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STATE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

It has become increasingly noticeable at the various State Congresses of recent years that items submitted on defence have increased markedly, to the extent that in all 65 resolutions in this area were discussed at the sixty-seventh National Congress held in Canberra in September.

To say the least, the Australian People have been placed in a strange situation — they have not been asked whether or not they are prepared to shoulder the responsibility inherent with ownership of this territory and what effect it would have on mainland Australia.

WIDENING OF MEMBERSHIP

Following the plebiscite held earlier in the year on the widening of membership, wherein the League's membership voted conclusively for the change, the National Constitution has been amended accordingly and offers full membership to all Australian Servicemen and Servicewomen who have served for a period of not less than six months in the Australian Defence Forces; including the Reserve Forces. Full membership is also available to any member of the Australian Commonwealth or Allied Forces who served in World Wars I and II in any capacity in any area.

An overwhelming majority of RSL members voted for an extension of membership in an emphatic call to remove all the distinction between those who served overseas and those who gave important service in support areas.

This new category of ex-servicemen and women, when added to the members of the Regular Forces and CMF/Reserve, will afford a potential increase in membership to the League of more than 200,000.

AUSTRALIAN FLAG

From time to time certain Australians form committees whose aim it is to change the Australian flag. It is interesting to note that the latest Melbourne "Age" poll of October 18, 1982, indicated that the majority of Australians wish to retain the Australian flag in its present form.

We are reminded that no-one wanted to change when the metric system was introduced, yet it happened.

By a unanimous decision, the 1981 National Congress of the League voted that the RSL campaign for the retention of the Australian flag be maintained. This is the current policy.
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CHRISTMAS MESSAGES

My last Christmas message to members of the R.S.L. was sent from England in 1980 as Governor Designate of Western Australia.

In the two years since taking office I have travelled with Lady Trowbridge to all parts of this great State and we have met many of the League in practically all of the many towns and centres we have visited.

As a result, we have a new appreciation of how totally the men and women of Western Australia were committed to the League's aims of preserving the spirit of goodwill and to promote the ideals of good citizenship in peacetime.

On this our third Christmas in Western Australia, Lady Trowbridge and I send our best wishes to the League for its continuing success and to all members and their families our warmest wishes for a very happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

The Governor of Western Australia, His Excellency Rear Admiral Sir Richard Trowbridge, K.C.V.O., K.St.J.

As another year is drawing to a close, I take this opportunity to congratulate all members of the Returned Services League on yet another successful year in furthering the League's aims of preserving the spirit of fellowship engendered during war service and to promote the ideals of good citizenship in peacetime.

As I am about to experience my first Christmas in office as Lord Mayor it is an added pleasure for me to convey the season's greetings to you and your families.

Christmas time is our major festival — a period when the spirit of goodwill and good fellowship prevails, so I wish you all joy and happiness in your Christmas celebrations and trust that 1983 will prove to be a very happy and prosperous one for each and everyone.

Michael A. Michael, O.A.M. Lord Mayor

Christmas, that most special family time of year, is almost upon us. For those currently serving in the Australian Defence Force and for ex-servicemen and women it has a particular significance.

We can look back to times when we were not afforded the luxury of being with our families and loved ones at Christmas time. For many the absences were long, with the added stress of war, and this has given added meaning to each Christmas we are able to spend at home.

When you relax and enjoy this Christmas Season, I ask that you remember those who are no longer with us. We who are fortunate enough should pause and spare a thought for the loneliness felt by the wives, parents and children of those servicemen who have died, especially at this time.

Although we should look forward with hope to a greater degree of peace in the world in the coming year, we should be ever mindful that the price of liberty is, indeed, eternal vigilance.

To all ex-servicemen and women and their families, and also to all those currently serving, I offer my best wishes for a safe and happy Christmas.

Brigadier R.D.F. Lloyd, O.B.E., M.C., Commander, 5th Military District

I join with all members of the staff of this Department in wishing all Veterans and their families a very Happy Christmas and a fulfilling, healthy and prosperous New Year.

I have had the opportunity at the various RSL District Conferences and at the State Congress to comment upon the accord existing between the League and the Department. Each has, of course, a different role. However, it is my belief that the Veterans' needs are best served by virtue of the activities of both organisations.

It is appropriate for me to record also, that I have thanked my own staff for the attention, service and courtesy provided to the Veteran. It is my belief that the spirit engendered by Veterans who made up the majority of staff in early post-war years, has been carried on, whether by acceptance of such philosophy, or a personal desire to have a job well done, the spirit remains.

J.H. See, A.A.S.A., Deputy Commissioner, Department of Veterans' Affairs

I am delighted to have this opportunity to extend Christmas greetings to members of the W.A. Branch of the Returned Services League.

The opening of the new Anzac House headquarters in Perth is a fine example of the vigorous state of the league in Western Australia — a sign of the enthusiasm and strength with which the League has played its important part in our society and a clear indication that it will continue to do so in the years ahead.

Since my arrival in my home State I have had the pleasure of meeting many of you personally, and hope to be able to meet many more during the coming year.

May I wish you and your families a very Merry Christmas and a healthy and happy New Year.

David J. Orr, Commodore, R.A.N., Naval Officer Commanding West Australia Area.

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At this special time of the year, the bonds of friendship, comradeship and shared adversity, which link so many ex-servicemen and women are strengthened and I trust that your Christmas gatherings will be enjoyable and memorable.

I also hope that the year ahead holds for you all that you would wish and that it will see more practical recognition of the contribution and sacrifice ex-servicemen and women have made for this nation.

Mr Brian Burke, M.L.A.,
Leader of the Opposition

Billie Pitcheneder B.E.M.,
President, Australia Legion of Ex-servicemen and Women (Darwin Branch)

Greetings to one and all. It has been a busy year and the demands on my community work have got beyond me, so will call it a day at the end of December.

If there is a possibility these greetings go into your Christmas issue, I would like to send a special Christmas greeting to all the "Happy Wanderers" (A/A Gunners) who made the trip to Darwin last February for the 40th commemoration of the bombing of Darwin. I think of you often and wish you had been able to stay longer.

Once again, sincere greetings for a happy festive season and bless you all.

Wreath Laying Ceremonies — State War Memorial

1981 — 1982

The Royal Australian Armoured Corps Association
Cambrai Day
Saturday, 5.30 pm
28 November 1981

Totally & Permanently Disabled Soldiers’ Association of Australia (WA Branch) Inc memorial Service — 42nd Anniversary
Sunday, 2 pm
23 May 1982

WRAAC Association (Western Australia)
Service of Remembrance
Sunday, 11 am
14 February 1982

Yugoslav Royal ex Combatant Association
Commemoration of General Draza Mihailovic
Sunday, 10 am
18 July 1982

Returned Services League
ANZAC Day, All Night Vigil, Dawn Service
Sunday, 5.40 am
25 April 1982

Returned Services League
ANZAC Eve Children’s Service
Friday, 2 pm
23 April 1982

Lodge of Remembrance
Installation Meeting
Saturday, 5.30 pm
24 April 1982

Consulate of Greece in WA
Greek National Day
Sunday, 12.30 pm
28 March 1982

Dunkirk Veterans’ Association
Annual Service and Wreath Laying Ceremony
Sunday, 2.30 pm
13 June 1982

Thirtyniners’ Association of Australia
Annual Wreath Laying Ceremony
Sunday, 2.15 pm
5 September 1982

Australian-American Association
40th Anniversary (‘Battle of the Coral Sea’)
Wednesday, 9.30 am
5 May 1982

Yugal Club of WA (Inc)
Wreath Laying Ceremony
Sunday, 10 am
2 May 1982

Ex HMAS Canberra-Shopshire Association (WA Division)
Annual Wreath Laying Ceremony
Monday, sunset (approx 5.45 pm)
9 August 1982

Perth Legacy
Annual General Meeting
Friday, 5.00 pm
25 June 1982

World Freedom League
Annual Wreath Laying Ceremony
Sunday, 3 pm
18 July 1982

Returned Services League State Congress
Annual Wreath Laying Ceremony
Saturday, 12.10 pm
19 June 1982

Z Special Force Australia Inc
Annual Wreath Laying Ceremony
Sunday, 10 am
4 July 1982

Cyprian Community of WA
Annual Wreath Laying Ceremony
Sunday, 12 noon
25 July 1982

Australian Army Training Team
Vietnam Association — (WA Branch)
20th Anniversary Wreath Laying Ceremony
Saturday, 4.30 pm
31 July 1982

Returned Services League, WA Branch (Inc)
Memorial and Wreath Laying Ceremony
Wednesday, 11.00 am
1 September 1982

Returned Services League, WA Branch (Inc)
Wreath Laying Ceremony
(His Excellency The Rt Hon Sir Ninian Stephen, AK, GCMG, KBE, KStJ, Governor general)
Monday, 3.30 pm
27 September 1982

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The Services Canteens Trust Fund

Thirty-fourth Annual Report of the Trustees

The Services Canteens Trust Fund was established in 1947 under the Services Trust Funds Act of the Commonwealth Parliament. It is a non-governmental organisation administered by honorary Trustees appointed by the Governor-General. The Act provides that the Trustees are empowered to do all such acts and things as appear to them necessary for the administration of the Fund.

The Fund was derived from the profits and assets of the Navy, Army and Air Force Canteens' Services accumulated over the period of war between September 3, 1939, and June 30, 1947, mess and regimental funds of disabled wartime units, moneys derived from the sale of amenities supplied to the Defence Forces during the war, funds held by the Australian Military Forces Special Benefits Committee, the Trustees of the Royal Australian Navy Relief Fund and the Royal Australian Air Force Welfare Fund, donations and other transfers to the Fund.

In accordance with section 22 of the Act (see Appendix A) assistance is provided from the Fund for:
(a) welfare relief of eligible ex-service men and women and their dependants in needy circumstances;
(b) educational assistance for eligible children; and
(c) eligible children suffering serious afflictions.

Benefits from the Fund may be granted only to the men and women who, between September 3, 1939 and June 30, 1947, were:
(a) members of the naval, military or air forces of the Commonwealth, or
(b) members of any nursing service or women's service attached to or auxiliary to any branch of the Defence Forces of the Commonwealth.

including members of the canteens staff of any ship of the Royal Australian Navy, and any person duly accredited to any part of the Defence Force who served in an official capacity on full-time paid duty, and the dependants of any such ex-service man or woman.

An important component of the total expenditure for the year was the amount granted to widows and orphans as welfare relief and educational benefits. This totalled $262,788 during 1981, being a decline of almost 7% on the equivalent sum in the previous year. This decline was due to the fall in the number of children applying for educational awards and a slight fall in the average amount granted as welfare payments. The total outlay on the provision of relief for widows and orphans since the inception of the fund is $9,791,373.

Pursuant to the plans of the Trustees, which involve the distribution of part of the capital as well as interest each year, there was an overall depletion of $226,902 in the capital of the Fund during the year. As at December 31, 1981, the balance remaining in the fund was $2,480,574.

It is estimated that the fund will terminate in 1986 following the depletion of capital.

In the annual reports of 1977, 1978 and 1979 the Trustees expressed their concern that when Services Canteens Trust Fund activities terminate in 1986 following total depletion of capital, there will be a significant area of need among widows and orphans of World War II veterans which will be unsatisfied. For some years over half of the funds allotted for welfare aid have been granted to recently bereaved widows and orphans in the form of immediate cash assistance and grants towards funeral expenses. This segment of welfare expenditure is being maintained at a high level, due principally to the increasing number of deaths each year of veterans eligible for benefits. The number of deaths in any one year will reach a peak about 1990 — several years after Fund activities terminate — and, unless special arrangements are made by the Government or other interested welfare agencies, these newly bereaved widows and orphans will face the problems of bereavement and readjustment without being able to call upon the support which is now available. Though the Department of Social Security does have an emergency aid scheme, its application is limited. Also, though the Department of Veterans Affairs has a scheme whereby $400 may be made available to assist with funeral costs, these costs have outrun the levels of assistance which may be available. In these circumstances, the Trustees have endeavoured to alert other interested organisations to the likelihood that there will be an increased demand on their resources for assistance in this area following termination of the activities by this Fund.

The Services Trust Funds Act 1947 also established the Single Service Trust Funds — the Royal Australian Navy Relief Trust Fund, the Australian Military Forces Relief Trust Fund, and the Royal Australian Air Force Welfare Trust Fund — whose roles overlap those of the Services Canteens Trust Fund. The assets of these Funds, in aggregate, now exceed the capital of the Services Canteens Trust Fund and some relief may be available from them. However, such a move would require a change in outlook as their activities to date have been principally directed towards the serving service man or woman. This outlook has been largely conditioned by section 33 of the Act, which states that benefits shall not be paid to anyone eligible for benefits available from the Services Canteens Trust Fund. When activities of this fund terminate no benefits will be available from it and it follows that there would then be no such restriction on the distribution of assistance from the Single Service Funds.

Welfare Assistance for Ex-POWs of the Japanese

Following a request from the Department of Finance, the Trustees agreed to take charge of an amount of $19,571.93 which became available for distribution as welfare relief to ex-prisoners of war of the Japanese and their dependants. The funds were the balance of the proceeds from realisation of property formerly owned by Japanese 'enemy subjects'. No further receipts from this source are anticipated. Distribution is being made to those...
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It is expected that the available funds will be exhausted in three or four years.

POLICY

The present form of the Education Scheme was established by the Trustees in 1974. Details are contained in the annual report for that year.

Education awards are subject to a means test which is reviewed annually and altered as necessary, if pensions have risen, so that the increase in pensions does not exclude children who are eligible for benefits in the previous year. Accordingly, at the annual review in 1981 the Trustees decided to accept applications for awards payable in 1982 from eligible persons where the gross family income for families with one eligible child does not exceed:

- married pensioners: $7,600 per annum
- orphans and single families and others: $6,300 per annum

The increment allowed to gross family income for each additional child was increased from $1020 to $1250 per annum. The nominal value of education awards was also increased. The basic award was increased from $130 to $150 and the clothing allowance payable in the year in which the child commences secondary schooling was increased from $60 to $80.

A total of 1316 education awards were paid in 1981 compared with 1568 awards paid in the previous year. This decrease of 16% is due to the diminishing number of children of World War II ex-service men and women who are still at school.

This declining trend is expected to continue in future years.

RSL FUNERAL PROCEDURE

The purpose of using the Poppy, for recognition of service to one's country, at the funerals of ex-Servicemen is one which should be encouraged. In order to reach a reasonable conformity the following rituals are suggested:

1. Cremation
   The officiating minister must be aware of the intentions. The person concerned should wear the Poppy and place himself in the left front row of chairs. The minister will call him at an appropriate time. He will then approach the casket on its left—pause—and place the Poppy on the casket. The Last Post, Silence and Reveille shall then be played, after which he renders the Ode, all ex-Servicemen present joining in the responses. He then returns to his seat.

2. Funeral
   Procedure similar to above. If the casket has already been lowered he drops the Poppy on to it in the grave. At the conclusion, all ex-Servicemen present, who should be wearing Poppies, pay their last respects by dropping their Poppies on to the casket.

POINTS:

a. The League salute at memorials and funerals is right hand over the left breast.

b. A small piece of stick tape will hold the Poppy in place on the casket.

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Miss Charity Queen was awarded to Jenny Newall (above left) of North Beach who raised the highest amount of money, with Cherylee Battersby from Cloverdale Miss Charity Princess.

There were twelve entrants in the Quest. All girls and their committees worked hard to raise a grand total of over $52,000, the proceeds of which will go to the War Veterans Homes.

The ball at the function centre was a huge success with over 300 people being present and congratulations go to all concerned. A special thank you must go to the sponsors and to all who donated prizes and personal assistance in this most worthy cause.

I would like to see this type of quest become Australia wide, with all State winners meeting in Canberra for a grand final judging with the winner to be known as Miss R.S.L. with suitable prizes befitting such a winner.

M.C. (Mike) Hall

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Sandwich Luncheons’ Report
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A series of 6 Sandwich Luncheons has been held at ANZAC House under the Chairmanship of Mr Rolfe Nyman. The average attendance for five luncheons was approximately 80 and all the Guest Speakers were excellent. A number of members had lunch at ANZAC Club and later attended the lectures so the attendance figures were often more than the figure indicated.

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Day Care Programme

A new Day Care Programme has been established by the Geraldton Regional Hospital. The Director of Nursing, Mrs Margaret Whelan, told the R.S.L. Sub-branch that the Programme had been designed to meet the needs of disabled, elderly and socially-isolated people in the community.

She said similar programmes had been operating in Perth and in some country centres and were proving very successful.

Mrs Whelan said the aim of the Geraldton programme was to rehabilitate these people and where possible to reintegrate them into the community. — BJB

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Four Members of the Red Cross Service Corp attended each function, showed visitors around, set up the tables and poured the tea, and it would have been very difficult to manage without their willing help. Some of the volunteers expressed their pleasure at helping and offered their services for similar future functions.

I would like to thank Mr Rolfe Nyman for his co-operation and for chairing all the meetings when he has the heavy responsibility of being a Vice-President, Keith Evans for his generous willingness to help in any way and Mike Hall for taking full responsibility of the microphones. We were also grateful to Mrs Swan for helping whenever possible and our President, Mr Len Turner for attending whenever possible.

Joan Dowson
Convenor

New Members

A large number of Ordinary, Service and Club Members joined as the result of the Luncheons, but it is difficult to put a figure on this as they paid the subscriptions at the Office. These luncheons have been chaired for a total of four years by Mr Rolfe Nyman and organized by me and were initiated with the idea of having some inexpensive function to bring RSL Members and friends together informally and encourage them to visit ANZAC House to meet members of the State Executive, State Secretary and Staff, and most important to encourage membership. There is no doubt that these lunches have been successful in encouraging members to join and to maintain their membership. Sub-Branch Members and visitors from Wagin, Albany, Cairns, New South Wales, Victoria, A.C.T., Pemberton, United Kingdom, Darlington have attended.

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J.R. (Ron) Ewing, Chairman of the war Veterans Home Board has died. His wealth of knowledge will be greatly missed as, in addition to the War Veterans Board he was Chairman of the Finance Committee.

Prior to holding these positions Ron was a League trustee for a long period. His expertise here assisted the League's finances in many ways. His uncanny wisdom in financial matters meant a savings to the League in many ways in all Departments of the Leagues activities. He also advised on future plans the League have in view.

As a member of the State Executive, his presence was always held in high esteem at Executive meetings as his points of view were presented with the aplomb befitting a man of high integrity.

With the passing recently of Bill Lonnie, the League has lost two of its most worthy members and will be hard pressed to replace such experience.

Ron served in the Air Force in his service career and although in private life was a member of many organisations he always regarded the RSL as one of his favourites. He was awarded the Imperial Service Order for his dedication to the Public Service, was also a Justice of the Peace and a Life Member of the League.

An attendance of almost 400 paid their last respects at a cremation service held at Karrakatta.

Leaders from all walks of life were there. The State President, members of the State Executive and many League stalwarts attended. The Royal Flying Doctor Service, the West Australian Turf Club, The West Australian Trotting Association, country racing Clubs, a number of different lodges and the war veterans home were also represented.

Among the mourners were former Premiers in Sir Charles Court and Mr. John Tonkin. Sir Desmond O'Neill, Chairman of the Lotteries Commission and former Lord Mayor Sir Frederick Chaney, a token of the high esteem that Ron was held in, in the community.

The Listening Post Committee, on behalf of the State President, State Executive and members of the League, staff at Anzac House and all the Womens Auxiliaries, extend deepest sympathy to Mrs. Ewing and all members of the family in their sad loss.

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Music was provided by the Royal Australian Navy Fleet Band and the HMAS Leeuwin Drum Corps.

LIST B — TO ALL STATE SECRETARIES

Dear Sir,

Further to earlier resolutions of National Executive and requests dealing with possible claims to be entered by Australian ex-servicemen and women detained in concentration camps in Germany during World War II, we have today received application forms for such reparations.

The German authorities advise, however, that they bear no responsibility for any prisoner of war in any recognised prisoner of war camp and that the right extends only to those who were detained in concentration camps.

Further, according to my own schoolboy German, they will not entertain any claims for camps run by any other Nationality or which were sited in parts of the country occupied by other Nations, such as the U.S.S.R.

These forms are in German and I would advise that if you have any member who was detained in a non-POW concentration camp run by the Germans themselves, that they make an initial application as early as possible to:

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On behalf of members of this Fund who are representative of the Federal Capital and the various States, I have pleasure in advising that over many years we have been successful in arranging for Field Marshal Sir Thomas Blamey to be honoured and remembered by various organisations and in appropriate places.

In particular, for many years awards and prizes have been bestowed on Regular Army and Army Reserve personnel who have distinguished themselves at Army schools and courses. The funds to permit purchase of these prizes were raised in the years following the Field Marshal's death in 1951. No public appeal was made - the monies were given by admirers of the Field Marshal and by the various ex-service associations. The ability to make so many annual awards arises because the private appeal was so successful; this enabled the investment of capital providing revenue to meet the annual prize costs, but as the years have advanced and inflationary effects are felt the Fund needs replenishment.

After many years of agitation the Fund has only recently secured approval for honouring Blamey in the Federal Capital. The Commonwealth Government has now gazetted a square associated with the Defence Centre to be named the "Sir Thomas Blamey Square". Associated with this decision it has been agreed that a relatively simple but significant memorial will be identified with the Square. The proposed bas-relief of the Field Marshal and the related bronze plaque will cost several thousand dollars, which the Fund has agreed to provide.

Some three months ago we instigated our appeal through National Headquarters and State Branches of the R.S.L. and by writing to Unit associations in Victoria. Through the invaluable help of the R.S.L. and our own efforts we have now raised sufficient to cover the Canberra costs but we need an additional $10,000 to reprint the biography - Hetherington's "Blamey — Controversial Soldier". We are therefore writing directly to you in the hope that you will help our appeal to raise this sum in 1982. After printing we shall reserve a number of volumes for future awards but will sell the remaining volumes commercially to help our general fund.

Lethal souvenirs threaten the unwary in WA

By Maj. Peter Kelly

PERTH: Only one in every seven items recovered by the EOD team in WA is inert.

The team destroyed more than 2,900 items, of which only 362 were inert, in the past eight months.

Operators have covered more than 18,000km by road and spent 24 hours in air travel to collect and destroy these items.

They have travelled from Perth to as far afield as Margaret River, Geraldton, Kalgoorlie, Onslow, Carnarvon, Esperance, Marble Bar and Israeliite Bay.

The team has lectured on the dangers of UXOs at all schools in Geraldton, as well as schools and community centres in the Perth area.

But they feel the message is still difficult to get through.

The popular attitude, according to the 5MD ATO, is that transported to the nearest open area and destroyed.

All items of EO will be removed from the hands of the public, as all items of EO are potentially dangerous and many are lethal.

Some of the tasks carried out by the EOD team in recent months have included:

- Seven 25pdr HE projectiles were removed from a property at Gin Gin after being rendered safe by the EOD operator.
- A further seven 25pdr projectiles were located and removed from a property in Minginew.
- A 25pdr HE projectile was destroyed on a farm near Geraldton after being discovered by the owner, who realised the danger and called the police.
- Six 25pdr projectiles were discovered on a property at Walkaway.

The ammunition had been tampered with before the operator arrived, and was in a dangerous condition.
- An 18pdr HE was removed from a house in the Perth suburb of Kewdale.

The projectile had been a "family heirloom" for many years and the owner was reluctant to give it up.

The projectile was in such a dangerous condition it was transported to the nearest open area and destroyed.

Clearance of the Warnoro Range, south of Perth, continues and EOD operators are called regularly to destroy HE ammunition found buried below the surface.

As one of the team said: "It looks as if we will be in a job for a long time to come!"

Courtesy "ARMY" Newspaper

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The old general purpose vessel GPV 598 sails from the HMAS Leeuwin boatshed for the last time.

October 21 saw the end of an era when the Royal Australian Navy's last general purpose vessel, GPV 958, sailed from the HMAS Leeuwin boatshed at East Fremantle.

GPV 958 was sold out of service earlier this month and was subsequently resold two weeks later to Mr Andy Cassidy of Geraldton.

Mr Cassidy intends to use the old workhorse, which has been renamed "Talarook" (a name formerly carried by sister ship GPV 968), as a skin-diving charter boat in Geraldton.

Originally commissioned on September 6, 1945, GPV 958 saw 37 years service in the RAN.

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You are required to be a financial member of the RSL and of an affiliated bowling club, with these qualifications write to John Dalgarno, 12 Berrigan Street, Nollamara, W.A., who will send you the nomination form. Membership is $3.00 per year.

The RSL Bowls Section play social games against the Master Bakers, Police, Fire Brigade, A.P.I., and any bowling club who wishes to challenge us. We also have our own championship games which are sponsored events.

Each year the National RSL Bowls Championships are conducted alternatively in each Capital City. This year Adelaide is host city. The opening day is always December 26 and the first games are the Jack Hamilton V.C. Fours and the Dr Sid Kratz Fours. In the second week the National Fours are played. If you are not selected to play in the first two games you can still play social bowls, or participate in organised tours, and you nominate your team for the National Fours.

There are no organised events for the ladies, but they are kept busy by the host State ladies with tours etc.

On the local scene, the Match Committee has drawn up a bowls calendar and by the time you receive this edition of the "Listening Post" we will have played trial games for selection in the interstate games, a social game against Dudley Park Bowling Club at Mandurah, the Master Bakers at Sportsmen Club, the A.P.I. at Nedlands and the Police at Osborne Park.

Country carnivals are conducted at Kojonup Bowling Club on January 25, Wagin Bowling Club on February 22, and at Albany Bowling Club on March 30 and March 31, 1983. For your convenience nomination forms are hereunder. You are requested to nominate all members of your team. DO IT NOW.

Invite an ex-serviceman to your Sub-branch Meeting.

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WED. 30th MARCH 1983
Noms. Close 27th March

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THURS. 31st MARCH

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In the Autumn issue of the Listening Post a letter from Squadron Leader J. Wiltshire of the Air Attache Office in Paris was published with the names of Australian Airmen shot down over France during the World War. Any relations of these men were requested to contact him and Miss M. McMullan, the sister of one of the airmen, contacted me. I gave her the address of Squadron Leader Wiltshire and, with her permission, copies of the correspondence are printed below.

The R.S.L., through the Listening Post, has once again been able to assist in the many requests we receive.

M.C. (Mike) Hall

Office of the Air Attache
AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY
4, Rue Jean Rey
75724 PARIS, Cedex 15
France
19 July 1982

M. McMullan
35 Gale Street
COMO
Western Australia 6152

Dear Madame,

Thank you very much for your letter in reference to our request for information. I have passed a copy of your letter to “Souvenir Francais” who made the original request for information. I am sure that they will contact you in the future.

There has been some interest in northern France in Australian involvement in the First and Second World Wars and this year a memorial cross to Australian soldiers in the World War I was inaugurated at Bullecourt.

Yours faithfully,
(R.D. KINGSLEY)
Squadron Leader for Defence & Naval Attache

Squadron Leader Wiltshire originally received a request from the French equivalent of the RSL to try and contact some airmen shot down over France. These airmen included your brother. In January this year, Squadron Leader Wiltshire returned to Australia on posting and he has been replaced here by me and I have become the Officer principally involved in this request for information. A copy of your original letter was passed to the “Souvenir Francais” and as they made the original request for information they should be writing to you soon, if they have not already done so.

You will be interested to know that recently, whilst in the Pas-de-Calais area, I visited the war cemetery where your brother is buried. The cemetery is maintained in excellent condition and I hope to shortly forward photographs of this cemetery to you.

Yours Sincerely,
(Sgd.) F.J. Kingsley
Squadron Leader
For Air Attache Office of the Air Attache
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4, Rue Jean Rey
75724 PARIS, Cedex 15
France.

Mr M.C. Hall
Cl: “Listening Post”
G.P.O. Box C128
PERTH, W.A. 6001

Dear Mr. Hall,

I wrote to Squadron Leader J. Wiltshire in Canberra and he must have received my letter. He, in turn, must have written to the office of the Air Attache, Australian Embassy, Paris, because I received a letter from them yesterday and I am enclosing a copy of this letter for your information.

When I hear from the “Souvenir Francais”, which I hope to shortly, I will send you a copy of their letter.

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Followings the 67th National Congress, the customary National Executive Meeting was held to discuss some 56 items with the following results:

Carried ................................................................. 28
Lost ........................................................................ 1
Noted — in the form of reports, or covered by Congress items ................. 14
Withdrawn ................................................................. 1
Referred — to Sub Committees or next Executive Meeting ................... 12

Total: ........................................................................ 56

While many of the items are of an administrative procedure nature the following are worthy of mention and would be of interest to the State Executive.

Item 5: Submitted by NSW in the form of a proposal for the League to introduce a Meritorious Service Medal; this was carried.

Items 7 & 8: Submitted by Victoria opposing a change in the Australian flag and urging its promotion in every way possible in schools etc. These items were carried.

Item 16: This was an item submitted by A.C.T. on captive nations and League membership. This was referred to the Future of the league Committee.

Item 17: Submitted by National Headquarters seeking clarification on the call by NSW RSL Branch requesting a Federal Crimes Commission.

Item 18: A resolution brought forward by the national Headquarters regarding a telephone account for the Vietnam Veterans' Association, seeking League assistance. This was referred to the Future of the League Committee for investigation.

Item 25: This dealt with the possibility of State Branch Staff exchange with National Headquarters. Submitted by HQ and referred to February National Executive Meeting.

Item 37: Submitted by National Headquarters being the ratification of Sir Zelman Cowan to the BCEL Council and Executive Committee.

Item 38: Being the ratification and approval of the appointment of Major General A Clunes-Ross, as RSL representative to the BCEL in London.

Item 45: Submitted by National Headquarters seeking clarification on the Vietnam Veterans' judicial inquiry. Following an extensive briefing by a team from the Department of Veterans' Affairs, and questioning of the Secretary of the Senate inquiry it was resolved that the League re-affirm its present policy until such times as the Senate inquiry findings are made public.

Item 48: This dealt with Dependants Allowances and was submitted by HQ and the NSW Branch. It sought having the allowance merged with the Veteran's Incapacity Pension and indexed. Following considerable discussion this matter was referred back to the States.

Item 54: From Victoria, seeking Federal Government approval for citizens of the British Commonwealth to be permitted to join the Australian Defence Forces without the necessity to taking out Australian citizenship (withdrawn).

Item 67: Each State to report on any difficulties being encountered on ANZAC Day. Submitted by HQ.

Item 73: From NSW seeking the cancellation of Aged or Invalid Pensions when a former migrant or displaced person leaves Australia to reside in another country, or their former country of origin. This matter was referred to the next National Executive Meeting.

Item 77: From Queensland regarding the capital made by certain elements of the community out of the dropping of the atom bomb on Hiroshima in 1945, without regard to the overall pattern of the war and the conditions prevalent among Allied prisoners of war at the time. This was carried.

Item 78: Australian Fighting Forces Tankards. Submitted by Victoria on the above and a proposal from the Franklin Mint, commemorating scenes from World War I, World War II, Korea and Vietnam, of the three Services. This was referred back to the State Branches.

Please note that while only 56 items were discussed, many additional blank numbers were inserted in the agenda.
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### SUMMARY OF RESULTS

- Resolutions Put Forward: 41
- Carried: 21
- In Operation: 5
- Referred to National Committees: 3
- Lost: 10
- Withdrawn: 1
- Ruled Out of Order: 1

### MARK I AND II

During its recent visit to Western Australia for Navy Week 1982 the guided-missile destroyer HMAS Perth maintained its close links with the HMAS Perth Survivors Association. Members of the first HMAS Perth survivors Association entertained a selection of Officers and Men from the second HMAS Perth at a reception in the Navy Club, Fremantle on 9 November. Pictured are the "old and new" HMAS Perth men who attended the function.

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Older members of an exclusive men's club were horrified when a woman entered. She was a very determined looking woman, pushed through the "Members Only" door and strode to the bar. She walked up to a man sitting on a stool with a whisky in front of him, snatched the glass up, sipped from it, then grimaced and spat, "Filthy stuff", she snarled, "I don't know how you can drink it!"

"There you are," said the man owlishly, "An' all this time you've been thinking I'm out enjoying myself."

Addressing the prisoner who had just been found guilty, the judge said sternly, "You are the most despicable monster I have ever encountered. You are clearly a liar, a cheat, a wife deserter, a drunkard, a hypocrite, a cadger and an imposter. You sponged on decent people who trusted you. You are a disgrace to your parents and your country. You are an unprincipled scoundrel, a thorough villain. have you anything to say before I sentence you?"

The convicted man hesitated for a second or two. "No, your Honour" he said at last. "You seem to have covered everything."

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The close of another year for the R.S.L. Women’s Auxillaries, another year of fund-raising, hospital visiting, etc.

on September 17, and all those attending thoroughly enjoyed the lovely luncheon. Despite a very wet day, Victoria Park Auxiliary celebrated their Birthday with their many guests braving the rain.

From all reports, the Cockburn Auxiliary and the Darling Range Auxiliary Fun and Friendship days were quite enjoyable with everyone having a happy day.

The Millen Auxiliary Fashion Parade was well attended and Belmont and Bassendean-Guildford both had successful days also.

I attended the Perenjori Auxiliary function on August 20 and presented Mrs Norrish with Life-membership. During the evening the Auxiliary presented the Sub-branch with a clock which was inset in wood with special surrounds, a work of art made by a young man in memory of his soldier father. Thank you Mr and Mrs Jackson for your hospitality and for arranging my transport home.

I have visited several Country Auxillaries recently, the first being Mount Barker. After arriving by bus and staying overnight with Mr and Mrs Stone, I attended a luncheon where I met the Members and presented Mrs Jean Stone with Life Membership.

My thanks to Barbara for driving me to Albany afterwards, this was much appreciated.

My stay with Molly and Ken Daniel was most enjoyable, with Molly arranging an afternoon tea the next day to enable me to meet the Albany Auxiliary members.

The next Auxiliary on my list was Boyup Brook where I attended their meeting and gave May McLaughlin her Certificate of Merit and Gold Badge, which owing to unforeseen circumstances she was unable to receive from the State President, Mr Turner, at the opening of our State Conference. I spent several nice relaxing days with May and Ted on their farm before returning home. Thank you all for your welcome and hospitality.

The Margaret River Sub-branch dinner was well attended and I thank them for their invitation.

I attended the Luncheon and Receptions held by the League for Lord Callaghan on his recent visit.

We have already received invitations to Christmas functions which I am sure we will all enjoy.

May I take this opportunity to thank all members for their support during the year, for their continued interest and work for the welfare of our ex-servicemen and women. I wish you all a Very Merry Xmas and Happy and Healthy New year. God Bless you all.

Joy Ford, State President.

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"They Wanted to be Nightingales"

Peter Young National Secretary

If ever any group of women earned the respect and gratitude of the Australian fighting man it would be those nurses who served in World War II.

Ladies in every sense of the word who carried on the high ideals of service and compassion set by their predecessors in earlier wars. Much has been written of the work of the Nursing Sisters of the Army Medical Service who are secure in the place they occupy in military history, however less has been told of the work of the Volunteer Aid Detachment (VAD) and the Australian Army Medical Women’s Service A.A.M.W.S. as they later became.

As a result, this first-ever story of the VAD/AAMWS in World War II, "They Wanted to be Nightingales" by Enid Dalton Herring, is that much more valuable, outlining as it does not only the development and increasingly responsible role of this group of servicewomen, but bringing their story to life by her use of personal reminiscence of women who served in medical units from Egypt and Palestine to Morotai, New Guinea, and Bougainville as well as hospitals in every State of Australia.

The VAD’s sprang originally from Britain as a voluntary support system to the medical services within the Territorial Army. First recognised in Australia in 1916 as auxiliaries to the medical services, the organisation was re-organised in 1928 under the control of the Red Cross and the Order of St. John.

On the outbreak of the war, the VAD was employed firstly at base and camp hospitals and then overseas. In late 1942, due to a combination of need and their high reputation, the VAD’s were absorbed into the new service known as the Australian Army Medical Women’s Service. From that point on they became an indispensable part of the Army’s medical service, performing a wide range of duties and once again being posted overseas to hospitals in support of the Islands campaign, and later to Japan as part of the occupation forces.

It is to Miss Hering’s credit that she has been able to bring this story alive, as she has captured the change from anticipation and excitement experienced in the early days of enlistment to a balanced experience and capability of latter days in her collection of personal stories. A record, however, which never loses sight of the idealism and service rendered by this magnificent group of ladies throughout the full six years of war.

The book itself is well produced with an attractive cover, treatment which would make it a pleasant addition to any library.

It is not history, but a well-written book about a group which has for too long gone largely unrecognised.

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KOJONUP RSL SUB-BRANCH

As the State executive of the Returned Services League deemed Friday November 5th 1982 the nearest Friday to Remembrance Day -- November 11th, the Sub-Branch held their Poppy Day on the official recommended day. Our sales of Poppies and the public donations were outstanding. The three authorised collectors/sellers were Messrs. L. Hadlow, L. Bowers and G.R. Meyers.

Mr Merv King, Sub-Branch President, extends sincere thanks to all Kojono residents for their generosity towards this appeal.

We remind the public that proceeds from The Poppy Drive goes to assisting disabled ex-service men and women.

Our annual re-union luncheon was held on Friday November 12th last commencing at noon. Our guests included Mr Len Turner, State President, Mrs Norma Turner; Mrs Joy Ford, President Women Auxiliary, Mr and Mrs Roy Webb, Mt Barker; Mr and Mrs Les Mouchmore, Albany; Mr Doug Wilkerson, Boyup Brook, Mr and Mrs Alan Crook, Kojono, Mrs Graeme Dowley, Kojono, Mr and Mrs Joe Williams, Katanning. Mr King proposed the toast to the State Executive of the Returned Services League. In his response Mr Len Turner mentioned that the League continues to press the Government for increased pensions, dependents allowances and service loans. He also predicted that the recent plebiscite regarding service areas would increase the national membership by many thousands of new members. The highlight of the luncheon was a presentation of a Life Membership certificate by the State Women's Auxiliary to Mrs Kath Crook by Mrs Joy Ford, State President. Mrs Ford in making the award made reference to the sterling, untiring work carried by Mrs Crook in her capacity as Sub-Branch Women's Auxiliary President.

Throughout the luncheon, harmony was supplied by Messrs. Fiegert and Howfield and ladies, to a most appreciative audience, who joined in singing many old time numbers — a very happy atmosphere.

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During a fund raising quest you often lose some friends along the way, but you also make new friends. I have so many people to thank, without them you just wouldn’t be able to cope.

My parents, I thank for their patience, understanding, and never ending hours of work helping me, also my friends Jackie, Debbie, Marie, Nickie and Arlene, who all gave so much of their free time helping sell raffle tickets at my functions.

There are so many other people to thank, the list is endless, they know who they are, so ‘thank you’ from the bottom of my heart.

A special mention is to Mr. Guelfi, Mr. Birnie and all the members of the Osborne Park Returned Services League. Their kindness to me I will always remember and their friendship I will cherish for the rest of my life.

Just before I end, I must say a great big Thank you to Joe of Odin Vegetable Markets and John and Ron of Sovereign Meats, they have all donated so much towards my quest, it’s a wonder they have any business left!

A final thank you to the best two amateur barmen Perth has ever seen. George and Les. They were fantastic, always ready to help, very efficient and seemingly tireless, without them there wouldn’t have been any fund raising functions.

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Mrs Syliva Rowell — the immediate Past President of the Voluntary Car Transport and a member of our Reception Service, has sent us this true story of a young patient she was helping some time ago.

Some years ago the Voluntary Transport was bringing in a lad about 11 years of age from Cannington for radio-therapy treatment. He had had a fall at school and split his knee rather badly, and later developed cancer of the bone marrow.

Mr Wally Knox was his Legatee, and as the lad was coming in daily he shared these trips with us, and in the end he used to bring the lad in in the morning, and the Voluntary Transport (mainly me) used to take him home.

One day the Radio-Therapist asked me, as he was running very late, if I could drop him off an Anzac House where he was to attend a luncheon being given by Legacy for Group-Captain Bader.

On our way down there, my young Patient expressed his interest in Bader, and asked was there a chance that he might see him. Knowing the Patient had a very limited life span, the Radio-Therapist asked me if I had time to spare, and when I agreed, asked me to park in the Anzac House parking area, and bring the lad over near the back door. Some nice person brought a chair out from Anzac House, and there my Little Patient sat with stars in his eyes, waiting!

Bader was running a bit late. I think he had been spending the morning with the Bujega brothers — victims of that awful Clontarf bus accident. Anyway, as his car drew up, I heard one of the officials running alongside the car say "Hey, Dougie, there's a little codger here who ...

All the elite of Perth had been asked to stand inside the hall — Premier, Lord Mayor, Legacy and Service heads, etc., as the car was heard to draw up, but Bader came straight over to my thinner-than-thin pyjama clad-boy, put out his hand and said "I say, old chap, it's awfully decent of you to come here to see me — don't know where I've been more honoured", and continued to chat to the boy for several minutes longer. The Daily News photographer asked Bader if he would have his photograph taken with the lad — and he said "Of course — we'd both love that, wouldn't we son?" After the photo, he made an unhurried farewell of my, by now, stunned little Patient — and went on into Anzac House for his luncheon.

That wonderful Press photographer quietly came over to me then for details of the boy's home address, etc., and quietly asked a bit about his illness. I told him I knew his prognosis was "limited", and by three o'clock that afternoon a magnificent 3' square blown-up version of that photograph had been delivered by the Daily News to the boy's home in Cannington — and as you can well imagine, became our lad's most prized possession.

I wish there was a happy ending to the story, but radio-therapy was cancelled soon afterwards, and he died, as expected, three weeks later.

However, Wally Knox and my husband came away from his funeral, greatly cheered by the lad's memories of Douglas Bader; and his giant picture to prove it wasn't just a dream.

This is one of the little vignettes of voluntary work at R.P.H. We don't all get involved in anything quite so dramatic — but there are few who would not have some tale to tell."}

Sylvia Rowell

Look to this day! For it is life, the very life of life . . . For yesterday is already a dream, and tomorrow is only a vision. But to-day, well lived, makes every yesterday a dream of happiness and every tomorrow a vision of hope.

from the Sanskrit.

The year — 1956.

Name of boy — Robert Edward Rouse. His father was with the 2/4 Machine Gunners and died in Singapore in 1942, Dec 6th?

Mrs Rouse lives in Bentley and is a member of the War Widows.

Painting Presentation

A painting associated with World War I has been presented to the Geraldton Sub-branch of the Returned Services League.

"The Hindenburg Breakthrough, 1916", painted by Mrs Kath Giles, was inspired by information provided by her brother, the late Mr Joe Prendergast, whose Battalion took part in the Hindenburg Breakthrough in Poland.

In accepting the painting from Mr Jim Murray, the Senior Vice-President Mr Fred Heath thanked Mrs Giles for her gesture and said the painting would be displayed in a prominent place in Birdwood House.

Mr Heath also expressed best wishes to Mrs Giles who has been in Saint John of God Hospital at Geraldton for about two years.

A period of silence was observed at the R.S.L. meeting in memory of the late Mr Joe Willers, who had officiated in several capacities in the Sub-branch.

Mr Eddie Saunders, who served in the army in Vietnam, agreed to liaise with the Sub-branch Committee, with a view to attracting additional members who served in this and other campaigns since World War II — BJB.

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Sat. 1st Jan — New Year's Day
Mon. 3rd Jan — Public Holiday
Mon. 31st Jan — Australia Day
Mon. 7th Mar — Labour Day (WA)
Fri. 1st April — Good Friday
Sat. 2nd April — Easter Saturday
Sun. 3rd April — Easter Sunday
Mon. 4th April — Easter Monday
Mon. 25th Apr — Anzac Day
Mon. 6th Jun — Foundation Day (WA)
Mon. 3rd Oct — Queen's Birthday (WA)
Sun. 25th Dec — Christmas Day
Mon. 26th Dec — Boxing Day

DATES TO REMEMBER

APRIL
22 — School Children's Anzac Eve Service, War Memorial Kings Park
25 — ANZAC DAY, 6 a.m. Dawn Service, Kings Park.

MAY
31 — Women's Auxiliary State Conference.

JUNE
17 — Annual State Congress opening Continuing 18th or 19th.

AUGUST
15 — Victory Pacific

SEPTEMBER
12 — National Congress.

NOVEMBER
11 — Poppy Day Appeal
11 — Remembrance Day

DECEMBER
31 — Renew Membership for 1984

SUB-BRANCH SECRETARIES NOTES

1982 Annual Financial Statements to the State Branch by 31st January or immediately after AGM. Capitation returns to State Branch by 7th each month.

February 28 — Nominations for Certificates of Merit.

May 6 — Nominations for State Executive due.

May 6 — Annual State Congress resolutions due.

May 7 — State Executive meets on first Wednesday of each month at 7.30 p.m.

May 7 — State Executive of changes of address both Sub-Branches and Unit Associations.

RSL Miniature badges — $2.50.

Listening Post issued in Autumn, Winter, Spring & Summer. Material to State Branch by end of Jan, April, July & October (typed-double spaced).

State Branch earnestly invites Sub-Branches, Clubs and Auxiliaries to give their utmost to RSL Charities, in particular the RSL Welfare. The RSL provides its members and their dependants with a specialised service relating to pension claims, and entitlements to repatriation, medical and hospital care. Trained RSL Staff are available to assist with State and Federal Social Service Benefits.

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To help raise funds for the various RSL sponsored appeals, the Darling Range Auxiliary held a "Fund and Friendship" day in the RSL Hall, Canning Road, Kalamunda, on October 19.

Representatives came from several surrounding Auxiliaries and it was a day truly named "Fun and Friendship".

President of Darling Range Auxiliary, Mrs Rosa Fisher, welcomed guests and extended a special welcome to Mrs Rolfe, BEM, Senior State Vice-President and State Executive liaison officer for Darling Range, and Mrs Sullivan, State Secretary. Everyone was happy to see Mrs Stockmin, MBE, a past State Secretary and President and currently a patroness of the RSL Women's Auxiliary in Western Australia. Present also was a stalwart of the local Auxiliary in days gone by in Mrs Hensworth, who at various times held the positions of President, Secretary and treasurer.

On request, Mrs Stockmin related stories about Auxiliary work carried out in earlier years and her talk was enjoyed by all present. Mrs Fisher presented a sheath of flowers to Mrs Stockmin on behalf of the Darling Range members and also the same to Mrs Loney, the Treasurer of the local Auxiliary who had celebrated her birthday the previous day.

A soup and bread roll luncheon was served and following several brain-teasing competitions compiled by Mrs Kain, guests were requested to partake of a sumptuous afternoon tea. A trading table and raffle helped to swell funds and by all accounts everyone enjoyed this happy day.

NORMA TURNER

Cockburn
Sub-Branch RSL

October 1982 has been a memorable month for the Cockburn Branch.

On Sunday, the 3rd, we joined the Bibra Lake Pioneers in a picnic day at Pioneer Park, a spot that the branch maintains as a public service.

On Sunday, the 24th, our usual meeting day, 17 of our members rolled up at 7 am to begin painting our hall. With rollers and brushes, and under the guidance of painter Ken Barrett, they attacked with gusto and by 11.30 am were ready to enjoy morning tea supplied by our ladies. The finishing touches were done by Ken and Jack Boast and we feel very proud of the way we could present our hall to our visitors at the Annual Dinner on Saturday, the 30th.
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Mr Turner presented to long-time member George Willis his Life-membership certificate, and for 52 years of dedicated service Mrs Cissie Leece was presented with Certificate of Merit and a Gold Badge — well done!

A good night was enjoyed by all, the food was superb, and the entertainment supplied by our ladies, first class. Special thanks to Christine Poole and Tom Jackson. The Bush Band was in fine form, led by Glad on the piano. Altogether a fine example of co-operation between the Sub-branch and its Women’s Auxiliary.

A happy Christmas and Prosperous New Year to State Branch and all other Sub-branches from all at Cockburn. And may I finish with our theme song:—

The Cockburn Branch are happy
The Cockburn Branch are we
We never fight or quarrel
We never disagree
When the boys up top say will you
We do the best we can.
For the password of the Cockburn Branch
Is think of your fellow man.

WALLY HAGON, Secretary

Northern Territory Photographs

The Darwin Community College Learning Resources Centre maintains a Special Collections on the the Northern Territory, in response to the requests and needs of the students and researchers. In this we collect and preserve as well as books, newspapers and pamphlets, PHOTOGRAPHS.

As this year is the 40th anniversary of the bombing of the Top End, a great deal of interest has been stimulated. To foster this and to build up a collection for the 50th anniversary I am trying to locate photographs held by ex-servicemen and women who were stationed in the Northern Territory.

Some people have already donated albums or have been in contact with Peter Dermoudy who is surveying WWII sites in the Northern Territory for the Museum.

I am able to make copies where photographically possible for the donors from their originals as well as copies for safe keeping in the Special Collections. If people who were here can help me would they please write to:

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BOOK REVIEW:
“Retreat From Kokoda”
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There are not many books written that give the enemy’s version of certain battles, and it was most interesting to read in this book some of the Japanese commanders’ accounts of such battles.

Although members of the different battalions who participated may not like it, nevertheless they are the facts.

The memory of the Kokoda Trail will never pass from the men who toiled wearily over it. The long, exhausting upward grades and steep downward slopes that jarred tortured muscles, its tangled roots and sharp stones under a sea of mud, humidity, heat and biting cold. Nobody will ever describe it adequately in words.

Places such as Nauro, Efogi, Iorabaawa, Butchers Hill, Templetoh’s Crossing, Iora Creek, Deniki and Misima are a few that will never be forgotten by these men who made history.

Doctor Vernon, Arnold Potts, Ralph Horner, Albert Caro and Bruce Kingsbury, V.C. are names that will always hold pride of place in the annals of the Kokoda Trail. All members of the 2/14 Bn, 2/16, 2/27 Bn, 2/31 Bn, 2/33 Bn, 53 Bn, 39 Bn, 2/6 Ind. Co., 2/4, 2/6 and 14 Fd. Amb., 2/1 Pioneers, 21 and 30 Bde. Signals, 2/1 Bn, 2/2 Bn, 2/3 Bn, and many other units who participated can be justifiably proud of the part they played in the story of Kokoda.

M.C. (Mike) Hall

Act of Remembrance

1) PRESIDENT Ladies/Gentlemen 9 O’Clock
2) Lights switched off. Emblem illuminated.
3) Short Silence
4) President recites Binyon’s lines:
   “They shall grow not old as we that are left grow old
   And shall not weary them nor the years condemn
   At the going down of the sun, and in the morning we
   will remember them.”
   All present will repeat the last line.
   (It is usual at this time to pay tribute to members who
   have passed away)
5) President: “Lest we forget”
   Repeated by all present
6) Emblem switched off. Lights on.

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The above is reprinted for the benefit of all officials of
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However, they lost the final 34-51 to Carlisle-Lathlain, last season's fifth-division pennant champions.

But their eight players, out of a total club strength of about a dozen, fought out every end and deserved the highest praise for trying.

COMING EVENTS

December 25th, Saturday, Christmas Day.
January 25th, Tuesday, R.S.L. Bowls, Venue: Kojonup Bowling Club, Enquiries (09) 344 2652.
January 26th, Tuesday, Australia Day.
February 11th to March 5th, Friday-Saturday, Festival of Perth, Venue: Various, Enquiries (09) 386 7977.
February 14th, Monday, A/A Gunnera Luncheon, Venue: Anzac Club, Enquiries (09) 276 7253.
February 22nd, Tuesday, R.S.L. Bowls, Venue: Wagin Bowling Club, Enquiries (09) 344 2652.
March 11th to March 13th, Friday to Sunday, WAAAF Reunion, Venue: Adelaide, Enquiries (08) 9-3723.
March 30th to March 31st, Wednesday to Thursday, R.S.L. Bowls, Venue: Albany Bowling Club, Enquiries (09) 344 2652.
April 25th, Monday, Anzac Day.

Recruiting Drive for League

In an historic decision, National Congress voted to open membership to any Australian ex-service man or woman who had served in the Defence Forces anywhere and at any time for a minimum period of six months.

Members of the Forces who are still serving are also eligible under the above conditions.

This decision came after the national plebiscite held in June of this year. Members voted overwhelmingly to end the distinction between those who had served overseas and at home. It also means the end of service membership, thus eliminating the Service Member's Badge.

The National Secretary, Peter Young, said: "There is a potential for 200,000 new members and a major recruiting drive will take place to support the new policy."

State Executive Changes

With the resignations of Harry Noonan, Bob Charles and Frank Turrell from the State Executive through ill health and personal reasons, C.P. (Pat) Fernie C.D., P.M. (Max) O'Loughlen and F.P. (Frank) Verdi were invited to take office. They were on the panel of reserves after the elections at State Congress.

The death of Mr W.S. (Bill) Lonnie in September left a vacancy on the Committee of Trustees. and at the October meeting of the Executive, Mr P. (Percy) Pearson was nominated to fill that position. He readily accepted and was elected unanimously.

Thank You

I and my family wish to express to all, our appreciation for the messages and tributes as expressed to my dear husband whose passing has left such a deep void.

As I stood at the graveside, I felt I was given strength to carry through that ordeal by the presence of the vast number of Bill's comrades gathered there to pay tribute to him. My family and I will retain that memory for the rest of our lifetime. They were proud moments — moments too of reflection — reflections of a life that had been dedicated to service, service to others, and as a great friend of Bill's said, the following quotation suddenly ran through his thoughts — "Let me do what good I can, for I shall not pass this way again" — How true of him.

May God bless you all, and our gratitude to all for your comfort.

Lew Lonnie, the children and the grandchildren,

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Tax-Free Income

Personal income tax for the year ending June 30 1983, will be assessed using a combination of the old rate and the new.

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RSL Code of Citizenship Essay Competition

Applecross Sub-branch has, again, conducted it’s annual essay competition based on the “Code of Citizenship”. The five primary schools in the area were invited to submit essays written by members of Year's 6 and 7.

The subject was a choice of any one of the eight items of the "Code of Citizenship". After culling, a total of 62 entries were judged by all the panel, which consisted of Mr Jack Howson O.B.E., J.P., Mayor of Melville, Mr L.J.L. Mears M.A., B.Ed. and Mr John Weermouth, Deputy Principal, Attadale Primary School (not one of these schools competing).

The successful writers were — 1st Miss Natalie Radich, 2nd Miss Rachael Mowe, both of Booragoon Primary School, and 3rd Miss Melissa Rowley, of Mt Pleasant Primary. (Shades of women’s lib). The first prize was a lovely book of the winners’ own choosing, second, a framed copy of the “Code of Citizenship” and the third a hand-made certificate of “Honourable Mention”.

Several of the schools failed to submit entries but it is hoped all will do so next year. The winning entries are shown below.

“Loyalty to Australia and the Crown”

By Natalie Radich

Loyalty to Australia and the Crown is important. Being my home country I care for it because I was born here, and I’m proud to be an Australian.

Many people don’t realise that the loyalty to a country and crown is a big part of keeping a country the way Australia is. It is war-free, unlike some countries in the Middle-East who are constantly fighting and doing this are killing off people from both sides.

Loyalty is not just telling people you are always ready and willing to back up Australia, but showing people and proving to them that you are helping to Advance Australia.

By Rachael Mowe

I consider that “High personal standards of responsibility, conduct, performance and integrity,” are one of the most important parts of the Code and would like to discuss it in my essay.

If you set yourself a very high standard you may not always reach it, but you will bring your standards up trying to get to the standard you set yourself. There are also some people who can’t be bothered to set a high enough standard and just set a standard that they can reach easily, which to me is quite useless for them. Everybody always sets themselves a standard, but different people set different standards for themselves.

Now if you have a high standard of integrity, people will always have trust in you and you will always know that you are trusted.

Most people are responsible and everybody, sometime or another, is put in a responsible position. For example if you have agreed to go to the show with somebody on Saturday at 10 o’clock and then on Saturday you arrive at 12.30, you are considered irresponsible, but if you have a high standard of responsibility people can happily give you a responsible position.

So quite a lot depends on our performance, conduct, responsibility and integrity. People should look into this and see how high their standards are and always try to improve themselves.

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"Unselfishness"

By Melissa Rowley

Unselfish is how we all want to be. We should all think of others before ourselves. We should be kind all the time, not just when we want something.

Generous people have a lot of friends because the more generous you are the more people know you and think a lot of nice things about you. I think unselfishness is being generous, kind, grateful, affectionate, loving and caring.

Sharing is an example of unselfishness. To share, is to lend things around. Keeping it to yourself is selfish and that's not nice. Caring is also an example, caring is to think a lot about people and the way they feel.

I am very lucky because a lot of people are generous to me. You should treat others as you would like them to treat you. If there were more unselfishness there might be less wars and trouble in the world.

Being unselfish is a nice feeling to everyone especially yourself.

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In addition to the above prize, there are seven "ANZAC OF THE YEAR AWARDS" for those selected individuals or groups in Australia who have demonstrated the spirit of comradeship and selfless service embodied in the tradition of ANZAC.

The Returned Services League of Australia (W.A. State Branch) invite recommendations and citations for outstanding persons who qualify for consideration for the above awards. The recipients need not be ex-servicemen and could range from a surf lifesaver, charity worker, nurse or mailman in the outback, etc. We are seeking nominations of persons who have given outstanding service to their fellow Australians and to the community in a positive, selfless-and compassionate manner.

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Nominations and supporting citations should be forwarded to reach the State Secretary, RETURNED SERVICE LEAGUE OF AUSTRALIA (W.A. State Branch), 28 St George's Tce., Perth, W.A. 6000 or Box C128, G.P.O. Perth, W.A., 6001.

All submissions should be marked "Strictly Confidential". Official nomination forms can be obtained from Anzac House.

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TEXTBOOK ON AUSTRALIA AT WAR TO BE PUBLISHED

The memorial announced plans for the publication of a high school textbook on the military and social history of Australia at war to be published by Nelson Education, one of Australia's largest educational publishers.

The book, intended for students in years nine and ten, will contain photographs, maps, original documents and a text of about 40,000 words on the many facets of Australia's involvement in nine wars and conflicts. It will examine why Australia entered these wars, describe the battles and operations and discuss the social effects of the war on the homefront.

Nelson hopes that the book will be used in curricula in all states and it may be available for mass market distribution. Ms Sandra McComb, Educational Publisher at Nelson said, "We have already assessed that there is a strong market potential for such a book in the schools. Given the resources of the War Memorial, we think our partnership in this project with the History and Publications Section should be an excellent arrangement."

Dr Michael McKernan, Assistant Director, at the War Memorial, History and Publications, also commented, "The book will have a broad base for use in general studies, history, social sciences and other subjects. The project is a very exciting one for us because it is the fulfilment of the long standing hope of Sir William Keys, National President of the RSL to teach school children about Australia's experience of war."

The new publication, which will be a soft cover book, is intended for distribution in 1983. The author of the work will be announced at a later date.

AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL JOURNAL NEAR PUBLICATION

Work is in progress on the production of a bi-annual journal to be published by the War memorial in mid-1982.

The journal will have a popular format with illustrations, articles and book reviews on many aspects of Australia's military history and on a broad range of subjects, including military art, museology, education and the broad social and political context of military history. It will be aimed at a wide audience, including the specialist and the general public. Both the staff of the memorial and outside experts will provide material for the journal.

The magazine will be available at the Memorial through mail order and subscriptions and through direct sales at outside outlets.

Among the articles to be included in the first issue is a survey of the war art held in the War Memorial. There will also be articles on the Australian Army Training Team in Vietnam and on Australian homefront propaganda during the Second World War.

THREE IMPORTANT DONATIONS TO COLLECTION

Sir Murray Tyrell presented the War memorial with an important Japanese sword which General Douglas MacArthur, the Allied Commander in Japan, presented to him in 1946. At that time, Sir Murray accompanied Prime Minister Chifley to Japan as his principal private secretary.

The weapon is a civilian katana sword, which belonged to a Japanese junior officer in World War II. The high craftsmanship of the sword indicates it was made for an important civil official between 330 and 430 years ago.

The katana sword bears the mark of its maker on the haft; the handle, which can be released is crafted in sharkskin and inset with two gold-embossed decorations, known as 'menuki'.

Sir Murray's gift, which is only one of two katanas in the Memorial's collection, may have been passed through a family or hierarchy of office bearers.

Earlier Sir Murray donated two rare valuable sword bayonets to the collection: a Henry Yataghan Sword Bayonet of the 1690's and a British made weapon from about 1903. The Yataghan weapon, which would have been used by the NSW Militia, will eventually go into a Colonial period display.

The pattern 1903 sword bayonet was collected by Sir Murray while he was in India during the Second World War.

DUTCH POSTERS — VALUABLE ADDITION

Mr Bob de Jong of Canberra offered the memorial the choice of twelve rare Dutch World War I posters from a collection of several hundred which were discovered in his home. The donation represents a significant addition to the Memorial previously had no Dutch military posters in the collection. The fine quality posters are two-colour lithographs from the cover of a publication called the Nieuwe Amsterdamer as part of a series from 1915-18 on the subject of the Great War and other political themes of the period.

Mr de Jong said he believed the posters belong to his father, who had served as a Dutch border guard in World War I. Mr de Jong, who was born in Holland, made the donation as what he described as a "gift to his adopted country".

One of the posters, which is of particular interest, depicts an Australian Digger among four Allied soldiers in a scene entitled, "The Watch on the Rhine".

BOER WAR LETTERS DONATED

In March, a Sydney family donated twelve Boer War letters to the War Memorial, which contain references to the famous Captain Thomas of the Breaker Morant trial.

The letters, which were written by two cousins, Jack and Mick Kelly, span the time of their departure in 1899 to battle action in South Africa through 1900. Mr Len Brown, who donated the letters and a photograph of Jack Kelly, on behalf of the Brown family, said they were found in an old tin belonging to his late mother.

Ten of the letters are written by Jack Kelly of Tenterfield NSW, who served with the NSW Mounted Rifles; he wanted to serve in the Boer War as he wrote, "...I bought out of the Artillery to go, which cost me ten pounds, it is pretty hard to have to pay to go get shot at". Jack Kelly mentioned in several instances Captain Thomas, who was also from Tenterfield, NSW. The other letters were written by Jack's cousin Mick Kelly, who served with the Queensland Bushmen's Contingent. Some of the writing

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describes engagements with the Boers and the elusive Boer leader, de Vries. The donation makes a valuable addition to the relics and documents of the Memorial's Boer War holdings.

**BATTLE OF BRITAIN ROLL OF HONOUR**

Flight Lieutenant J.H. Holloway, MBE, the Englishman who compiled and designed the Battle of Britain Roll of Honour for the Imperial War Museum in London, has donated a replica of the plaque, with the names and profiles of the Australians who served with the RAF in 1940 in the Battle of Britain, to the War Memorial.

Retired Air Commodore James Coward of Canberra, who flew with No. 19 Squadron in the Battle of Britain, presented the plaque to the Director with former Flight Lieutenant J.H. Holloway, who brought the replica to Australia.

The plaque features the names, signatures, and squadron information on twenty-one Australians, who served with the RAF from 10 July to 21 October 1940 and obituaries on fourteen who were killed in action. With the plaque, Flight Lieutenant Holloway included twenty-one miniature albums for the relatives of each man listed in the Roll of Honour. The War Memorial is attempting to contact the relatives of those men to present them with the miniatures.

Flight Lieutenant Holloway completed the original display for the Imperial War Museum in London 1969. Men from fourteen countries other than Great Britain, served with the RAF in the Battle of Britain. Of the 2945 men who served as pilots and flight crew, 497 were killed.

These men were referred to by Sir Winston Churchill in his famous quotation, "Never in the field of human conflict was a sacrifice so much owed by so many to so few". The plaque is entitled, "The Few".

Replicas of the Roll of Honour are being produced by Flight Lieutenant Holloway for all countries whose men served in the Battle of Britain. He has already presented a replica to the United States where it is housed in the National Aeronautics and Space Museum. Flight Lieutenant Holloway continues to travel and compile information on the other countries because, he said, "the few should be identified as individuals."

**RELICS OF AUSTRALIAN CORONATION CADET CONTINGENT 1911**

A uniform, a boy's diary, newspaper clippings and photographs related to the Australian Coronation Cadet Contingent of 1911 were donated to the Memorial by W. Walster of NSW. The uniform was worn by his father Cadet William Walster, who attended the Coronation of George V in England in 1911.

Cadet Walser and several other senior and junior cadets, fourteen and fifteen years old, from schools in NSW, who paid their own way, made history with their 'unofficial' trip to London to represent Australia with hopes to be considered official troops, assinged a place in the procession route and awarded military Coronation medals. The contingent, who witnessed the official ceremonies and marched with the Regimental bands, were later officially recognised by the King and granted Coronation medals in 1912 for their participation.

Cadet Walster went on to serve with the Artillery in World War I.

**RELICS ASSOCIATED WITH LONG, DISTINGUISHED CAREER OF WING COMMANDER J.R. GORDON**

Mr B.R. Gordon of South Australia donated the relics associated with the distinguished military career of his father, Wing Commander, J.R. Gordon, who served in the Australian Army militia and the Australian Flying Corps in World War I. With the AFC Gordon was awarded the M.C. for bravery and became an Air Ace. Before World War II, he served in the Commonwealth Army Militia and R.A.A.F. He subsequently served in the R.A.A.F. during World War II.

The relics include uniforms, caps, an early AIF insignia, a boys diary, newspaper clippings, obituaries, and photographs, including ones relating to early aviation.

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George Bush, the Vice President of the United States.
The Honourable Howe Yoon Chong, Singapore Minister for Defence.
The Right Honourable Humphrey Atkins, MP. Lord Privy Seal in the Government of Britain, accompanied by Mrs Atkins.

Delegation from National Assembly of France.
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Party of Officials from Wenlan, China Federation of Literary and Arts Circles led by Mr Yuan Wenshu.
Rats of Tobruk Association, ACT Branch (annual wreath laying ceremony).
Lady Huxley, wife of Sir Leonard Huxley, Professor of Physics, Nobel Prize Winner and President of the Royal Society in England.
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Senior Members from the Australian Police College of Australia, Fiji and New Zealand.
Mr and Mrs J. Dwyer of Tasmania (Mr Dwyer is the son of J.J. Dwyer, V.C.)
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The number of exhibits in the Museum have increased over the years and need to do so in order that displays can be improved in the interest of visitors. Current exhibits have been acquired through loan or by donation and further donations by your members of items of equipment or old Army pamphlets would be gratefully accepted and acknowledged.

I would be grateful if you would include this information in your publication with a view to promoting many more visits by RSL members in future.

Wishing you future success with your publication.

Yours Faithfully,

Major W.M. GUNDER E.D.

W.A.A.A.F. National Reunion

The 42nd Reunion of Ex-WAAAF Personnel will be held in Adelaide on March 11 to 13, 1983.

Anyone interested is invited to contact the Hon. Secretary, Mrs D. Ekin Smyth, P.O. Box 92, Burnside, South Australia, or telephone (08) 93723.

The Unit War History Trust Fund

The Unit War History Trust Fund was established after World War II to enable unit associations initially, to establish equity in the Fund, and later to receive financial assistance in publishing the history of their unit.

Since then various grants have been made to associations for the production of their unit histories.

The Fund was to be wound up on December 31, 1981. However, that decision has since been rescinded and the Fund will continue its operations and its future will be reviewed towards the end of 1984.

The Committee is seeking the assistance of anyone who can help in locating contacts for any of the following associations which have an equity in the Fund.

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b. 2/12 Aust Fd. Regt.
c. 10 Aust Line Sect.
d. 37/52 Aust Inf Bn.
e. 2/2 Aust CCS.
f. 111. Aust CCS (AIF).
g. 231. Aust LAD.

Information in relation to any of the associations mentioned above may be forwarded to:

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May I set the record straight by making the following points:

1. The R.S.L. has some 12,000 Vietnam Veterans amongst its approximately 300,000 membership. Through its specialist services, it provides counselling and assistance to many of these members and other Vietnam Veterans during the course of every week. In fact, they would be a high percentage of all those receiving help.

2. When the chemical spray issue emerged as a legal issue in the United States, the R.S.L. adopted a watching brief and has spent some $60,000 up to the present time in legal fees in monitoring the class action that has been underway in the American Courts.

3. At the same time, we have kept up submissions to the Federal Government on improving benefits. One of the more important results from this was the setting up of the National Advisory Committee on Vietnam Veterans Affairs and through that Committee, the subsequent establishment of a most excellent counselling service which has centres in each capital city and provides advice and counselling to Vietnam Veterans and their families.

4. Some considerable time ago, the R.S.L. made a suggestion to the then Minister for Veterans' Affairs, that there should be a "fast lane" established in the Appeal System of the Repatriation Act to allow quicker decisions for Vietnam Veterans. This has been established and is proving most beneficial in many urgent cases.

5. Largely as a result of the initiatives of the R.S.L., the Minister has also extended Repatriation Hospital treatment for urgent cases—not only to the Veteran but to his wife and children.

6. To ensure the closest co-operation between the R.S.L. and the Vietnam Veterans Association, the National President and the National Secretary of that body have been appointed to the R.S.L.'s National Committee on Veterans Affairs. This has resulted in an ongoing and regular consultation.

7. Quite recently, the R.S.L. provided a substantial amount of finance to assist the Vietnam Veterans Association with their office expenses.

8. For years the R.S.L. has demanded a more generous interpretation of the benefit of doubt clauses of the Repatriation Act. Recently, following a High Court judgment, this level of generosity has been introduced. Whilst this has benefitted all veterans, it has been especially helpful to those from Vietnam as there are many cases from that conflict where doubts arise as to the cause of a particular medical condition.

9. The R.S.L. has already taken up with the Government the matter of benefits under the Repatriation Act for deformities occurring amongst children of Vietnam Veterans. This submission is awaiting the outcome of the Inquiry into that problem but will be pursued.

10. The R.S.L. has always felt that scientific inquiries were the only way to obtain the truth about chemical sprays and their effects on the people who served in Vietnam. We have, therefore, supported the epidemiological study, the inquiry into infant abnormalities and the studies on mortalities and morbidity.

Our sympathy and concern for the Veterans of Vietnam is no less than our concern for other veterans groups. We believe that our advocacy has resulted in special provisions for those who served in Vietnam.

Due largely to the unusual nature of that campaign, we believe this ex-service group deserves the very best the country can provide and we will ensure that they get it.

In our view, however, this does not necessarily mean a Judicial Inquiry which may well have ramifications unimagined by those who at present are giving it such sustained and vocal support.

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A full report on the outcome of "SIGMEET '82" will be published in the Autumn edition of the Listening Post. Meanwhile, the following brief rundown on the objectives of the R.A.S.A. may be of interest.

The Royal Australian Signals Association is a nationwide organization consisting of past and present members of the Corps. At present however members in the Northern Territory belong to either Old or Sth Aust Branches and members in WA belong to other State branches.

The objects of the Association are to:

a. provide a common point of contact for past and present Signals members;
b. develop and uphold the prestige, traditions and history of our Corps;
c. provide facilities for the mutual benefit of all unit associations and their members by instituting and coordinating Corps activities and by safeguarding the interests and welfare of Association members. In effect it acts as an "umbrella" organisation for all Signal unit associations and groups; and
d. institute and co-ordinate on a non-political, non-sectarian basis, activities of any kind or description calculated to further the general welfare of our members.

Membership is available to any person, fulltime or reservist, who has been a member of the Corps at any time since its inception in 1925. This includes members of AWAS and WRAAC allocated to Signals. In addition, ex members of British Commonwealth and allied forces Signal Corps are also eligible to join. Returned from Active Service is NOT a condition for membership.

Why should you join the R.A. Sig. Assn. in preference to the many other organisations open for membership? Many ex-service organizations are based upon a single unit, formation, force, theatre or campaign and in time there is an inevitable decline in membership and therefore effectiveness. The Association, based upon membership of the Corps, will exist as long as the Corps.

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During World War II, Rottnest Island was controlled and occupied by the Army. At some stage Phillip Rock (an offshore limestone rock southeast of Thomson Bay) was levelled flat just above sea level. I understand that RAAF assistance was given to accomplish the deed.

I am keen to copy any photographs of Phillip Rock before (what shape was it?) or during the demolition attempts (I understand there was more than one). Primarily, I am interested in photographs and information about the event, but any other personal photos or moments from Rottnest during that time would also be appreciated.

Photographs would be copied and returned to their owners and may be used for display or stored in Museum archives.

I can be contacted through the WA Museum, Francis Street, Perth. Tel: 328 4411, or at home on 279 7081.

Val Humphrey

Australian War Memorial

The Australian War Memorial has just started to restore a Nakajima Ki43 'Oscar' fighter aircraft which is one of only four Oscars known to exist anywhere, outside of New Guinea. The Oscar was often encountered by R.A.A.F. pilots in the S.W.P.A. and as such bears particular significance to the Australian War Memorial.

Our preliminary research indicates that the War Memorial's Oscar might be one that was found abandoned at Hollandia in June 1944 by No. 80 Squadron personnel. A photograph which has recently come to light shows the Squadron Engineering Officer, F/O Jack Clifford May, carrying out airframe repairs on an Oscar which has quite clearly been assembled from two separate fuselages. Our Curatorial staff feel that F/O May might have been preparing the aircraft for shipment back to Australia (possibly for public display) and are now anxious to contact any No. 80 Squadron personnel with recollections of these events. My assistant-Curator, Mr Jack Clayton, would be particularly interested to hear from the following ex 80 Squadron pilots, all of whom were based at Hollandia in June 1944: S/L Glen Albert Cooper (251426); S/L Clifford Richard McKenny (574); F/L John Noel Ollivier (402390); F/O Eric Neville Faine (170797); F/O Kenneth Ernest Goldring (424908); F/O Henry Arthur Hurst (30542); F/O Clive Irving Winter-Irving (408717); P/O grank Hercules Dengate (420613); P/O Harold Franklin Luton (429120).

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HONOUR AVENUES IN
KINGS PARK

BY. ELIZABETH MAIN

As a visitor from Britain, being driven through Kings Park and being shown the plaques at the foot of each tree, which were planted as individual memorials to men who fell in the two World Wars, I felt the need to find out more about them. Who first planted them? What was recorded on the plaques?

My questions were answered during a walk along May Drive, examining the plaques at leisure, and a fortunate meeting with two leading members of the Highgate Sub-branch of the Returned Servicemen's League, who were replacing plaques after restoration.

The 782 plaques commemorating those who died during World War I stand at the foot of eucalyptus borrhoides and sugar gums along May and Lovekin Drives, starting from the Forrest Memorial. In 1919, when the trees were first planted and dedicated, many of them were sapling oaks, grown from acorns collected in Windsor Great Park. May Drive was named after Princess May, who became Queen Mary, wife of George V. It was at her request that the acorns were sent from England. They were supplemented by oriental plane trees, making a total of 886 trees, each commemorating a life lost during World War I.

Lovekin Drive was named after the President of the Kings Park Board when the honour avenues were opened in 1919. Unfortunately, neither the oak nor the plane trees were suited to the dry climate of Perth and had to be replaced by eucalyptus. A further 300 sugar gums were planted along Lovekin Drive to commemorate those who died in World War II.

Responsibility for the trees rests with the Kings Park Board, which replaces them where necessary. The R.S.I. and, since 1979, the Highgate sub-branch, cares for the memorial plaques. These were originally fixed on the trees, but now stand on white posts at the foot of each tree. The posts are replaced when damaged and the plaques are repainted and restored with loving care.

Studying the plaques in detail, each shows name, rank, unit, place, date and age at time of death and by whom planted. Most seem to have been planted or dedicated by a close relative, a wife, father, mother, brother or sister and sometimes by "a friend". A group of 35 were planted by "fellow officers of the National Bank" and some by their colleagues in the Boy Scouts Association. Their ages range from 17 to 54.

Among those of World War I it is the battle honours which catch the attention. Gallipoli took its toll of members of the 10th Light Horse and the 11th and 12th Battalions, among others. From the fighting in France names recall the heroism and carnage of the Western Front — Bullecourt, Mouquet Farm, Ypres, Passchendaele and Villers Brestonneux; names which for many are now only found in history books, but which were engraved for ever in the memories of an older generation; names which evoke stories of heroism as Australian battalions — the 28th, 32nd, 43rd and 44th recur again and again — engaged in battle.

The number of deaths occurring at the same time gives some measure of the grief suffered by Australian families as news of the casualties arrived by telegram. One family recorded the losses of four of its members — one killed in 1916, two, one of 45 and the other of 27, who died in 1917 and a fourth, aged 22, who died in 1918.

"They sit, no more at familiar tables of home" as laurence Binyon wrote in his poem "To the Fallen".

Except for one member of the R.A.A.F. killed in action in England, memorials to World-War II are beside trees in Lovekin Drive. Here there is one area devoted to members of the 2/2 Commando, whose 46 plaques to each individual member was "dedicated by his unit". Their battle honours were won on Timor, New Guinea and New Britain.

Members of the R.A.A.F. join those of the Army and Navy on the 1939-45 plaques. These airmen killed in action throughout the world — England, North Atlantic, Europe, the Middle East, New Guinea and Sumatra are among the places where they fell. The roll of battle honours is more familiar to our eyes than those of the earlier War — Crete, Tobruk, El Alamein, Singapore, Java, and Borneo. Among these memorials are some not recorded in the earlier war, of those who died as prisoners of war in Borneo, Timor and Thailand — doubtless constructing the notorious Burma-Siam railway.

The most poignant memorials of all are perhaps the two plaques at the foot of one tree, dedicated to a father who died in 1917, aged 24, and his son who died in 1942 aged 30 — the son who, having been 5 years old or younger when he last saw his father, would have little memory of him. One plaque was dedicated by a wife, the second by a mother; in both cases the grief and loss were suffered by the same woman.

Although many who drive through these honour avenues forget or ignore the memorials, to others the loss is still vivid. They may not speak of it — except in private — but their sorrow is recorded by the placing or planting of flowers beside the individual plaques. It is the families' way of saying:

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A person cannot receive a service pension at the same time as an age, invalid or widows pension from the Department of Social Security.

A service pension may be granted to the following:

- a male veteran who served in a theatre of war, and has attained the age of 60 years or is permanently unemployed.

- a female veteran who served in a theatre of war, or served abroad, or embarked for service abroad, and has attained the age of fifty five years or is permanently unemployed.

- the wife of a service pensioner, regardless of her age.

Most service pension applicants are Australian veterans who served in World War II. In order to qualify as having "served in a theatre of war" an Australian veteran needs to have served outside Australia or for certain periods within prescribed areas of Australia, on or after September 3, 1939, or before September 3, 1945, at a time when danger from hostile forces of the enemy was incurred.

An Australian veteran who is entitled to a "Returned from Active Service" badge does not automatically qualify as having "served in a theatre of war" as the service qualifications are not the same.

British Commonwealth veterans who have resided in Australia for a continuous period of ten years and have had "theatre of war" service in wars or war-like conflicts in which Australian Forces were engaged, may be granted the service pension.

Allied veterans who served in formally raised forces in a "theatre of war" and who have never served in an enemy force may qualify for the service pension provided they have lived in Australia for 10 years continuously.

Australian mariners who served in a "theatre of war" during World War II are eligible to apply for the service pension and eligibility will be extended from February 3, 1983, to merchant mariners of British Commonwealth and Allied countries who served in a "theatre of war" during World War II.

Assessment:

When assessing the rate of service pension payable the marital status of a veteran is taken into account. The combined income of a married couple is maintained in the assessment of service pension and additional pension is payable if a veteran has a child or children in his care and custody.

The "standard" rate is payable to an unmarried veteran whereas a married couple living together would each receive the "married" rate.

Pensioners who pay rent may be eligible for an allowance known as supplementary assistance. In order to qualify, service pensioners must pay a minimum rent of $20 per fortnight for their accommodation and their income must be below $40 per fortnight. However, a person who pays rent to the State Housing Commission does not qualify for supplementary assistance.

The basic free of income test rate of service pension is automatically paid to service pensioners over 70 years of age and invalid pensions except for those major difference concerning disability pension paid by this Department.

As from November 11, 1982, any Repatriation disability pension or an equivalent British war disablement pension is disregarded as income for service pension purposes. However the full amount of disability pension is maintained in the assessment of supplementary assistance. Disability pension continues to be considered as assessable income for pensions paid by the Department of Social Security. This means that it may be advantageous for a wife to receive a service pension as the spouse of an eligible veteran, rather than a Social Security pension if her husband also receives a disability pension.

The pamphlet entitled "Service Pensions" and the current brochure of Repatriation Benefits rates provide basic information about service pensions and the income test and are available on request.

Reviews:

Once service pension is granted, the Department conducts income reviews at regular intervals. However, a service pensioner may, at any time, apply for a review of his pension rate if his financial or domestic circumstances alter and he considers he may qualify for an increase.

Similarly, if a veteran or his wife receive an increase in income they should notify this Department immediately and not delay their notification until they receive the next income review form.

Concessions:

Service pensioners may qualify for certain Commonwealth fringe benefits if their income is below the...
limit prescribed by law. These benefits include free medical treatment, hospital care and pharmaceutical benefits under the Pensioner Health Benefits Scheme and a telephone rental concession.

The State Government provides a concession on bus or rail transport to eligible service pensioners.

Other State or local Government concessions available to service pensioners on production of their Pensioner health Benefits Card include the following:

- reduced drivers licence fee
- a concession on Shire rates or possible deferment
- a concession on water rates or possible deferment
- electricity — a reduced charge may be available
- exemption from fishing licence fee
- reduced pet licence fee

At their discretion, private organisations may provide concessions for Pensioner Health Benefits card holders at horse racing, trotting, first class cricket, league football and some city cinemas.

A veteran who receives a service pension on the grounds of permanent unemployability, can apply to the R.T.A. for a free motor vehicle licence, provided he was receiving this category of service pension before he attained 65 years of age. A separate means test is also applied by the State Government to determine eligibility for this concession.

Current rates:

As from November 11, 1982, the following service pension rates and prescribed limits are applicable.

A) Veteran 'standard' rate $154.50 P.F. Income test Free Rate $102.90 P.F.
Veteran 'married' rate $128.80 P.F. Income test Free Rate $85.80 P.F.
Wife 'married' rate $128.80 P.F. Income test Free Rate $85.80 P.F.

B) Allowable Income Limit before the Maximum Service Pension Rate is affected:

'Standard' veteran $60 P.F.
'Married' veteran and wife (combined) $100 P.F.

C) Income level at which eligibility for fringe benefits ceases:

'Standard' veteran $108 P.F.
'Married' veteran and wife (combined) $180 P.F.

D) Income level at which eligibility for service pension ceases:

'Standard' veteran $389 P.F.
'Married' veteran and wife (combined) $615.20 P.F.

Applications:

Service pension application forms are available on request and any persons interested in obtaining any further information on any aspect concerning the service pension should write to the Deputy Commissioner, telephone or call in person at the Department of Veterans Affairs, 11-13 William Street, Perth. The pensions enquiries counter is located on the fifth floor.

If any veteran wishes to confirm or test his theatre of war eligibility but does not wish to lodge a formal service pension claim at this stage, the Department will investigate this aspect separately.

The earliest date a service pension can be granted is the date of lodgement of a formal claim on the prescribed form, or from the date of an informal claim in writing, provided a formal claim is lodged within three months.

As a general rule, service pension applications should not be lodged more than eight weeks in advance of commencement of eligibility e.g. sixtieth birthday, retirement from full-time employment.

Although the Department of Veterans Affairs endeavours to process applications as quickly as possible, where there is a doubtful 'theatre of war' eligibility, some claims may be held up for three or four months pending the arrival of service records from the Department of Defence and any subsequent investigation of service required to confirm eligibility.

This article is not intended to cover all circumstances. If, however, it has aroused your interest in respect of your particular case do not hesitate to contact a Pensions Contact Officer on telephone 327 8328.

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BOOK REVIEW

“Lords of Death”

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The title could be misleading to anyone reading this book for the first time. Although the author has gone to great lengths in her research for the genuine details, I feel another title would have been more appropriate.

To everyone interested in the founding of Western Australia and all events leading up to the end of World War I, I fully recommend that it be read. It is very parochial as far as Western Australia is concerned because most of the Army units mentioned have a majority of local troops in them. Among the units which take pride of place are the 10th Light Horse, 11th Battalion and the 28th Battalions, which were formed locally.

The hardships endured by the man on the land prior to his joining the forces and then on to Gallipoli and France, I have no doubt are true in every detail.

The statistics that are printed are equal to any that have been made public in any Government Gazette. Although the British and the French who took part in the Gallipoli campaign feel it is better forgotten, there is a totally difference of opinion in Australia.

M.C. (Mike) Hall

Legend Passes Away

Evan (Enie) Bain, a legend in Western Australia with everyone connected with horses and the land, died a short while ago in his 90th year.

Enie, as he was popularly known to his friends and comrades in arms, enlisted in the 10th Light Horse from his farm in Katanning and landed on Gallipoli in 1915. It was a sad moment for him because shortly after the landing he buried his brother, Duncan, on the beach.

After his discharge he went back to the land and became one of the first to be granted a pastoral lease from what was to become the War Land Settlement Scheme for Returned Ex-Servicemen.

In the field of pioneering, with a partner he founded Woodlands Station, about 230 kms north of Meekatharra, and after the dissolution of the partnership he established three other properties in the Gascoyne Region, in Mt. Clare, Milgan and Ynatnatha.

He was well known by members of the League, having been a member of Meekatharra, Forrestfield, Gosnells, Darling Range, Welshpool and City of Perth Sub-branches.

In 1974, at the Anzac Day march he again wore his Light Horse uniform with plumed hat and rode with the younger 10th Light Horse Regiment.

In 1976, he wrote his life story, “The Ways of Life”. His genial manner and smile will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

M.C. (Mike) Hall

Girl of the Golden West

The Geraldton Sub-branch of the RSL has donated $50 towards the candidature of Miss Sherilee Battersby of Cloverdale, in the Girl of the Golden West Quest.

The Geraldton Sub-branch was among the Sub-branches to which Miss Battersby was allocated for financial support because they do not have candidates of their own.

In addition, members of the Geraldton Sub-branch have been selling raffle tickets in support of the Quest, which is raising money for the War Veterans’ Home Fund.

Meanwhile, the Geraldton Sub-branch has received a picture which shows a corvette, HMAS Geraldton, taking part in the Sicily landing during World War II. The picture was made available by M.L. and M. Willis of Old Cleveland Road, at Wellington in Brisbane.

And on another RSL matter, Mr Frank Sharpe, of the Geraldton Sub-branch, was elected to the Management Committee of the Geraldton Regional War Veterans’ Home, in succession to Mr John Spendlove who resigned.

BJB

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Section 107VK of the Repatriation Act was amended by the House of Representatives on October 28th, 1982.

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Milne Bay, the scene of the first defeat suffered by the all-conquering Japanese Army, and that at the hands of a force contemptuously known as the “Chockos”, or chocolate soldiers.

May I presume to give you a little of what went on before this defeat was inflicted. My ship and her sister had been conveying troops and supplies to Morebe from Cairns and Townsville when suddenly we were given secret orders to take a small convoy to a place we had never heard of, Milne Bay.

We picked up two Dutch ships, the “Bontekoe” and “Japara”, laden with material to build the airfield from which Bluey Truscott and his squadron would operate. They carried bulldozers, graders, backhoes, lorries, reinforcement steel, cement, etc., as well as a few anti-aircraft guns. I think the American engineers had the job.

Months before the ships went in, a man mentioned many times in Ion Idriess’ books on New Guinea was sent there to organise the natives to build some very crude piers on which the equipment was to be larded.

The man was lan Champion, though I am not sure about his christian name. He knew more about New Guinea than any man alive and he told me what he hadn’t walked over, he’d flown over.

With several pounds of trade tobacco, he got the natives to fell coconut palms then interface them into the sea, in square which they afterwards filled with sand and coral. They were so placed that the fore and after holds of the ships were just where the piers were. They did the job until the Japs caught the “Hangchow” alongside and sunk her, causing her to lay broadside at the piers. The Seabees then built several more landing places for later use.

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Of the six children born into the family five are still alive. Mrs Forrest died in 1976 and until a few days before his death JR, as he became affectionately known to so many, lived and cared for himself under the watchful eye of his family.

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BIRDWOOD HOUSE APPEAL

A public subscription appeal is to be opened at Geraldton to help with the maintenance of Birdwood House.

The R.S.L. Sub-branch decided on this action at the October meeting, on the suggestion of the Treasurer, Mr Andy McDonald.

He said a public appeal would be appropriate because Birdwood House belonged to the public of Geraldton.

The appeal will have a target of $10,000.

Birdwood House, which is administered by a Trust, is not only the headquarters of the R.S.L. Sub-branch, but also is used by many community organisations.

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