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STATE PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

The new format of The Listening Post for the last issue has been well received by most readers according to various reports. Congratulations to Managing Editor Len Copley; Editor Chris Brooks and the editorial team for their initiative and innovation. I understand that the position of Editor will be vacant shortly as Chris Brooks has indicated his term will be finishing in the new year. If there is a potential Editor out there, with the skills the League needs, your voluntary services would be greatly appreciated.

RSL War Veterans Homes (WVH)

For those who haven’t heard the good news full accreditation was recently gained by the WVH at Menora, as well as Meadow Springs and Geraldton. This simply means that the findings of the Aged Care Standard Agency (ACSA) at the various site audits were found to be of a satisfactory standard thus enabling ongoing Commonwealth subsidies to be claimed. The achievement of accreditation was a wonderful joint effort by all members of staff working together as a team and the League is proud of the professionalism displayed. The particular contribution made by a number of individuals has already been recognised by the RSL WVH Board and the undersigned. Achieving Accreditation however is not the end; rather it is only the beginning.

We were saddened by the recent resignation of Anna Nolan, the Acting CEO, who has left us for greener fields. The position of Executive Officer, RSL WVH will now be advertised in the new year. In the meantime, Mr Jim Dalton has been appointed as Acting Administrator for up to six months.

Following the green light from State Congress that the RSL WVH Board should proceed with the redevelopment of the Menora site, a Redevelopment Committee under the Chairmanship of Mr Rod Willox JP has been progressing steadily with the Fini Group.

National Constitution and State Rules

The rewrite of the National Articles and Memorandum of Association has been progressing for some months. It is anticipated that at an Extraordinary National Congress meeting the new National Constitution of the League will be approved. Meanwhile our own Constitution Committee has not been idle, and work on our State Rules has been continuous. Hopefully, at the end of the day, Western Australia will have a set of Rules not only compatible with the National Constitution, but fully approved by State Congress. In the meantime, consultation by the Constitution Committee with sub-branches can be expected up to Congress 2001.

RSL Cadet of the Year Awards 2000

This year, the RSL and the Department of Youth have combined resources to send four winning Cadets and their two chaperons on a 12-day trip to France and Gallipoli during April 2001 to be known as the “Spirit of ANZAC Tour 2001”. The 16 finalists gathered at ANZAC House on Saturday, 28 October 2000 where we subjected them to a series of eliminating tests: Basic First Aid (theory and practical); a General Knowledge (20 question) written quiz and individual Turnout and Dress. Finally, each presented a three-minute prepared verbal speech entitled ‘what ANZAC means to me’.

The names of the four winners, which were announced jointly by Minister Mike Board and the undersigned on 11 November 2000 following the Remembrance Service, are:

- Cadet Matthew East - Australian Army Cadet Corps
- Cadet Cameron Lindley - Australian Army Cadet Corps
- Chenelle Davies - CALM Bushrangers
- Amber Bullock - Emergency Services

The two selected chaperons who will accompany the Cadets are: Detective Senior Sergeant William John Collidge and Ms Lisa Erin Rogowsky, a Secondary School Teacher. We congratulate them all and wish them well in the months ahead.

ANZAC Day Albany 2001

The Centenary of Federation year for the commemoration of ANZAC Day at Albany is shaping up well. His Excellency, Lieutenant General John Sanderson, AC and Mrs Sanderson have recently accepted a joint invitation from the Mayor of Albany, Cr Alison Goode, and the RSL to be Guests of Honour for ANZAC Day and the Federation Festival events surrounding ANZAC Day.

The nationally televised Dawn Service on Mt Clarence will be followed by a traditional Gunfire Breakfast then a City Parade at 10.00am when His Excellency is expected to take the Salute and give the ANZAC Day Address.

A large number of visiting Australian and international service personnel as well as local and
interstate VIPs are expected to swell the ranks of veterans, locals, visiting bands, police and civilians. The day will finish with a ceremonial ‘Beating Retreat’. Visiting ships will include HMAS Adelaide, Canberra and Darwin. Other approved support includes elements from 11/28th Battalion, RAAF and the Australian Army Band, Perth.

**Public Benevolent Institution (PBI) Status and GST**

SOME time ago applications were submitted to the appropriate authorities at both National and State level applying for PBI Status and GST exemption on behalf of the State Branch. In recent weeks the State Secretary in particular has been involved in on going and follow up discussions with the Australian Tax Office. In the meantime we remain quietly hopeful that at the end of the day the League’s membership fees will be tax exempt and that our RSL sub-branches will have PBI Status.

**Fremantle Barracks**

THE fight continues to prevent the sale of the Fremantle Artillery Barracks by the Commonwealth Defence Department to Notre Dame University. The recent National RSL Congress was unanimous in supporting the WA Branch in its fight to retain the Barracks and the Museum, which it houses. Various RSL written submissions at both State and National level have been prepared and forwarded to Government over a long period; we’ve lobbied continuously, prepared press releases, attended rallies, signed petitions and participated in radio talk backs. Recently, a panel of three from the RSL State Executive appeared before the Senate Enquiry held at Fremantle Barracks. Those on the RSL panel were: Mr Geoff Hourn, Mr Donald Hall and the undersigned. We believe we put the case for retention of the Barracks as well as we could.

In summary, we believe that the RSL in this State has done its utmost to support the fight for the Barracks.

**85th National RSL Congress held in Perth 29 – 31 August 2000**

OUT of the 38 State Congress Resolutions taken to National Congress, 21 were carried, 14 were defeated, two lapsed and one will be considered at an Extraordinary National Congress about 21 November 2000.

I commend all the Staff at ANZAC House who, under the capable direction of State Secretary Shane Seers OAM JP, worked tirelessly and efficiently over the Congress period to provide first class administrative support. During recent weeks we’ve received some very favourable feedback from many of the interstate Delegates who attended and, overall, the entire exercise was considered to be highly successful.

It is to be hoped that the Western Australian Branch does not have to wait another 10 years to again be Host State. The National Congress resolved that during 2001, Australia’s Confederation Year, Victoria would be the Host State.

**The Centre for International Strategic Analysis Pty Ltd (CISA)**

UNDER the Patronage of His Excellency the Governor of Western Australia Lieutenant General John Sanderson AC and the Chairmanship of Major General Michael Jeffery AC AO(Mil) CVO MC, previous Governor of Western Australia, the CISA was recently launched at Government House before Federal and State politicians and other dignitaries from private enterprise, the Universities and the public sector. The formal launch was by the main speaker: the Hon. Alexander Downer MP, Minister for Foreign Affairs.

Apparently, the main objective of CISA is to provide research and analysis on Australia’s regional economic and security interests including selected social issues within the Australian community. The organisation is a not-for-profit, independent, non-partisan research institution, which will be equipped to offer top quality analysis (a highly informed “forward” look) to the business environment, both public and private sectors, to assist with corporate decision-making. We wish the organisation well.

**Christmas 2000 and New Year 2001**

AS this publication will be the last for the year 2000 may I take this opportunity on behalf of the State Executive to wish each and every one of you and your families a safe and happy Christmas and a prosperous new year.

KEN BLADEN
guest speakers, including Sir Charles Court AK KCMG OBE and Mr Keith Payne VC. On the Saturday and Sunday maximum time was spent resolving the motions submitted and there were keynote addresses from the Minister for Veterans’ Affairs, the Shadow Minister and our State Premier.

**National Congress**

THE WA State Branch hosted the 85th National Congress in ANZAC House from 27-31 August 2000. It provided an opportunity for RSL members from WA to view the conduct of the National Congress and Executive, which a number of members took advantage of. It also provided a perfect opportunity to show off Perth and the hospitality of the State and in particular the RSL. This was greatly appreciated by our Eastern State visitors.

**RSL WA Branch Patron**

THIS year the RSL farewelled our Patron of six years, Major General Michael Jeffery AG MC AO (MIL) CVO, and Mrs Marlena Jeffery and welcomed our new Patron Lieutenant General John Sanderson AG, and Mrs Lorraine Sanderson. The Governor has written to the State President and confirmed that he looks forward to being supportive of the RSL and the veteran community.

**Christmas Message**

ON behalf of all the Staff at the State Branch HQ and the RSL WvH we wish you all a safe and happy Christmas and look forward to a prosperous 2001.

SHANE SEERS OAM JP

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**ANZAC HOUSE CHRISTMAS CLOSURE**

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**PLANNING A FUNCTION?**

The ANZAC Club is providing a popular venue for both ex-service Associations and currently serving both ADF Units. From as little as $22 (inc GST) per person, there are four 3-course menus including tea/coffee and mints. There are also four very reasonable $25.70 per head menu selections which include three courses with choice of desserts and biscuits, tea/coffee and mints, as well as hors-d’oeuvres on arrival. Prices include room hire.

The Club staffs are happy to arrange morning or afternoon teas, as well as evening cocktails menus. Bar facilities are available.

**Contact the ANZAC Club manager Vicki by phone on (08) 9325 9079, fax: (08) 9325 7432 or e-mail at rslwahq@chimia.id.au**

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Club Bistro hours are 11.30am - 2.30pm Monday - Friday with the popular Chef’s 8.00 Blackboard Menu selection.

ANZAC CLUB social membership is available
LIEUTENANT GENERAL John Sanderson retired as Chief of the Australian Army in June 1998. He was sworn in as Governor of WA on 18 August 2000, returning to his home state after 43 years absence.

Born in Geraldton in November 1940, General Sanderson completed his secondary education at Bunbury High School in 1957 before entering the Royal Military College Dunroon in 1958. He graduated in 1961 and was commissioned into the Royal Australian Engineers in December that year. After completing a Fellowship Diploma in Civil Engineering at the Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology, General Sanderson had a series of regimental postings. These included second in command of 10 Field Squadron and Troop Commander and Construction Officer of 21 Construction Squadron on operational service in Sabah, Malaysia. Subsequent postings included command of 17 Construction Squadron RAE in South Vietnam 1970-71 and Senior Instructor at the School of Military Engineering throughout 1972 before attending the Australian Staff College Queenscliff during 1973.

He commanded the 1st Field Engineer Regiment from 1979-80 and then attended Joint Services Staff College in 1981. General Sanderson was appointed as Military Assistant to the Chief of the General Staff in late 1981, serving in that capacity before being promoted to Colonel as Director of Army Plans in 1983. From June 1985 to the middle of the following year he attended the US Army War College, returning to Australia with the rank of Brigadier. After a six-month period as Chairman of the Army Reserve Review Committee, he assumed command of the 1st Brigade at Holsworthy. General Sanderson served as Chief of Staff Land Command for a brief period in 1989 and then was promoted to Major General and appointed as Assistant Chief of Defence Policy.

From October 1991, General Sanderson became engaged directly in the United Nations process to bring peace to Cambodia, first as adviser to the Secretary General of the United Nations, and then from March 1992, with the rank of Lieutenant General, as the Commander of the 16,000 strong international military component of the United Nations Transitional Authority in Cambodia (UNTAC). After the successful completion of the UN mission in October 1993, General Sanderson returned to Australia to be appointed as the first Commander Joint Forces Australia (now COMAST), and developed this role before becoming Chief of the General Staff in June 1995. General Sanderson's appointment was changed to Chief of the Army in 1997.

Over time General Sanderson’s service to Australia has been recognised by the award of Member of the Order of Australia (1985), Officer of the Order of Australia (1991) and Companion of the Order (1994). General Sanderson also has been recognised by the United States of America for his service to the region and the alliance by the award of the Legion of Merit-Commander Class.

General Sanderson is married to Lorraine. They have three adult children and six grandchildren. They enjoy most things in life, but particularly enjoy golf and the arts in all forms.
BEING the largest Army formation in the State, the 13th Brigade plays a significant role in maintaining the Army's profile in WA. Importantly it is an Army Reserve unit, with most members having a dual role as soldiers and civilians. It is community based both in its composition and in the location of its various sub-units. Brigade units are located around the State in Perth, Bunbury, Albany, Katanning, Kalgoorlie, Geraldton, Joondalup and Rockingham.

Historically, the Brigade contains Australia's longest operating infantry battalion, The 16th Battalion, The Royal Western Australia Regiment, which traces its history to 16 September 1914. It has more battle honours than any other unit in today's Army, including Gallipoli, Pozieres, and Bullecourt in World War I, and Syria and New Guinea in World War II.

The 13th Infantry Brigade was raised in France in 1916 and fought with distinction. Two Victoria Crosses were awarded to members of the 13th Brigade. There are six other VC recipients who served with units that subsequently became part of the Brigade.

The Brigade was disbanded in 1919 following the end of World War I. It was raised again in 1931 as a militia formation and comprised 11th Battalion, 16th Battalion and 28th Battalion. Brigade members saw active service in the SW Pacific during World War II. It was disbanded at the end of the war in 1945 but re-raised in 1947 as a result of the Australian Government's decision to maintain a militia-type Defence Force in the post-war years. The Brigade consisted of all-arms and services within WA and was maintained until 1959.

On 1 February 1988, 13 Brigade was re-raised, grouping selected WA Army Reserve units into an Infantry Brigade. Command and control of the Brigade was exercised by Land Headquarters until 1 September 1994, when it came under the command of 2 Division.

As an integral part of the WA community, the Brigade is a vital resource, which continues to enhance the lives of its members and the WA community.

Sourced from 'The Gauntlet'-courtesy 13 Brigade Commander, Brigadier Dick Lawler and Major Greg Smith, 13 Brigade PR.
GUNNER’S DO IT!

Repair and Renovation of guns
at Irwin Barracks

RAAHS Volunteers at work

THE Royal Australian Artillery Historical Society of Western Australia (RAAHS) was formed in 1988 from an amalgam of serving and ex-service Gunner units and associations in WA. Located adjacent to the Hobbs Artillery Park, Karrakatta, the RAAHS has taken a major role in the preservation of this State’s military heritage in a number of ways.

The restoration of the World War II Leighton Battery on Buckland Hill has been the Society’s principal project along with the management of the 3 Field Regiment RAA Collection which is housed in Hobbs Artillery Park. The collection consists of a number of magnificently restored guns and an array of other interesting memorabilia. The Society also maintains a large collection of publications, documents and photographs, and frequently provides specialist assistance to organisations or individuals. For example, the Society was recently able to provide detail of the original colour of the gun carriage of a 19th century artillery piece located in Kings Park.

The Society is also keen to record the memories of ex-gunnery’s service in the Royal Australian Artillery. An oral history by way of a recorded interview or a more convenient questionnaire can be obtained through the RAAHS. There is a wealth of unrecorded history being held by ex-service (and serving) gunners and the Society is keen to record the many personal observations of life in the Corps both in time of war and peace. If you wish to assist in their valuable work through interview or questionnaire, or to offer your services as a volunteer, contact the society on phone (08) 9380 9388 or fax (08) 9380 9399 or by mail to PO Box 335, Leederville WA 6903.

HOUSED in a workshop shared by the Army Museum Foundation, ex-Gunners and ex-RAEME ‘spanners’ are currently working on the restoration of a World War I, 77mm Krupp field gun for the Town of York and two World War II vintage 25-pounders from Stirling Park in Guildford for the Shire of Swan. Through neglect all three guns had deteriorated badly over the years and now require major repairs. Recently the Society’s restoration team successfully restored a 25 pr Howitzer for the Coorow Heritage Committee while next door the Army Museum Heritage Group is currently putting the finishing touches to two Bren Gun Carriers.

Many enemy guns were captured by Australians and shipped back to Australia after both World Wars and allocated to towns and cities across Australia as ‘Trophy Guns’. As well as obsolete Australian artillery pieces, many enemy field guns, trench mortars and machine guns were distributed across the nation to be displayed at War Memorials, outside RSL Clubs and in town parks. In many cases the years of neglect have taken toll of these now valued parts of our military history and the RAAHS of WA will be kept busy far into the foreseeable future collecting, preserving and displaying them.

EDITOR. Source RAAHS WA
AFTER months of work and organisation by the City of Albany committee and the RSL Committee, plans are now coming to fruition. On 10 October the State Minister for Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs, Bob Johnson, together with the Mayor of Albany, Alison Goode, and RSL State President Ken Bladen, announced the ‘Federation Festival Albany’, which runs from 21 April to 28 April 2001 and has as its centrepiece the ANZAC Day Dawn Service, ANZAC Parade, City Service and Fly-past and the ‘Beating Retreat’ ceremony. This has been declared a ‘badged’ event in the Centenary of Federation Celebrations and it is almost certain that the Dawn Service will be televised by the ABC, as part of the national coverage of ANZAC Day.

We look forward to strong support from RSL sub-branches and Unit and Kindred associations, particularly those from the Great Southern region. Members and families are urged to take advantage of the school holidays and gather in Albany for a week of events which include street theatre, a visit by the sailing ship Leeuwin with daily sailing programs, art exhibitions, the Yirra Yakin theatre, numerous sporting functions (including a Westar Rules football match), school displays, joy flights and a host of interesting activities to keep children occupied and parents tired. A relaxing twilight cruise or a gourmet meal at one of the many excellent eating houses will always put you in good heart to face the next day.

For the young and energetic a ‘Festival Club’ is proposed for every night of the week. The week’s activities will conclude with a Wool Shed Gala and Closing Ceremony on Saturday 28th.

As accommodation in Albany is limited to around 5,000 beds, visitors need to book without delay. The Albany Tourist Bureau can help arrange bookings on 1800 644 088. If you are contemplating bringing a caravan the Tourist Bureau will also help with advice on caravan parks.

Closer to the event the committee will circulate a proposed program of events, meanwhile if anyone is in need of further information please contact me on (08) 9386 1171.

DON MEREDITH
Chairman, RSL Albany ANZAC Committee
LETTTERS

LAST POST DETAIL

Firstly I would like to thank you for the publication of The Listening Post, I always find it very interesting and it brings back a lot of memories. But I am writing mainly to ask you why the service number and unit have been removed in the Last Post section. These were a guide to the name of that person as our memories are not as good as they used to be.

DAVID LYLE

Yokine

We received a large number of similar requests by mail and phone. The decision was made with the intention to save space, (and therefore expense) and the significance of the detail to many veterans was not fully realised. My apologies...

ED

COLOURS

I refer to the article on the above subject in the Spring edition. Since the South Wales Borderers were not raised until 1881 it would not have been possible for them to be present at the Battle of Isandlwana in 1879. The Borderers were formed from the 24/7 Warwickshire Regiment which was made up of mainly Welsh soldiers who gallantly defended Rorkes Drift.

D.GLEDHILL
Floreat

A quick check in the publication, ‘The Victoria Cross Roll of Honour’ by J.W. Bancroft, lists Lieutenant T. Melville and N. Coghill of the 1st Battalion, South Wales Borderers & Monmouth Regt. (24th Foot) as having been awarded, posthumously, the Victoria Cross at Isandlwana. (Troops of the 24th were awarded six VCs at the Battle of Rorkes Drift). Can anyone else help? ED.

POKER MACHINES

Questions for Mr Griffiths [Letters Spring Edition]
1. Would he become a $5 member of his Sub-Branch?
2. How many times would be play the machines?
3. Would the Bingo players be forced out?
4. Is he flogging a dead horse?

DR RISELY East Victoria Park

LANCASTER BOMBER ON SHOW

I read with great interest in your last edition, an article taken from the VE Day address to the RAAF Association by the RSL State President, Mr Ken Bladen.

The article was headed RAF Bomber Command and told the story of some of the exploits of the men who flew with pride and a great determination to win the war against Nazi Germany. I would like to inform RSL members that our museum has the only Lancaster aircraft on display at this time in Australia, called ‘Joan, D’ of 463 Squadron. This aircraft is displayed in the North Wing of our museum, along with nine other aircraft of the same era.

A.H. CLARKE
Curator/Manager
Aviation Heritage Museum of WA, Bullcreek. Tel (08) 9311 4470

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11.50am March Off
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AFTER selling all available tickets for the 2000 cruise, and having to refuse further bookings, Kompas Travel have doubled the capacity for next year's cruise. From $4,140 including flights and accommodation, the 10-day tour departs Australia on 18 April 2001 and includes two days in Athens before passengers board the cruise ship MV Aegean 1 to Rhodes, Santorini, Istanbul and Gallipoli.

After feedback from this year's tour, it has been arranged that more time will be spent at Gallipoli, the highlight of the trip. There will be in-depth tours of the battlefields, attendance at the Dawn Service and a service at the Lone Pine cemetery where thousands gather to remember Australian and New Zealand soldiers lost in battle.

Kompas also offer several tour extensions including one to Brussels, the Western Front in France and on to Paris. Other extensions include Turkish Highlights, Mystical Egypt and Israel and the 18-day Turkey and Greek Impressions tour. There are also post-cruise tours to the famous River Kwai in Thailand as well as a Singapore stopover with a visit to Changi prison.

For further details and a copy of the brochure please contact Kompas Holidays on (08) 9245 1477.

WESTERN AUSTRALIAN ELECTED FEDERAL PRESIDENT OF TPI ASSOCIATION

AT a meeting of The Australian Federation of Totally and Permanently Incapacitated Ex-Service Men and Women (T&PI Assn) held in Canberra in September John (Blue) Ryan was elected National President. Well known and respected for his work in the WA Branch, John and his team are working hard to ensure existing benefits are improved and preserved.

Originally from NSW, John served in South Vietnam carrying an M60 machine gun with 4RAR in 1968-69. After leaving the army John later re-enlisted and finished his military career as a WO II in the Special Air Service Regiment. The Listening Post asked John to submit a brief article for publication and we have reprinted it in full below. ED.

RECENTLY, I was privileged to be elected the TPI National President, an appointment with responsibilities that I do not take lightly. As TPI National President I see my role as being your representative to the government and the Department of Veterans’ Affairs. We are all aware of the erosion of...
the real value of the Special Rate TPI payment. This issue and others continue to be examined.

A meeting here in Perth with the Minister for Veterans’ Affairs, Bruce Scott, resulted in the establishment of a task force to review our collective grievances. I believe the task force meetings to date have proved valuable because a new and better direction for the TPI Federation has been set. This advancement, plus the passage of a series of motions at our last congress should, if accepted by government, reverse the declining value of the TPI payments.

A workshop, involving representatives from six other Ex-Service Organisations (ESOs) and myself, was conducted at the NSW TPI headquarters in October. The RSL federal body was also represented. The workshop purpose was to explain proposed TPI Congress submissions to the government. The workshop also sought to gain support for the direction to be taken by the TPI Federation in an effort to improve our circumstances. I am pleased to say that the support for our proposals was forthcoming.

If the TPI Federation is to be successful in its mission to serve TPI personnel, we require an input of information from the ‘grass roots’ level to the respective state and territory organisations. Your views, opinions and proposals are important because we do not have a mortgage on the best solutions. I therefore urge all TPIs to join our associations so that our voice of concern is stronger. I encourage you to raise your concerns with the RSL or any other ESO of which you are a member.

I have accepted the National Presidency with a genuine commitment to do my utmost to improve the status of all TPIs.

‘BLUE’ RYAN
TPI National President

NEW WAR MEMORIAL AT JURIEN BAY

All ex-service personnel and the public are invited to attend the consecration and dedication ceremony of a new War Memorial at Jurien Bay on 24 March 2001.

The service will commence at 11.00am on the Hastings Street foreshore. This unique and prestigious event will be conducted with the support of the Australian Army Band Perth and the Australian Army Pipes and Drums Perth.

The War Memorial is all embracing, remembering and honouring all who have served - in all conflicts.

Groups from service organisations are encouraged to participate in a short march to the memorial under their unit/organisation banners.

Further details are available from
Jim Clarke Tel: 9652 1121, Frank Cashmore 9652 1306, Tim Bunting 9652 1635

VETS R & R GROUP (WA)

Veterans Encouraging Trust, Support, Respect and Recognition

A GROUP of veterans have, with the support of DVA and the Vietnam Veterans Counselling Service, formed a PTSD self-help support group with the aim of assisting veterans to break down the feeling of social isolation they may be experiencing. All members have previously attended a live-in PTSD Program at Hollywood Hospital’s Clinic.

There are no formal committees, no chiefs, no rank structure and no rules - save those associated with doing the right thing by your mates. The group is non-political, non-religious and non-profit and is not affiliated with any other ex-service group.

Feel welcome to attend a meeting held at 9.30am on the fourth Friday of each month in the Recreation Room, TPI Association 80-82 Henley St, Como. Bring a couple of dollars to cover morning tea and other expenses. For further information contact
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WHEN the United States Air Force (USAF) first introduced the F-111A strike aircraft to a combat role in Vietnam in March 1968, after first taking to the air in 1964, you could have forgiven the pilots for not expecting the aircraft to have been active in the next century. Even more so when one considers that, of the first six F-111s deployed to TAKHILI Base in Thailand on 17 March, the first had disappeared without trace on its maiden combat flight on 25 March and less than a week later a second F-111 had been lost. A third went missing on a solo mission less than a month later. The aircraft was described by the US press as a total failure and, despite the enthusiasm of some of the pilots and the fact that over 30 missions were flown successfully in a low-level strike role, the F-111s were withdrawn from the theatre. It was not until 1972 that they made a return to the war, after a welding fault on the tailplane had been identified as the probable cause of the earlier crashes. It then proved to be a formidable combat aircraft and still is today. 32 years after its first combat flight. In a dubious chronological comparison, this is the equivalent of theSophisticated Camel, flown in World War 1, still being in service at the outbreak of hostilities in Korea in 1950. While acknowledging the obvious advances in design, construction, and upgrades available to modern aircraft, this comparison does highlight the longevity of the F-111.

Based at No. 6 Squadron, Williamtown, New South Wales, the RAAF's F-111s are crewed by a pilot and navigator and are powered by two GE F404-GE-400 97kN turbofans, each developing 8,165 kg of thrust or 12,400 hp. The aircraft are capable of speeds in excess of Mach 2.4 (4,500 kmh) at sea level. They weigh in at 22,725 kg basic and 51,846 kg fully loaded.

The RAAF has made every effort to ensure this remarkable aircraft will still be on active service until 2020. As a measure of its capability, the F-111 is not unlike with the C-47 (the military classification for the Douglas DC-3) which entered service in 1935 and probably still flies in one of the world's air forces. The versatile Dakota DC-3 or 'Gooney Bird' was originally a passenger plane, filling a number of military roles during World War II, Korea, Malaya and South Vietnam. These roles included passenger ferry, amphibian, tow plane, glider, and weapons platform. As versatile as the 'Gooney Bird' was I'm not sure that it could have performed the spectacular 'dump and burn' display carried out by No. 6 Squadron's F-111s at the Olympic Games opening ceremony.

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THE CENTURY'S GREATEST UNTOLD STORY:
Top secret plans for the invasion of Japan

Submitted by John Bannon (Wembley-Floreat) courtesy HMAS Shropshire Newsletter.

In an article by Max Thomas, which was drawn from a summary of a now de-classified report of United States plans for the invasion of Japan, the following edited version shows what interesting details, facts and figures came to light.

TWO massive military undertakings were devised. OPERATION OLYMPIC was planned for 1 November 1945 and OPERATION COMET for 1 March 1946. In the first operation, 14 Divisions of American troops would land on the heavily fortified and defended Kyushu, Japan's southernmost island.

The second invasion would send 22 more divisions against a million Japanese defenders to assault the main island of Honshu and the Tokyo plain. With the exception of a small part of the British Pacific Fleet it would have been a strictly American operation, though it is reasonable to assume that ships of the RAN, (including Shropshire, having operated for so long with Task Force 74 as part of the US fleet), would have participated.

Japan's horrendous defences were not known at the time and history has shown that by July 1945 the Japanese had been keeping all aircraft, fuel and pilots in reserve and were building new aircraft for the decisive battle for their homeland. Twenty airstrips for suicide-bombers had been built in the south with underground hangers. A further 35 additional camouflaged airfields and nine seaplane bases had been prepared. In August 1945 the Japanese had a total of 12,725 aircraft of all types.

During July 1945 alone, 1,131 planes were built and 100 new aircraft plants were in various stages of construction. They had devised a network of beach defences consisting of electronically and magnetically operated mines offshore, three lines of suicide divers and heavily mined beaches. In the mountains behind the beaches were caves, bunkers, command posts and hospitals connected by miles of tunnels with dozens of separate entrances.

Twenty-eight million Japanese had become part of the National Volunteer Combat Force and every foot of Japanese soil would have been paid for, twice over, by both Japanese and American lives.

Intelligence studies and realistic miliary estimates made over 40 years showed clearly that the battle for Japan might well have resulted in the biggest bloodbath in the history of modern warfare. At best the invasion would have resulted in a long and bloody siege – at worst it could have become a battle of extermination between two civilisations.

In August 1945 the atomic bombs were dropped and the war was over. OPERATION OLYMPIC and OPERATION CORONET were still "Top Secret" and few were to learn of the elaborate plans that had been prepared for the invasion of Japan, although those aboard HMAS Shropshire had heard the 'buzz' about OLYMPIC.

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Courtesy Australian War Memorial
THE RAAF IN KOREA

This is the final article from the Australian War Memorial publication ‘As You Were’ 1950, which gives an insight into the Australian contribution in the first year of the Korean War.

A DISTINCTION earned by the RAAF fighter squadron in Japan was that it became the first complete unit of Australia’s fighting services to enter into full-scale hostilities within 24 hours of receiving permission of the Australian Government.

Short of Mustang squadrons for operations in Korea, the United States Air Force pressed its government to approach the Security Council to obtain the assistance of No.77 Squadron. Quickly the Australian Government agreed and on 2 July the squadron began operations against the common foe.

77 Squadron RAAF, together with Nos. 76 and 82 Squadrons, comprised Australia’s air component of BCOF when that force was formed. By December 1949, however, all squadrons, British, New Zealand and Australian, had been withdrawn with the exception of No.77, which moved from Bofu to a new base at Iwakuni.

In February 1950 their new Commanding Officer, Wing Commander L.T. Spence DFC, joined the unit. Although the squadron was preparing to return home, Spence insisted that it should remain at full efficiency. So the pilots went to it, dropping practice bombs on a nearby island until every member could be sure of a direct hit nine times in ten on a target only 12 feet square. Further out in the Inland Sea another small island was utilised as a live ammunition target. By driving himself and his men hard Spence had the unit at the peak of efficiency when the call came for active service.

During July the Australian squadron flew long distance escort missions with the 5th Air Force Super Fortresses and B26s but once complete air mastery had been obtained this role was abandoned. Since then the task of the squadron has been one of close support to the ground forces, attacks on lines of communications, tank, troop concentrations, bridges, artillery positions and suspected areas of enemy movement. When the Naktong River line was established in August, railway tunnels north-west of Taegu entered the list of targets. Here, to escape air attacks, the enemy sheltered tanks, troops and supplies.

A typical mission was carried out by four aircraft which, on arrival at the front, contacted the operations controller, either in a small reconnaissance aircraft or attached to the ground units. A target was allocated and, when located, the section leader checked. Then the Mustangs, one by one, swept in low to bomb, rocket and strafe. With the strike completed the machines landed at forward strips where they were rearmed and, within the hour, a second mission was under way. Before returning to Japan the section often landed in Korea a second time and completed three strikes.

During July and August, when Korea receives more than half its annual rainfall of 50-60 inches, the rain clouds cloaking the razor-backed mountain ridges added another hazard to low flying.

With operations in progress the RAAF station at Iwakuni has presented a scene of great activity. At daylight the air is filled with the muttered thunder of engines warming up as the first flight prepares for the morning’s strikes. Not only Mustangs but B26 bombers of the USAF, lodging at the field, swing out onto the runway, take off and circle before disappearing to the north. The Australians also act as hosts to No. 88 Sunderland Squadron RAF, and a Mariner flying boat squadron of the US Navy.

About the station ground staff toil to maintain aircraft at the peak of efficiency; armourers hoist bombs onto carriers; rocket racks and ammunition bins are filled.

In the air busy days were highlighted by many incidents that brought credit to the squadron. On 14 July, for instance, after managing to break through low rain clouds near Taegon, a section led by Flight Lieutenant C.R. Noble came upon an attempted crossing of the Kum River by North Koreans. Two barges and at least 40 troops fell quickly to the Mustangs. Four days later, in almost impossible flying conditions, a vital Kum River bridge was destroyed with only two 500 lb bombs.

During August the ground forces became looked in a series of vicious battles along the Naktong River with the initiative passing swiftly from one side to the other. The Australian aircraft were switched to attack the enemy, first at one point of crisis, and then another, as the outnumbered defenders strove desperately to hold the perimeter. On the afternoon of 23 August, as soon as they were airborne after rearming at Taegu, Flight Lieutenants S. Bradford and J.R. Olorenshaw, with Pilot R.W. Wittman, were ordered to fly to the Tabu-Dong area where a divisional headquarters was in danger from an enemy outflanking attack. As the North Koreans were only 100 yards away from friendly troops, extreme accuracy was required.

Forming into line the Mustangs swept in again and again with rockets and machine guns. The attack wavered, went to ground, and then the North Koreans could be observed falling back. Out of ammunition the Mustangs left the area with the shouts of a delighted ground controller ringing in their ears. This was the closest support action ever attempted by the Mustang pilots.

A day earlier Wing Commander Spence had received the US Legion of Honour in recognition of his own service and that rendered by his command. The decoration was conferred personally by the Commander of the Far East Air Forces, Lieutenant-General George Stratemeyer.

On 9 September Spence was killed while leading a section against a target in the Pohang area. The weather was bad and there were low clouds around the target. Spence’s machine failed to come out of a steep attack and plunged to the ground. Later in the month he was again decorated, this time with a posthumous award of the American Air Force Medal. Other officers of the squadron who received this decoration from Major General Earle E. Partridge, Commander of the 5th Air Force, were Flight Lieutenants C.C. Taplin, J.I. Adams and C.R. Noble.

Spence was succeeded by Squadron Leader R.C. Cresswell. This was the second time Cresswell had been appointed to command No. 77 Squadron, the first time being in 1942.

Early in November the Minister for Air (Hon. H.T. White) stated that in 2,000 sorties the pilots of the squadron had fired two million rounds of .5 ammunition and more than 7,000 rockets. They had dropped 642 500-lb. bombs, 354 fragmentation bombs, and 952 incendiaries. Three pilots have been killed, six aircraft destroyed and 20 damaged.
HONOUR AVENUES ON-LINE

USUALLY seen wielding shovel and crowbar every Tuesday in Kings Park, Terry Gill, a member of the Highgate RSL Sub-Branch Honour Avenue Committee, recently spent many long hours at his keyboard transferring the details from almost 1,200 Memorial Plaques in the Kings Park to computer diskettes.

Darrin Richards, the Botanic Gardens and Parks Authority’s Technology Systems Administrator, has used the data to create an up-to-date alphabetical list of all the plaques, and a map to help locate the plaques, and added the detail to the Park’s Web-site, www.kpbg.wa.gov.au. Members of the public, ex-service organisations, Government agencies and schools will now be able to easily access the information.

The volunteer RSL Honour Avenue Committee was formed in 1921 and has been responsible for the maintenance and preservation of the plaques ever since. Reliant on donations from the public, RSL sub-branches and business organisations, the Committee has arranged the recent presentation of Certificates of Appreciation to Bunnings Industries and Dulux Australia for their ongoing support. The National Australia Bank received a similar award last year after providing annual donations from staff and management for almost 80 years.

At a ceremony held in October, five new plaques were dedicated, including one for Sgt Toby Millwood who was killed in action in Korea while serving with the 3rd Battalion, Royal Australian Regiment. Sergeant Millwood, who also saw action in World War II, is only the second Korean War veteran to be granted a tree in the Honour Avenues, the other being S/Lieutenant Richard Sinclair, a pilot who served with the RAN’s Fleet Air Arm.

RSL members, sub-branches, ex-service organisations or anyone at all who would like to assist in the preservation of this unique part of our State heritage by making a donation, should send it C/- The Secretary, RSL Honour Avenue Committee, 231 Seventh Avenue, Inglewood WA 6052.

CHRIS BROOKS

‘BOTTLE GUNS’ AVOID RESTORATION

LOOKING not unlike a couple of beached whales’ a pair of old naval guns lie forlornly in a quiet corner of Kings Park, waiting to be restored. The two are rare 6.5 tonne ‘Mk 1 Rifled Muzzle Loading Seven Inch Naval Guns’, and were manufactured by the Royal Gun Factory in 1866 for use on ships.

Mounted originally on wooden carriages and slides, the guns after being charged with 30 pounds (13.6kg) of powder, propelled fused explosive shells weighing 115 pounds (52.3kg) up to 4 kilometres. The shell was fitted with studs that matched up with 3 rifling grooves in the barrel, which imparted spin to the projectile. As the name implies, the guns were loaded from the muzzle end, a bag of propellant powder first being rammed down the barrel followed by the projectile. This type of gun could be considered transitional between smooth-bored muzzle-loaders and rifled breech-loaders, a process of conversion begun in 1853 and accelerated by the introduction of armour plate in 1863.

The serial number on one of these guns shows that at one time it served on HMS Dreadnought. After a report in 1881 on the state of Western Australia’s defences, the guns were landed on the beach near Fremantle, for use by the Naval Artillery volunteers. However it was not a functional arrangement and the guns were left on the beach for some years until later taken to Karrakatta Army Depot.

In 1905 the guns were brought from Karrakatta to Kings Park and erected the following year on steel coastal defence mountings on Mount Eliza overlooking Perth Water. The State War Memorial Cenotaph was constructed nearby and dedicated on 24 November 1929. Three years later the Concours was made on the western approach to the Cenotaph. In order to do this roads and paths were rerouted and a large mound of sand known as the Butts, terminating the rifle range that ran parallel with Fraser Avenue, was levelled. The spreading of the spoil from the Butts covered the location of the two guns, which were sold for scrap and dismantled beforehand. The mountings were removed but the guns themselves were too massive and were buried on the site.

IN MAY 1966, through the efforts of the late Lt Col.
John Houlton, a retired Permanent Army soldier, the guns were located by means of a magnetometer, after several other unsuccessful attempts, and recovered. One was intact but the muzzle end of one barrel had been cut off and lost. The recovered guns were sandblasted, reconditioned and mounted on wooden cradles, which are shortened non-traversing versions of the Naval gun carriages of the previous century. The restoration of the guns was celebrated in a ceremony at which blank charges were fired on 23 February 1969. About 3,000 people went to hear the guns being fired for the first time in 100 years.

Earlier this year an inspection of the guns made by Kings Park staff showed the effects of weathering, rot and termite attack on the wooden carriages had made the guns a public safety hazard and they were removed from public access.

Kings Park would like to eventually replace the guns on copies of the original steel coastal defence mountings. Mounted on four wheels that ran on circular rails on the floor of the emplacement, the carriages had a central pivot that enabled the weapons to be traversed through 6,400 miles. The eventual restoration will hopefully see these unique guns relocated where they again will overlook the Narrows.

CHRIS BROOKS

Source material from Kings Park & Botanic Gardens and the Royal Australian Artillery Historical Society of WA.

THE LONG TAN CROSS

THE Long Tan Cross, in the former Phuoc Tuy Province, Vietnam, has long been recognised as a memorial to the men of D Company 6 Battalion RAR, who fought at the Battle of Long Tan on 18 August 1966. Increasingly in recent years the cross has also become the focus of remembrance for all Australian and New Zealand veterans of the conflict in Vietnam. Many veterans are now regularly visiting Vietnam to remember and pay respects to mates who died during or since the end of the conflict.

The Long Tan Cross is the only foreign memorial of the Vietnam conflict left standing today in Vietnam. The original cross, which is in a state of disrepair, is housed in the Dong Ngai Museum. The cross now standing at Long Tan was made and erected by the local Vietnamese. We should be mindful that the cross stands on Vietnamese soil and that there are still sensitivities existing, which must be considered.

To better ensure the long-term future of the cross as a memorial site, a committee has been formed to raise $60,000 to develop the Long Tan Cross as an in-country memorial by:

- Renovating and enhancing the area surrounding the cross
- Establishing an all weather road for the benefit of visitors and the residents of the adjacent hamlet
- Providing for the establishment, in close proximity to the cross, of a memorial to those Vietnamese who died at Long Tan and elsewhere during the period of our involvement in the conflict. This is to be at the discretion of the local People's Committee

The intention of the Long Tan Cross and a Vietnamese Memorial being in close proximity to each other is to bond us all, in a very public way, to a place and time that shaped us all. This proposal received the endorsement of members of the 6 RAR Association at their June 2000 General Meeting.

Mr Peter Michelson, who served with 1 RAR in 1968-69 and who is currently working with the International Red Cross in Vietnam, has undertaken to coordinate the project. He has acted as a guide for many returning veterans in recent times and organised an ANZAC Day gathering at the cross this year. He represents the Australian Vietnam Veterans’ Reconstruction Group in Vietnam and will be there until June 2001. Peter has excellent contacts in-country and to avail ourselves of this, a completion date of Long Tan Day 2001 has been set.

This is a Veterans’ Project and in order to achieve the desired result, we appeal to all veteran and similar organisations, to assist us in raising the required funds. Donations can be forwarded to,

Long Tan Cross Memorial Fund
PO Box 24
Kallangur QLD 4503
KEL RYAN Chairman (Vice President RSL Qld)
GRAHAM SMITH Secretary (Past President 6 RAR Association)

ADF AID TO VIETNAM FLOOD VICTIMS

THE Australian Defence Force has delivered humanitarian relief to the victims of the worst flooding of the Mekong Delta in decades. An RAAF Hercules C-130, captained by Flight Lieutenant Ray Werndly, airlifted 4,000 specially woven light-weight blankets and thousands of collapsible 20 litre water containers to Ho Chi Minh City

The urgently needed Australian Red Cross shipment, valued at more than $100,000, was off-loaded in appalling weather conditions in the flood-bound city and despite the pouring rain a large contingent greeted the crew with gifts and thanks. The blankets and containers will be delivered to families in the three worst affected provinces - Dong Thap, Long An and An Gian.

Source: Air Force News Nov. 2000
HOW PRECIOUS IS FREEDOM

by J.R.Lane

OUR CAMP COMMANDER Tanaka sent us off to work as usual on 15 August 1945. Sirens wailed all morning over the Kobe docks but there were no signs of aircraft. Oka, our tubby work boss, in reply to a question told us that the Emperor would speak at noon; these warnings were reminders to all the adult population to gather around radios.

At noon, all Japanese, military and civilian, formed up in front of public address speakers. Men took off their hats and bowed reverently. As Hirohito spoke, people appeared visibly distressed and began crying openly. We watched in almost disbelief, the first spasms of excitement gnawing away at our skinny insides. Then the crowd dispersed and soon the docks were deserted.

Oka joined us in the mess-hut where we went for our afternoon break. He had a peculiar look on his face. He took off his hat and made his way round the small crowded room. He bowed and shook hands with each man. By the time he had finished tears were streaming down his face. They were not tears of sorrow; they were tears of relief. The war was over he said.

There were no cheers - there was no outward feeling of excitement. We drank our tea struggling to absorb the enormity of the moment. Presently we marched home in silence through the empty streets, bright with the summer sun. It seemed to glare, and we were as men blinded by light after years in dark places.

In many isolated camps, where there was no news, Japanese without honour withheld the glad tidings - but from that night on in Kobe we were free. It was joy after sorrow, sun after rain, and it was strange and thrilling to have come to peace again. Men laughed and sang and cheered and cried. We went the rounds with congratulatory handshakes that bonded us for a lifetime. We sat talking all night...every night. Shuttles were opened, the whole camp was commandeered and beds were laid out on the concrete roof on the hot summer nights.

We did not sleep. We looked at the moon and stars. We were young and had not seen the night sky for over two years.

When the American pilots found our big ‘PW’ lettering on the roof, they sent huge cargo planes over and showered us with multi-coloured parachute loads of food, clothing and medicines. Overnight we discarded our rags of slavery and donned lovely brand-new twill summer uniforms. After, three and a half years of deprivation, we were soldiers once again - Australian and British soldiers.

Our flag was brought out from some secret hiding-place and we prepared for a ceremonial hoisting of the colours. Our former Japanese guards were posted to hold traffic at bay on the main Osaka highway while we held our ceremony. As our flag rose slowly to the mast-head, the thin tone of a lone clarinet floated over the parade with the opening bars of our National Anthem and in a spontaneous burst of patriotism we sang lustily the words that had been denied us all through our days of captivity... “God Save our Gracious King.”

EDITOR’S NOTE: The author submitted this true story to emphasise the significance of VJ Day. He writes, “Among the fast diminishing group of ex servicemen and women who were traumatised and brutalised by the Japanese as prisoners of war for three and a half years, there is a strong concern that the sacrifice made by our generation to keep Australia free, is almost forgotten today.” At the end of the neatly typed article the author added a further comment, written with a frail hand, ‘Remember...nothing is fully appreciated until it has been irretrievably lost.’

A new RSL Sub Branch at South Mandurah

South Mandurah Sub-Branch was formalised on 13 September 2000 and is looking ex-service men and women to become new members.

More than 60 people attended our first BBQ in October and we look forward to many more social events.

We meet at Port Bouvard Bowling Club on the last Monday of each month.

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R.C. Russell Hon. Secretary
YOU HAD TO BE THERE:
the funny side of the war

Selected from Vietnam Fragments by Gary McKay.
Published by Allen and Unwin

Gary Kimberley, RAAF Caribou Pilot, 35 Squadron, South Vietnam 1965 - 66 recalled...

This tale is funny, sad and yet not so sad. I guess it depends on your sense of humour, but it was sure funny the way my loadmaster described it. I'm not sure now whether it was Luong Son or Ban Tri, but we had to air-drop a live cow in a crate to this particular camp, which for one reason or another did not have a usable airstrip. Anyway, we duly arrived with the cows still standing on it. According to the loadmaster let go the load. Out went the crate and the loadmaster reported the parachute worked perfectly.

The only trouble was, this particular crate must have been badly put together for although the crate came down beautifully by parachute, the floor kept going with the cow still standing on it. According to the loadmaster, it was one of the funniest sights he had ever seen. There was the cow standing on a small wooden floor like a surfboard, hurtling through the air with its nostrils flared, ears flapping in the wind and its tail streaming out behind it. He claims the cow actually enjoyed it and swears he could see it grinning.

The sad part, or course, is that the cow would have eventually hit the ground and been killed instantly. But when it's perhaps not so sad because the cow was probably going to be slaughtered for beef anyway. At least it died happy and the South Vietnamese soldiers would still have got their steaks. Nevertheless, you may be assured that this type of accident did not happen again.

FURTHER HONOUR FOR AN OLD 'GUEST OF THE FUEHRER'

BUNBURY Sub-Branch Life Member Norm Eaton has now been honoured with Life Membership of Torchbearers for Legacy. His Life Membership recognises 30 years work as a fundraiser.

Picnics and football matches have rated highly in Norm's Legacy activities, with a highlight of one football game being a guest appearance from the great Ron Barassi. However, Norm says that the main fundraisers were Christmas raffles, Legacy Badges and two regular golf matches between Capel and Bunbury. “The golf days were a great source of both income and encouragement,” Norm says.

Hearing the bugle call very early, Norm Eaton joined the 2/11 Battalion on 11 November 1939, serving in the Middle East before being wounded and taken prisoner on Crete. Living mainly on a diet of swede or cabbage soup, half a dozen spuds and Red Cross parcels, Norm was to spend four years as a 'guest of the Fuehrer' being moved ever closer to Berlin as the Russian front advanced and finally ending up in Bavaria.

A potentially, very unpleasant period of captivity was avoided by Norm, and his mates, through the innovative use of one of the items in the Red Cross parcels. “As a reprisal for treatment meted out to German POWs we spent three months being handcuffed all day; however, it didn’t prove too much of a problem as everyone had their own key made from the keys on the sardine cans in the Red Cross parcel”, he said.

As the war in Europe drew to its inevitable close, Norm said the responsibility for guarding the POWs fell to the 12 and 13 year olds of the Hitler Youth. “We even felt sorry for these lads”, he recalled.

Finally, along with seven of his mates, Norm ducked under the fence to freedom and found himself face to face with a German officer who emerged from the undergrowth. Luck rode with the escapees because the officer was more intent on distancing himself from his own troops than tackling seven Aussies, and directed them towards the nearest village. “And there we were – seven Diggers and seven German soldiers sitting at a table in a café alongside each other as we waited for the Americans to enter the village”, Norm said with a grin. He remembers turning down an offer from US General Patton himself to ride on a tank to direct the advancing forces to the POW camp. “I told him no thanks...I didn’t want to go back there”.

Following a brief recuperative stay in the UK, Norm was discharged on 15 November 1945 and joined the City of Perth Sub-Branch that same day. Christmas was spent at home and then it was off Denmark to work for the PWD clearing land for War Service settlers. Never a man to put off till tomorrow what needed doing today, Norm met Jean Swan, recently discharged from the Air Force, in March 1946, married in October and welcomed the first of 10 children in 1947. There are now 25 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. Norm and his family farmed from 1948 to 1973 in Goomalling and later Boyup Brook, retiring in Bunbury in 1973.

Norm Eaton’s dedication to the RSL – including four years as President in Goomalling and several positions in Boyup Brook, including President, and more than five years as President in Bunbury - culminated in the award of the RSL’s Certificate for 50 Years Continuous Service in 1996. Well done Norm!

Courtesy of BILL ADAMS, Bunbury Sub-Branch PRO
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INTERESTING WAR FACTS

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At the time of Pearl Harbour the top US Navy Command was called CINCUS (pronounced “sink us”). The shoulder patch of the US Army’s 45th Infantry Division was the Swastika and Hitler’s private train was name ‘Amerika’. All three were changed for PR purposes.

More US servicemen died in the Air Corps than the Marine Corps. While completing the required 30 missions your chance of being killed was 71%.

Not that bombers were helpless. A B-17 carried 4 tons of bombs and 1.5 tons of machine gun ammunition. The US 8th Air Force shot down 6,098 fighter planes - one for every 12,700 rounds fired.

Germany’s power grid was much more vulnerable than realised. One estimate is that if just 1% of the bombs dropped on German industry had instead been dropped on power plants German industry would have collapsed.

Generally speaking there was no such thing as an average fighter pilot. You were either an ace or a target. For instance, Japanese ace Hiroyoshi Nishizawa shot down more than 80 planes. He died while a passenger on a cargo plane.

It was a common practice on fighter planes to load every fifth round as a tracer round to aid in aiming. This was a mistake. The tracers had different ballistics so at long range if your tracers were hitting the target 80% of your rounds were missing. Worse still the tracers instantly told your enemy he was under fire and from which direction. Worst of all was the practice of loading a string of tracers at the end of the belt to tell that you were out of ammunition. This was not something you wished to tell the enemy. Units that stopped using tracers saw their success rate nearly double and their loss rate go down.

The Russians destroyed more than 500 aircraft by ramming them in mid-air (and they also sometimes cleared mine-fields by marching over them). “It takes a brave man not to be a hero in the Red Army” – Joseph Stalin.

When the US Army landed in North Africa among the equipment brought ashore were three complete Coca Cola bottling plants.

Among the first “Germans” captured at Normandy were several Koreans. They had been forced to fight for the Japanese Army until they were captured by the Russians and forced to fight for the Russian Army until captured by the Germans and again forced to fight before they were finally captured by the US Army.

The German submarine, U-120, was sunk by a malfunctioning toilet.

SIGNATURE

AFTER the naval battering and the landing of troops at Puerta Princessa, Palawan, a Catalina aircraft landed in the centre of the invasion fleet to take despatches and reports back to General MacArthur’s headquarters.

In the absence of any other craft, an L.C.M. [Landing Craft] was used to take the despatches across to the Catalina. As soon as the L.C.M. got within earshot the following emanated from the aircraft:

“Watch how you ———s handle that ——— barges when you bring it alongside. This is a ——— aircraft, not a ——— battleship, you ———s.”

The American naval officer in whose custody were the despatches, grinned when he heard the voice. He shrugged his shoulders as he explained the situation in five words:

“ Obviously Australians, from the language.”

It was an Australian crew, the only official members of the Commonwealth Forces at the invasion.

By ASHER A. JOEL, RAN. From the AWM publication ‘As You Were’ 1948.

MILITARY MEMORABILIA

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AUSTRALIA’S DEFENCE
– THE CRISIS IS NOW!

by Major General Peter Phillips - National President of the RSL

SINCE the end of the Cold War, rather than an outbreak of peace we have witnessed an outbreak of suppressed regional tensions. This is nowhere more evident than in the ‘arc of instability’ to the north of Australia where nationalistic, separatist, religious and ethnic tensions have replaced political and ideological tensions.

Rather than walk through the various trouble spots in our region, let me paint a simple thesis. By 2050, the experts tell us, the world’s population will peak at 9.3 billion, up by 50 per cent from the present 6 billion. That increase will occur in the less developed regions of Africa, Asia and Latin America. Human nature being what it is, that increase will fuel discontents, insurrections, coups, refugee crises, smuggling, droughts, famines, plagues and pestilence that will make the last 50 years look blissfully peaceful by comparison.

Australia must now guard 1/10th of the earth’s surface with a mere 1/300th of the earth’s people. Our prosperity and peace make us even more attractive to refugees from around the world. Our interests as a trading nation extend well beyond the archipelago and islands to our north.

The next 50 years must surely bring far greater challenges to those charged with Australia’s defence than the last 50 years. But before looking at what must be done in the future we should examine the lessons of the past and why Defence is now in a budgetary crisis.

Little is gained from trawling through the years from World War II to the end of the Vietnam War. Then our policies were shaped by compliance with “great and powerful allies”. President Nixon’s Guam doctrine changed all that: Australia had to accept more responsibility for its own defence.

This year’s Defence budget of 1.8 per cent is the lowest since the ‘appeasement year’ of 1938...

THE seminal 1976 White Paper addressed self-reliance. We were forced to have a core force to deal with short term contingencies, while warning time would allow the force to expand in response to emerging threats. In hindsight it seems naive, though it recognised the need to invest in modern technologies, such as the FA-18s and FFGs [frigates]. The funds for investment were found largely by reducing personnel numbers and curtailing operational training. Restrictions on flying hours, track mileage for armoured vehicles, ship days and ammunition usage became institutionalised.

The 1987 White Paper, still in “Fortress Australia” mode, shifted the focus to how well the objectives of self-reliance were being met. The then Minister for Defence, Kim Beazley, claimed that DoA87 would move the politics of defence away from “who can spend the most”. This it certainly did. Even though there was forecasted a need for expenditure on Defence of 2.6 per cent to 3 per cent of GDP, that level was never to be met. By the end of the 1980s, spending had dropped from 2.5 per cent to 2.3 per cent of GDP and declined thereafter. This year’s figure of 1.8 per cent is the lowest since the “appeasement year” of 1938.

Since 1989, our regional and international commitments have greatly increased. This had brought the readiness and sustainability of the ADF into focus. The inadequacy of our war stocks of precision guided missiles and ammunition has become apparent. Organisations were “hollow” and manning levels inadequate. Labour costs kept increasing at around 4 per cent per year. With the Government meeting only 1.5 per cent, this left 2.5 per cent to be found through efficiencies. The ADF discovered that it was now regarded as a business!

Retention and recruiting have become more difficult as the economy buoyed and as the ADF competes at the top end of the market to man its new technologies. The Services have acquiesced to social engineering pressures and skill shortages by introducing women into combat positions.

In this climate, and particularly under the Coalition Government, cost-cutting and business efficiencies have been much trumpeted. In the last 20 years, the number of full-time ADF personnel has been reduced from 72,500 to 50,000 with a similar decline in Reservists. The ADF has been reduced to a relatively small force, albeit still with some edge in our region.

Programs to make the ADF “business-like” have caused considerable difficulties for the Services and are likely to be compounded in the future as the loss of skilled support area personnel manifests itself. Events in East Timor have highlighted deficiencies in the ADF logistic system that can be sheeted home in part to over-enthusiastic contracting out.

The Defence Reform Program was touted as a means of averting the current budgetary crisis in Defence. It is clear that it will not because it relied ultimately on further reducing the ADF’s strength to 42,500, a figure that is beyond the pale. Indeed, I suspect that an objective look at all the reform measures of the last 25 years will show that savings were, for the most part, found by reductions in personnel numbers and operational training.

TO BE FAIR it must be acknowledged that the last 25 years have seen a major shift in capital investment in Defence from some 10 per cent to 30 per cent of budget outlays. Australia has maintained a technological edge in the region and there has been increased Australian industry sourcing. At long last, the men and women of the ADF and their families are properly housed and quartered. Above all, the ADF
has maintained a high level of operational skill and professionalism that was demonstrated so well in East Timor.

But Defence faces a grave funding crisis. Already it has unmet approved equipment needs of about $20 billion. Over the next 20 years, Secretary Alan Hawke tells us, there will be bills of a further $82 to $106 billion of which less than half would be met from the present funding levels provided for Defence. Block obsolescence is already apparent and will create a huge ‘blip’ in investment needs in 2015-2020, as major equipments like the F111, FA18, Leopard tank and FFGs need to be replaced.

Defence’s need for an extra $50 billion plus over the next 20 years, will be in competition for a similar amount to meet the aged care needs of the “baby-boomers” and also to solve the salinity problems in our agricultural lands. Yet with prudent management it seems that these bills can be met without serious impost on taxpayers.

The defence of our island continent must remain the most important but least likely defence contingency. Our national interests are best served by maintaining a stable world order. Hence the ADF is most likely to be involved in regional engagements in our area of strategic interest and beyond. This could range from peacekeeping up to medium level conflict and all these contingencies must be catered for. Peacekeeping and humanitarian aid will always be a lesser priority and cannot be allowed to dictate our force structure.

Above all we must maintain a balanced force structured for medium level conflict, in Australia or offshore. Of course, the size of the force will be determined by how much the government of the day judges it can afford. But we must not abandon our war fighting skills or capability. Comparisons with other countries are not helpful – we need an Australian solution for Australia’s problems.

The failures of the Defence Acquisition Organisation should not be used as an excuse for radical change in our defence force. Rather its management needs to be improved. Nor should we be blinded by the difficulties in some major Australian defence industry projects, like the Collins Class submarines, to the very real benefits that accrue to Australia at large.

THE RSL welcomes the public discussion on the Defence White Paper as a constructive bi-partisan approach. This discussion should demonstrate the need for increased spending on Defence. This should start with an immediate increase of at least $1 billion in the 2001 Budget with further increases to follow.

The force structure we have now is not far off the mark in terms of organisational balance. What we need to ensure is that it keeps its edge and is equipped, sustainable and at appropriate readiness levels. We in the RSL are concerned that drastic change to our very professional ADF not be introduced. Any changes in organisation and equipment that are necessary need to be drawn on the dispassionate voice of professionals and not of a Canberra bureaucratic-academic clique.

The RSL has already presented these views to the public consultation teams headed by Mr Andrew Peacock. That team attended our National Congress in Perth... There we reinforced our case and emphasised how important the Reserve Forces are to our nation’s future defence.

Sadly recruiting and retention for the ADF has been poor. The prospects for improvement are not impressive when one looks at the recent attitude of surveys of potential recruits. More than 27 per cent say they would never serve in the military and some 30 per cent are neutral. And fewer than seven per cent say they would consider a military career. Further probing by Focus Research’s James Cowley suggests that prevailing cultural mores in the target market reveal a very strong “what’s in it for me” streak and almost complete lack of respect for authority figures. Young people are said to want to “hang loose” and not commit to periods of engagement or obligations. It is a very sad picture for the ADF and I hope that it is wrong!

God bless us all.

*Courtesy of National RSLs publication, ‘Stand To’.*
RUSSELL McLAUGHLAN -
WESTERN AUSTRALIA'S
NEW DEPUTY
COMMISSIONER
OF DVA

SECRETARY of the Department of Veterans’ Affairs, Dr Neil Johnston, announced the appointment of Russell McLaughlan to the position of Deputy Commissioner in Western Australia, in late August. Russell had been acting in the position after former Deputy Commissioner, Jim Dalton, moved on.

With the better part of Russell’s 30 years with DVA being spent here in WA and working in most areas of the Department, he has seen the expansion of the Department’s role in serving the Veteran community.

In an article in the DVA journal Western Veteran, Russell re-stated the DVA Corporate Plan –

‘DVA exists: To serve members of Australia’s veteran and defence force communities, their war widow(er)s and dependants through programs of care, compensation, commemorations and defence support services.’

It is Russell’s intention to build on this commitment and make the WA State Office of DVA a national leader in quality service delivery to the Veteran community.

Courtesy ‘The Western Veteran’

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BOOK REVIEWS

RAAF FLYING BOATS AT WAR
The Way it Was - by Joe Leach
FROM the early days of flying, all air forces had utilised seaplanes and flying boats for military use. The RAAF was no exception and in 1939 had ordered two squadrons of Short Sunderland flying boats. On the outbreak of war, early deliveries of these aircraft became the nucleus of 10 Squadron RAAF and served as part of RAF Coastal Command.

The author trained as a Wireless Operator/Air Gunner under the Empire Training Scheme. He was posted to 10 Squadron in the UK and first crewed with Flight Lieutenant Graham Pookley DFC, a pilot noted for his ability and meticulous approach to operational flying. Joe Leach was to serve in three crews during a prolonged first tour of 13 months and 1300 flying hours. He describes in graphic detail his operational flying during the Battle of the Atlantic. A large part of this was in the Bay of Biscay, noted for its atrocious weather and the presence of German JU88 fighters.

On returning to Australia in late 1944, Leach converted to the US-made Catalinas and was posted to the elite 113 Air Sea Rescue Flight on Morotai. 113ASRF retrieved downed pilots and carried out an assortment of operations as the war moved northwards. After the war the Flight helped with the return of POWs to Australia and performed a number of other duties in the former Japanese-occupied territories. Elements of 113ASRF went to Japan with BCOF but that is another story.

Available from Australian Military History Publications, 13 Veronica Place, Loftus, NSW 2232 - priced at $22 inc. GST and postage.

JIM TIPPETTS

THE RIFLEMAN
The Unit History of 3RAR in Vietnam – 1971
by Michael English
THIS book is for the avid reader of army unit histories. It covers a period of time in the proud history of 3RAR, from the appointment of a new Commanding Officer who was tasked to bring the battalion to full strength and be effectively trained as a fighting machine to take over from a war-hardened sister battalion on rotation from the South Vietnam operational area.

The story is well told by the author, who served as a rifleman during the hostilities, and is augmented by comments of soldiers and officers of the battalion. The book is supported by photographs, drawings and operational maps and includes a Roll of Honour, honours and awards together with the citations and concludes with a nominal roll of the battalion. Written from the heart by one who was there.

Available in hardcover from Australian Military History Publications, 13 Veronica Pl, Loftus, NSW 2232
Price $33- includes GST and postage.

Maj RON GREGOR RA Int (Ret)

TO HELL-FIRE, PURGATORY AND BACK
An account of the battle exploits and POW experiences of Major A.E. Saggers
Commanding Officer ‘A’ Company, 2/4th Machine Gun Battalion
and Special Reserve Battalion AIF.
by Ian Saggers.

THE AUTHOR has taken his father’s war diaries, successfully hidden from the Japanese by Major Saggers during his captivity, and skilfully woven them into an easy-flowing story that presents the previously well documented events encountered by the 8th Division in Malaya in a different perspective.

A.E. (Bert) Saggers, a member of the Australian militia in the 1920s, was at the outbreak of war appointed CO of A Company 2/4th Machine Gun Battalion, which on the entry of the Japanese into the war, sailed as part of the 8th Division to Singapore.

The author vividly recounts his father’s thoughts and actions during the ferocious fighting for Singapore. Many acts of outstanding courage by men of the 2/4th and the composite Reserve Battalion are cited by Major Saggers, few of which were subsequently recognised. The reader will find the day-by-day battle detail absorbing for it depicts the tenacity of the Australian soldier at war even when confronted by confusion, lack of equipment and no reserves of manpower.

Saggers’ comment on the Malayan Command in Singapore was that, “it had failed the fighting soldier” and said of Lieutenant-General Percival that “he does not impress upon me as having strong character, nor as one who could and would impose his will on his subordinates.”

Following the fall of Singapore, Saggers briefly records the three and a half years of incarceration, a chapter of darkness unheralded in Australian military history for its savagery and inhumanity. Yet, from the depths of this living purgatory dawned a fight not even the depravity of the Japanese could extinguish: the power of the Australian spirit, mateship, thoughtfulness and self-sacrifice.

Available from the Army Museum Fremantle and WA Historical Society, Broadway, Nedlands.

NORMAN G. MANNERS

WE BAND OF BROTHERS
A biography of Lt Col Ralph Honner DSO MC.
by Peter Brune

LT COLONEL Ralph Honner, soldier and statesman – “It’s a confidence business, all war is a confidence business. If there isn’t confidence in your mates or your leadership and your weapons and training, you’re not good soldiers.” This is a quote from Ralph’s diary and papers on which the author has based this excellent book on the exploits of G Company, 2/11th Battalion during the Middle East campaigns and the battle of Crete during which time Ralph Honner was a company commander. Later he was CO of the 39th and 2/14th Battalions during several New Guinea campaigns. His
service career began in 1936 as a Militia Officer in the 11th Battalion (City of Perth). At the outbreak of war he enlisted in the 2/11th Battalion and, as a Company Commander, sailed on the troopship Nevada to the Middle East.

The narrative is based on command at a level that deals with soldiering at the grass roots level, and is not hampered by strategic or ‘big picture’ events that are left to higher commands. The description of operations in the Middle East, the capture of Bardia, Tobruk and Derna, followed by the battles in mainland Greece and Crete are vividly detailed, as was Ralph Honner’s ability to survive and escape by RN submarine to Alexandria.

Following his return to Australia he was posted as CO of the 39th Battalion during the dark days of the Owen Stanley campaign. It was at the battle of Iserava towards the end of 1942, in company with the 2/14th Battalion, that the line was held by untrained militia soldiers and some seasoned veterans from the Middle East campaigns in the face of superior Japanese forces. The ability of this force to delay the enemy and turn the tide of previous defeats in our favour, denied the Japanese the ability to reach Port Moresby.

Published by Allen & Unwin – Price $29.95.
R.D. MERCER

UNIT HISTORIES RE-RELEASED

THREE Unit Histories recently revised and re-released have found their way onto bookshelves again. The Story of the Twelfth, a record of the 12th Battalion in World War I, originally published in 1925 has been republished with additional material by John Burridge Military Antiques. A large hard cover book of 231 pages follows the Battalion from its formation and through its battles at Gallipoli and the Western Front. Price $64.

First published in 1984, K.T. Johnson’s book, The History of the 2/11th (City of Perth) Australian Infantry Battalion 1939-45, which covers the Battalion’s days in North Africa, the Middle East, Greece, Crete and New Guinea, is again available with additional material, including new stories by ex-members of the Battalion, comments and corrections and a Nominal Roll. With almost 300 pages, the large hardcover book, priced at $64 and again published by John Burridge Military Antiques, will prove a popular addition under many Christmas trees this year.

Strike and Return, 460 RAAF Heavy Bomber Squadron, by Peter Firkins, which was first published in 1964 and is again available from Australian Military History Publications (13 Veronica Pl. Loftus NSW 2232. Phone/fax 02 9542 6771), is a marvellously detailed, interesting record of one of the most outstanding fighting formations of World War II. This third edition contains much new material and photographs. The Squadron flew Wellington and Lancaster Bombers, clocking up 6,264 sorties and delivering almost 25,000 tons of bombs under extremely arduous and dangerous conditions. At the end of hostilities more than 1,000 aircrew from 460 Squadron had been killed or had died of their wounds. Price $33.

EDITOR

Sub-Branch News

BICTON-PALMYRA (Inc. N.E. Fremantle)

A MEMORABLE and emotional day at Mandurah on 18 August commemorated Vietnam Veterans’ Day. Proudly we marched over the old bridge to the memorial. After speeches of tribute to all veterans, including those from East Timor, we retired to the Mandurah Sub-Branch and enjoyed hospitality and fellowship with our mates. We thank the Mandurah Sub-Branch and also the Vietnam Logistical Support Group for providing transport for 42 of our members.

In October Graham Purkiss, Kevin Hastie and Allan Meyer represented our Sub-Branch at the Collie/Cardiff commemorative ceremony. To the RSL members and citizens of Collie, thanks for the country welcome. More than 100 members and several distinguished guests enjoyed good food and music at our recent annual dinner dance. Congratulations to Kevin Hastie and his committee.

Ensure you have booked for our Christmas party, contact K. Hastie or A. Meyer for details.

We wish everyone a very merry Christmas and a safe and prosperous new year.

TREVOR PESCUD PRO

BUNBURY

ALMOST 100 people attended the annual dinner held at the Lord Forrest in October. Invited guests included Bunbury’s Bishop Peter Quinn, Mr and Mrs Shane Seers, Mr and Mrs Ken Murphy and Jim Dalton. Among several well-deserved presentations of awards was one made to Mrs Jean McGlashen. Many years ago Jean’s late husband, George, donated the wheels from his unused lawn mower for the Sub-Branch beer trolley. The wheels recently were mounted on a wooden plaque and returned to Jean bearing the inscription, “In memory of George, greater love hath no man, that he give his lawn mower wheels to what greater cause than the RSL beer trolley”. It was a pleasant and jovial moment during this successful occasion.

In other news Social Club President Bill Turner reports a strengthening of our relationship with Mandurah Sub-Branch, following exchange visits between the two clubs in June and September.

The DVA and Bunbury Health Group were sponsors of the annual Veterans’ Health check in October. More than 100 members took advantage of the opportunity to have their health monitored. Thanks to the volunteers from the Red Cross and our RSL Women’s Auxiliary.

The Bunbury Army Reserve unit started a collection of military memorabilia almost 30 years ago and are currently looking for a World War II vintage armourers wooden tool-box approximately three feet long, 18 inches wide and 10 inches deep. If you can help by lending or donating this or any other military memorabilia to their collection please contact our Sub-Branch (08) 972 13596.

BILL ADAMS PRO
CANNING DISTRICTS & VICTORIA PARK

THANKS are extended to our Committee, Social Club, all volunteers and to those people who attended our social functions. We also thank Poppy Day organiser Bert Neil and the volunteers who helped make the day so successful. Next year we hope to see a few more members coming along and supporting their club.

We extend a special welcome to our new Bar Manager, Mr Barry J. Fulker and kind regards to Mr Jack Reid and his wife Jean and our sympathies to the Back family. Lest we forget.

I wish members and their families a very happy and safe Christmas and hope that 2001 is a great year for you all.

WENDY SCHWAB PRO

GERALDTON CITY

HEARTY CONGRATULATIONS to President Charlie Britt for his initiative which resulted in both WA and National RSL Congresses supporting Geraldton’s lobbying of both State and Federal Governments to have the section of North West Coastal Highway between Geraldton and Carnarvon renamed HMAS Sydney Memorial Highway.

The object is to perpetuate the memory of the 645 crew of HMAS Sydney II who lost their lives on 19 November 1941, somewhere off this section of the WA coast in World War II. Their loss and that of their ship followed an engagement with the German raider Kormoran.

The State Executive approved Charlie’s design for a commemorative plaque to be installed at the State War Memorial, honouring HMAS Sydney II and her crew. The design includes the light cruiser’s 1940 Mediterranean, Cape Spada, Adriatic Sea, Calabria and Malta convoys service and the 1941 Kormoran encounter.

The design also features the RAN crest the Sydney’s crest (which includes the motto “Thorough and Ready”), a silhouette of the gallant vessel and the wording “In solemn memory of the 645 personnel who were lost along with their ship HMAS Sydney off the Batavia coast somewhere between Geraldton and Carnarvon in Western Australia on the evening of 19 November 1941. Lest We Forget”.

MEANWHILE, the National Bank continues to be the receipt point for donations to Geraldton’s HMAS Sydney II Memorial Trust Fund, whose trustees have been strongly lobbying for Federal and State Government support. This Trust Fund was created in support of a comprehensive HMAS Sydney II Memorial project for Mt Scott that has opening plans for 19 November 2001, the 60th anniversary of Australia’s greatest marine disaster.

Reporting on National Congress, Frank Sharp said the RSLs 2000 ANZAC Peace Prize was won by the new Army chief, Lieutenant-General Peter Cosgrove, ACM, in recognition of his outstanding contribution as Commander of the International Force in East Timor. It was presented by WA’s new Governor, Geraldton-born, Lieutenant-General John Sanderson, AC, after officially opening the 85th National Congress at Government House Ballroom.

Frank Sharp said National Congress decided to ask the Federal Government to introduce a National Service Scheme for all Australians over the age of 18, with no exceptions. It also carried a motion, “that ANZAC Day shall remain in its present form and retain its present purpose as a commemoration day that shall not be amalgamated with any other national day.” National Congress also supported current legislation requiring a referendum before any changes to the design of the Australian Flag could be made.

As Graham Perham is both Sub-Branch and Club Treasurer, an offer by Secretary Wayne Byfield to help Kevin Grey with the memorabilia was accepted with gratitude. Memorabilia additions include a well-preserved souvenir program containing the words and music of the song ‘I’ve a Home in West Australia’, which was sung at Blackboy Army Training Camp and at patriotic functions during World War I. Many soldiers from Geraldton and other parts of the Midwest Region would have been among those to sing the song at Blackboy camp, including 20-year-old Roy Thompson of Geraldton who paid the supreme sacrifice on 28 April 1915, three days after he and brother Claude of 11th Battalion landed at Gallipoli.

There is a constant reminder of this sacrifice through the use of Roy’s Gallipoli bugle on ANZAC Day and at other commemorative services as a result of the generosity of his nephew, Treasurer Graeme Perham. The writer’s wife, Joan Barden, said her mother used to sing ‘I’ve a Home in West Australia’ because she had a special interest in World War I – her four brothers (Harry, Steve, Lou and Bob McGlinn) and her father, James McGlinn, all served in the war and they all came home.

PETER BARDEN

KWINANA

WE WISH to advise our members that our Annual General meeting will be held in our clubrooms at 27 Pacé Road, Medina, at 7:00pm on Wednesday 7 February 2001. For further information please contact me on (08) 9410 2150.

BRIAN ANDERSON

NOLLAMARA-NORTH PERTH

THE WEATHER was kind to the Sub-Branch at the ceremony to commemorate Vietnam Veterans’ Day on Friday 18 August. The wreath layers were: John Rankin – on behalf of the Sub-Branch; Patron – Graham Armstrong; SASR – Roy Weir; 1 RAR – Scottie Alcorn; 2 RAR – Peter Heeney; 3 RAR – John Lewis; 4 RAR – Chris Clarke; 5 RAR – Phil McLure (on behalf of); 6 RAR – Bob Beattie (on behalf of); 7 RAR – Jeff Wilkie; 8 RAR – “Ando” (on behalf of); 9 RAR – John Mac (on behalf of); Artillery – Kevin Wormald; Engineers – Robert Marsden; Associated Field Corps – Paul Pescud; Royal Australian Navy – David Green; Royal Air Force – Mal Cryer (on behalf of).

Special thanks to Carol Randall for her competent organising of the ceremony, Ted Tait for filling in for our bugler Graham Worth, who was participating in the ceremony at Leeman and flag attendants Roger Randall,
Gary Robilliard and Ross Jones. Thanks to the 250 or so people who attended the ceremony.

On Saturday 29 July Sub-Branch members filled a large bus and revisited Bicton-Palmyra Sub-Branch. We had a great day and many thanks to Sub-Branch Presidents Stan Webb and Keith Boxshall for their generous donations.

Bicton-Palmyra Sub-Branch turned on some excellent food and both dart games were won by Nollamara-North Perth Sub-Branch. These visits are ideal for inspiring morale between Sub-Branches.

We note with sadness the passing of Adam McWilliams and Hugh Jones and extend our deepest sympathy to their families.

ROSCO JONES PRO

RIVERVALE–CARLISLE

OUR PRESIDENT Les Ransome was pleased to accept the Newdegate Cup on behalf of the Sub-Branch again this year – that makes it four out of the last seven years. Its display at our meetings and all our functions is a reminder to members to keep up the good work. It is pleasing to report that our Bingo evenings each Monday are attracting more players. We have not yet reached the “Who Wants to be a Millionaire?” stage but prize money is increasing steadily.

Following publicity in the West Australian newspaper we are receiving information from relatives of members of the defunct Carlisle Sub-Branch, some expressing concern about the loss of the Honour Roll and memorabilia. Investigations have led to the location of two plaques, but tragically it seems the Honour roll and memorabilia may have been dumped after the Carlisle RSL meeting hall was demolished.

NEWFLASH! The City of Belmont is well into the planning of the new Community Centre where we hope to be accommodated. Early tenders are being called and we will keep you posted.

TOM GRIFFITH Hon. Secretary

SCARBOROUGH

CONSIDERING the inclement weather during the winter months our meetings have been well attended, though sadly we have lost a few members because of Anno Domini. Regrettfully one of our valued members transferred to Bunbury – but our loss is their gain and we are sure they will make her welcome.

Several good speakers at our meetings have kept us informed of the latest developments with the DVA and Mr Jim Dalton recently spoke of his new position and the plans for the War Veterans’ Home.

A most enjoyable bus trip through the Swan Valley allowed us to appreciate each other’s company even more...though Junior Vice President Tony recalls with a smile, he had difficulty in getting some folks out of the wine cellars. Further excursions are planned. Many extra volunteers helped with Poppy Day and our November annual dinner will be a fitting finish for the Year 2000.

The new format of The Listening Post has been well received by most members and we congratulate those involved with the change. We know that any change in anything is hard for some members to accept.

New members are always sought for our Sub-Branch and our secretary Doug Piggott will make it easy for you to ‘come aboard’. Keep well and stay happy!

GORDON HARVEY Senior Vice President Tel: 9446 1904

HOLLYWOOD UPDATE

KEVIN TALKS UP A STORM

IN THE last three months Kevin Cass-Ryall has made a serious commitment to keeping in touch with the veteran community. By the completion of an extensive program of talks and tours, he will have made contact with close to 1000 people.

“Veterans remain our priority and we are committed to providing them with the best possible service we can. One way to ensure this happens is to be in close contact with them. By speaking to different ex-service organisations, I am able to gain a clearer understanding of what the veterans want”.

If your organisation would like Kevin to speak at an association meeting please contact Barbara, his assistant, on 9346 6276, or if your association would like a tour of Hollywood to see the changes first hand, please contact Trish Miller, Community Relations Manager on 9346 6664.

FRIENDSHIP RENEWED AT HOLLYWOOD

Left to right: Mr Phillip McCullough, Mrs Powell and Mr Bob Powell

A CHANCE encounter in the halls of Hollywood Private Hospital led to the renewal of a half century-old friendship. “I saw this fellow walking up and down the
corridor looking lost, so I approached him to ask if he was all right and recognised him soon after”, said Mr Bob Powell. Bertie (Bob) Powell and Phillip McCullough, had lost contact with each for more than 25 years. Mr Powell recognised his childhood friend when he helped Mr McCullough to his room, after he lost his way in the wards.

The two men first met in 1930, as orphaned school-boys at the Fairbridge Farm School in Pinjarra. They were 14 and 10 years old respectively. “I had to leave school when I turned fourteen. They didn’t allow you to stay in school after that age, so I took up a job on five bob a week”, Mr Powell said. “Nine years later the war broke out and I signed up with the 7th Division’s, 2/16th Battalion.”

Both men served in World War II and lost contact with each other after the war. Mr McCullough served in the 9th Division Armoured Division.

**LEADING ALZHEIMERS’ RESEARCHER AT HOLLYWOOD**

A LEADING international researcher, Professor Sam Gandy, recently visited Perth as the Raine Visiting Professor to give a series of lectures on the latest developments in Alzheimers’ Disease research. While in Australia, Professor Gandy chose to work closely with Associate Professor Ralph Martins and his team of researchers at Hollywood Private Hospital in Nedlands.

Professor Martins has an international reputation for research into the genetic nature of Alzheimer’s disease which is estimated to increase by 254% over the next few decades as Australia’s population continues to age.

“Alzheimer’s Disease has the potential to affect many ordinary people which is why research is so important”, said Professor Gandy. “I have been involved in Alzheimers’ research for 15 years and this is an exciting time as the role of genetics and hormones in the disease are truly under the microscope”.

**TAILORED ALCOHOL PROGRAMS AT THE HOLLYWOOD CLINIC**

THE NUMBER of Australian females who drink regularly is increasing at an alarming rate, according to the first national survey of drug and alcohol use in Australia. Conducted by the National Drug & Alcohol Research Centre, the study found that 83% of males and 63% of females drank regularly, while the numbers of people seeking treatment remain at an alarmingly low rate.

Programs at The Hollywood Clinic are tailored to meet the specific needs of participants, both men and women. Linda Welsh, Co-ordinator of the Alcohol Treatment Program at the Clinic said: “Here we cater for both men and women who suffer an alcohol dependency. However, we believe that single sex therapy groups help to bring the issue out into the open, and thus be more effective.”

As the number of alcohol dependent females continues to grow, more effective intervention programs are required to address their special needs. Ms Welsh is currently conducting 12-day intensive women’s only groups, and can be contacted on 9346 6239. Program Director Dr Michael Hagan commented on the success to date. “It is too early to make conclusive statements about the program, but so far the results have been encouraging.”

If you would like further information about the programs available at The Hollywood Clinic, please contact Linda Welsh on 9346 6239.
HUMOUR IN UNIFORM

PROBLEM SOLVED
TAXIING down the runway in Da Nang, during the last days of the Vietnam war, the somewhat battered Hercules transport abruptly stopped, turned around and returned to the loading area. After a half hour wait in sweltering heat, it finally took off. A passenger, a nervous looking junior officer, heading home after a tour of duty as a clerk in a PX, asked the grizzled old crew chief, "What was the problem?"

The chief removed a battered unlit cigar from one corner of his mouth, spat on the floor of the aircraft and said, "Well...sir...the pilot was bothered by a noise he heard in one of the engines and it took us a while to find a new pilot."

PROMOTION and PROGRESS
A RETIRED army officer was a keen duck hunter and often used hunting dogs when out on a shoot, but he had never owned one. A few years after he had retired he heard about a kennel run by an ex-SAS soldier who trained hunting dogs, so he thought he would give them a try.

He rang and was told that the only dog available was Pte Bowser. He asked "Why Private?" and was told that all the dogs were given a rank depending on their level of training. A Pte dog would cost $10 for the weekend. As it was a long weekend he decided to give Pte Bowser a try. The dog turned to be a pretty hopeless retriever, but the old man developed a strong friendship with the dog and vowed to use him next time he went hunting.

Two months later he rang and requested Pte Bowser and was told that Corporal Bowser was available and would cost $30. The Major was delighted to hear of the dog's promotion and took him out for the weekend. The dog was very good at all aspects of the hunt, pointing, retrieving etc., and the old man was pleased with his efforts.

It was six months before the Major was able to go hunting again. He rang the kennel and asked for Cpl Bowser, and was overwhelmed to hear that it was now Sergeant Bowser and would cost $100 for the weekend. The dog proved to be a master at all aspects of the hunt, well worth the $100, and still very friendly and loveable.

Another month went by and the old bloke just couldn't stop thinking about the dog, so he called the kennel and offered to buy the dog for $1,000. He was shocked to hear that he could buy him for ten dollars!

"Is this the same dog you have had since he was a private and has progressed to a sergeant?" the Major asked, "What happened to him?" The kennel owner replied "Yes, well, he got so good we promoted him to Warrant Officer, so now he just sits on his behind and barks all day."

Submitted by Barry Long (ex WO 2)

REUNIONS

ARMOUR IN SOUTH VIETNAM

A REUNION will be held in Fremantle from 24 to 28 April 2002 for all former members who served in Vietnam with 1 Troop 4/19 PWLH, 1 APC Troop, 1 APC Squadron, A & B Squadrons 3rd Cavalry Regiment, C, B & A Squadrons 1st Armoured Regiment, Royal Australian Armoured Corps.

As we wish to truly remember our friends and workmates from that era, we invite all servicemen who were attached to any Armoured unit or those Corps personnel who served with other units during their tour to join us, (RAEME, Sigs, Engineers, AACC, RAOC, Medics). For further information please contact,

Kerry Baker on 08 9574 5595 or email Terry Stidwell at: stidwell@net1.nw.com.au or go to the 3 Cav Regt(Vietnam) Sitrep site located at:
http://members.tripod.com/~Gavanvet/SITREP-htm

16th AUSTRALIAN FIELD REGIMENT AIF (1941-45)

First Australian Armoured Division

THE REUNION committee is anxious to locate all former members of the above regiment, or their families, before the next annual reunion in 2001. This will be a celebration of the 60th anniversary of the foundation of the regiment on 5 November 1941 and also the release of the printed version of our regimental history. For further information please contact,

L. WICKING, 147 Rowans Rd, Moorabbin Vie 3189
Tel: (03) 9555 9317

TRUSCOTT BASE REUNION 2001

FOLLOWING the very successful 'Reunion 2000' we have decided to hold another reunion for the period 16-26 May 2001 at Truscott airbase. The key dates are: 16-18 May, assemble in Kununurra by own means, 17-19 May tour the old base relics, 19 May dedication ceremony if required, 20 May Dawn Service then return to Kununurra. 21 May reunion dinner, then tours or visits till 26 May.

We are applying for an RAAF aircraft to fly veterans and relatives to Truscott, with Northern Command Support. Due to accommodation constraints we are forced to limit the number of veterans and relatives to 20. Book now by contacting me at PO Box 1108, Kununurra. Tel: (08) 9168 1653 Fax (08) 9168 1765, E-mail truscott@wn.com.au

HOWARD YOUNG
President, Truscott Base Reunion Committee.
Can You Help?

**AMERICAN MOTORCYCLE WANTED**

Serving ADF member Bill White is looking for an American Motorcycle (preferably a military model) to restore to its former glory. If you can assist in locating a suitable bike, parts or provide any helpful information please contact Bill after hours on Tel: 9271 4718.

**ARTILLERY IN SOUTH VIETNAM**

The Royal Australian Artillery Historical Society of Western Australia is seeking photographs or slides of Australian or Allied artillery pieces in use in South Vietnam. Copies will be made and the originals will be returned to the owners. If you can help please contact the Society on,

Tel: 9380 9388 or PO Box 335 Leederville 6903.

**BRIGADIER MIKE CALVERT DSO**

I am writing a film script of Mike’s life mainly sourced from his and other books. Can anyone help me? Did you know him personally? Speak to him? Have amusing stories about him? Have other heroic/tragic Chindit stories? Contact

RON SHEARS - phone/fax (08) 9409 1224.

**RAAF IN MALTA 1952-55**

I am an Australian born student at the University of Malta and to assist with my B.A. Honours I need to make contact with ex-members of 78 Fighter Wing RAAF who served in Malta in 1952-55. If you can help please write to;

WAYNE SAILLARD, 79 Gunlayer St. Floriana VLT15 Republic of Malta, Europe.

**HMS GANGES ASSOCIATION OF WA**

We are keen to hear from anyone who was a boy trainee or who served in any capacity on HMS Ganges, the RN’s training establishment at Shotley, UK. The Association meets four times a year, including mid December. For further information please contact,

PETER WEARE Tel: 9379 1320 or

RICHARD SOUTHALL Tel: 9451 1204

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**CHRISTMAS FARE**

THE CIVIL disturbances in Malaya started in 1948 and ‘...in the aid of the civil power...’ the battalion was deployed from Singapore to company areas of operations in Johor State in such a way that they acted almost independently from the battalion headquarters. Thus some support troops who would normally be under a HQ’s control were detached to a company. One such function was that of the cooking staff.

In our case we received CPL Griffin, a well-known, long serving soldier who had seen action before and during World War II. He had decided that ‘...running around the jungle was no use for him’, leaving such foolishness to the younger ‘jits’. Griffin was king of his domain and by and large was left alone to his own devices – providing the food was more or less edible and available when needed.

At the same time a number of very young subalterns were posted to the battalion and such a person arrived at our company, just before Christmas. Within a day he was given the distinction of being the Orderly Officer (OO), and one of his duties was to inspect the cookhouse to ensure that all was well and being properly run.

The cookhouse as such was a small hut with a concrete floor and some rudimentary stoves. Griffin was hard at work mixing some food substances, which in itself did not cause the OO undue alarm, but the manner and location did. Griffin was wielding a shovel to mix the ingredients and he was doing so on the concrete floor. The OO was unaware of Griffin’s independent nature and his lack of concern about the thoughts of any junior officer, even if he was the OO, and no Orderly Sergeant was on hand to guide the subaltern.

The OO asked Griffin what he was doing and received a reply along the lines that ‘...any bloody fool could see he was mixing the ingredients for the Company’s Christmas puddings!’ The next question was “Why on the concrete floor?” The hygiene condition of the floor was also questioned. By this time Griffin was somewhat incensed and replied that he had scrubbed the floor with Jeyes [a potent antiseptic] and that should take care of any wees beasties that may become part of the ingredients and besides there was no other suitable place to do the mixing.

However, if the OO was really concerned, Griffin said, then he should uphold a long time regimental tradition of supplying a few bottles of whisky from the Officers Mess to be added to the pudden to improve the taste and nae doot finish off any beasties that may survive the cooking. The OO duly did as was suggested (I did say the Lieutenant was both very new and very young) and the next day the Christmas Pudden was proclaimed a success. Exactly how much whisky went into the pudden and how much found its way into Griffin was never divulged, although he did look the worse for wear when cooking the Christmas breakfast – but then he had been slaving over some very hot stoves the previous day.

TERRY GILL
Christmas Greetings...
...from the Presidents of Perth and Fremantle Legacy Clubs, the Chairman of Torchbearers for Legacy in Western Australia and all the staff at Legacy House. Wishing you all a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Running out of time to bake?

Want to win a trip for two to Conrad Jupiters Casino on the Gold Coast and solve your Christmas pudding dilemma?

Well, why not buy one (or more) of Legacy's famous Christmas puddings, available now for sale and collection at $8.00 each or $96.00 a carton (including GST). These quality 800g puddings are made locally by Mills and Wares, a 100% Australian-owned company.

For each pudding you purchase you are eligible to enter the draw for a holiday for two, flying Qantas and enjoying five nights accommodation at Conrad Jupiters Casino (meals not included). Check the entry from on the back of the pudding label for more details.

Individual puddings can be purchased from Home Building Society and ANZ Bank Branches and Legacy House in South Perth and Fremantle.

For orders of whole cartons (12 puddings) with free delivery throughout Western Australia, contact Terry Healy, Fundraising Manager, on 9367-5799 or order by fax on 9474-2528.

Don't forget Legacy's next Badge Day Appeal will be held on Friday April 20, 2001.

Eleventh Militaria Auction

Our next Militaria Auction will be held at Legacy House, 64 Mill Point Road, South Perth, on Sunday March 11, commencing at 10:00am. Don't forget to mark that date.

Items of Militaria such as badges, swords, uniforms, books, medals, hats, war souvenirs, documents or any item you believe may be suitable should be delivered to Legacy House by Friday March 2. A receipt will be issued.

Remember all items sold at auction will directly benefit Legacy with 20 per cent of the sale price going to Legacy and 80 per cent to the vendor!

Legacy's militaria Auctions attract many militaria collectors so please check you cupboards, drawers and garage for any items you believe suitable and support Legacy.

Who knows - you may have a fortune in that old trunk which you can turn into cash!

**Inspection Times:**

Saturday March 10, 10:00AM - 4:00PM
Sunday March 11, 9:00AM - 10:00AM

For further information contact:
Terry Healy, Fundraising Manager on 9367-5799 or 0410-64-1928.

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## NEW MEMBERS

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

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ARCTIC CONVOYS VETERANS’ ASSOC WA INC
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Correspondence/Secretary: Yvonne Holmes, 11 Doonan Rd, Nedlands 6009; Ph: 9386 1945. Meetings: 10:30am 3rd Wed monthly, ANZAC Club. AGM Jun.

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They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old. Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun, and in the morning, we will remember them. Lest We Forget.

The deaths of the following RSL members (WA Branch) were recorded at ANZAC House between 18 July 2000 and 31 October 2000

Adams, Kenneth. City of Rockingham, A51197. 77 Sqn RAAF
Anderson, Douglas H. Applecross, 17470. RAAF
Ashcroft, Colin A. Kwinana, W52817. MYTTIC
Back, Ernest W. Canning Dist-Vic. Park, 5/2126. 2 RAR
Barrett, Robert N. Murray, A54929. RAAF
Barwise, William A. Mandurah, 35179. Navy
Beehar, Mervyn L. City of Perth, 432471. RAAF
Bellamy, William J. Mt Hawthorn, W24738. A/Tank
Blake, Robert K. Bicton-Palmyra, WX1302. 2/2 Fld. Regt.
Bostock, Garnet. Yokine-joondanna, R301831. M.Navy
Bowtell, Norman E. City of Perth, NX37222. 9 Div Sigs
Brown, F.E.Applecross, WX759. 2/11 Aust Inf Bn
Brown, Henry M. Osborne Park, S6821. RANR
Brown, Robert L. Mandurah, 83218. RAAF
Burnett, James G. City of Perth, WX32073. ASC
Button, Frederick E. Albany, A45207. RAAF
Carruthers, J.M. Collie-Cardiff, 14538695. 12 Royal Lancers
Chapman, Robert RCity of Perth, 153861. Royal Fusiliers
Compagnoni, W.J. Esperance, 405269. RAAF
Corke, N.J. Bunbury, WX26589. 2/23 Aust Inf Bn
Cross, R.R.Bunbury, CR12345. M.Navy
Defratus, Gordon, Central, WX26817. 2/23 Aust Inf Bn
Denny, J.F.F. Applecross, WX843. 2/11 Aust Inf Bn
Disbrey, Colin E. Canning Dist-Vic. Park, WX39272. 2/67 LAD
Donovan, G.F.G. Claremont, 503139. RAAF Nursing Service
Dovey, Reginald. City of Perth, 14425519. British Army
Edwards, Herbert J. City of Perth, Q15275. 2/26 Aust Inf Bn
Fermaner, Richard E. City of Rockingham, WX501162. Army
Fitzgerald, George H. Bicton-Palmyra, WX37931. Army
Fletcher, Eric. Katanning, 45163. RAAF
Fox, Patrick W. Albany, 406838. RAAF
Friend, Leslie E. Bunbury, WX27299. 28 Aust Inf Bn
Gates, Vernon K. Mandurah, WX39472. 69 AA/SL Battery
Gayfer, N.B.E. Vic Park&Vic. Vets, WX95362. 2/4 MG Bn
Gibson, John H. Coolgardie, WX14173. 2/4 Armoured Regt
Gilchrist, John J. Port Kennedy, R109369. Navy
Gill, George H. Como, WX4372. 2/16 Aust Inf Bn
Green, Hubert F. Yanchep-Two Rocks, 5791 RAAF
Guppy, L.R. Bunbury, WX26544. 2/32 Aust Inf Bn
Gurney, Basil W. Canning Dist-Vic Pk, WX13356. 2/28 Bn - 24 A/Tank Bn.
Guthrie, H.N. Darling Range, WX2729. 2/16 Aust Inf Bn
Hambrook, Neil. Wanneroo-Joondalup, WX117608. 2/28 Aust Inf Bn
Hansen-Thiim, R. Bedford-Morley, WX27843. 11 Aust Inf Bn
Haseldine, Douglas H. Mt Lawley-inglewood, WX8494. 2/3 Flt Regt
Hatt, Edwin D. Belmont, WX21145. HQ 1st —
Hewitt, J.E. Geraldton City, W43064. 31 Pioneer CP
Hitchcock, John W. City of Perth, WX27356. 28 Aust Inf Bn
Hodge, Joseph W. Fremantle City, 85620. RAAF
Holt, Walter. Gosnells, 12861 RAN
Holyoak, Victor. City of Perth, WX1908. 2/11 Aust Inf Bn
Horner, Albert M. Scarborough, WX33147. Army
Hurst, Cecil S. Eastern Regional, 3461319. Lanc Fus. RASC
Inglis, John D. Bunbury, 46416. RAAF
Ikin, Leonard. Highgate, WX56772. 2/15 Flt Regt
Jones, Alan M. North Beach, SX18088. 2/8 Aust Inf Bn
Karlsen, Vernon J. Bunbury, 84168. 28 Sqn RAAF
Kealley, T.W. Gascoyne, WX36216. 2/3 Pioneers
Kingman, Alexander. City of Cockburn, W14122. 11 Flt Amb
Kinnane, Stephen R. Scarborough, F2555. RANR
Knight, Thomas F. Albany, PLYX121003. Royal Marines
Lee, Kenneth G. Highgate, WX10108. 2/4 MG Bn
Le-May, John. Mt Lawley-Ingleslaw, 29585. RAAF
Lucas, Harry. Albany, WX13752. 2/4 MG Bn
McArthur, Phyllis L. Nedlands, WF90220. 29 Anti-Tank
McCloy, Frederick N. Beverley, WX500790. Independent Tpt
McDonald, Allan R. City of Perth, 45794. RAAF
McPharlane, A.W. Scarborough, WX15585. 2/4 LAA Regt
Malek, Waclaw. Narrogin, 103260. P.Pak
Margetts, John S. Mandurah, WX25624. 172 LAA Bty
Moore, R.E. Eastern Regional, WX22899. 8 MD Area W/S
Noonan, Walter F. Beverley, 84035. 24 Sgn RAAF
Oliver, Grace M. City of Rockingham, 213551. Terr. Army Nurse
Owen, Alec J. Canning Dist-Vic. Park, 1155894. RAF
Owston(nee Stanwell) Isla M. Returned Sisters, WF6144.118 AGH
Perich, Jack. Bellevue, WX29373. 28 Aust Inf Bn
Peterson, Dennis J. Shenton Park, 22092324. RAMC
Phillips, Andy L. Albany, 24040. Navy
Porter, John. City of Cockburn, A260946. RAAF
Pow, June G. Three Springs-Arrino, WF93314. 1 Aust Monitor
Powell, Bertie. City of Rockingham, WX52586. 2/1 Armoured Coy
Pryse, Gilbert D. Darling Range, 958174. Royal Artillery
Reynolds, Ronald W Belmont, O/NR48206. RAN
Richardson, Harold J. Bunbury, 38161. RAAF
Rinaldi, Maurice J. Scarborough, WX36186. 11 Aust Inf Bn
Ripley, Harold C. City of Perth, SX105579. Army
Robinson, John. City of South Perth, WX14345. 2/47 AGT
Robinson, Stephen G. Harvey, NX51887.2/1 Survey Regt
Roediger C.E. Northam, WX15696. 2/3 MG Bn
Roots, Stephen E. Albany, WX15893. 2/4 MG Bn
Ross, James T. City of Subiaco, S/3133. RAN
Satinover, J. Shenton Park, WX28042. 13 Flt Coy RAE
Sharpe, Lawrence J. City of Rockingham, F5140. RAN
Shurman, Robert J. North Beach, WX13640. 2/4 LAA
Sojan, Max E. Armadale, 5/400162. 1 Bn RAR
Stokes, James J. Mandurah, WX32855 13 Fld Coy RAE
Stott, F. Gosnells, 56512. RAAF
Sunley, Beryl E. (nee Carter) Retd. Ex-Servicewomen, WFX40137. 118 AGH
Thaxter, Frank D. Wubin-Dalwallinu, WX7248. 2/4 MG Bn
Turton, Ronald H. Albany, WX35885. Adv LOT/Qrs
Weare, Sydney V. Shenton Park, 199701. Intelligence Corps
Wellburn, Robert. Mandurah, WX11600. 2/16 Aust Inf Bn
Whitchurch, Lennard. Mandurah, WX23311. 12 Adv. Wk/S RAEME
Whyte, Darby. Wongan Hills, WX27684. 134 Bde W/shop
Williams, Eifion L. Kojonup, 968747. Royal Artillery
Wittorf, George W. Collie-Cardiff, WX41418. 2/23 Aust Inf Bn
Wood, Frederick W. Collie-Cardiff, 5/1224. Army
Worsley, David. City of Rockingham, FX787381. RN
Youngman, John H. Upper Swan, VX16721. 2/11 Flt Reg

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