same street.
• King George V felt very strongly that the decoration should never be forfeited. He said that ‘... even were a Victoria Cross winner be sentenced to be hanged for murder, he should be allowed to wear his VC on the scaffold.’

EDITOR

West Australian Historian Bill Kerr touches on the subject of honours and awards in a review of a book recently published about one of this State’s bravest soldiers. Unrewarded Heroes is the story of Alan Haddy, who grew up in Guildford and North Perth, was among the first to enlist and died on the Kokoda Track. See page 25.

STANDING ON CEREMONY

As a reminder to those organising future ceremonies, parades and other commemorative events, we provide this column to any ex-service group who wishes to publicise the details through these pages. Please note deadline dates listed on Page 1. RSL members receive The Listening Post approximately six weeks after the deadline date.

RESERVE FORCES DAY 1 July 2000:

Church service at Christ Church Grammar School 10:00am followed by refreshments. Further details from: Lt Col P.G. Winstanley RFD (Rtd) Tel (08) 9341 6883 Web site http://www.angelfire.com/wa2/DRA

POLISH EX SERVICES: Ceremony at the State War Memorial at 2:00pm Sunday 2 July 2000.

STATE CONGRESS: Ceremony at the State War Memorial at 3.25pm Saturday 8 July 2000.

HMAS CANBERRA-SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION:

Wreath-laying ceremony at the State War Memorial at 11am Wednesday 9 August 2000

VIETNAM VETERANS’ DAY

Ceremony at the Vietnam Memorial, Kings Park at 3:00pm Sunday 20 August 2000

NATIONAL CONGRESS: Ceremony at State War Memorial at 12:30pm Monday 28 August 2000

MALAYA-MERDEKA VETS: Ceremony at the State War Memorial at 12:00 noon Thursday 31 August 2000

AIRCrew 2000: Ceremony at the State War Memorial at 10:00am Sunday 3 September 2000

MALTESE ASSOCIATION of WA

Ceremony at the State War Memorial at 12:00 noon Sunday 10 September 2000

NB: Please note that these dates and times may be subject to change.
A Flame Of Remembrance For WA

In April 1997, a flame taken from the Eternal Flame at the Australian War Memorial in Canberra was transported to Perth by Ansett Australia in a specially-designed lamp. The flame was used in a touching ceremony before the ANZAC Day football game at Subiaco Oval where a special group of World War I veterans was honoured.

The Eternal Flame is widely regarded as a permanent symbol of remembrance and homage to those who gave their lives in war and those who returned. Although there are eternal flames in Canberra, Melbourne, Brisbane and Sydney, Perth did not have one.

Through a unique partnership between the Department of Veterans’ Affairs, Fremantle Football Club and Alinta Gas, a proposal was put forward to establish a permanent Flame of Remembrance and Pool of Reflection in Perth. That partnership has worked towards raising public awareness of the contribution made by our veterans. With the assistance of the Returned and Services League of Western Australia, Botanic Gardens and Parks Authority, Hollywood Private Hospital, State War Memorial Architects (.RSL member Ken Broadhurst and his son Michael) and Defence Corporate Support, the project has finally been realised and we now have a Flame of Remembrance of our own at Kings Park.

Two days before the dedication ceremony, Vietnam Veteran and Alinta Gas fitter Martin Healey brought the Flame from the Alinta Gas premises at Bentley to Parliament House where the Legislative Council President, George Cash, used it to light a gas cauldron in the main foyer.

That action symbolised the passing of the Flame from the care of Alinta Gas to the people of Western Australia.

Youth group ‘honour guards’ maintained a 52 hour vigil over the Flame until its final transfer to Kings Park, where it was presented to the Queen. The youth groups involved were Scouts, Guides, Police Rangers, Military Cadets, Emergency Services Cadets, St John Ambulance Cadets, CALM Bushrangers and Red Cross Cadets.

On the day of the dedication ceremony, Saturday 1 April 2000, the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, George Strickland, transferred the Flame to a torch which then was paraded along Fraser Avenue in Kings Park by a selection of community representatives. The torch was handed over to a Military escort for the final leg to the State War Memorial. Members of the Royal Australian Navy poured water gathered from the five oceans into the Pool of Reflection. Australian armed forces have seen conflict in all the major oceans of the world.

From the Cenotaph the Flame was brought to the Pool of Reflection by Legacy Ward Alison Downing, escorted by Sub-Wardens of the State War Memorial. Alison then passed the torch to the Queen who proceeded to light the burners.

The Flame of Remembrance is designed to burn continuously and safely. It is positioned in the centre of the Pool of Reflection within the walls of the State War Memorial precinct. Four burners are used representing the Navy, Army, Air Force and Women’s Services.

The State War Memorial precinct was chosen as the logical place for the Flame because of its obvious links to the Australian War Memorial and the fact that it is the venue for all major State commemorative occasions. Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II dedicated the State War Memorial Precinct on 27 March 1954. It was fitting that she should have had the honour, 46 years later, of dedicating WA’s own Flame of Remembrance at that very spot.

Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth, HRH the Duke of Edinburgh and RSL State President Ken Bladen at the ceremony.

Legacy Ward Alison Downing carries the Eternal Flame, flanked by RSL Sub-Wardens.

Courtesy of The Western Veteran DVA Perth
Nedlands nurse carries flame

Hollywood nurse Gaynor Barry (34) was one of a select few community representatives who carried the Flame of Remembrance on Saturday, 1 April, to its resting place at the Kings Park War Memorial.

Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II lit the flame with the torch borne by Gaynor and other “torch bearers”.

Originally from Manchester, England, Gaynor has been in Australia 12 years and volunteered when approached at Hollywood—because she has “a soft spot for the Queen”.

Gaynor has been at Hollywood Private Hospital for 10 years—seeing the changes from a Repatriation hospital through privatisation and has worked on Murray Ward—previously known as Ward 10—for most of that time. She is now undertaking training in Coronary Care/Critical Care.

Hollywood is a proud sponsor of the Flame of Remembrance at the King’s Park War Memorial.

Hollywood wins gold

Hollywood supported two nurses, Rebecca McKenzie and Robyn Gilchrist, who participated in the annual Weary Dunlop Tour—a pilgrimage to the area where Australian POWs worked on the “death railway”.

Achievement by WorkSafe WA for the WorkSafe Assessment Survey conducted in December 1999.

The Certificate of Achievement will remain valid for three years subject to meeting the injury/disease rate criteria require by WorkSafe.

Labour Relations Minister Cheryl Edwards presented the certificate in a formal ceremony during April.

“Hollywood is obviously a centre for excellence—less than 50 companies in WA have received the gold award.” Mrs Edwards said.

“The industry you are in is a complex one—and so this achievement is even more special.”

A gift for Pope Ward

Former Hollywood patient Neil Fancourt has presented the staff of Charles Pope Ward with a beautiful framed photograph of two kangaroos to thank them for the excellent care he received during his time in hospital.

The photograph is particularly poignant because the photographer, Fleur Poll, died of a brain tumour aged 16.

Mr Fancourt, who was in hospital for 51 days last year, said the photo was appropriate because he felt like “an old roo who needed some rehabilitation!” (Neil and his wife Anne are involved with the Fauna Rehabilitation Foundation.)
Rebecca McKenzie and Robyn Gilchrist are this year’s intrepid travellers.

The camp where the nurses stayed is close to Hellfire Pass, now a memorial to the 13,000 POWs and 90,000 enslaved Asian civilians who died building the infamous Burma-Thailand Railway.

**THE BEACHHEAD**

Those dangerous moments before dawn
Grip bodies unthinking
Anaesthetised
As they move up the line
Only the dull clank
From the weight of belts and metal
Breaks the muffled tension
Their breaths halting precariously
Were they so blinded by the crashing explosions
That they stumbled and fell
Unseeing
Or did they follow the conquest of apparitions
Into the glory of breaking light

JOHN DISS

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**TEA DANCE TICKETS**

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If you would like to enter the draw for a ticket, please fill in the form below and send it to the address below. The lucky winners will be advised by mail.

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**HOLLYWOOD PRIVATE HOSPITAL**

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**Hollywood Private Hospital**

**Afternoon Tea Dance, 12 October**

Name: ________________________________

Address: __________________________________________

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Post Code: _______ Tel: ______________________

No. of Tickets: (Max 2) ______________________

Post or fax this form to Trish Miller, Community Relations, Hollywood Private Hospital, Monash Avenue, Nedlands 6009 or fax it to 9389 8470 by Wednesday 26 July.
THE AUSTRALIAN ARMY - KOREA 1950

(This article is reprinted from As you Were published by the Australian War Memorial and follows the introductory article in our previous edition. Articles documenting the contributions made by the RAN and RAAF in 1950 will be reprinted in later editions. Ed.)

Even before the announcement by the Prime Minister that an Australian ground force would be sent to Korea, there had been an enthusiastic response from ex-service men and other young men eager to offer their services to the Army.

As time was the most pressing consideration it was agreed by the governments concerned that a comparatively small force, speedily prepared and despatched, would be a more effective contribution than a larger force postponed for many months because of the inevitable delays entailed in enlisting, training and equipping. With this in mind the general plan of the Government was that the initial battalion would consist of an expected 600 volunteers from BCOF [British Commonwealth Overseas Forces] and another 400 from the Regular Army in Australia. Another 1,000 would be enlisted as reinforcements and possibly as the nucleus of another battalion.

Details covering these enlistments were announced by the Minister for the Army (the Hon. J. Francis) on 3 August. Each State—or Military District—was allotted a quota ranging from 400 for NSW to 30 for Tasmania. In all cases enlistment would be in the rank of Private. Applicants must have reached the age of 20 and be under 40, and the term of enlistment was fixed at three years for service in any part of the world. An important qualification was that the applicants must have had previous full-time service in the infantry, armour, artillery, engineers or signals, which would mean that the men selected would require only short ‘refresher’ courses to bring them up to date. The two training centres selected for this purpose were Ingleburn in NSW, and Puckapunyal in Victoria—both centres being well known to the men concerned.

When recruiting opened for this portion of the force on 7 August the men who reported and satisfied the special requirements went through a procedure that was quite familiar to them. There were, however, some unexpected refinements, especially in the mess.

The next step in this change back into uniform was the attestation, that sobering little ceremony during which a civilian becomes a soldier.

In the meanwhile the BCOF volunteers were undergoing training which was tough and thorough. Route marches of up to 28 miles in one day were included. Weapon training included instruction in the use of the newly-developed 3.5 inch rocket launcher with which heartening successes were being gained against enemy tanks. Back in Australia, the newly recruited men were settling down to similar training.

At the end of August it was announced that Lieutenant-Colonel C.H. Green DSO had been selected to command the battalion. On 31 August the first troops arrived in Japan from Australia and went into barracks at Iwakuni, 400 miles west of Tokyo. These troops, the first of the volunteers from the Regular Army, were drawn from the 1st Battalion, Royal Australian Regiment, at Ingleburn NSW, and all were in top condition after months of training. Aside from the speed with which they were organised and despatched, it was the manner of their coming that aroused interest. For these troops had left Sydney only a couple of days previously and had been transported to Japan in the luxury of QANTAS civil airliners.

The eager Australian troops, 1,000 stong, landed at Pusan in Korea on 28 September and entrained for the 100 mile journey to Taegu, where they spent the night bivouacked in a dry riverbed near the town. The next day the Australians moved into the Songju area, 20 miles west of Taegu, and joined the British brigade, which was clearing out scattered pockets of the enemy in the area, left behind when the Americans stormed northwards to Taegon. The brigade was responsible for the clearing out of a tract of hills and valleys about 600 square miles in area, extending from the outskirts of Taegu to the northwest of Kunchow.

During the first week in October, while the United Nations was debating the question of a crossing of the 38th parallel by UN forces, the British brigade was suddenly relieved of its tasks in the Taegu area and transferred to new positions near the parallel, where most
of the UN forces were poised awaiting a decision to continue the offensive. Following the passing of a resolution by the United Nations that all appropriate steps were to be taken to ensure conditions of stability throughout Korea, a full-scale drive into North Korea was launched on 9 October. This new offensive by the 1st Corps - consisting of the 1st Cavalry and 24th Divisions and the 27th British Commonwealth Brigade - followed General MacArthur’s second broadcast surrender ultimatum addressed to the North Koreans. The Allied attack began from Kaesong, about eight miles south of the parallel, and was directed primarily at the North Korean port of Haeju.

The British brigade, on the left bank of the main drive along the highway to Pyongyang, had penetrated nine miles north of the parallel by 12 October and next day were within five miles of Kumchon. The general picture at this stage was of continued Allied advances against weakening opposition. The British force had covered 18 miles in a curving line north and west from their crossing point.

On the 14th Kumchon fell to US troops who pushed straight on to the road and rail junction of Namchonjom. The Australians, having been misled by inaccurate maps a day earlier, were still a few miles down the road when the Americans entered Kumchon, but some Australian jeep drivers were reported to have been with the American column. By the 17th the advance had proceeded to within 35 miles of the northern capital Pyongyang and, after clearing out enemy pockets in Kumchon, the British brigade became the vanguard of this column.

As they drew near Pyongyang, however, the brigade was diverted from the main axis of advance for other tasks and US troops again took the lead and entered the capital on 20 October. Following this the North Korean escape route from the city was blocked by a regiment of paratroopers who dropped 25 miles north of Pyongyang at Sunchon. The next day South Korean troops cut across the peninsula from Wonsan and linked up with these troops. These moves sealed off the northern capital.

British and Australian troops had by now completed their tasks south of Pyongyang, during which the Australian battalion took 2,500 prisoners in 24 hours. The brigade then moved on through the city, driving up the west coast, smashing through Yongyu after a brief but stiff battle. Air support was necessary to keep moving up the coast and here the brigade inflicted heavy casualties on the enemy. By 25 October South Koreans were reported 35 miles south of the Manchurian border and the Australians had advanced 50 miles north of Pyongyang, driving towards the next major objective Chongju. 50 miles south of the Manchurian border.

About this time, however, enemy resistance began to stiffen considerably and surprisingly strong and effective counter-attacks were launched against the United Nations main drives. In a sharp clash at Pakjon the Australian battalion suffered casualties. Here the first winter snows were encountered. In an effort to combat the cold arrangements were made for the RAAF to fly in 30,000 pounds of winter clothing for the troops.

Taking the lead in the British advance on the last day of October near Chongju, the Australians were almost immediately involved in a fierce battle for the town. The defenders fought back savagely with adequate fire-power from dug-in tanks, self-propelled guns and other weapons. The battle raged on all day and night and dragged through the following day. By then the enemy had had enough and fell back leaving more than 100 dead.

The Australians provided cover while the town was occupied by the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders and Middlesex Regiment. In this, the Australians’ first all-out action of the campaign, the battalion lost 8 killed and 30 wounded. A further grievous blow was suffered at dusk on the second day when an enemy shell landed in the battalion headquarters area, mortally wounding Colonel Green.

**WHAT IS A KOREAN VETERAN?**

Between the security of childhood and the insecurity of second childhood we find a fascinating creature called a Korean Veteran. He comes in various sizes and must be called Lofty, Tich, Shorty or Junior.

He could be found anywhere, in ucleus [one-man tents], in a shallow trench, on the battlefield, in No-man’s Land, on various bases, in love, in pubs and always in debt.

Girls loved him and the government supported him.

Some of his interests were girls, women, females and beer-halls full of the opposite sex. His dislikes were answering questions about Korea, wearing the uniform properly, the old man. CB and reveille.

A Korean veteran was laziness with two-up pennies, bravery with a tattooed arm and the sole protector of his country with a copy of any paper to prove it. He had the energy of a turtle, the slyness of a fox, the brain of an elephant, the stories of the wars before him, the sincerity of a liar, the aspirations of Errol Flynn and when he wanted something, it was usually an application for a leave pass.

No one else could cram into one jungle green pocket a little black book, a picture of his girlfriend and letters to her (she ended up marrying the postman), a rough old comb, a near empty packet of Lucky Strike and a C-ration tin of hamburgers and perhaps what was left of last week’s pay.

He liked to spend his money on girls. heaps on beer, some on two-up, some on horses and he usually squandered the rest.
A Korean veteran is a magical creature. You can lock him out of your home but not your veteran association or your heart. You can make him a late scratching from your mailing list, but cannot take him out of your mind. He is your one and only mate with whom you shared the old times and who was always there when needed in the frozen place.

He has not been forgotten.....he is remembered, particularly every ANZAC Day when he’ll be there looking for you to bites you for a smoke, to break it in two and give you the other half. Respect him and irrespective of his age remember that he served in Korea and was a volunteer.

GEORGE LANG
Association of Queensland Korea Veterans

NAVAL CUSTOMS AND TRADITIONS

The following selections are taken from the book HMAS Mk III published by the Australian War Memorial 1944. Are they still in use, and are there more contemporary versions fit to print? Ed.

A dog watch: though a cur-tailed watch, was originally called a ‘dodge’ watch. Designed to make the day have seven watches instead of six, in order that the men who had the middle watch might dodge it next day.

Davy Jones: this was ‘Duffy, or ghost of Jonah’ - Duffy being an old English word for ghost.

Blue Peter: the signal to denote that a ship will shortly sail, derives its name from the French ‘patir’; to depart.

Mess: in which we live, comes from the Spanish ‘mesa’, a table.

One gun salute: (or rogue’s salute), is the signal gun fired for the assemblage of a court martial.

Snotty: (a midshipman) is derived from the allegation that a far-seeing Admiralty was forced to introduce buttons on the cuffs of the jackets worn by these juvenile officers. This in order to make more popular the use of a handkerchief.

A stone frigate: a shore establishment.

To celebrate the siege of Gibraltar: an excuse for a drink of strong water. There have been no fewer than 13 sieges and nobody would ever question the date, except perhaps a specialist in the matter.

Show a leg: dates from the times when wives sailed in men-o’-war. On calling the hands the owners of feminine legs were allowed to remain abed until Guard and Steerage.

Sons-of-guns: dates from the same times. Infants were born under the guns and once or twice a gun has been fired to assist a difficult birth. Records of this have been found in old diaries.

Jaunty: the master at arms, was ‘gendarme’. He is head of the police and his henchmen are known as ‘crushers’.

Salute: instituted in the Navy by Queen Victoria as opposed to uncovering. It is a token of trust and respect, the hand being open showing that no weapon is concealed. In Oriental countries it was customary to shield the eyes from the magnificence of a superior. Since 1923 the left hand salute has been abolished, mainly because Continental nations, and particularly Indian or African troops, consider a salute with the left hand to be an unforgivable insult.

Room to swing a cat, the cat is out of the bag: undoubtedly refer to the cat-o’-nine-tails, which was kept in a red baize bag.

Touch and go: when a ship touches the ground but floats clear.

The King’s hard bargain: a man who elected to go to sea rather than to jail. Many considered the sea a worse punishment...

Mundungus: useless material.

Ullage: properly the residue remaining in a box or cask when the contents are used. Applied to any witless individuals who are of little use to the Service, or who use their heads for the sole purpose of keeping their ears apart.

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ARMY MUSEUM SITE THREAT

The heritage listed Fremantle Artillery Barracks, home of our Army Museum and the West Australia University Regiment, has been earmarked for disposal by the Department of Defence.

In January 2000, the Army Museum of Western Australia was alerted by a press article that the sale of the Barracks was 'imminent'. This came as a shock. The article indicated that 'it was an open secret' that negotiations had been ongoing for several months.

Notre Dame University is reported to have been interested in acquiring the site. Museum staff were never consulted. Rapid enquiries confirmed their worst fears and they then were told that 'equal or better' premises would be provided. The available options were Hobbs Artillery Park (home of the Royal Australian Historical Society's collection) at Irwin Barracks, or the gymnasium at Leeuwin Barracks. Both of these sites are also earmarked for future sale.

Since its inception in 1977 as a museum at 'Dilhorn' in East Perth, the people of WA have entrusted the museum as a safe repository for their family's military awards and memorabilia. This generosity has resulted in the largest publicly-donated regional collections of Army heritage items outside the Australian War Memorial in Canberra. After the sale of 'Dilhorn' in 1995, the collection was relocated to the Fremantle Barracks. An earlier proposal to move the museum to the historic Swan Barracks opposite the WA Museum collapsed when the Federal Government decided to sell this obviously suitable site.

Over the past five years the part-time staff and a dedicated team of enthusiastic volunteers have worked diligently to redesign and rebuild the galleries. The galleries depict the service of Western Australian men and women through a range of eras and conflicts. The pre-1914 Gallery shows our colonial past and the Boer War era. The World War I Gallery and Trench Scene are unique, taking visitors through the Gallipoli campaign, France and Flanders. The World War II story is told through a main gallery. The most recently opened is the post-1945 gallery that shows service from the British Occupation Forces in Japan following World War II, Korea, Malaya, Indonesia and on to Vietnam, also taking in the United Nations Peace-Keeping Forces Operations up to Somalia.

These galleries stand as a tangible link to the service and suffering of thousands of Western Australians with the final refurbished gallery, depicting the experiences of prisoners of the Germans and Japanese, due to be opened in July. Thousands of volunteer hours and thousands of dollars in public grants funding have gone into establishing a world-class facility in a visually stunning Barracks complex.

Short of a purpose-built complex, the logical home for the museum is the Fremantle Artillery Barracks, reasons being:

- It was the first major defence facility built in WA by the Commonwealth Government after Federation.
- 'This is one of the few complete groups of historical buildings existing in WA today where most of the buildings involved were constructed in a short period (1910-1913). This has resulted in a very fine grouping around the Central Parade Ground of carefully related buildings, constructed in similar styles and materials and dominated by the massiveness of the traditional Barracks Block.'

_Heritage Architect's report 1972_

- The Army has had a constant presence since 1910 and the proposed sale in the year prior to the celebration of the 100th anniversary of the formation of the Australian Army is appalling.
- Many gunners who embarked from Fremantle to Gallipoli and France in World War I had their last meal on Australian soil at Fremantle Barracks.
- This base was pivotal in the coastal defence of the Port of Fremantle during World War II.
- Should the Barracks be sold they are lost to the public forever. A future owner may develop 'under-utilised' portions of the Barracks site, thus destroying forever this unique historical site.
- With a little vision the Barracks could serve as an effective shopfront for Defence recruiting and Public Relations functions, co-located with the Museum.

_Gallipoli veteran Regt. No. 68, Pte Walter Hall, 16 Battalion AIF. Father of State Executive Committee Member Mike Hall._

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**FIX BAYONETS**

When Sir Frank Beaurepaire and his colleagues secured for Melbourne the 1956 Olympic Games, they little realised its potential to cause an international incident.

Perhaps it is appropriate to first give a little information on one of the characters. One evening at the Olympic Village a Finnish competitor named Viktor Ylonen was showing me his book of annual aggregate scores in the Free Rifle event since he had taken up that discipline in 1936. His average score for that year was 680 of a possible 1200 points. The competition comprises the discharge of 40 shots each, standing, kneeling and prone at a golf-ball sized target at 300 metres, with non-optical sights, using any calibre between 6.5 and 9mm, and a rifle with a total weight of 14 lb; the match to finish no later than six hours from the start.

In 1937 his aggregate increased to 712 and in 1938 it went to 846. The 1939 score plummeted to 589. I commented that for him 1939 was a bad year. He protested, "I am sorry my friend, they are not points, those are Russians!" He had been an eminently successful sniper in the Russo-Finnish war of that year and a national hero. To say there was an undercurrent of hostility between the Russian competitor and himself would be an understatement. Furthermore he was the current world champion.

On the day Ylonen competed he began at 8:00am so it was a little after 2:00pm when he wandered across to the Running Deer area. Shortly afterwards he and Norrie Gough (an Australian competitor in the Free Rifle event) went down to Williamstown proper to have a haircut. Some time later Bert Snow, the Range Commandant, drove up inquiring about Ylonen, as one of the Russians had equalled his score, and the rules required a shoot off to begin within 30 minutes of that occurrence. Eight minutes had already elapsed.

I hopped into the Riley and raced down to barber Luigi’s to find Ylonen in the chair. Norrie later told me that when someone walked past the shop Luigi would race out and exclaim, "Look you. Look you. I have in my chair an Olympian!" After promising Luigi that we would return, we bundled Viktor into the Riley to beat the deadline; I was surprised how calm and 'laid-back' the Finn was.

Shortly afterwards Sgt Abe Green of the 1st Armoured Regiment, which provided troops for the operation of the facilities, approached Colonel Colin Anderson, GSO1 Eastern Command, and myself, then a lowly subaltern of 4/19th Prince of Wales Light Horse, and informed us the Russkies were giving Ylonen a hard time. The skillion-roofed structure which comprised the 300-metre shooting point was divided into a number of booths separated by pine boarding walls. At the rear of each booth a hip-high railing ran the full length and separated the shooters from the 4-foot-wide passageway inside the rear wall.

Apparently the Russians had congregated in the corridor behind Ylonen and were noisily discussing his chances vis-a-vis their competitor some seven booths on and were trying to upset the Finn’s concentration. Sgt Green assured us that there were not any members of the public inside the building.

I turned to Colin, who with commendable professional prudence said, “Your troops - your problem”. I inquired of Abe if he still had the rifles used in the opening ceremony, he responded in the affirmative. I instructed him to march a squad with fixed bayonets from one end of the corridor to the other and seal each end to prevent a re-occurrence. The acknowledging “Yes Sir” was given with that enthusiasm that denotes complete and utter agreement with the order.

Within the next few minutes the cookhouse was like an upturned beehive, with cooks discarding caps, aprons and other culinary impedimenta. From somewhere and somehow Sgt Green mustered eight men, complete with rifles and bayonets and, bellowing orders like the legendary Sar-Major Briton, formed the men into two files and with a rifle and bayonets and, bellowing orders like the legendary Sar-Major Briton, formed the men into two files and with weapons at the On Guard position proceeded to clear the corridor whilst trumpeting “Hep Right, Hep Right” to indicate the advance of his detachment. The spoilers were swept ahead of Abe’s squad like dust ahead of a warehouse broom, whereafter he posted four men at each end of the passageway.

Very shortly after, a voluble and emotional protest was lodged with Mr Carlson, the Swedish Secretary-General of the International Shooting Union, down at the range house, as to the treatment of the Russian nationalists. After enduring some 20 minutes of verbal barrage, Carlson insisted that they put their protest in writing. This done, he undertook to have the matter considered by the ISU, which earlier had to contend with protests from other nations, when the Russians produced their first ‘upside-down’ pistols, which had the recoil mechanism riding above the barrel and delivered a direct rearward recoil through the forearm, rather than muzzle lift as in a conventional design where the recoil is above the wrist. During the rapid fire events these pistols did confer an advantage on the users, but because it was new technology and the rules did not specifically prohibit them, the protests had to be dismissed.

A little later the shoot-off was completed, with Viktor Ylonen winning the Gold Medal. The Russians withdrew their protests. Two years later, whilst attending the 37th World Shooting Championships in Moscow our Team Captain, Ken Gillam, returned from an administrative meeting with a referee brassard for me after the Russians had nominated me to the International Panel of Referees.

JACK DOHERTY

Courtesy of Black Beret magazine.
A CONFRONTATION
Courtesy of Les Stewart (ex 3RAR)

Between 1962 and 1966 Indonesia and Malaya fought a small undeclared war which came to involve Britain and Australia. The conflict resulted from a belief by Indonesia's President Sukarno that the creation of the Federation of Malaysia, which became official in September 1963, represented an attempt by Britain to maintain colonial rule behind the cloak of independence granted to its former colonial possessions in South-East Asia. Indonesia attempted to destabilise the new federation with a view to breaking it up, by launching a series of cross-border raids into Malaysian territory.

In December 1962 a small party of armed insurgents with Indonesian backing, attempted to seize power in the independent enclave of Brunei, only to be defeated by British troops from Singapore. By early 1963 the military activity had increased along the Indonesian side of the border in Borneo and continued throughout 1963-64 with Indonesian regular army units becoming involved.

The 3rd Battalion of the Royal Australian Regiment was at that time part of the 28th Commonwealth Brigade located at Terendak Camp in Malacca under the banner of the Far East Strategic Reserve. At first the Australian Government kept its troops from becoming involved in the confrontation, not least because of the fears that the conflict would spread to the long and difficult to defend border between Papua New Guinea and Indonesia. Repeated requests from both the British and Malaysian governments, in 1963 and 1964, for the deployment of Australian troops met with refusal.

The decision caused many a heated debate between members of 3RAR and the other two battalions of the Brigade, namely 1st Battalion Royal New Zealand Regiment (1 RNZR) and the King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry, who took every opportunity to mention their involvement and the lack of ours, particularly after a few beers in the bars which abounded near the entrance to the Terendak Cantonment.

However, the Australian government did agree that its troops could be used for the defence of the Malay Peninsular against external attack. Such attacks occurred twice. The first was an airborne raid against Labis in the south-west, where both the British and NZ battalions were deployed and took almost two months to capture the paratroop insurgents.

The second attack was on 28 October 1964, when an amphibious raid was conducted at Pontion, again on the south side of the Peninsular and just south of the Terendak Cantonment. Due to poor navigation, insufficient map detail or just bad luck, the raiders landed in a mangrove swamp bounded to the south by the Sungai Kesang River and to the west and north by a very large and high 'L' shaped bund [earthen wall] which ran all the way to the River Kesang at one end and the sea at the other.

D Company 3RAR was the stand-by Ready Reaction Force for the Brigade and was deployed at '0 Dark Hundred' on the 28th. It wasn't until the trucks stopped at Brigade HQ for a final briefing and live ammunition was thrown aboard that the troops realised that they were not on just another exercise. The Company took up positions along the 'L' shaped bund with Company HQ on the corner at about 0800 hrs. 1 RNZR were deployed on the southern side of the Sungie Kesang.

Information was received that three Malaysian policemen had been captured by the amphibious force and were inside the mangrove swamp with their captors. Apart from an attempt by the Indonesian raiders to escape on their three boats that lay in the shallows, which resulted with all three boats being rendered unseaworthy by small arms fire, very little else occurred until just after last light when several shots were fired into the swamp. This sporadic fire escalated into a barrage of fire from D Coy, punctuated by intermittent 2" mortar para-illumination flares fired by the CSM, WO2 Don Parsons.

At first light on the 29th the acting OC, Captain Bill Brydon (affectionately known as 'Black Bill' Brydon), sent a JCO, a local Chinese interpreter with a loud-hailer, along the bund calling on the raiders to surrender and stating that if they did not "we will shell them with artillery, then mortar them and then we would come in and get them".

A total of 63 rounds were fired by the 45th Light Regiment Royal Artillery, who had three 25-pounder field guns in support. This was followed by a sweep through the mangroves' by one of D Company's platoons and resulted in all 57 of the raiders walking out, together with the three Malaysian policemen, with their hands above their heads.

They were immediately disarmed, searched and found to have large rolls of Malay dollars. These were - to the best of my knowledge - all placed in two ammunition boxes and handed over to the local authorities together with the captured insurgents.

It should be noted that the company returned triumphantly to Terendak within 36 hours of its departure and thus revitalised the morale of the battalion as a whole and the bar owners outside the cantonment entrance in particular.

Readers' contributions to The Listening Post are welcome and we thank those who have taken the time and effort to send us articles such as those in this issue.

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YOUR ANZAC CLUB PRESENTS

ANZAC Club Chef Jenny and Club Manager Vicki are pleased to announce revised function menus. From as little as $20 per person, there are four three-course menus including tea/coffee and mints. There are also four very reasonable $27* per person menu selections which includes three courses with cheeses and biscuits, tea/coffee and mints, as well as hors-d’oeuvres on arrival. Prices include room hire.

**Superb Menus**

Just one of the four menus @ $27 head (*$29.70 from July 1) selection includes:

- Soup of the day
- Bread rolls and butter
- Roast Sirloin of beef gravy, roast potatoes and seasonal vegetables
- Crème Caramel with Baileys Irish Cream
- Cheese and biscuits
- Coffee/tea and mints

Club staff are also happy to arrange morning or afternoon teas, as well as evening cocktail menus. Bar facilities are available.

Function managers can contact ANZAC Club Manager Vicki by phone on 9325 9079, fax: 9325 7432 or you can contact her on email at rslwhq@echidna.id.au

**The ANZAC Club is open:**

MONDAY TO THURSDAY - 10AM - 4.30PM
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Club Bistro hours are 11.30am-2.00pm Monday-Friday with the popular $6.00 Chef’s Blackboard Menu selection.

**ANZAC Club Social Membership is available.**

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**REUNIONS**

**AIRCREW 2000 REUNION UPDATE**

With more than 3,500 expressions of interest received worldwide, Aircrew 2000 Reunion seems on target to achieve at least 2,000 registrations. To date [March 2000] the organisers have received nearly 400 paid registrations from all States of Australia and New Zealand, South Africa, Canada, the United States, Ireland, France and Spain.

With the assistance of Federal Government Ministers Alexander Downer and Bruce Scott, the organisers have been lobbying for, and are confident of, visits by ships of the RAN and possibly the Royal Navy and the United States Navy during the week of the reunion, to take part in the event. They have also met with the Chief of Air Force to explore involvement by the RAAF as well. Invitations also have been extended to the two surviving Victoria Cross recipients of the Aircrew Association from World War II.

A travelling exhibition to promote the event will tour New Zealand, the United Kingdom and Canada at such places as the Brevet Clubs Reunion in Wellington, the RNZAF Museum at Wigram, the Warbirds Over Wanaka Airshow and the RAF Museum at Hendon. The display was featured in the lobby of ANZAC House on ANZAC Day.

Should you be considering attending Aircrew 2000 Reunion, and you haven’t registered as yet, you should do so before the 30 June cut off for standard registrations, after which the cost of registration increases. Western Australians may also register for individual events.

For further details contact GRAHAM ANDERSON, Aircrew 2000 Reunion (Inc), PO Box 6360. East Perth 6892 Tel. 9221 3999 Fax. 9221 3983

**25 SUPPLY PL. RAASC**

All past members are invited to attend a reunion which will be held in Sydney in November this year. For details please phone NEVILLE JONES (08) 9754 2865 or e-mail: bigfellaney@yahoo.com.au

**103 SIGNAL SQUADRON**

All members who served in the squadron from Vietnam to the present are advised of a reunion to be held from 23-27 April 2001 in Townsville Qld. Apart from ANZAC Day, many social events are being arranged. Group bookings for a flight from WA are being investigated. Please contact PETER CUNNINGTON Tel. (08) 9457 0351; e-mail pjcunno@iinet.net.au or website www.vicnet.net.au/~103sigs.

**1935-46 EX BRITISH WAAF**

The 10th Annual reunion lunch will be held at 11:30 am on Tuesday 5 September at the RAAF Association Club Bull Creek. Cost $25. The luncheon has been arranged to coincide with the Aircrew 2000 week and visiting British WAAF will be welcome to join us. Details from CYNTHIA LYALL 2/6 Gerald St Como 6152 Tel (08) 9450 6141
So many heroes - so few medals

The issue of why some acts of bravery in the field of battle have been recognised and rewarded while similar—or even more significant—actions have gone unrewarded and have disappeared into obscurity has been the cause of angst among many military groups and the general public.

One West Australian came across the name of Alan Haddy in the book Those Ragged Bloody Heroes. Russell Mehan was so moved by the acts of bravery and leadership exhibited by Haddy in Syria and Papua/New Guinea that he thoroughly researched Haddy’s story from his childhood in Perth to his lonely death during the battle for Gona. Having delved into the many actions that won this soldier of the 2/16th Infantry Battalion the respect and admiration of his peers, the name for Russell’s book was easy to pick: An Unrewarded Hero.

Russell tells Haddy’s story as an example of actions that went unrewarded and would have never been recognised were it not for the work of earlier historians keen to record such details of conflicts across the world.

West Australian historian and author Bill Edgar, when asked to review Mehan’s book for The Listening Post, took the opportunity to explain how political and media manipulation dictates the public view of world events, including wars. Bill Edgar’s article follows:

At the conclusion of the battle for the Gona/Buna/Sanananda beachheads in Northern Papua/New Guinea in January 1943, General Douglas MacArthur pronounced to the world (but most particularly to the American voting public) that the victory had been well organised, the attacks cautious and no other campaign had so low an expenditure of life and resources.

All of which, we now know, is arrant nonsense. The facts are that the numbers of men killed or wounded almost doubled the figures of the Guadalcanal campaign in the Solomon Islands nearby. But Guadalcanal has now been imprinted in popular mythology as a theatre of bloody heroism unrivalled in the South-West Pacific during World War II - James Jones’ The Thin Red Line and all that.

Whither, then, the Gona/Buna/Sanananda beachhead’s place in history, and the men who fought there? No famous novels or songs seem to linger on to remind succeeding generations: nor have many entries been inserted into the popular consciousness of the nations represented there, to inspire future historians and balladeers to any great heights of scholarship or rhetoric or poetry.

Douglas MacArthur obfuscated the truth for his own purposes. Ambitious to become the most powerful man on earth (as was his self-appointed due), via the 1944 US Presidential elections, ‘Mac’ could not afford to have the American public find out the truth about his bungling and ineptitude in the South-West theatre during 1942. In consequence his press corps painted his ignominious departure from the Philippines in March as heroic (compare this to the departure of Australian Gordon Bennett from Singapore in February and the consequent vilification), his management of the New Guinea phases as brilliant and the final expulsion of the Japanese as masterful. All of which goes, once again, to prove what all great generals have known through history - that control of the press and, therefore, the public consciousness, is a paramount factor in achieving the accolades of one’s nation and the commensurate rewards to follow - firstly in one’s own time and then, quite often, in the sacrosanct pages of the history books and on, then, into distant posterity.

Very often, then, the awarding of medals and commendations lies, too, in the court of political expediency: mere bravery or commendable reactions under stress became secondary considerations. MacArthur was awarded the US Congressional Medal of Honour in 1942 for his conduct of the defence of the Philippines and yet, privately, President Roosevelt described his leadership there as ‘criminal’.

21st Brigade commander, Brigadier Arnold Potts, recommended three men for the Victoria Cross after the Owen Stanley’s campaign in 1942 (many agree there should have been more) and yet only one was gazetted - Private Bruce Kingsbury.

Arnold Potts himself, along the Kokoda Track, conducted a most inspirational and competent action (one of the most crucial in Australian military history) and yet his outstanding work has never been officially recognised. Even today, in the Australian War Memorial in Canberra, there is no place for him in the newly commissioned, “exhaustively researched” (?) New Guinea/Kokoda galleries.

Which conceivably goes quite some way to answering some of the questions Russell Mehan has raised in his new book on the life of Lieutenant Allan Haddy, An Unrewarded Hero.

Haddy was a member of the Western Australian 2/16th Infantry Battalion which fought in Syria in 1941, along the Kokoda Track in the August and September of 1942 and then at the Gona beachhead in the November and December.

The 2/16th was a unit in the 7th Division, 'The Silent 7th', so named because it was felt by leading political figures of the time that the 7th’s heroic actions in the Middle East against the French should be down-played. Haddy, despite his considerable heroism at the crossing of the...
Litani River and beyond, may very well have been a victim of this political inter-play. It is conceivable that the comparatively meagre amount of commendations awarded may have attracted too much adulation - and offended General de Gaulle and the French allies.

Later, the retreat along the Kokoda Track through the Owen Stanley Ranges was politically unacceptable too. Both General MacArthur's and General Blamey's careers, at that point, were under extreme threat and it was in their interests to find scapegoats for their own ineptitudes - Generals Rowell and Allen, and Brigadier Potts, were 'topped' and relatively few awards were meted out in consequence.

Retreats and defensive actions, no matter how competent, are rarely popular with political and military leaders, nor the media.

At Gona, as Russell Mehan records, Alan Haddy had his finest 'hour', an end befitting a Greek hero, a final act of bravery which most other countries would hold up in blazing lights as an example of exemplary manhood for future generations.

And yet, we Australians, almost blindly following the insidious dictates of the international media networks which dominate our living rooms and our lives, know very little of the likes of Alan Haddy, one of the finest examples of our own sons. Instead, we increasingly ape other cultures, their icons and their mythologies; our own distinctive characteristics increasingly strangled and swamped - and we are very much the poorer for it.

Russell Mehan is to be congratulated for having brought to light the life and military career of an ordinary, yet outstanding, young West Australian, one who was not looking for accolades but paid the supreme sacrifice for his mates, his family and for a way of life which he believed was under threat.

He displayed a simple integrity which soars beyond the Machiavellian twisting and turning of his political and military masters, machinations which went close to compromising our country's war effort in those precarious months during 1942.

Ordinary Australians like Haddy were outstanding, not because of those in high command, but in spite of them.

May Alan Haddy, at long last, through this work, An Unrewarded Hero, receive the reward and the accolades long due to him and his mates.

An Unrewarded Hero is available from Westralian Publishers (publishers of The Listening Post), 17 Cador Court, Carine 6020. Price, including postage is $22.45 to June 30 and $24.70 from 1 July (inc GST).

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To ensure that programs are in place for the well-being, care, compensation and commemoration of serving and ex-service Defence Force members and their dependants; and to promote Government and community awareness of the need for a secure, stable and progressive Australia.

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- Participation in Employment Programs for veterans, ex-service members and their dependants.
- Commitment to democratic principles and practices.
- Provision of a means for members to enjoy camaraderie, fellowship and mateship.
- Provision of effective and efficient management of RSL assets and resources for the benefit of its members and serving members of the ADF.
- Act as an effective lobby group to Government and its departments.
- Provision of moral and active support for the ADF.
- Provision of a respected and meaningful voice within the community and Australian society.
- Promotion of loyalty and pride which the League has for the Nation, its people, the Crown and the Flag.
New Senior Naval Officer for WA

The launch of a new Navy structure by the Chief of Navy, Vice Admiral David Shackleton, saw Commodore Peter Clarke assume the new position of Commander Australian Navy Submarine Group and that of the Senior Naval Officer in Western Australia in March this year.

Commodore Clarke replaces Commodore Paul Kable as the senior naval officer in WA.

Commodore Kable who held the now abolished position of Commodore Fleet Bases, has retired.

The new position is one of the seven Force Element Groups (FEGS) in the Navy's new structure. The seven groups are Surface Combatants, Aviation, Submarines, Amphibious and Afloat Support, Patrol Boats, Mine Warfare and Clearance Divers, and RAN Hydrography.

VIC JEFFREY
Navy Public Affairs Officer WA

HMAS Arunta arrives in West

Australia's second new-generation ANZAC-class frigate, HMAS Arunta (FF-151) arrived at HMAS Stirling for homeporting in March. The 3600 tonne frigate is under the command of Commander Greg Yorke and carries a complement of 163 officers and sailors. It was constructed at Williamstown in Victoria and was commissioned into the Navy in December 1998.

With the large contingent of families and friends on the pier to greet the ship were 10 members of the original HMAS Arunta crew. The first Arunta was a famous World War II Tribal-class destroyer which won four battle honours during the war in the Pacific.

VIC JEFFREY
Navy Public Affairs Officer WA

HMAS Arunta will make five the number of major surface combatants to be based at Fleet Base West, joining her sister ship Anzac and the guided-missile frigates Adelaide, Canberra and Darwin. Other Fleet units based at Garden Island are the four submarines, Collins, Farncomb, Waller and Otama (in reserve); replenishment ship Westralia; the two patrol boats Bunbury and Geraldton; plus the Defence Maritime Services trials and safety vessel Seahorse Standard. Six more ANZAC-class frigates are on order for the Royal Australian Navy. They are Warramunga, Stuart, Parramatta, Ballarat, Toowoomba and Perth and all should be in service by 2004.

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First For Women

Air Commodore Julie Hammer became the first woman to reach the rank of a one-star general in the Australian Defence Force when she was recently appointed as the new Director General Corporate Information Policy and Plans. Air-Cdre Hammer, who joined the RAAF in 1977, has previously been awarded the Conspicuous Service Cross for her achievements in commanding the Electronic Warfare Sqn at RAAF Base Edinburgh. She is the first woman to command an operational squadron.

Courtesy ARMY NEWS

Royal Nod for Cadet Medal

A new medal will be introduced to the Australian system of honours and awards to recognise service by officers and instructors in the Australian Service Cadet Scheme. Minister Assisting the Minister for Defence Bruce Scott said the Queen had approved the medal, called the Australian Cadet Forces Service Medal.

"The service of officers and instructors of cadets has been unrecognised since 1975 when Australia ceased issuing Imperial awards," he said. "The medal is due recognition of the valuable work performed by cadet officers and instructors who have volunteered their time to provide guidance and leadership to the youth of Australia."

Qualification for the medal is 15 years efficient service within the military cadet corps, with a clasp for each additional period of five years. Information on how to claim the medal is available at the Australian Services Cadet Scheme website at www.defence.gov.au/ascs/ or from regional cadet headquarters.

Courtesy ARMY NEWS
ANZAC Day 2000

Thomas Waterhouse, pictured with his Dad, wears his grandfather's 252 Sqn RAF medals.

Joy Barlett and Dorothy Payne AWAS.

Air Cadets from No. 3 Flight, L-R: Matthew Acton, Emma DelBorello wearing her grandfather's medals, and Anna Beadlin.

Wearing the uniform of the City of Perth Brass Band is Harry Jenkins (Capt. Rtd) ex-RAAF, South Vietnam.

Ron Hill, Normandy Veterans' Association.

Parade Marshal Barry Burling directs Army Cadets.

The then Governor Maj Gen Michael Jeffery AC MC chats to ex-servicemen before the march.

John Martin, Burma Star Association.

Korean War Veteran Ern Bader.

Sir Ernest Lee-Steele RAAF.

RAAF Veterans Noel Monks and Mick Michael.

Barry Stadden, ex SAS.

Above: Peter Treasure, 16 Battalion.

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LONG TAN: The Gunner's role.

During the battle of Long Tan South Vietnam, on 18 August 1966, not far from the Australian Task Force base at Nui Dat, soldiers of D Company 6 Battalion RAR, responding to an earlier mortar attack on the Australian base, clashed with a significantly larger enemy force in a rubber plantation. Seventeen men were killed and 19 wounded in action. The courage, determination and discipline displayed by the men of D Company during the battle against an estimated two battalions of main-force regular troops is now well documented. Critical to the success of this engagement were the actions of the men supporting the infantry. In a counter attack, Armoured Personnel Carriers (APCs) of 3 Troop 1 APC Sqn carried in reinforcements during the height of the battle and throughout the fighting artillery batteries based in Nui Dat provided a devastatingly accurate barrage of fire. The enemy losses in the battle are recorded as 245 men. The Vietnamese claimed to have killed 500 Australians thus giving an indication that their casualties were, without doubt, much higher than the post-battle body count confirmed.

In this article we look at the role played during this fierce battle by the gunners of the 1st Field Regiment, Royal Australian Artillery. During 16-18 August 1966 the Regiment fulfilled the defined role of the artillery - 'to establish such fire superiority on the battlefield that the enemy can neither mount successful operations or interfere with our own'. The story is best told in the words of the time, as recorded in a message to the Regiment from the Commanding Officer, Lieutenant Colonel Richmond Cubis.

COMMANDING OFFICER’S MESSAGE:

I would like to take this opportunity of passing my congratulations to all members of the Regiment and the Task Force Artillery on their performance and behaviour over the last two days.

On 16 August, the enemy began mortaring and shelling of the area for the first time on a heavy scale. This occurred without warning and at a time carefully and skilfully chosen. The artillery reaction was fast and effective. There is reason to suppose not only that our reaction suppressed the fire of the enemy artillery and caused him to stop before he intended to do so, but also that a subsequent target caught the enemy, either when he was assembling for an action or, possibly, infantry elements forming up for an attack. Signs of hasty withdrawal, abandonment of equipment and casualties were detected by patrols.

On 18 August, D Coy 6RAR was heavily attacked by an estimated two North Vietnamese battalions. This action, the most serious task that the Task Force had yet faced, was most efficiently resisted by the company concerned in a classic action of infantry combat. It is no discredit to the company in its most gallant action to observe that it would never have been successful without an effective employment of artillery in support.

As is to be expected the majority of the enemy casualties were inflicted by our artillery. In the course of this action we fired over 3,000 rounds, many directed to fall within 100 yards of our own soldiers.

While it is invidious to invite comparison, I would like to record my special appreciation of the following particular aspects:

- The members of HQ Bty and 131 Div Loc Bty who assisted the gun batteries in ammunition handling and thus ensured a continuous supply of ammunition to the guns.
- ‘A’ Bty 2/35 US Arty, whose speedy response to fire enabled us to suppress enemy mortars at an early stage (to the extent that they never subsequently opened fire).
- To Captain Stanley RNZA and his OP party from 161 Bty RNZA (with D Coy 6RAR) who so skilfully directed fire in the D Coy 6RAR battle.
- To the members of 103 Fd Bty who, receiving most of the enemy fire on 16 August, stood to their guns and, there is reason to suppose, drove the enemy from his.

These incidents are credible but we must be warned that the enemy is out to “get us”. It is imperative to be alert, to strive for efficiency and care, and to improve our skills. Our training has been justified by this response but we cannot afford to sit back and assume we have nothing to learn. Those incidents should be regarded as nothing more than confirming our training methods. We must continue to be alert.

(signed RICH CUBIS)

Lieutenant Colonel
Commanding Officer

This edited article is included courtesy of The Royal Australian Artillery Historical Society of Western Australia.
Fragments Of Vietnam

Permission has been granted by the publisher for The Listening Post to reproduce excerpts from Gary McKay’s book *Bulletts, Beans and Bandages* (originally published as *Vietnam Fragments* by Allen and Unwin 1992). In forthcoming editions we will feature the recollections of a cross section of Australians who served in Vietnam between 1962 and 1972, Australia’s longest war. Gary McKay saw operational service in South Vietnam in 1971, was wounded and received the Military Cross for gallantry.

In keeping with tradition, the first of this series belongs to the RAN. From the chapter entitled Fighting Talk: the sharp end, here are some recollections from Navy diver Tony Ey, who served with Clearance Diving Team No 3 in South Vietnam 1970-71.

The Clearance Diving Team members took every opportunity to gain additional experience by working with other EOD [explosive ordnance disposal] units. We all spent time at Cua Viet, a very busy place indeed, being one of the closest outposts to the DMZ [de-militarised zone]. ‘Birdcage’ mines were a constant problem in the Cua Viet River with both civilian and military craft being sunk regularly; during December 1970, five birdcage mines were recovered and 22 VC [Viet Cong] sapper swimmers were killed in one operation.

Some detachments spent time with the US Air Force EOD team at Da Nang airfield, others with our friends at Marine EOD, and Larry, Blue and I with the US Navy EOD team in Cam Ranh Bay - considered by some to be the finest natural harbour in the world after Sydney harbour. I enjoyed an interesting deployment with the 51st ARVN Division in Quang Nam Province, northwest of Da Nang. This unit had an Australian Army adviser, WO Ray Pennington, who lived in an old French fort located on high ground above the village of Dai Loc. From this fort at night we would watch tracer rounds from constant firefights criss-crossing the surrounding area. This part of the country was affectionately known to the advisers as ‘Marlboro country’.

Most of our calls for diving assistance came between midnight and 3:00am, usually after a sentry had spotted a swimmer or intruder at the nearby Deep Water ammunition piers. It is indeed an eerie and very lonely feeling searching a ship containing 9000 tonnes of high explosive in the middle of the night, with the knowledge that a trained saboteur has recently been on board.

Phil Narramore and I were afforded an interesting opportunity when a US Army air cavalry unit, based near Phu Bai, asked for assistance. They had lost a gunship on a recent mission and it was presumed to have crashed into a flooded rice paddy in Charlie [enemy] country. The only visible sign of a chopper being there was a blade protruding from the muddy water. The priority was first to recover the bodies of the two-man crew, and then the ordnance.

The task was quite unpleasant owing to zero visibility and the affinity Vietnamese leeches seem to have for Australians. As it turned out, it was not their chopper, but a gunship that had gone missing during the Tet offensive in 1968. During our time spent at their base camp, US Army Rangers, our security for the operation, taught us how to rappel from helicopters.

Occasionally our calls were closer to home. Directly across the road from our hootch was the local Navy lock-up known as ‘Correctional Custody’. They once requested our assistance after a disgruntled ex-inmate had returned to toss an M26 hand grenade through the front door. Luckily for all, it dud-fired. A simple ‘pick up and carry away’.

In the interest of keeping our souls pure, we had two brief visits from RAN chaplains. One, the Reverend P. Ball, presented us with a hymn composed by members of the ship’s company of HMAS *Perth,* at that time serving on the gun line off the coast. It read:

O God in Heaven, hear our plea,
For Clearance Divers ‘neath the sea.
While in the ocean’s dark embrace,
Keep us Thy sons within Thy Grace.
And hear us Lord, O Thou who saves,
For us Thy servants, ‘neath the waves.

A WILL TO FIGHT CANCER

Have you ever thought of making a small bequest in your Will to help the Cancer and Leukaemia Research programme?

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TUG-OF-WAR

This is an excerpt from an unpublished book, My Five Years at War 1941-1946, by Lieutenant Commander RANR (Retd) J.J. Pye. The 800 ton HMAS Reserve was designated an ‘Australian Tug Attack’ and served with distinction in the south-west and central Pacific areas during World War II. Armed with 1 x 3" HA/LA gun, 2 x 20mm Oerlikons and 2 x .5" Browning machine guns, this ‘Tug-of-War’ was involved in 12 first day landings during the war. Ed.

The only time I have ever received a top priority signal was in Manus one day at anchor when the signalman on duty called down the voice-pipe to my cabin: “Emergency Operational Priority signal coming through Sir”.

“Right, send a recall signal to our men on recreation leave ashore and ask RAN ships in company to look after any crew left behind”.

I pressed the bell to the engine room and ordered “start both main engines”. This was done automatically before the actual signal reached me a few minutes later because its significance is ‘Enemy battleships in sight’ but the signal itself burnt itself into my memory.

“From Admiral Commanding Seventh Fleet to HMAS Reserve.

The USS Walter William is on fire and is a menace to the port.

You are to attempt to move her from the harbour if possible before she explodes. She is carrying 8,000 tons of ammunition.”

I thanked God for the diesel electric engines (two geared into the one shaft and screw) and started up harbour to the Mount Hood dock which was the magazine dock named after the ship that exploded there some time before, vaporising six ships anchored in the vicinity.

As we steamed up the harbour rigging our fire hoses and readying our heavy towing lines, I was called to the TBS short range radio (used for plain language short range messages) and a voice said “Is this the Captain of the HMAS Reserve?”...”Yes Sir”...”This is the Admiral, taking command of the port in this emergency. Please report the situation to me as soon as you have assessed it”. “Yes Sir”, I replied.

As we got closer the smoke and flames were visible and most of the large ships in the vicinity (battleships and cruisers) were belching black smoke as cold oil was poured on the boiler fires so they could get under-way. USS Walter William had been abandoned by the fire fighting crews who had dropped their hoses and were running for their lives.

The heat from the fires in the numbers three and four holds was glowing red through the steel plates and as we came within signalling distance the signalman was trying to raise an answer, as we would need some help ashore or on board to shed her lines.

An American skimming dish (a fast small launch) came along side and a voice shouted, “Get to hell out of here, that ship is about to blow any tick of the clock”. Clearly all the ship’s crew and the local firefighters had fled the ship and the situation was desperate. The ship was moored bows in alongside the ammunition dock and to make matters even worse it had been reported to me that 200 torpedo warheads were stacked on the inshore end of the wharf ready for delivery to the underground magazines.

As I was wondering if I could tow her stern first without too much yawing (as she was moored bows into the shore), the First Lieutenant said, “You want a boarding party don’t you?” and I replied, “How can I order men to board that ship?...but I must have someone to handle our lines”. He said “You don’t need to order anyone” and leaning over the bridge shouted the traditional call, “Away lifeboat’s crew” and quickly, the six men nearest the boat, whether seamen, stokers, cooks or stewards, manned the lifeboat and proudly ‘held their places’. I asked him to take a signalman and let me know the state of affairs on board.

In small naval vessels the First Lieutenant commands all boarding or landing parties.

Before we parted I said, “Good luck Number One”, and he replied, “If the ship blows up we are all dead men. So if I beat you to the Pearly Gates you will only be a split second behind me so good luck to you too Sir”. He was soon in the boat and I watched him climb on board and disappear into the smoke and flame. After what was an agonising wait he reappeared and sent me a signal. “Think I can save this ship if you can get some help”. I passed the information to the Admiral immediately and in no time at all trucks appeared with US Seabees, sailors and fire fighters who took over the abandoned pumps and hoses and, with our fire hoses standing off, pumped tons of sea water on board the USS Walter William and got the fire under control.

It was dusk by the time we felt we could leave the tidying up to the shore party and start back down the harbour to our anchorage. On the way a signal came in from the Admiral, “Very many thanks for your prompt and efficient actions this day”.

From that day on we did not receive an order to “do this or that”, which did not start with the words; “Would you please do so and so” and ended with “please signify”. In other words...”If you don’t like the job let the Admiral know and he will send someone else”. However, the Admiral never had to call on someone else to do the job of HMAS Reserve.
THE PALADIN
A life of Major General Sir
John Gellibrand
by Peter S. Sadler

The Paladin, with its emphasis on Sir John Gellibrand's experiences of World War II, is an important new contribution to Australian military history. As well as being one of the outstanding leaders of the 1st AIF, Gellibrand was also one of its most interesting personalities.

Born into the Tasmanian establishment, but raised and educated in England and Germany, Gellibrand discovered the Paladins as a child and lived his life in service to others, according to the philosophies of those medieval knights errant. He graduated from Sandhurst, saw active service during the Boer War and attended Staff College before leaving the British army in 1912 to settle in Tasmania. In August 1914 he joined the AIF as a provisional Captain and left it five years later a knighted Major-General.

Because of his British army service, Gellibrand was better trained and more experienced than most of his Australian colleagues. As a staff officer in Australia, in Egypt and on Gallipoli, Gellibrand helped to raise, train and administer this new force, then won renown as a brigade and divisional commander in France. Gellibrand's writings, especially his correspondence with C.E.W. Bean, Australia's official war historian, reveal new information about the AIF's workings and personalities.

After the war Gellibrand served as Tasmania's Public Service Commissioner, Victoria's Police Commissioner and a member of Federal Parliament. In 1939 the Federal Government sought Gellibrand's advice on defence matters.

The Paladin is available through Oxford University Press, GPO Box 2784Y, Melbourne 3001, or book shops.

Written with great (sometimes graphic) detail, I found this book to be a really absorbing read. Having once lived in Malaysia, but with the associated luxuries of a peaceful time long after World War II, I can relate only to the first weeks the nurses spent in Singapore. I wonder what happened to Lt James Austin, Vivian's interesting young man at the ANZAC Club? Perhaps, like many, his fate is unknown.

The book traces Vivian's early days as a probationary nurse in Broken Hill prior to her enlistment in 1941, through the fall of Singapore, the escape, the massacre and the subsequent three and a half years of captivity and the post-war return home.

The author served in the Army Reserve in both the Armoured Corps and Command Headquarters for some 16 years before retiring as a Captain. He met Vivian Statham (nee Bullwinkel) in 1977 and later accompanied her to Bangka Island, the scene of the massacre, and the battlefields of Singapore before writing his book. A Western Australian, he lives in Perth.

This 248 page, hard-cover book is available from Hesperian Press, PO Box 317 Victoria Park 6979 $40.00 post paid WA and $42.00 Australia-wide.

DEE DOWNER

Major And Mrs Holt's Battlefield
Guide to the Somme
by Tonie and Valmai Holt

This is a most comprehensive guide to the 1916 Battle of the Somme, one of the bloodiest battles in British military history, which saw almost 60,000 men killed, wounded or missing on the first day of the battle, 1 July 1916.

Supported by maps and 140 quality colour photographs, the book has highly detailed descriptions of every aspect of the Battle of the Somme and includes four timed itineraries for the visitor. Photographs and details of many Australian Memorials are recorded. Among the photographs is one of the post World War II Australian 2nd Division Memorial at Mont St Quentin, featuring the lone bronze figure of an Australian soldier. The original memorial, portraying a Digger bayonetting the German eagle, was destroyed by the occupying German soldiers in 1940.

Crammed with information, this 256 page soft-cover book comes with an excellent fold-up colour Battle Map of the Somme, which also contains the locations of all war cemeteries, bunkers, craters, trenches, demarcation stones, memorials, museums, tourist offices, 1914-18 place names, new roads and more.

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VIC JEFFERY

ALL THE KING’S MEN

Video release from the BBC

All The King’s Men, a powerful new drama from the BBC, brings to life the true story of the troops of the Sandringham Company in World War I. The all star cast includes Maggie Smith, David Jason and Ian McDiarmid. The fate of the Sandringham Company, which disappeared in action at Gallipoli in 1915, has remained shrouded in mystery for over 80 years. The Company was a Territorial unit, formed by a “rag-bag of servants, grooms and gardeners”, from King George V’s private residence at Sandringham.

The film tells the story of these amateur soldiers, the idyllic life and the loved ones they left behind in the English country village and the horrors of a tragically ill-prepared campaign on a foreign battlefield. “The disappearance of the King’s Regiment is without doubt the greatest unsolved mystery of this century”, Winston Churchill 1919.

Distributed by Roadshow Entertainment, All the King’s Men is available from ABC Shops, ABC Centres and video retailers. RRP $29:95

GEOFF TANNER

TROOPS, TRAINS AND TRADES

The Wartime Role of the Railways of Western Australia 1939-1945

by Philippa Rogers

This meticulously researched publication will immediately appeal to any locomotive enthusiast. However, any Western Australian who has a link to the WA Government Railways system during World War II as an employee or relative of an employee, as a member of the Armed Forces, as an historian–military or otherwise–will be delighted with the depth of material and the abundance of previously unpublished photographs, personal recollections, drawings, maps etc.

Australia relied heavily on the WA rail system during the war years to transport materiel, troops, food, fuel, even enemy POWs (including survivors of the Kormoran, the ship that sank HMAS Sydney off the Carnarvon coast) and at the same time provide ‘normal’ passenger services.

Antiquated rolling stock was pressed into service in unusual roles, such as mobile RAAF Recruiting facilities and ambulance trains. The then-thriving Midland Railways workshops were pressed into service, repairing and manufacturing military equipment, including work for US Naval vessels. In a book dealing with what could have been a dry subject and where not a shot is fired in anger, this interesting work was very hard to put down.

Highly recommended, the book is available from the author Philippa Rogers PO Box 128 Bassendean 6934 Soft-cover $29:95 or $37:50 for the hard-cover version. CHRIS BROOKS

ANGUA—One Man Law

Australian New Guinea Administrative Unit

by Clarrie James

ANGUA was unique. From early 1942 to 1946 this unit administered the combined Territories of Papua and New Guinea and, through its control of native labour and fighting men, materially helped in the defeat of the Japanese. Many young Australians joined ANGUA as Patrol Officers and worked alone in some of the remotest areas to ensure that policy of the day was disseminated. Little was known of their stories and the importance of their tasks amongst the indigenous population of the country.

The book is well-written and the stories are in some cases exciting and clearly described, but they are also liberally interspersed with humorous incidents that illustrate the necessity for understanding and assistance which was required by the author towards the population for whom he worked.

The book is available at a cost of $20 including postage, from Australian Military History Publications, 13 Veronica Place, LOFTUS 2232.
We regret to announce the death of Sir William Keys AC OBE MC, who passed away on 3 May. Sir William held the position of the League's National Secretary from 1961-1978 and was National President from 1978-1988.

Can you help

WILD GEESE INTERNATIONAL
Are you a combat veteran who owns a CB radio? WILD GEESE Combat Veterans' Radio Communications Group would like to hear from you. The group's activities include monthly meetings and talk back sessions on CB radio (27meg. Channel 28, LSB) every Monday evening at 19:30 hrs and every Wednesday evening at 20:00 hrs.

Anyone interested in obtaining additional details or in becoming a member can contact Doug Whitworth (Tel: 9446 2611) or Jack Lanigan (Tel: 9342 7038).

SEARCH FOR TRIFFETTS
Biographical information is being sought to support the publication of a book recognising the Triffett/Triffet family's contribution to Australia's defence forces last century.

The project will cover World Wars I and II and other conflicts or military operations. All three branches of the service will be incorporated. The author will be glad to hear from anyone who can help by providing information, photographs etc. Please contact Grant Triffett PO Box 573 Healesville Vic. 3777 or phone (03) 5962 5836

‘NOT LIKE A REAL WAR’
In our Autumn edition we mentioned William Cook from Ravenswood is trying to get hold of a copy of the book Not Like a Real War but his contact number was incorrect. William is still looking and the correct phone number is (08) 9537 6067.

WWI MEDAL FOUND IN SWAN RIVER
The medal is engraved '2175 Pte. F. Jones 28Bn. AIF'. Records show that Pte Jones, from Collingwood, Victoria, died of wounds on 12 March 1917 and was buried in France. Robert Manley, the diver who found the medal, has sent it to the 2/28th Inf. Bn. Association who will endeavour to return it to its rightful owner. If you have any information that may help please contact Tom Stenhouse H/Sec. 2/28th Inf. Bn. Assn. on 9387 1944

RESIDENT OF QUADRIPLEGIC CENTRE NEEDS HELP
Dawn Foot is the 49 year old daughter and sister of returned servicemen. Unfortunately her parents are too elderly to visit and her brother lives in Queensland. She is in great need of someone to take her out once a week or once a fortnight, to shop, see a movie or some other fun outing.

Dawn is in a wheelchair and has a head injury but she has a bright fun loving personality and is able to make herself clearly understood. I would be most grateful for any assistance you may be able to give me in finding a suitable volunteer to be a companion to Dawn on such outings.

JANE HINDLEY
Quadreplegic Centre, Shenton Park.
Tel. (08) 9381 0144

AUSSIES IN BIEN HOA
A British publication The Mammoth Book of War Diaries and Letters (1998) edited by Jon Lewis contains a letter from a US Army Private based in Bien Hoa, South Vietnam, to his father. In the letter he tells of an incident in the Australian sector of the base..."The other night some VC tried to capture one of the Australians from their camp. They tried to drag him away but he blew hell out of two of them and the others took off.".....Anyone who can verify this incident is asked to contact The Listening Post Editor.

CHRIS BROOKS
Warfare to Welfare

Australians are fortunate. Not only do we have an expansive and diverse land, rich in produce and materials providing adequate wealth for our citizens but we have also inherited a social framework, a judicial system and a parliamentary democracy that is the envy of the citizens of many less fortunate nations.

We are an egalitarian and tolerant people, welcoming migrants from around the world and we afford shelter to genuine refugees from strife-torn lands. These ‘New Australians’ share in our wealth and participate fully in our society. A society whose values were formed by previous generations and which we proudly maintain.

We have never been reticent in encouraging our own values of freedom and equality for others in the global family and on many occasions have contributed to the actual defence of these hard won values. From the heights of Gallipoli to the seige of Tobruk, from the horrors of the Burma railway to the jungles of Vietnam, our nation, through our servicemen and women, has been in the forefront of protecting the democratic rights and freedom of peoples to live without the fear of oppression or intimidation. Today, driven by public opinion and our sense of civic duty, we are supporting our neighbours in East Timor to establish their nation and self-determine their own future.

On 25 April every year we bring together all the elements in our country’s ethos, all the values which we hold paramount. In services around the nation we commemorate, celebrate and thank the people whom we sent to war to do our bidding. We build memorials to their deeds and sacrifice, we applaud and acclaim them, as they are a reflection of our national spirit.

The principles by which we live come at a heavy cost. Look closely between the ranks of our passing ANZAC parade. The cost is to be seen in the faces and bodies of our ex-servicemen. The disabled of body and mind is the human cost of our nation’s high moral standards. The cutting short of youthful lives, the crushing of a fulfilled existence, the diminished human potential is all there to be seen just beneath clean white shirts and jangling medals.

Not only on ANZAC Day but for 365 days of the year the Australian public perceive that their veterans’ needs are provided for by a separate government department presided over by a dedicated Federal Minister. The Minister for Veterans’ Affairs and his attendant department are there to ensure that adequate government finance is made available to recompense the disabled. Compensating the veteran for the trauma of war-caused disabilities allows him and his family to participate as fully as they are able within the mainstream of a grateful Australian society.

Tragically this is not the case! Successive Federal Ministers have not ensured that the disabled veteran’s family has an income comparable with the average Australian family. The public trust placed in the government has been broken and the veteran’s sacrifice has been negated and abused. While Australia experiences the highest national growth rates in 30 years and the nation has the peace and stability to enjoy the wealth, the disabled veteran is left trailing, economically marginalised on an income of 45% of one average Australian wage.

The Australian family in the year 2000 requires the earnings of two people to maintain an acceptable life-style and provide an adequate income to raise a family. The average disabled veteran’s family has an income of less than half of one person’s earnings to do the same job. Where the veteran’s partner has employment and the disabled veteran looks after their children the veteran’s income is further reduced by the Department of Veterans’ Affairs. This reduction in income allows the government to avoid its duty of care by leaving the financial responsibility for the disabled veteran’s well-being with the partner.

The disabled veteran is three times disadvantaged. Firstly, he lives every day with the scars and trauma of his wounds, wounds sustained in the service of his nation and government. Secondly, the legislation which governs veterans’ entitlements is based on an Australian society of the 1950s and, thirdly, the Ministry and the Department of Veterans’ Affairs have failed to maintain disabled veterans’ income at a level comparable to the income of the average Australian family in the year 2000.

These three factors combined have rendered the lives of once committed servicemen, proud in the service of their country, to that of dejected cripples, ashamed of continued governmental neglect and embarrassed by the impoverishment of their families.

The Australian nation expects the government of the day to honour its civic duty and properly care for the the disabled veterans as once they expected their young servicemen to discharge the nation’s policies and do their military duty. It is now time to excercise the principle of natural justice and restore the dignity to our disabled veterans by applying ‘The Average Australian Family Income’ to ‘The Average Australian Disabled Veteran’s Family’.

No ANZAC Day applause or acclaim, or the opening of memorials ever fed, clothed or educated the children of disabled veterans.

FRANK (JOCK) O’NEILL
Fremantle War Memorial

I am not an ex-serviceman, but my father and older brother served overseas for their country. A friend of mine who is an ex-serviceman and member of the RSL loaned me some copies of The Listening Post to read. On page 41 of your Summer 1999 edition I was interested in the article on the Fremantle Monument. I just cannot believe the attitude of the Fremantle City Council in not going with the will of the people.

I have enclosed a cutting from the February 19th Fremantle Herald, just in case you have not seen it. Good luck with your endeavours.

R.J. (BOB) BRIDGER

Article from Fremantle Herald, 19 February 2000:

Skate ban trips up

The proposed local law to ban skateboarding on Monument Hill has been scuttled by three Fremantle councillors and the absence of another.

Some 75 per cent of the Council must vote for the law in order to bring it into being. It failed to clear that hurdle.

Long-time critics of the proposed ban, Crs Bruce Campbell, Rose Pinter and Geoff Graham, refused to budge. They did not heed law supporters’ claims the ban would help preserve the historic monument from damage.

Cr Shirley Mackay, a key backer of the proposed law, was absent on leave; that, and the three councillors voting no, was enough to dump the law, leaving some 30 veterans in the public gallery in stunned silence.

“1 believe this amendment contravenes my commitment to social justice,” said Cr Campbell, adding it would not stop the skateboarders.

Deputy Mayor Wayne Sgro countered: “When you get 17,000 people responding to a public forum we can do nothing but listen”.

A flood of support for the law poured in after it was advertised, including a petition with more than 1,000 names and 24 submissions, one from the RSL with its 12,000 WA members.

60 years since the ANZACS landed in Britain

Enclosed is an article from The Times newspaper dated 26 June 1940 regarding the arrival of ANZACS in Britain in the darkest hours of World War II. This 10,000 strong 2nd AIF UK force received a very warm welcome. There were many ‘WXers’ in the force including WXl. As seen by the enclosed list of dignitaries who visited the force over a period, this is probably the largest number of ‘Brass’ to visit an Australian force in history!

King George VI; HRH Duke of Gloucester; HRH Duke of Kent; Rt Hon W. Churchill; Lt Gen Sir R.H. Carrington; Maj Gen W. Bridgeford; Field Marshall Lord Birdwood; Rt Hon Anthony Eden; Lt Gen C.A. Auchinleck; Rt Hon Viscount M. Bruce; Mr. G. Shakespeare; Earl of Salisbury, Viscount Cranbourne; Gen Sir A Brooke; Gen Sir J. Dill and Captain David Niven.

I hope you find some of the enclosed worthy of mention as it is 60 years since the 2nd AIF landed in Britain.

ALAN R LOWE
Ex 2/3rd Field Artillery Rgt. RAA
Mooloolaba Qld

Japanese Task Force Threat

In the Autumn 2000 issue of The Listening Post your correspondent from Mandurah Sub-Branch quoted an extract from the book The History of the Letter Batteries co-authored by the writer and Mr Ray Neal of Sydney. This story was included in the book as two ‘Letter’ batteries, ‘J’ & ‘K’ each consisting of two 155mm guns, were at that time emplaced at the North end of Garden Island and Point Peron respectively and would have been heavily involved if a Japanese attack had occurred.

The section on the March 1944 scare involving a Japanese Task Force that was included in the book was taken, with permission, from the official Australian War Memorial two volume publication which detailed the complete history of the RAN in World War II (1942-45) and was researched and edited by G. Herman Gill in 1968. He obviously had complete access to all naval records to enable him to write this history.

Sometime after The History of the Letter Batteries was published I heard indirectly that there was some doubt as to the correctness of the account given in the Australian War Memorial publication... but regardless of the later interpretation of the event the following facts are still relevant;

• a Japanese Naval Task Force probably did enter the Indian Ocean
• the steamer Bihar was sunk and the Lascar crew massacred
• the port of Fremantle was cleared and shipping sent down to Albany
• the submarines at Fremantle were ordered out to sea to form a protective screen against possible attack
• the six coast defence batteries around Fremantle were placed on high alert during the first six weeks of March 1944
• the Air Force heavily reinforced its operations at Pearce and Potshot (Exmouth)

During the first weeks of March 1944 weather conditions in the Indian Ocean were appalling, approaching cyclone conditions, and very little aerial reconnaissance could be undertaken to locate a possible Japanese Naval Task Force.
Finally the remarks of Rear Admiral Ralph W. Christie, Commander of Task Force 71 USN based at Fremantle, are very pertinent:

“There is no doubt that a very general and undesirable attitude of complacency had developed in this (Perth) community. This threat has resulted, in my opinion, in a very definite improvement in that attitude. All hands, both service and civilian, have been alerted.”

I would like to draw your attention to an error on page 45 in the Autumn issue. In the second last paragraph the date should be the 17th March not the 7th.

REG KIDD

Recognition Of Service

It was with great pleasure that I read of the awards granted to members of Australian forces that served with INTERFET during the recent East Timor troubles.

Having seen these deserving members of the Defence Force receive their just and well-earned recognition, I can only wonder how unfortunate it is that, after 35 years, Australia has still failed to recognise the service and gallantry of our servicemen who served in the forgotten war that went by the name of Confrontation.

There has never been a word of thanks, a welcome home or any form of recognition from either the Australian Government or governments of the countries so valiantly and successfully defended from Indonesian aggression. I refer to Malaysia and Brunei Darussalam.

Veterans who served in Borneo during Confrontation wear the Imperial award BGSM with clasp Borneo. The same medal with different clasps has been awarded by the British government for numerous small conflicts and has no special significance to Australian veterans who served with Commonwealth forces during Confrontation.

Malaysia has issued Malaysian forces with a medal for this campaign; Brunei Darussalam appears to have ignored it altogether. Our own Government dismisses it as an ‘insignificant police action’, best forgotten in case we upset the Indonesian Government.

As a member of both 1 Sqn and 2 Sqn SASR, who served in Borneo during Confrontation 1965-66, I am aware of many instances of valorous service that have gone unrewarded, not to mention exemplary service by base support staff who allowed our patrols to operate so successfully in that incredibly difficult terrain.

I have no wish to belittle the wonderful effort of INTERFET troops, but they served a few months, with the full support and admiration of their country, covering a short border against a militia force numbered in hundreds. For two years during Confrontation, we guarded a border that stretched over hundreds of kilometres of inhospitable terrain, against the best regiments in the Indonesian armed forces.

In that time no enemy force successfully penetrated Malaysia’s borders. The few that managed to cross were swiftly dealt with.

We never enjoyed the support of the Australian public mainly because they were never fully informed. Our equipment was World War II vintage while our enemy, Indonesia, enjoyed modern equipment; some supplied by Australia under the Colombo Plan.

Our ‘welcome home’ was to arrive at Pearce air base to be greeted by Customs and Department of Agriculture officers to ensure that we were not smuggling goods or introducing nasty diseases into the country.

Our OC made it known that though many members of the Squadron deserved awards, none would be recommended. I do not know what his reasons were for failing to recommend deserving soldiers their due, or why Malaysia, Brunei Darussalam or Australia have failed to recognise our service, but surely even at this late date it is still not too late to set the record right.

D. HAMMOND

Veterans’ Affairs

DVA ADMINSTERS DEFENCE COMPO SCHEME

The Government recently transferred the administration of the Military Compensation Scheme (MCS) from the Department of Defence to the Department of Veterans’ Affairs. The MCS provides members of the Australian Defence Force (ADF) with compensation and rehabilitation for service-related injuries or diseases under the SAFETY, REHABILITATION AND COMPENSATION ACT 1988 (SRCA).

There will be no disruption to services and benefits for veterans, war widows and other dependants.

The Minister for Veterans’ Affairs, Bruce Scott, said the change will provide more timely service, improved consistency in decision making, better efficiency and effectiveness, and greater accessibility.

Those members or former members of the ADF, eligible for benefits under both the SRCA and Veterans Entitlements Act, in particular, will benefit. Over the next six months most Military Compensation and Rehabilitation Service (MCRS) offices will co-locate with DVA but in the meantime, clients should make an appointment with their local MCRS office who will confirm their location.

PERTH TOLL-FREE 1800 817 489
Of all the types of disabilities for which a veteran might claim, one of the most difficult areas, without a doubt, is the range of muscular-skeletal injuries. The SoPs (Statement of Principles) for these are very specific indeed and—unlike claims involving smoking histories, or psychiatric disabilities (for which “anecdotal” information provided by the veteran is usually sufficient)—some sort of objective, “provable” evidence is usually required.

If you have a bad back, neck, shoulder, elbow, wrist, hip, knee or ankle which is now giving you considerable pain, stiffness and/or causing you to limp or is interfering with sleep etc, and you firmly believe that it emanated from your war or defence service, just bear the following “essential fact” in mind. The SoPs have little regard for an “abnormal wear and tear” argument. Unless 10 years or more have been spent in abnormally heavy, daily, manual tasks (primarily lifting and moving heavy objects) - your claim CANNOT and WILL NOT SUCCEED. (NO Australian has ever, or will ever (please God) spend 10 years at war!)

Put simply, the SoPs overwhelmingly tend to be geared to a “trauma” having occurred, which had the immediate effect of bringing on sudden, sharp pain. Generally there are two types of traumatic injury which can be successfully argued, if the appropriate history is available to “back-them-up”.

One is to do with injury involving bone (eg: a fracture, or serious displacement of an intervertebral disc). The second type may have involved a soft tissue injury (eg: ligament torn away from bone - in which symptoms appear to subside fairly quickly - but, in fact, persist and gradually worsen. Many veterans have explained to me: “As it started to settle after a day or two, I thought it was just muscular, and that I’d be fine if I just took it easy for a few days”).

Let us use as an example the lower spine (which is a very vulnerable part of the human frame—having to bear, as it does, two-thirds of body weight). Indeed, I suspect that it is because low back ache is so prevalent amongst middle-aged and older people in the wider community that the SoPs have been made so “tough”. If there has been a significant injury early in life though, signs of premature degeneration of bone are often evident. The medical term for this degeneration in the spine is Spondylosis.

Although there are multiple causative “Factors” spelt out in the SoP, the two mainly used ones that can apply are:

- Suffering a trauma before the clinical onset of Lumbar spondylosis.

(And the SoP Definition for this is: a discrete (single) injury to the lumbar spine that causes the development, within 24 hours of the injury being sustained, of acute symptoms and signs of pain and tenderness, and either altered mobility or range or movement of the lumbar spine. These acute symptoms and signs must last for a period of at least seven days (Note: ten days if non-war-related) following their onset save for where medical intervention for the trauma has occurred, where that medical intervention involves either:

(a) immobilisation of the lumbar spine by splinting, or similar external agent; or
(b) injection of corticosteroids or local anaesthetics into the lumbar spine; or
(c) surgery to the lumbar spine.)

OR

• Suffering from permanent ligamentous instability of the lumbar spine before the clinical onset of lumbar spondylosis.

(This latter is Defined as: continuing or recurring abnormal mobility and instability of the lumbar spine which is characterised by the regular recurrence of episodes or pain and/or tenderness affecting the lumbar spine).

Most of the cases I put forward tend to be of the “ligamentous” type: “soft tissue” injuries, in which the veteran retrospectively describes that he “jarred” his back (or maybe “tore” something, or “ripped” it, whilst at war—or perhaps on exercise—but didn’t report it at the time).

A typical example is the infantryman or engineer in Vietnam who, awkwardly exiting from a hovering helicopter with a substantial weight on his back goes sprawling, or tips backward and feels something in his back “give”—usually a sharp, hot, tearing sensation of pain.

These men couldn’t have timed it worse, due to their having-to-keep-going, or a conviction that it “probably wasn’t serious enough” to report - and most neglected to “follow-up” after the pain eased (usually within a couple of days, or even less),
If however, those men began to experience intermittent signs of pain, stiffness, tenderness etc - or were starting to investigate physiotherapists or chiropractors seeking some relief - then these are the patterns consistent with “permanent ligamentous instability”. (Degeneration tends to be a subtle, insidious process. It doesn’t happen overnight. However, someone injured like this in his/her early twenties, probably will be having recurrent, worsening back problems by the age of 35, if not earlier).

Fractures, or bone injuries, on the other hand, usually manifest with more dramatic symptoms a lot earlier (but not always! Some World War II veterans have been shown to have old, old fractures - but they stoically kept-on-keeping-on for years before finally complaining or seeking some help!)

So, if you are thinking of applying for a musculoskeletal disability, be cautious when putting in a claim. Do your “homework” first.

• Firstly, go over in your mind exactly what you can remember of the episode you believe “triggered” off your problems. Then draft out a full statement of the Where/When/How it happened, as best you can recall.

• Seek out anyone who can corroborate the episode (a comrade who was with you, or knew you had hurt yourself at the time; a tent-mate who might have heard you groaning in pain at night; anyone who might remember you having been put on light duties etc. Did you write any letters home to sisters/wives. mentioning something? Be your own “detective”. Try to get hold of any evidence you possibly can to support your contention).

• If you approached any GP, physiotherapist, chiropractor, acupuncturist etc over the years, seeking relief - sit down and try to compile a list of who/where they were, and approximately when you went to them.

• Obtain up-to-date x-rays and arrange for a consultation with an orthopaedic specialist (and/or treating chiropractor/physio, if you have one) and ask he/she/them “whether, in their opinion, the degree of degeneration observable on the x-ray evidence is consistent with the injury you have described, which was incurred in ……..(the year)”

Last, but not least, exclude any other possible explanations for the premature onset of your muscular-skeletal pain.

If you have ever had a motor vehicle accident, for instance, accept that it too may well have had a role in your back-pain/skeletal problems. If you were knocked off your bike by a car as a child; or played contact sports at school or competitively; or fell off a balcony or out of a tree—these accidents will “cloud” the causation issue.

If, however, you honestly believe that the only logical explanation for your early onset of arthritic pain was the “discrete” injury you sustained during your service, then get a diagnosis from your GP; ring and ask me to send you out the relevant SoP: and be guided by the “homework” approach I have outlined above!

And the best of Aussie luck to you!

MARGOT HARNESS
War Compensation Officer

Schools’ Anzac Day Service
In Kings Park

Once again the Commemorative ANZAC Service for Schools held at the State War Memorial on 7 April was an outstanding success. Supported by the Armadale Senior High School Concert Band and the Creaney Primary School Choir. year 7 student commentators Kersten Legg and Sam Dudman, from Davallia Primary School, conducted the ceremony, with poise and assurance in front of the official party.

During the ceremony students from Leeming Senior High School performed a ‘Reader’s Theatre’ in which family photographs and news clippings illustrated how war affects the lives of servicemen and their families. Commander Brian Crowden RAN, Commanding Officer of HMAS Westralia, was guest speaker.

Representing the children of Western Australia, Wards of Legacy, Jennifer Parish and Shane Pannowitz, placed a wreath on the State War Memorial. Scouts and Guides performed the Flag Raising ceremony during the sounding of the Last Post and Reveille by bugler Brent Grapes. a student from Perth Modern Senior High School.

Performed by the students for the children of Western Australia. this well prepared 30 minute ceremony is one of the most moving of the year.

CHRIS BROOKS

Legacy wards, Shane Pannowitz (left) and Jennifer Parish.
Humour in Uniform

LOGIC: 'logic' - the science of reasoning.

The location was a helipad on the edge of the jungle. A young British RE Lieutenant on his first independent command arrived to take over an Engineer detachment out in the jungle. Their task was to construct some buildings and a small bridge for a native village. The military force in the area was part of a United Nations operation.

Upon arrival the Lieutenant was met by a private soldier with a jeep who told him he was to be driven to the village. The Lieutenant asked if it was very far and was told “Just the end of the track, Sor.” The Lieutenant was curious as to why a member of the Irish Army should be involved and was informed that the Irish Army was providing transport for the RE detachment.

As they were motoring along the driver asked if the officer had been to the location before and on being informed that this was not the case suggested it would be useful if some words of the local language were learnt. The driver said it was called ‘pidgin’ and wasn’t all that hard. He also said that the pigeons in the area must be clever birds to be able to speak as his father had kept pigeons for over thirty years and had never heard one speak in all that time!

After driving a few more miles the Lieutenant enquired if there was much further to travel and was told that it was ‘Just over the hill and into the valley.’ Sure enough the village came into view and they soon arrived at the base camp. As the officer got out of the jeep he thanked the driver and said “I didn’t think that the track would be that long’ whereupon the driver replied

“Sure now, if it had been any shorter it wouldn’t have reached here at all!”

TERRY GILL

SCENE STEALER

The viewers, including many members of the WAAAF were watching a real ‘tear-jerking’ film, possibly “Wuthering Heights” at a well known WA air base.

At a point where the heroine had passed away, and the hero held her in his arms on a balcony overlooking the moor, the atmosphere was very tense and some weeping and sniffing became quite audible. At this moment, from the audience a loud male voice called out, “Bring me another woman - this one’s dead!”

ANONYMOUS (wisely)

PRIORITIES

The company was crossing a wide, fast flowing river in central Malaysia. Local boatmen with dug-out canoes were to transport a platoon to establish a defensive perimeter on the far bank to provide protection for the following Platoons and headquarters personnel.

The first to cross was the scout section from 1 Platoon. As lead scout I was the first into the canoe and thinking the water would not be too deep right at the edge of the bank, although you couldn’t see the bottom as the water was very muddy, I put one foot into the water intending to put my other foot into the canoe. To my consternation my foot did not touch bottom, I lost my balance, grabbed the canoe which promptly turned turtle and floated away from the bank! I tried to hold onto the canoe, which started to spin, lost my grip and disappeared under the surface into several feet of water.

My plight was made worse by the large pack I was wearing, along with a Sten SMG, several magazines of ammunition, grenades, water bottles and basic pouches - probably 70-80 lbs in weight. Add to this my aquatic ability, which was on a par with a house brick! I managed to shed my pack and weapon whilst I was still sinking. Then I was grabbed by the hair and pulled to the bank but not before I had swallowed a lot of muddy water.

One of my section then hauled me up the bank and I lay there like a gaffed fish, spewing water and debris and feeling much worse for wear. My mate then sat me up, shook me and said “Ye haven’t lost the bluidy smokes have ye?” I must explain that as I had room in my basic pouches I carried our section ration of cigarettes, some 4 x 50 Senior Service cigarettes, we had been on patrol for some weeks and cigarettes were scarce. When I answered that they were in my pouches and probably OK the rejoinder was “That’s alright then - and it’s bluidy time you learnt ta swim!”

No one was concerned that I had nearly drowned. The Sten and equipment were recovered and the rest of the company crossed without further incident. That night there was a lot of laughter over my predicament and how I looked after being retrieved. But I still counted them as good mates and I was still allowed to carry the cigarettes.

TERRY GILL
EAST TIMOR- LESSONS LEARNED

The following ‘lessons’ are carefully selected from a collection of observations and whinges from various units in East Timor. Whilst stemming from the recent conflict, the situations described and the dry military humour will be appreciated by most serving and ex-service men and women. No offence is intended. I don’t think we missed anyone. ED.

- Infantrymen know everything and require no specialist advice at any stage.
- If the infantrymen didn’t see it in war movies or commando comics, then you can’t bring it into a theatre of operations. So even after two months without decent sanitation, you can’t bring Portaloos here (‘cos they are like what you have at the Show and that, not in a war).
- The genetic code in DNA that determines memory has a part of the double helix that links ability to recall everything perfectly with being the senior rank in the room. Junior ranks automatically have inferior powers of recall, especially relating to verbal tasking for things that fouled up. This is compensated for by highly developed ‘blame receptors’ in those same junior ranks.
- If you regularly run 10km for your own PT, you’re not part of the team. If you play minor team games with the HQ once a week, you’re part of the team.
- Supporting 4,500 troops can be done without spending money. If anyone comes to you with a request to do something that costs a lot of money, it obviously is not required.
- Water quality is a democratic issue. The Senior Medical Officer should not be allowed to unilaterally dictate whether the water is safe to drink, just because he is a pathologist.
- Officers don’t need to do first parade services on vehicles. In fact a vehicle will run forever without servicing or even fuel if you have a senior officer driving it.
- Generator sets have all the properties of vehicles (see above) except that officers don’t know how to start them.
- If a foreigner can’t understand you in English, just speak louder until they understand. They are just deaf.
- There is no need for females to refrain from patting cute dogs with rabies, even when the hospital is out of rabies vaccine due to people being bitten. Women are naturally immune to rabies.
- All Corps responsibilities such as wiring and sand-bagging are an Engineer responsibility.
- If a monsoonal downpour starts during a mealtime, the kitchen can be closed straight away. People’s hunger will immediately disappear whenever it rains. In fact most people won’t need any nourishment during the wet season.
- Any small luxuries that are announced in the confer-

LEGACY

money or an article given by will to a survivor
(Oxford Reference Dictionary)

ARE YOU WRITING OR REVISING YOUR WILL?

LEGACY, the body committed to making sure that dependants of ex-servicemen and women are cared for when the breadwinner is no longer there to do so, needs and appreciates your financial support. Please phone 9367 5799 to see how you can help.

CORRECTION: JOHN FORREST

The article in the Summer 1999 edition entitled The Boor War Remembered stated that Alexander Forrest was WA’s first Premier. It was, of course, his brother John Forrest, who went on to become Australia’s first Minister of Defence and who was one of the Federation’s ‘Founding Fathers’.
SUB-BRANCH NEWS

BICTON-PALMYRA

It is appropriate to commence with a report on ANZAC Day when we again held a moving and memorable Dawn Service. Not even the threat of rain could keep away an excellent and attentive crowd. Our sincere thanks to the Padre and Bugler and to all who assisted.

On 26 April we again hosted the Year 7 students from Bicton, Palmyra and Lady of Fatima primary schools. We thank all who gave their time to ensure that the students not only gained a better understanding of the meaning of ANZAC Day, but who also loaned cherished items of memorabilia for the children to see and touch. The Sub-Branch also presented to each student a commemorative ANZAC $1:00 coin. We thank Doug Shave MLA and City of Melville Mayor Katie Mair for attending our ceremony.

A special presentation has been made to Mr Bill Millane for 14 years of hospital visits, an award well deserved.

On a lighter note, our social activities have been well planned with good attendances at each event. A visit to the Pinjarra races was the highlight where, midst flowing champagne and torrential rain, our members did their best to enrich the bookmakers. A reminder that the last Friday of the month is ‘Hot Meal Night’. Join us for good company, good food ($2 per serve) and live entertainment. Meals are served at around 6:30pm.

Anyone who would like to play indoor bowls at the Sub-Branch on Mondays at 12:00 noon, would be most welcome. Just bring a plate and enjoy a fun afternoon.

TREVOR PESCUD PRO

BROOME

In 1921 the citizens of Broome completed the town’s War Memorial. An obelisk-style structure constructed of sandstone, it stood almost 11 metres (36’) high. As a result of weathering caused by the many wet seasons and the salt air, the memorial deteriorated to the extent that it was unsightly and dangerous. Two sections that were removed as a precaution were never seen again.

After many years of discussion regarding renovations a restoration committee was formed in 1998. A previous quote for renovation work from an Eastern States stonemason was $80,000. Raising that amount in Broome would have been a daunting task, but fundraising commenced.

A unanimous committee decision was made to build a new memorial rather than renovate the old structure, and offers of assistance came from the Broome Council, business and tradespeople. An offer of a 10-tonne block of granite was gratefully accepted and it was sent to Perth for cutting, polishing and engraving, with gold lettering, the names of the Australian Servicemen from Broome who were killed in action; 57 in World War I, seven in World War II and two in Vietnam. Built on the original base, the new memorial stands three metres high and is topped by four sections of polished granite. Three of the sides display a badge of one of the three service arms and the fourth the names of the fallen.

A separate slab containing the names of 59 Dutch Service personnel and families, and six British and 19 American servicemen who died in Broome was produced at the same time and is set in a small wall near the main memorial. A paved path links the two memorials and floodlights automatically illuminate both memorials and the flagpole from dusk until dawn.

At the time of writing a re-dedication service has been planned by the Sub-Branch for 24 April, with the Netherlands, British and US Consul Generals and their Military Attachés attending.

We wish to express our gratitude to the people, tradespeople and businesses of Broome for the way they helped in this project. In particular we wish to thank Broome Shire Council for its assistance. As a result of the generosity of the Broome community the cost of the new memorial was half the original quote.

KEITH (SPIKE) WELLMAN

BULLSBROOK & DISTRICTS

Considering that many people were away over the Easter break the ANZAC march and the Dawn Service held at our hall were well attended, particularly by young people. Swelling the ranks of marchers were RAAF personnel who also provided the catafalque party. WO G. Black represented the OC of RAAF Pearce and the Republic of Singapore Air Force was represented by its CO, Lt Col W. See.

As in past years the 1st Bullsbrook Air Scouts paid tribute to our fallen with an all night vigil, then joined the marchers prior to the Dawn Service, as well as participating in the Flag and Wreath Laying Ceremonies. Our Bugler was Bob Hendry from Bindoon who attends every year.

God bless him. The Last Post and Reveille sounded their magnificent haunting calls in the still crisp air throughout Bullsbrook.

At the conclusion of the Dawn Service official guests and other members of the large gathering joined us for a
hearty breakfast. Further fellowship followed during the day. Many thanks to our industrious committee, volunteers and in particular the Ladies Auxiliary for their splendid work.

HELEN MURGATROYD SECRETARY

BUNBURY

Fifty years on - the first lunch of the new millenium offered the ladies of the Women’s Auxiliary the opportunity to recognise the 50th wedding anniversary of longtime members Colin and Joy Hughes. Colin’s first contact with the Sub-Branch was in 1948 when, newly discharged from the Occupational Forces in Japan and resuming his career as a plumber, he was contracted to hook up the RSL hall to the sewage system. After a two year engagement Colin and Joy married on 11 February 1950 and hired the hall for their reception. “Here we are again, fifty years on to the very day and this time sharing lunch with friends”, Colin said. Congratulations Joy and Colin; we look forward to sharing your 60th anniversary.

Public interest in and attendance at the ANZAC Day parade through Bunbury continues to grow. Despite wet weather, parade numbers were up again this year, swelled by Cadet units from TS Bunbury, 10 Flight ATC, the Australind Senior High School Emergency Services Corps, St John Ambulance Cadets and Scout and Guide groups. Gallipoli veteran Percy Goring led the parade in a jeep.

A Police contingent headed the marching column. Police Commissioner Barry Matthews took the salute and local identity Dr Dermot Foster was guest of honour. Members were again busy in the lead up to ANZAC Day, speaking to most schools in the greater Bunbury district.

Recently some 200 members and their spouses were screened for aneurisms by a Perth vascular surgeon. Kishore Seunarine with 15 people identified as being at risk. The free screening proved popular and Mr Seunarine is keen to offer similar screenings to other service groups.

The Social Club has a full calendar planned for the year including return trips to Mandurah Sub-Branch and river cruises. The success of a school choir at a recent lunch meeting led to visits from an ‘Irish’ dance group from Parkfield Primary School and the Australind High School Jazz Band, with the promise of more to come during the winter months.

Our Welfare team recently lost Max Kellow to Perth, but his place has been filled by Chris Mills who has opted for a life away from the pressures of television for one which will allow him to work more closely with the veteran community of Bunbury.

BILL ADAMS PRO

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BUSSELTON

For the first time in 27 years ANZAC Day was marred by heavy rain. The Dawn Service was held indoors at the RSL Hall and the ANZAC Service was held in the Busselton Civic Centre.

Unfortunately both the march and fly-past were cancelled due to the conditions but, despite the inconvenience, both ceremonies were attended by a capacity crowd and were highly successful. Commander John Parkin RAN, the Parade Reviewing Officer, the Hon. Barry House MLC, Shire President Beryl Morgan and our oldest Digger, Andrew Torrent MM (aged 96) participated at the indoor function.

Torchbearers for Legacy Badge Day was very successful, aided by almost perfect weather and holiday crowds. The Club’s extension program is partly completed and the ANZAC Day fellowship gathering took full advantage of the extra space.

The Sub-Branch has, as a new member, probably the State’s youngest member and the first East Timor veteran to be signed up. Glen McGovern (18) recently completed a tour of duty in East Timor with 3 RAR and joins his grandfather Peter McGovern as a Sub-Branch member. The ex-CSM of 511 Regional Cadet Unit. Glen continues a family tradition of service in the armed forces.

RITA GRANT PRO

CANNING DISTRICTS & VICTORIA PARK

Australian National Korean War Memorial Official Opening 18 April 2000-Canberra ACT

Approximately 30 West Australians—including Reg Bandy, “Doc” Watson, “Tiger” and Joan Lennon. Al and Nita Bacon. Don Cameron, Derek Phelps, Arthur McFarlane and “Sno” Lawrence and his good wife, all of whom are members of or are associated with the Sub-Branch—journeyed to Canberra to attend the official opening. There we met with Canadians Max and Peg Gronow and “Pixie” Starck who had travelled to Australia for the occasion. Max and the above-mentioned ‘boys’ were members of 3 RAR in Korea. After he had returned home from Korea and was discharged, Max decided to take a world trip. got as far as Canada and met Peg. The rest is history.

We were registered and settled in at the conveniently located Acacia Motor Lodge on 13 April which allowed us time to visit the many sites Canberra has to offer, although a refresher course in map reading may have prevented us visiting Queanbeyan five times on the same day.

The first of the two official functions was the reunion Cocktail Party Reception in the Great Hall of Parliament.
The recently opened Korean War Memorial.

House. Much has been written in the press, and some Korean veterans even made themselves available to TV reporters, complaining about the $20 attendance fee for this function. Their complaints simply were not justified: the function was an enormous success. The pre-reception drinks area was a little crowded but when the big doors were swung open and we entered the Great Hall, it had everything. Official speeches were kept to a minimum, food and drink were readily available, displays by Korean veterans and contingents on Reid oval, well before the designated time for! All veterans were in position. assembled by older".

continuous handshaking. and people were standing back and people were talking and laughing (a few ‘warries’ no doubt) just proved what a great success it was.

Tuesday 18 April - the official opening of the Korean War Memorial—the day we had waited almost 50 years for! All veterans were in position, assembled by Unit contingents on Reid oval, well before the designated time of 0915 hrs. It was just as well, as reunions between old mates took precedence. Arms and fingers ached from continuous handshaking, and people were standing back and looking at others and saying, “I know you - you look older”. It was great.

We stepped off at 1005 hrs and marched down ANZAC Parade to a tremendous reception from a large crowd, young and old, who lined the streets to the Memorial where the Salute was taken by His Excellency the Governor General. This was followed by the official dedication and on completion we all dispersed to our Unit Association reunions. 3 RAR held its reunion at the Ainslie Football Club where 800 people signed the book. 1 RAR and 2 RAR went to RMC Duntroon, and, while we are unable to say where the Navy and Air Force gathered, we bet they had just as good a time as we did. To the Organisation Committee who worked for five years to arrange this, there is only one thing left to say—“Thanks a bloody lot mates!”

We extend our deepest sympathy to Bob Boath and family.

WENDY SCHWAB PRO

“Cooee... come and join us!” - a late call from the Canning & Vic Park Sub-Branch for more members for the Monday Day Club. Particularly the blokes. ED.

GERALDTON CITY

After providing detailed information to the media about our ANZAC Day activities, we were delighted on 26 April to see a Geraldton Guardian front page news item headed “WE WON’T FORGET”. This referred to the attendance of up to 2,000 people at our two ceremonies to honour those who paid the supreme sacrifice. Photographic coverage included Joey Scouts Lewis Roffey and Steel Crawford and Assistant Police Commissioner Bob Kucera laying wreaths and Irene Davies, daughter of a Vietnam veteran, sounding the Last Post on the treasured bugle of Sgt Roy Thompson, who was killed at Gallipoli.

Also featured were Cadet Under Officer Karlee Cannon, raising the flag at the Dawn Service as a member of the Cenotaph Guard commanded by Cadet Under Officer Fiona Halden, and a photo of Korean war veteran Gundy Thomas.

Sub-Branch President Charlie Britt described the Dawn Service as excellent. He said that, in the five years he had been in Geraldton, he had seen attendance increase every year, with an estimated gathering of 500 this year. Year 12 Geraldton Grammar School students Nathaniel Buma and Casey Maddren delivered inspiring ANZAC Day addresses and poet Keith Elder recited his moving composition Our Unknown Soldier.

One hundred and fifty veterans marched or rode in vintage vehicles. Also marching were Army Reservists, Army Cadets, Fire and Rescue Officers, Scouts, Guides and a contingent from RAAF Base Pearce who were associated with the pilots of the aircraft led by Wing Commander Norford: the aircraft performed a spectacular double fly-over during the main service. A total of 48 wreaths were laid, 16 from local schools, including Walkaway and Chapman Valley.

Mayor Phil Cooper thanked the media for its contribution to the day and said it was wonderful to see ever-increasing numbers of people paying their respects
to the fallen. And to the men and women of our Armed Services he said, “We salute you”.

PETER BARDEN, PRO

MOUNT HAWTHORN

We wish to advise members that Sub-Branch meetings are held on the second Monday of each month at the Innaloo Sportsmen’s Club, Birdwood Crescent, Innaloo. For further details please contact the Secretary Charles Schofield, 18 Tasman Street, Mt Hawthorn 6016.

Tel: 9444 3292 or President L. Boyle Tel: 9446 8418. All correspondence to the secretary.

CHARLES SCHOFIELD

RIVERVALE-CARLISLE

The most important item dealt with between February and April was the City of Belmont’s offer that the Sub-Branch be included in the planned new community building. Subject to finance being available, we have accepted the offer which means the Sub-Branch would have exclusive use of a dedicated portion of the building with conditional use of other facilities. The Sub-Branch would have to pay for one third of the cost of that dedicated portion.

We also participated in ANZAC Day ceremonies at Carlisle, Kewdale, Lathlain and Tranby Primary Schools. These were moving and rewarding occasions which were appreciated by the children, school staff and our members. Our joint ANZAC Parade and Ceremony with Belmont Sub-Branch on Sunday 16th April was also a well conducted and very moving occasion.

Many thanks are extended to Sub-Branch and Auxiliary members who sold ANZAC Badges this year; Rhelma and John Cox, Bette Ransom, Alan Miller, Janet Jones and Joy Goodlet raised much needed funds for RSL welfare. Bob Blake has relinquished the Bingo licence to John Cox and is now trying to win back some money as a player. Bingo is becoming increasingly popular but profit is secondary to companionship, and the refreshments are the cheapest in WA. Come along and join us.

Our Sunday Luncheons have commenced with encouraging attendances but lower turnouts at our ANZAC Day march and ceremony and the monthly meetings (3rd Tuesday) have been a little disappointing. Your committee is open to suggestions on how to overcome these problems.

L. RANSOME
President Tel: 9361 0449

SCARBOROUGH

Residents of the Scarborough district turned out in large numbers at the commemoration service on ANZAC Day. Good planning ensured that a moving and dignified ceremony was performed. Special thanks to Dorothy Devaney for her prayers, Dorothy Lewis for her recital of My Country and Mary Keetley for her skills on the organ and in leading the choir.

President Malcolm Till led the Service and introduced members of Federal and Local Government to the assembly. In a fitting tribute, Bugler David Scott sounded the Last Post and Reveille.

It was pleasing to see younger people and children present and the great interest they showed in the names on the plaques on the Wall of Remembrance plaques. Lest We Forget.

New or joining members are still sought for our Sub-Branch. For details contact our Secretary Doug Piggott on Tel: 9446 1331.

Keep well and stay happy!

GORDON HARVEY
Senior Vice-President

WANNEROO-JOONDALUP

Computer facilities are now in place thanks to our Secretary Milton Kirk. Dr Mal Washer, MP for Moore, presented the computer package on behalf of the Minister for Veterans’ Affairs with Graham Whitford representing the WA office of DVA. The computer now contains two DVA programs:

- Consolidated Library of Information and Knowledge (CLIK); and
- The Medical Research library.

These facilities will allow the Sub-Branch to send out regular, informative newsletters, help with DVA claims and keep in touch with members who have lost their spouse, those in nursing homes and those who are virtually confined to their homes because of invalidity.

At the AGM the executive were all returned unopposed, the new Treasurer is George Bentley.

The Sub-Branch meets at 2:00pm on the 3rd Monday of the month in the Woodvale Community Centre, 5 Trappers Drive, Woodvale, and is in the process of forming a Day Club with anticipated activities to include indoor bowls, bingo, bus trips, card games etc. Our new venue is very well appointed and new and past members are attending meetings in increasing numbers. Particularly pleasing is the increase in the number of ladies attending.

Thanks to Welfare Officers Kevin and Joy Egan for all their hard work and congratulations to our tireless worker
John Bolton who was presented with a 50 Year Membership Certificate at the AGM.

DICK KYRWOOD
PRO

President Ron Privilege presenting John Bolton with his 50 Year Membership Certificate.

WA RSL Bowls

Interested members are asked to consider travelling with the section to the RSL Bowls Carnival Sydney 2000-2001. Travel arrangements have been made and a good time can be expected.

Book through our travel officer Len Fynmore on (08) 9364 1476.

Our coach trips to country bowling clubs continue to be well supported with recent visits to Dudley Park, Pt Bouvard and Mandurah, catering for either mixed or men only bowlers.

The Fours Championship sponsored jointly by Simplicity Funerals and North Beach Sub-Branch, was won by Jim Lamont (Skip), Neil Edwards, Ray Foreward and Max O’Loughlin from Randall Harding (Skip), Max Plester, Roy Burton and Don White.

The Ken Marshall Memorial Pairs Championship sponsored by Hollywood Private Hospital and Osborne Park Bowling Club was won by Trevor Wooldridge and Eric Elsegood from Gordon Hugo and Archie Reeves.

The annual Ladies’ Day event, held at Lake Monger Bowling Club, was won by Daisy Anderson (skip), Jean Jones, Gwen Griffith and Elsie Bidwell from J. Bloffwitch (Skip), C. Strickland, J. Mills and B. Snowball.

GRAHAM DICK PRO

City of Perth Sub-Branch
CARAVAN PARK – POINT PERON

Ideally situated with a beach frontage to Cockburn Sound. Sites are available to financial members of the League at a cost of $8 per night, or $50 per week. You will require your own van.

Please contact the caretaker on (08) 9527 8551 for reservations

Annual Ex-Servicewomen’s Bowls Day

On 24 March this annual event was again held at the East Fremantle Bowling Club. Twenty four teams (96 players) competing for the Perpetual Shield donated by the ex-WRANS Association, enjoyed beautiful weather, excellent greens and a wonderful luncheon.

The players and guests from DVA, Hollywood Hospital and Womens Ex-Service organisations saw trophies—kindly provided by Yench’s Bowls Shop—presented to the winning North Beach team of Esther Slater, Win Randall, Val Mackie and Shirley Evans and runners-up Cockburn Club’s Val Barton, June Hitchcock, June Perry and Thelma Tomkinson.

This event is retaining its popularity and we again invite wives of RSL bowlers and War Widows to join the ex-Service girls at East Fremantle 23 March 2001 next year. Those interested please contact:

DOROTHY NEEDHAM

POETS’ CORNER

Just blown across
from the West

Well, we’ve just blown across from the West
And we’re all forty-two round the chest
Fremantle and Perth are the best towns on earth
And we don’t care a hang for the rest.

We’ll take off our coats and our vests
Whenever we’re put to the test
And we’ve all got good throttles for emptying bottles
And Swan beer of all beer’s the best.

Source: With the Diggers, 1914-18 by ‘Blue’ Readon
# New Members

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

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(Feb-May, Oct-Dec); and at 6.00pm (June-Sept) at The Naval Assoc. of Australian Clubroom, Point Peron Rd, Rockingham.

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THE SPIRIT GROUP
Organiser: Eric Carpenter; Ph: 9342 2779. Correspondence to: 21 Keemore Dr, Balga 6061. Luncheon meetings, ANZAC House, 4th Thurs of Jan, March, May, July, Sept, and Nov at 1200 hours. All ex-Spirt-Fourdon members are welcome.

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CO: Doug Whitworth, 5 Penelope Pl, Innaloo 6018; Ph: 9446 2611; Sec: Ruth Lanigan, 37 Gossamer St Mirrabooka 6061; Tel: 9342 7038. Mail to CO. Meetings Bi-monthly: 2nd Tues at 12 noon. AGM 3rd Sat in Aug. 12 noon, Golden Bay Hall. CB Radio sessions Mon at 7.30pm & Wed at 8pm on ch. 28 LSB.

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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

The deaths of the following RSL Members (WA Branch) were recorded at ANZAC House between 1 Feb 2000 and 30 April 2000.

WX33023 Allan, E.F., Claremont, 2 Div Sigs
5/400232 Beaver, Nelson K., Geraldton City, 3 RAR
SSX22290 Bird, Clifford T., Armadale, RN
WX18727 Black, G.T., Wickepin, 2/48 Aust Inf Bn
WX5509 Bloy, Neville W., Fremantle City, 2/22 Fd Pk Coy
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F4870 Bone, W.E., Vic Park & Viet Vets, RAN
WF45281 Brockman Florence E.(nee Wardrop), Rtd Ex-Service Women, Sigs
VX107658 Burridge, Allen L., City of Perth, 3 Fd Regt
415018 Burridge, R.W.L., Highgate, RAAF
WX500831 Burstin, Charles E., Bunbury, 20 Fd Amb
WX17875 Campbell, J.E., City of Rockingham, 2/28 Aust Inf Bn
T14518070 Cherry, Tom, Kwinana, 1st Airborne
2080706 Clarke, Margaret, Armadale, WRAF
WX17308 Clowes, William A., Como, 56 PLC
251694 Colbourne, William H., City of Perth, MN
97082 Collins, Joy V., Mandurah, RAAF
WX26488 Collins, P.R., City of Perth, 14/32 Bn
4081516 Cooper, Edward, Central, RAF
A384 Courtney, Edgar B., Highgate, RAAF
F3421 Craike, Thomas, City of Perth, RAAF
42301 Crossley, Roland H., Bruce Rock, 5 Cadet Bde
103306 Crowley, Helen C., Mandurah, RAAF
38836 Crowley, Matthew T., Donnybrook, RAAF
WX39654 Davies, E.E., Coolgardie, 2/3 Pioneers
WX17631 Doble, William J., Harvey, RAAF
574371 Ellis, John E., Wongan Hills.
SX8000 Fenwick, Thomas, Central, 2/48 Aust Inf Bn
406391 Fisher, Charles A., Bunbury, RAAF
PSSX912047 Fowler, Harry G., Armadale, RN
57326 Gabbie, Ronald, Port Hedland, 3 Cav Regt
F3910 Glasier, Glyn M., Mosman Park, RAN
2046833 Glass, John, Yokine-Joondanna, RE
WX42502 Griffiths, Robert, Mandurah, 3 Div RAE
WX16695 Hedley, R, Wembly-Floreat, AAPC
604017 Henshaw, John D., Osborne Park, RAAF
WX37362 Hiscox, George W., Bedford-Morley, RAA
WX38790 Hudson, M.F., Bicton-Palmyra, AAPC
415903 Hutchinson, Ross, Cottesloe, RAAF
WX23131 Huxtable, William L., Esperance.
F2640 Johnston John F., Mosman Park, RAN
A51161 Kemp, Leslie C., Mandurah, RAAF
WX2985 Kern, W.G., Mandurah, 2/16 Aust Inf Bn
WX30143 King, Thomas, Donnybrook, 16 Aust Inf Bn
WX31097 Kirkham, Frederick J., Mandurah, 101 Aust Gen
45169 Leahy, C.M., City of Subiaco, RAAF
96277 Lee, Leslie D., Highgate, RAPC

F4131 Lydon, A.M., Kwinana, RAN
WX40758 Marks, Solomon P., City of Rockingham, 63 ASD Pl
WX40177, Marshall, Kenneth W., Mandurah.
441524 Matthews,George W., Wanneroo-Joondalup, RAAF
406201 McKerracher, Donald M., Scarborough.
F2137 Moore, F.J., City of Perth, RAN
590845 Morley, Douglas S., Central, Prince Alfreds.
16565 Noonan, William A., Wembley-Floreat, RAAF
WX28461 Nyman, Rolf, Applecross, 13 Aust Small Ships Coy
w93065 O'Reilly, Francis T., Mosman Park.
427104 O'Sullivan, P.J., Wembley-Floreat, RAAF
R23283 Owen, Henry W., Bunbury, RAN
WX17474 Parker, James C., Nedlands, 4 Fd Sqn RAE
WX27805 Pearce, Henry W., Scarborough, 11 Aust Inf Bn
WX39863 Pember, Frank K., Bedford-Morley, 2/4 Pioneers
WX8170 Pope, N.J., Bedford-Morley, 9 Div Sigs
WX29588 Reynolds, D.E., Three Springs-Arinn, 4/8 Pioneers
WX54402 Robertson, Colin H., City of Perth, 2/3 Fd Regt RAA
WX712 Rogers, Cecil F., Central, 2/11 Aust Inf Bn
WX37906 Ruck, Sydney C., Mandurah, 1 BPS Coy
WX37177 Rumble, J.E., Wembley-Floreat, 5 ADV H/S
F3348 Russell, Harry, Fremantle City.
W400034 Russell, S.G., Mandurah, 4 Aust Inf Bn
WX04464 Short, Peter L., Kalgoolie, 42 Aust Inf Bn
5716382 Sloan, Kerry D., Lancelin/Coastal Dist, 104 Sqn
WX34577 Smith, A.C., City of Rockingham, CAHB
WX42212 Smith, Leslie W., Bicton-Palmyra, 1 Aust Para Bn
52550 Smith, Robert D., Highgate, 3 RAR AATTV
85425 Starling, Charles R., Mandurah, RAAF
WX225 Statham, F.W., Highgate, 3 Aust Corps
PJX148838 Stokoe, Stephen C., Bicton-Palmyra, F/G
WX33994 Sullivan, Mary E., Returned Sisters.
17619 Taylor, K.E., Maylands-Railways, RAAF
WX23202 Thomson, John S., Applecross, 26 Aust W/C
2022889 Upton, Winifred M., Darling Range, WAFA
WX142738 Usher, Percival J., Scarborough, 7 Base Postal Unit
10801 Voller, Noel B., Applecross
T17037 Walker, A.H., City of Perth, RSC
WX33031 Ward, R.R., Central, 25 Aust Line Sect
6215814 Ward-Smith, Anthony B., Three Springs-Arinn, CMP
56878 Warnilow, Charles E., Lancelin/Coastal Dist, RAN
WX27165 Watkins, Alan, Bellevue, 56 Search Lights
WX240 West, Donald R., Wanneroo-Joondalup, 28 Aust Inf Bn
WX6080 White, Joseph T., Yokine-Joondanna, 2/28 Aust Inf Bn
415596 Widdup, Victor, Karridale-Augusta.
WXF3310 Williams, Mary W., Returned Sisters, 11 AGH 8 CCS
83944 Yurisch, Tony, Boulder, RAAF
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