ANZAC DAY

APRIL 25, 1984

Surely our feelings should be stirred by the great and heroic deeds of our fallen Comrades which we commemorate on Anzac Day.

May their example inspire us to carry on in the service of our Country, whatever the cost. For so we shall make ourselves and our Country more worthy of the sacrifice of those who fought and died for us. — Lieut.-Gen. Sir J. TALBOT HOBBS (1938).

LEST WE FORGET

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In 1976, the Federal Government in introducing its Defence White Paper stated as follows:

"The first responsibility of a government is to provide the nation with security from armed attack and from the constraints on national decisions imposed by the threat of such attack."

The RSL and its advisers on defence matters believed then as they do now, that the above statement is a clear and unambiguous expression of the ultimate objective of Australia's Security Policy.

Since the RSL last undertook a comprehensive study of its Defence Policy, there have emerged a number of domestic and international factors impacting on that policy and requiring its review. This has now been carried out and will be discussed at the forthcoming National Executive Meeting of the League.

The nation's defence, past, present and future has always been of prime concern to the League and its membership; this statement being well and truly re-enforced by the number of defence resolutions put forward at the various State Congresses, and each one in turn debated, and in the main carried at the Annual National Congress, thereby becoming a part of the Standing Policy of the League.

One of the most important elements of a country's defence is the conditions of service of members of the defence forces, and is one that has been subject to various Government moves, many of which have been criticised, not only by the RSL and representatives of the Services, but also by many sections of the general public.

Government moves criticised include:

- Phasing out the School Cadet Corps.
- Reducing training time of the Reserve Forces, and taxing their part-time pay.
- Forcing members of the Regular Services to pay lump sum tax when most of them have to retire early.
- Doing away with the Queen's prize for the Champion Rifle Shot.
- Initiating moves which could well see the discontinuation of the nation's top award for valour, the Victoria Cross.

The League through its National Headquarters has and will continue to negotiate with the Federal Government in order to have these moves changed or modified.
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**King’s Park — Honour Avenues**

The dedication of avenues of trees to the memory of those men who unselfishly sacrificed their lives in two world wars was first undertaken at a ceremony held at the highest point in May Drive, King’s Park, on August 3, 1919.

At this ceremony, 400 oak trees, lining the drive from the Lord Forrest memorial to the avenue leading to the Subiaco entrance, were planted and dedicated in memory of men who gave their lives in the 1914-18 war. The trees were raised from acorns presented by her majesty, the late Queen Mary, from the trees of Windsor Great Park.

May Drive was named after the late Queen Mary, who formally opened it on her first visit to W.A. in 1901, as Princess May.

Subsequently, the honour avenue was continued from the Saw Avenue junction, towards Crawley, by the planting of oriental plane trees, until the avenue comprised 680 trees, each with a plaque at the base showing the full details of the deceased soldier to whose memory it was dedicated.

At a subsequent date, 100 sugar gum trees at the eastern end of Lovekin Drive were set aside to the memory of men who fell in the 1914-18 war, thereby completing the third section of the Honour Avenue.

Lovekin Drive was named after Mr Arthur Lovekin, who was President of the King’s Park Board when the honour avenues were opened in 1919.

In 1922, the Public Service Sub-branch (then known as West Perth Sub-Branch) of the RSL, accepted the responsibility for the preservation of the avenue, and has continued to assist the Board in the maintenance of the plaques and preservation of the trees. The Public Service Sub-branch amalgamated with the Press Sub-branch in 1973 and later combined with Highgate in 1976.

Unfortunately, the oaks and planes in May Drive did not thrive due to several factors, and consequently, it was decided by the King’s Park Board, after consultation with the Public Service Sub-branch, to remove the trees and replant the drive with Eucalyptus botrioides trees. This work was carried out in 1941 and 1942 and although there were some failures, necessitating replanting, the trees have grown vigorously and now form a fine avenue. It is a matter of interest that the whole of these trees were raised in the King’s Park nursery from the seed of large tree growing on the high point at which the previous dedication ceremony took place.

After the 1939-45 war, enquiries were received by the King’s Park Board for the provision of memorial trees for the men of that war, and the Board agreed to make available the remaining 300 sugar gums lining Lovekin Drive.

These were offered to the RSL and that body delegated authority to the Public Service Sub-branch to negotiate with the King’s Park Board for the allocation of the trees and to arrange a suitable dedication service.

On December 5, 1948 in a central position in Lovekin Drive, before a large gathering, His Grace the Archbishop of Perth, Dr R.W.H. Moline, M.C., D.D., dedicated the avenue to the memory of those who fell in the 1939-45 war. The ceremony was attended by His Excellency, the Governor, Sir James Mitchell, G.C.M.G., Dame Florence Cardell-Oliver, D.B.E., representing the State Government, Mr. W.J. Hunt, M.B.E., State President of the Returned Services League, representatives of the Services, religious bodies and a number of organisations.

The ceremony was conducted by Mr L.J. Parks, President of the Public Service Sub-branch, who outlined the history of the honour avenues, and an address was given by the State President of the RSL, Mr W. J. Hunt, M.B.E.

The accompaniment for the hymns was supplied by the R.S.L. Memorial Band.

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**Changes to Citizenship Act**

Changes to the above Act were introduced into the Federal Parliament in December last.

Members of The Returned Services League of Australia and millions of other Australians are concerned that these changes were introduced without a mandate from the people and in undue haste.

The League is of the opinion that these changes are the "thin edge of the wedge" in a move towards Republicanism, a step resented by most Australians.

This issue should be placed before the people of Australia, as it would appear to be the first step in a chain of events which would alter the nature of Constitutional Government in Australia.

The League calls on all Australians to make their feelings known to their Members of Parliament and Senators.

**CAR BUYERS BEWARE!**

This is a warning to all buyers of used cars, whether privately or from a dealer.

The purchaser, YOU, is responsible to apply for and to pay for the transfer of the vehicle licence. "The Road Traffic Act", Part III Section 24(2) states: "A person who becomes the owner of the vehicle in respect of which a licence has been granted shall, immediately on becoming the owner, apply to the Authority for the transfer of the licence to him and pay the prescribed fee." DO NOT rely on the dealer, whatever he may tell you. Failure to take this action will see you summoned to Court, fined at least $40 and required to pay about $15.70 costs, or, in default, serve three days in gaol. This advice to all second-hand car buyers is prompted by the large numbers of such people who are appearing each session of the RTA at the Central Law Courts on Tuesday mornings. Although the offender is in ignorance of this Section of the Road Traffic Act, the Court has NO choice but to levy the fine and costs or gaol in lieu. Please take care.

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A NEW LIFE

Some of us had not seen the Australian flag before, but to all of us that flag symbolised hospitality which we found in Australia and the chance to start a new life without prosecution or fear.

Unfortunately, some people take this for granted. But some, like myself, know what it really means to be able to express freely what you feel.

That is why I come here to defend this right, the right which this flag gives me. God help me if this beautiful flag of ours is changed.

I say this because I remember during the Vietnam war. I saw in a demonstration the Red Flag while our Australian brothers defended our flag and the freedom that flag represents, the freedom of speech, some trendy's waved the enemy flag on our Australian soil.

NOBODY ELSE'S

We don't want any change. We don't want to change our symbol and listen to his masters voice, somebody else's voice. Let's listen to the voice of our country and this is Australia's flag and nobody else.

Can those who advocate the change of our flag guarantee me that the new flag will give me the same freedom I have to express myself?

I am sure that millions and millions of people all over the world will envy our good fortune to speak up and air different ways of thought. I am not convinced that the present Australian flag, does not represent Australia.

Every inch of it is Aussieland — the Southern Cross is what described Australia in the world maps before Captain Cook landed here.

This is a geographic fact which cannot be pinched from us by anybody, even those who want to change our present flag, have it prominently displayed in their so-called replacement. The federation star represents all the States and territories of Australia.

That's "us". Only when a national catastrophe occurs will this wipe the States from this earth's surface. Then the federation star will stop symbolising our States.

Now I like to give credit where credit is due. That's the Australian 'fair go'.

Long before Captain Cook landed in 1770, other explorers from other nations, such as the Dutch, the Portuguese, the French, the Spanish, discovered and landed in Australia.

Some even stayed for a while and reported back to their Governments, but nobody would undertake the herculean task to start a country so far away from Europe. It was an impossible dream to bring everything from so far.

THE WORLD ADMIREs

However, one nation accepted the challenge — Great Britain. They achieved something good, something which the world admired and are admiring today — Australia.

Had the Portuguese or Spanish been successful then, today in the corner of our flag we would have had the Portuguese or the Spanish and that is far enough. Isn't it?

The British brought with them the Westminster system of Parliament, which is copied by most civilised countries. So we have the British system, the British flag in the corner of our flag and we didn't do too bad!

That is tradition, that is history and I'm asking myself how can we rip a piece of history from our flag? It's not right.

THEIR SACRIFICE

Australian soldiers, sailors and airmen fought and died for this flag in the war of 194-18, 1939-45, Korea and Vietnam. How can we forget their sacrifice? We may have different political views, but we all have a conscience.

Nobody can deny this and anyone who does not respect the blood which was shed to defend what this flag, our present flag, symbolises, then he denies the best values there is in life to live for.

I have settled here like many thousands of others from all parts of the world. We live in a multicultural society but we all live in one country "AUSTRALIA" and our country has one flag — the flag that we found, the flag that we respect, the flag that we taught our children to respect and I hope they will will teach their children what I taught them.

Peter Pezas,
Greek Sub-Branch
Courtesy "Revelle"

Author Seeks Help

Richard E. Roberts, of 77 Craiglwyd Road, Cockett, Swansea, Wales, SA2 OUF, is writing a book on Fairwood Common R.A.F. 10 Group Fighter Command, 1941—47, and would like to hear from members of RAAF Squadron 458 who visited Swansea during World War II.

Richard, incidentally, served with RAAF Squadron 459 (Baltimore) in the Middle East 1942—1944 and wishes to be remembered to all his Aussie mates.

Old Friend Search

(Archie) Wyant, of "Priors View", Cowden, Edenbridge, Kent, England, wishes to re-establish contact with an old RAAF friend with whom he was stationed at Rathmines, N.S.W., in 1942 — Sgt T.H. Keen, Service No. 9351, from Gladstone, Queensland.

Sgt Wyant had come to Australia with a small party of R.A.F personnel after the fall of Singapore. He had served there from August, 1939, with RAF Squadron 205 as a crew member when the squadron was equipped with short Singaporeos, followed by Catalinas.

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68th ANNUAL STATE CONGRESS — 1984

For the guidance of Sub-Branches the following information is given regarding the forthcoming Annual State Congress of this State Branch:


MEALS: Each Sub-Branch is responsible for delegates expenses. Morning, Afternoon Tea, Lunch will be served at the Congress Venue.

NOMINATIONS: Rule 25: All nominations for the position of President, Vice-Officers (2), and Committeemen (9 required), shall be made by a Sub-Branch at a properly constituted meeting, shall be in writing and closed with the State Secretary by Friday, 4 May, 1984 and all Sub-Branches shall receive notification of all nominations received not less than one (1) month before the opening of Congress.

All nominees must be financial members of the State Branch and may signify their willingness to accept office.

All candidates for office in the League, whether paid or honorary, shall when nominated, declare themselves in full accord with the principles of the League.

Nominations may include any financial member of the WA State Branch, and not merely members of their Sub-Branch.

It will be necessary for Sub-Branch Secretaries to act immediately.

LEAGUE TRUSTEES: League Trustees elected in 1981 for three years are: Messrs. P. Pearson, C.M.G., O.B.E., J.P., K. Broadhurst, FRAIA, ARIBA; R.N. Stone, AM, JP.

AGENDA ITEMS: All agenda items for State Congress must be accompanied by preamble for each item, be in writing and closed with the State Secretary on 20 April, 1984. (Please submit Agenda items as soon as possible).

It is important that Sub-Branches carefully discuss any proposed Agenda items to ensure that the subject matter comes within the scope of League activities. Particular interest must be given to Constitutional items, and a clear and special indication given as to the Rules which are desired to be altered.

The following are suggested as appropriate headings for Agenda items:

(a) Immigration
(b) Defence
(c) Repatriation
(d) Listening Post
(e) Defence Service
(f) State War Memorial
(g) Anzac Day
(h) War Veterans’ Home

DELEGATE ENTITLEMENT: One delegate per 75 financial members, or part thereof, and based on membership figures as at December 31, 1983 with a limit of six (6) delegates per Sub-Branch.

An accredited delegate may be extended to allow one delegate to represent more than one Sub-Branch. Proxy Delegates may be appointed, but may only act in the absence of Delegates from any sitting of Congress.

CONGRESS LEVY: $10 per delegate. Two (2) or more delegates $20.

ANNUAL TROPHY COMPETITION: Entries for consideration in the various Trophy Competitions should be submitted to the State Secretary not later than 20 April, 1984.

It has been pleasing to receive more entries over the last couple of years and all Sub-Branches with small membership have equal opportunity with larger Sub-Branches as this is taken into account on proportionate basis.

State Executive Approves

Conversion and Upgrading of Clifton and Vasey Wings at the R.S.L. War Veterans Home, Mt. Lawley has been approved.

With the average age of veterans including war widows and ex-service women, increasing year by year resulting in frail aged accommodation becoming more essential, the Board of the Home approved of plans to convert Clifton and Vasey wings to become a second "Howes Wing" within the complex.

The plans have been drawn up by architect Kenneth Broadhurst, who has been responsible for the previous plans of the complex, including Pearson Village, and are prepared under the guidelines as set by the Department of Social Security.

The main impact of the conversions will be the inclusion of en-suite bathroom facilities for each bedroom, the provision of a dining room using the recently installed hot-plate meal system, the linking up of both wings with an enclosed ramp, and an office and quarters for Supervisory staff.

Approval has also been granted to approach other sources, including Sub-branches and the Lotteries Commission, to seek their financial support in the much needed venture.

Incidentally, this type of progressive accommodation is perhaps more essential now in view of the Government's reluctance to authorise nursing home beds at this stage. However, it is considered necessary to upgrade the present facilities to keep in line with modern hostel guidelines.

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Results and actions arising from the 1983 State Congress Resolutions

In addition to the information on the subject Published in the Summer Issue of the Listening Post, the following is an up-to-date and composite action report on all matters raised at the 1983 State Congress. They should be referred to, and read in conjunction with, the items listed in the minutes of the 1983 State Congress.

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Replies have now been received from Mr Bob Pearce, the Minister for Education, and the Premiers Department stating that their current policies and action on flying the National Flag are in accordance with our request to fly the flag daily during business hours. Carried at State Congress and now in operation Withdrawn at State Congress

Carried at State Congress. To date a total of $5,571.00 has been received. Additional funds are urgently required and would be most gratefully received. A public appeal is also currently being pursued and we are awaiting approval from the Commissioner for Taxation. A reply has been received from Mr J. Berinson, Attorney General, stating that: 'I have noted the contents of your letter and will take them into account when considering the review of the Criminal Code which will be published in the near future.'

Carried both State and National Congresses, and submissions have been forwarded to the Government. Carried at State Congress, but lost at National Congress who considered that the current

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Standing Policy of the League achieved the same aims and was more appropriate. Under review by the Girlof the Golden West Quest Committee, who expect to have a decision on the matter by 29 February 1984. The cabinets for the library books have been installed, and the City of Perth Sub-branch will start library operations in the near future.

Notice of Motion
The notice of motion in regard to the Medibank Levy, as proposed by the City of Perth Sub-branch, was carried at both the State and National Congress; and a submission was put to the Government. This was the only notice of motion actioned at the State Congress. Three others were put forward; but were ruled inadmissible as they did not conform with the requirement that they dealt with urgent matters which had arisen since the closing date for the submission of items for the printed agenda.

Resolutions — RSL Women’s Auxiliary
With the exception of Resolutions 3 and 4 which were carried at the National Congress, action on the other seven resolutions put forward by the Women’s Auxiliary, and carried at the State Congress, was carried out by the Women’s Auxiliary.

BELLEVUE NOTES

New President for Bellevue Sub-Branch

After 10 years as President of the Bellevue Sub-branch, Harry Read has relinquished the position to Andy Stuart. Harry, a life member of the Sub-branch, has devoted much time and energy to the Sub-branch and provided wise counselling to members over the years. Prior to his completed 10 year term he previously served as President for six years and before that as Secretary. To keep his hand in as an administrator he has been appointed Assistant to the Secretary and Treasurer for 1984.

At the recent installation of officers, Mike Hall (State Executive) praised the work of the Sub-branch and wished it continued prosperity. Officers installed were:

- President — Mr Andrew Stuart
- Vice-President — Mr Jock Manderson
- Vice-President — Mr Duncan Moreton
- Secretary — Mr Colin McQueen
- Treasurer — Mr Harold Klopper

RSL Presentations at Bellevue

On February 8, two special presentations were made to long-standing members of the Bellevue RSL Sub-branch. Mr Arthur Purton was presented with a “50 Year Certificate” from the RSL and a “Certificate of Service” in recognition of work done at the Bellevue Sub-branch. Mr Ron Mellor was presented with a “Certificate of Service” also for the work he has completed as Secretary of the Sub-branch over the last six years.

In his presentation address, outgoing Sub-branch President, Harry Read, said in a personal profile of Mr Purton that he arrived in W.A. from Britain in 1901 with Sister Kate of the S.S. Orion and lived at Sister Kate’s Parkerville home. Following his return from the Great War he settled in Bellevue and became a local identity — fondly referred to as “Mayor of Bellevue”.

His title was, however, most appropriate as he was President of many local associations. Mr Purton’s association with the RSL spans some 64 years.

Mr Ron Mellor, another local identity, served the Sub-branch well as Secretary. In his time much progress was achieved. A builder by trade, Ken has worked hard to ensure the smooth administration of the Sub-branch. His recent retirement and shift to Leeman has forced him to relinquish the Secretary’s position. However, he has made it known that he will always be available for advice and assistance.

Vale: Stan Williams

The recent death of Stan Williams has caused many people to pause and reflect on the contribution he made to the community in general and RSL in particular. A warm, friendly and humble man, he will long be remembered in the hills areas for his active commitment to Church, Masonic Lodge and Sub-branches.

At Bellevue, Stan represented the Gallipoli Legion of Anzacs on the Blackboy Hill Commemorative Site Advisory Committee and was an active force in the establishment of the Commemoration. His regular attendance was an inspiration to all who saw him. He also was guest speaker on a number of occasions at local services.

Bellevue Anzac Services

Sunset Service — Tuesday April 24, at 5.30p.m.
Dawn Service — Wednesday April 25, at 6a.m.
Parade — Wednesday, April 25, Fall in Bellevue RSL Club 10.30a.m.

Bill Gaynor

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Bunbury Sub-branch

A very enthusiastic group of 22 members attended the AGM which saw two new committeemen welcomed aboard. Both Bob Stewart (Ex-Vietnam Veterans) and Harold Nicholson will be valuable additions to our executive. Our stalwart treasurer for many years, Mick Green, did not seek re-nomination and his success will not be known until the first meeting. We have an Honorary Auditor in Mr Jeff Mountford, who this year will be a big help to the new Treasurer.

A first for the Sub-branch is a new member from local Army Reserve Unit (11th Independent Rifle Company), Frank Murtica. We hope that many more members of the Reserve will join our ranks in the future.

The emphasis is on recruiting at this early stage of the year and although members did increase during 1983, I would be more than happy if we were to top 300 provisional members by the end of this year. Sadly, we lost 14 members during the past 12 months.

We intend to man a stand at this year’s “Bunbury People’s Day” to be held at Hands Oval on Sunday, March 11. We can promise that it will be of interest to young and old.

Anzac Day preparations are already under way with this year’s Guest of Honour being Air Commodore J.W. Hubble, CBE, DSO, AFC and Bar.

Congress resolutions are being discussed by members and it has been resolved to sell double the number of Poppies in 1984.

For members at our monthly meetings: (3rd Wednesday) there will be something of interest as well as a raffle in future. We invited a young gun enthusiast along for the first meeting, who gave us a brief but interesting run down on his collection. Summing it up, I feel confident that this will be the Sub-branch’s best year for some time.

Alf Mainstone, Sub-Branch President

Manning Sub-branch supports youth

The Manning Sub-branch recently sponsored an essay competition based on the League’s Code of Citizenship. Three schools in the area competed, namely St Pius X Primary, Manning Primary and Koonawarra Primary.

The subject in question was “A Good Citizen” or “An Organisation of Citizens That I Know”. In an endeavour to foster interest in the competition, the best essay from each school was selected as equal winners and they were as follows:

Sonja Minjoot, from St Pius X, whose entry was on Telethon 1983, Katherine Smith, from Manning Primary, wrote a story on Mrs A. Sexton, a District Commissioner, of the Girl Guides Association, and Marnie Little, from Koonawarra Primary School, gave her impressions of Uncle Barry (Barry-Fletcher) of the local paper, which is the South Perth Gazette.

A book voucher was presented to each winner. A framed RSL Code of Citizenship was the gift of the Sub-branch some years ago to each school.

Ken Taylor, Hon. Secretary, Manning Sub-branch

Returned Ex-Servicewomen’s Sub-branch, R.S.L.

The latter half of 1983 was a busy time for the Returned Ex-Servicewomen’s Sub-branch of the R.S.L. We were runners-up in the Newdegate Cup which was a creditable achievement and due to the hard work of the members. A Morning Tea was held to farewell Lady Trowbridge and she was presented with a beautiful book of pictures of Australia. Thanks to Terry Korbosky, a fund-raising campaign made $200.

A perpetual Trophy of a Wine Cooler was presented for the Ex-Servicewomen’s Golf Day. Members sold and made donations for Poppies on Poppy Day and took part in the Kings Park and War Veterans Home Services. A Poppy Day lunch at Anzac House was organized by Mrs Joan Dowson, M.B.E. and members and guests enjoyed slides of the Canberra War Memorial shown by Mrs Else Nowland. This raised $250, and with the proceeds of the Cakeless Cake Stall, a cheque for $300 was presented to Mr Turner at our Christmas Party as a donation for the R.S.L. War Memorial Restoration Appeal. This brings the total raised by the Sub-branch for this Appeal over the past three years to nearly $900.

Members of the Sub-branch entertained lady residents of the R.S.L. War Veterans Home at Clifton Wing. Representatives have attended Services and functions held by several organisations and helped a disabled ex-servicewoman and legacy ward who is also disabled.

This is my final report as President and I thank all office-bearers and members for their support, also Mr Gibbs, Mr Steele and their staffs for their ready help and cooperation during my term in office.

Cecile Hinton, President

Bicton-Palmyra RSL

Members are invited to a social gathering at Edinburgh Hall, Foss Street, each Sunday morning when the bar is open from 10a.m. until 1p.m. These functions are a part of the programme organised by the social club led by Eddie Bateman and our busy committee.

The first dance for 1984 for members and friends will be held on Saturday, March 31.
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R.S.L. Highlights

A cheque for $1,000 has been presented to the President of the GERALDTON Sub-branch of the Returned Services League, Mr GRAHAM TILL, by the President of the Women's Auxiliary, Mrs TRYTHENAMA ASHPLANT.

The money will go to the Birdwood House Restoration Fund.

Another highlight associated with the November meeting of the Sub-branch was the presentation of a plaque by the Commanding Officer of the Army Cadet Unit of GERALDTON Senior High School, Captain DOUG BAMBORD. He said it was a small token of appreciation for the support given to the re-established Cadet Unit. This included a donation of $119, made up of $50 from the Sub-branch and $69 from a tarpaulin muster among members.

Captain BAMBORD said the money had been used to buy gas-cooking and walkie-talkie equipment for use by the Unit which had experienced an extremely successful year. This included running four among 20 schools at the annual Camp.

Mr TILL said the marching-out parade of the G.S.H.S. Unit was one of the best he had seen. — BJB

City of Perth Sub-branch

Meetings held second Tuesday of each month, Anzac House, 28 St George's Terrace, Perth, at 1815 hours (6.15p.m.)

President: M.C. (Mike) Hall, Secretary: H.G. (Harry) Holder.

Ex Prisoners of War National Reunion, Melbourne October 2nd to 7th 1984

Response in the form of Registrations for this great event even at this early stage in excess of our earliest expectations. Judging from overseas interest there should be an influx of Kiwis, Kipps, Canadians, Yanks, Hollanders and Aussies from every State. So if you were an Allied Ex-POW get your registration in now as registrations close on the 31st May and late registrations will cost you an extra $10.

Those who register receive a comprehensive brochure on the reunion, the front cover of which depicts the Melbourne Concert Hall which will be the venue for the Reunion Variety Concert on October the 4th. Bookings will be available in April at all Bass booking agents but if you register for the reunion your concert bookings can be made on your registration form. The reception centre for the reunion will be the lower Town Hall: We have booked this for the whole week so that you can also use it as a meeting place for those wishing to ease tired feet or chat over a cuppa with friends.

It is also planned to serve light refreshments here on the Sunday following the Service at the Shrine before our visitors depart. Our State Government is giving free travel in the Metropolitan Area for the duration of the reunion to all those who have registered.

A large display of Memorabilia will be open to the public in the Myer Mural Hall for the duration of the reunion and a get-together evening and reunion Dinner will be held on the Wednesday and Saturday nights respectively. Registrations cost $25 a single or $40 a double and registration forms are available from Mr Jim Boyle, Hon Sec of Ex-POW National Reunion Melbourne 1984, 8 Ninth Avenue, Anglesea 3220 or phone (052) 632 510. So get your registration in now.

Nedlands Sub-branch

POPPY DAY

Many thanks to those friends and members of the Sub-branch who rallied round on November 11 and helped to make it a record year for us in sales, and the amount collected. We are proud to report that we raised no less than $1,666, a very worthwhile help to both the Aged Fund and our own Amelioration Fund.

PRESIDENT'S DINNER

A very pleasant evening on December 6 was enjoyed by about 70 members and friends. Catering up to our usual good standard, and once again entertainment by Meg Mitchell and her group was much appreciated. Maurice Elliott was excellent as Master of Ceremonies, and Horace Rumble very proudly accepted a Life Membership award.

ANZAC DAY

Please remember details as usual for our Anzac Day wreath-laying ceremony at the Memorial, corner of Birdwood Parade and Waratah Avenue. The attendance has been growing year by year, and we would like to see it expanded even more by participation of the general public. Would you please invite your friends and neighbours to join us on April 25 at 9a.m. (Private wreathlayers invited to participate).

ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Owing to the change of Treasurers, and the fact that our new official Stan Davidson, is moving (after 34 years) to a new home in Karrinyup, the finalising of the returns has been delayed. Please be sure that as soon as it is completed it will be forwarded to all members together with the programme for the year 1984.

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Life in the islands

In a letter to his parents, Mr and Mrs Chris Edmondson, of Selby-street, Northam, Pte. W.T. Edmondson gives some account of life on one of the islands north of Australia—describing some aspects of the place as a tropical paradise.

"We spent four days last week in the precincts of an Angau governed village group," he writes. "Probably a thousand natives are camped there. Instead of one big village they are broken into several small ones. In this way they can keep on high ground and out of the valleys, the latter being right in the line of any King tides or floods which are likely to occur at any time. A.N.G.U.A. — him big fella boss — governs the group; an Army Commissioned officer is the big fella boss. He, gives his rulings and orders to a ToTol, the highest position to which a native can aspire in a settlement. The ToTol passes the buck to Lulawais, who are the masters of the small villages. They, too have a Tull Tul to look after their affairs when they are away.

The first word one learns on contact with the natives is Kai Kai No. 1 is good food; Kai Kai No. 2, not so hot. With each village goes a native garden; in these are the native foods — coconuts, yams, oranges (inuli), bananas, brus and several others that look like our leaf and bulb plants. If you want a coconut, you pay one mark (equal to 1/-) for several of the Lulai is present; the same with oranges. Ask a boy: "Odsem up me Kai Kai No. 1," well you feast in splendour for a cigarette.

"Shy at Paper Money"

"Recently, Andy, and I wanted three pul-puls (grass skirts). We were out of silver and approached the Tull Tul with a one; him no sell pul-pul unless we have one two mark (2/-) and one one-mark. Had he had three he would have taken the 10/- note. They seem shy at our paper money and won't part with the silver to change it though Angua redeems it for them. So we came away minus a grass skirt.

No grass goes into the making of these grass skirts. The material comes from hand belown dinwai, a branch of a tree which is of fibrous nature. They hammer out a skirt length from the branch, the finished product being something like rafts. I haven't seen them cutting the colour into them. ANGUIA sets their price at 3/- The women never wear them at all; their dress is a tight see, and brassiers are unheard of here.

"When White Master (any white man) approaches the village, the women (Marys) don broad leaves, which spray around their hips. They go in for hair-do's or coiffures just like you women though their style is slightly different, most of them are short, Eton cropped or shaven bald. Their figures are like an S and the colouring is like the town hall ceiling. They do an immense amount of the harder work in the village; have seen them carrying 40 to 50 lbs. up to 6 in 1 grade that goes for 200 yards. They won't have more than three liklik monkeys (babies) so a boy told us. The babies share the mother's breast with the pig — the latter being a treasure beyond price to them and, as you can see, treated quite normally as one of the family.

Thinking over the Marys we have seen, well we still rely on Hollywood musicals to feed our imagination where the dusky maids are concerned. The lik-lik monkeys up to six years old are cracker-jack. At that age they are expert in pidgin English. For a cigarette (they smoke at that age) they will sing mission songs, some of them giving recitals on mouth organs. Sturdy little men they are from the time they start to trot around; they are taught to carry their share early in life. I have seen both boys and girls struggling up the same hill, before-mentioned, with water which would weigh up to 20 lbs. When they are about five years they lose their nudity; the boys receive a lap lap and the girls the same as the Mary's. A lap lap is a length of any material brightly coloured. It is worn similar to Dottie Lamour's sarong. I saw one monkey about five years old, thin as a rake and about three feet six high, shin up a coconut tree as expertly as his namesake.

Good Fishing

"Similarly clothed are men and boys. They are finely built fellows, happy-go-lucky and healthy. Angua employs them building roads, digging drains, building huts and chapels, as carrying parties, unloading parties and all sorts of odd jobs. They are paid for it and a form of taxation is imposed upon them. They can hew brilliantly-finished Lakatoj (canoe) from a solid tree trunk and are expert at handling the craft.

When time is found for fishing, the troops here gather a few boys and canoe out to the reefs. The fish are killed by explosives and the boys dive down and gather them. They often stay under for three minutes and one panics a little, wondering when they are coming up. No sooner have they dropped their fish in the Lakatoj than they are under again. Sometimes they bring up five or six pigs, so a boy tells us. The fish heads — they will take the head preferably to the body.

"Villages are invariably found on a hilltop and consist of from two to a dozen huts. In a village of six huts, there were easily 100 natives not counting the many pigs, so the housing problem is well to the force here also. These huts are approximately 30ft by 14ft in size; the floor level being 4ft from the ground, ceiling height from there approximately 7ft to 10ft of the 20ft by 14ft. 4ft is outside verandah space. A fire is always burning in the centre of the hut and takes up about 4ft square. The rest of the space is living room. Once they (about 20 in a hut) have settled down for the night, I guess their theme song would be 'Don't move around much anymore'. The roof is coconut palm leaves thatched together and overcovered with rushes, the sides being treated similarly. The whole job is pretty good and definitely waterproof, which is the main item here in building. When nails are not available, lawyer vines are used. These grow from cotton thread sizes up to 9in in diameter and are excellent in lieu of rope and just as strong."
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- HMAS Leeuwin Contingent
- RAN Reserve Company
- RAN Cadets
- Band of the 5th Military District (Form up in Langley Park, Cnr Victoria Ave)
- Australian Army
- RAAF 25 Squadron
- RAAF Contingent
- WA Police Pipe Band (Form up in Langley Park Cnr Victoria Ave)
- WA Police Contingent
- WA Fire Brigade Contingent
- St John Ambulance Brigade Contingent
- Hospital Cars — (Form up in Barrack St, South of the intersection of Barrack St & St George’s Tce)
- YAL Band — (Form up in South-East Cnr Barrack St & St George’s Tce, extending South Barrack St)
- RSL State Executive
- Legacy, Wards
- Perth Fortress Salvation Army Band — (Form up in St George’s Tce)
- Naval Association of Aust (WA) Section State Executive
- Ex Navalmen — unattached to Ships Organisations
- Perth Survivors Association
- Sydney Association
- Canberra/Johnstone Association
- Hobart Association
- Fleet Air Arm Association
- 6KY/Channel 9 Brass Band — (Form up in St George’s Tce)
  - Benalla Association
  - Corvettes Association
  - WRANS
  - Submarine Old Comrades Association of WA
  - Merchant Navy
  - Mounted 10 Light Horse — (Form up in Cathedral Ave)
  - 10 Light Horse Jeeps — (Form up in Cathedral Ave)
- Channel 7 Concert Band (Form up in St George’s Tce, East of Cathedral Ave)
- 6th Aust Division Cavalry Regiment Association (WA)
- 2/2nd Commandos
- 2/6th Commandos
- “Z” Special Force Association of WA
- “Z” Special Force Association (Inc)
- Floreat Park Salvation Army Band — (form up in St George’s Tce.)
- Royal Australian Armoured Corps Assn. (WA Branch)
- Royal Aust Artillery Association of WA
- 2/3rd Field Regiment Artillery
- 2/7th Field Regiment Artillery
- A/A Artillery Association
- Southern Districts Band — (Form up West side of Pier Street)
- RAE Ex-Servicemen’s Association
  - (including Engineer Units)
- 2/4th Workshop

RAEMA
- 7th, 9th Division Signallers
- Pioneers
- City of Perth Band — (Form up South of St George’s Tce on footpath, opposite Pier St)
- 11th & 2/11th Battalions
- 12th/52nd Battalions
- Morley Salvation Army Band — (Form up South of St George’s Tce)
- 16th Battalion AIF
- 2/16th Battalion AIF
- City of Belmont Band — (Form up South of St George’s Tce)
- 28th Battalion
- 2/28th Battalion, 24th Anti Tank
- Trinity College Pipe Band — (Form up East side of Pier St)
- 2/32nd Battalion
- 2/43rd Battalion
- 44th Battalion
- 48th Battalion
- 2/48th Battalion
- City of South Perth Pipe Band
- 2/3rd Machine Gun Battalion
- 2/44th Machine Gun Battalion
- 5th Machine Gun Regiment
- Fremantle Ladies’ Highland Pipe Band — (Form up East Cnr St George’s Tce & Pier St)
- RAR Association
- SAS Association
- Vietnam, Aust Army Training Team (AATTV Association)
- Royal Australian Army Service Corps
- Royal Australian Army Ordnance Corps Association
- Perth Ladies’ Highland Pipe Band — (Form up in St George’s Tce)
- 2/77th Field Ambulance
- 2/13th Field Ambulance
- Royal Australian Army Nursing Corps
- VAD — AAMWS
  - (Middle East VA’s — Voluntary Aid Detachment – Australian Army Medical Women’s Service)
- Australian Women’s Army Service
- Women’s Royal Australian Army Corps
- Red Cross Aides
- Air Force Association Band — (Form up West side of Irwin St)
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- Sunderland Association
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AN EPIC OF ANZAC

This may quite possibly be the last published work on Gallipoli written by someone who actually experienced the horrors of this dramatic struggle. The epic of Anzac is recounted in the language of the young Australian of the First World War and is therefore unique in the '80s, particularly as it was written when the events were still, reasonably vivid in the author's mind. The fact that it was written over fifty years ago, and has remained unaltered and unpublished ever since, may even add a new dimension to our appreciation of the significance and sacrifice of Anzac.

The events recounted are basically fact as they applied to one small group of Australians, but undoubtedly reflect the experiences of all the gallant soldiers at Gallipoli. The poem starts as the group is rowed ashore in moonlight (one of them being shot through the hip as soon as they landed on the beach) until the final withdrawal of those that were left — and what was left of them.

"To say God had in man his likeness shown
Seemed at the time a horrid blasphemy
If you could see the dead, blue, scorched and blown,
Their faces twisted by deaths agony
More dreadful than the wildest phantasy,
Their bodies bloated in crude brutality."

Simpson and his famous donkey have a few verses too — the called Simpson Murph; 'for fun' and his donkey 'Duffy'. The 15 year old who saw him die...

"He sobbed, 'I saw him hit... I held his head...
O Jesus Christ, how brave this man who died...
May I be brave like him... ' The poor kid cried."

The heat, the cold; dysentery, wretched food and even the occasional tot of rum are all here. So too is the temporary armistice of 24-May to bury the thousands to Turkish dead, an occasion when the author exchanged words with Kemal Bey, the Turkish Commander, in no man's land. And the chance encounter with Field Masahil Kitchener and the new vigour this gave the men. The work remains today as it was written in 1931, on purpose. Some of the footnoted phrases are commonplace in the Australian language today, but it seems clear that many of them originated in the trenches of Gallipoli in 1915.

Richard Graves

ANZAC DAY

Anzac Day is the day for all Returned Ex-Servicemen and Women. A minority among the general public seem to look on this day as just another holiday, which is most unfortunate.

It originally commemorated that day in 1915 when Australian and New Zealand troops landed on Gallipoli, but now it belongs to all veterans from those two countries who served in the Great War, the World War, Korea, Vietnam and all other places where our troops have fought.

Anzac Day is the official day of the year when nations pay tribute to those who died contributing their all for our security. The sacrifices they made were so that we could live and enjoy life as we know it today.

To you, the veterans, I ask you to honour your former comrades by attending local services and parades in your suburbs and cities. Don't stay at home and leave the honouring to others. Perhaps there are some who feel a little embarrassed by marching in public, perhaps you feel that by remembering in private it is sufficient and no public ceremony is needed to remind you of those who did not return — this is not enough. You are requested to attend the official services to make it quite plain to the watching public that we have not forgotten. Our Anzac pledge "We Will Remember Them". There are too many members of the populace who have forgotten the sacrifices made by so many.

M.C. (Mike) Hall

SPECIAL SERVICE

On a recent visit to Norfolk Island during November my wife and I were both made honorary members of the island's R.S.L. Club by the President, Clive Sempill, and received a very warm and friendly welcome from the numerous members whom we met during our stay.

We were further honoured by being invited to attend a simple, but moving, Armistice Day (11 November) Service held at the War Memorial, which is situated at what was the original convict settlement on the island.

The photograph above is of the memorial service.

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Remembrance Day this year was of special significance to a small band of ex-serving soldiers who belonged to one of the world's most elite fighting units - the Australian Army Training Team Vietnam.

During its formation between 1962-72, the small advisory unit, made up mainly of warrant officers, earned four Victoria Crosses, six Military Crosses, 20 Distinguished Conduct Medals and 15 Military Medals, all for gallantry, as well as many other decorations from Australia, Vietnam and the United States. They included the United States Meritorious Unit Commendation and the South Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry with Palm, which were presented to the entire unit.

For its size, the unit was the most decorated unit in the Australian Army and one of the most highly decorated units in the British Commonwealth.

The “Training Team” was tasked to train regular and irregular South Vietnamese soldiers, including the famous Montagnard tribesmen, taking part in some of the fiercest battles of the Vietnam War.

On Remembrance Day 1983, the President of the WA branch of the Australian Army Training Team Vietnam Association, ex Warrant Officer Class I Perc White (centre) presented the RSL with a display of the four “Training Team” VC winners - the only VCs awarded during the Vietnam War. Pictured during the presentation are from left: A past commanding officer of the “Training Team” and now Commander of the 5th Military District, Brigadier R.D.F. Lloyd; President of the “Training Team” Association, Perc White; and president of the WA Branch of the RSL, Mr Len Turner.

The four VC winners were: Warrant Officer Class II Kevin Wheatley (posthumously); Major Peter Badcoe (posthumously); Warrant Officer Class II Ray Simpson; and Warrant Officer Class II Keith Payne.

Early in the war a Federal MP described the team as the “Expendables” and by noted war correspondent Denis Warner, as “The Forgotten Army”.

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18th National Bowls Carnival, Perth — January 1985

The proposed itinerary for this Carnival is as follows:

**TUESDAY, 1st JANUARY.** All teams arrive in Perth to be met by Liaison Officers and accompanied to motel. Distribution of National Tours Programme and badges.

**WEDNESDAY, 2nd JANUARY.** Morning — Remembrance Ceremony, Lunch at all Venue Clubs, Afternoon — Official Opening followed by the First Test.

**THURSDAY, 3rd JANUARY.** Morning — Second Test, Lunch at Venue Club, Afternoon — Third Test.

**FRIDAY, 4th JANUARY.** Morning — Fourth Test, Lunch at Venue Club, Afternoon — Fifth Test and presentation at Venue Club.

**SATURDAY, 5th JANUARY.** Free.

**SUNDAY, 6th JANUARY.** Free.

**MONDAY, 7th JANUARY.** Morning — Round One, Lunch at Venue Club. Afternoon — Round Two.

**TUESDAY, 8th JANUARY.** Morning — Round Three. Lunch at Venue Club, Afternoon — Round Four.

**WEDNESDAY, 9th JANUARY.** Morning — Round Five, Afternoon — Section Winners Knock-Out.

**THURSDAY, 10th JANUARY.** Morning — Winners Play Off, Lunch at Venue Club, Afternoon — Quarter Finals.

**FRIDAY, 11th JANUARY.** Morning — Semi-Finals, Afternoon — Final, High Tea and Presentations.

As further planning is done in connection with the Perth Carnival, members of the Section will be notified in the Listening Post and in Newsletters. Members are asked to keep the dates in mind because it is hoped that a large number of teams from the State will be entered in the National Fours.

In the Carnival recently completed in Sydney out of the 158 teams entered in the National Fours, 103 were from N.S.W. so that it was not surprising that the final was contested by two teams from that State.

What a team!

A husband and wife team who have made the RSL movement a big part in their lives over the years are joint presidents of the Boulder sub-branch.

Mr Bob Martain was recently elected for his eighth consecutive term as president of the Boulder sub-branch of the RSL and has been in the movement for the past 16 years.

His wife Sally is serving her fourth successive year as president of the RSL women’s auxiliary, after being involved in the RSL movement for the past 12 years.

The couple have lived in Boulder for the past 10 years and have four children — Reg (18), Debbie (15), Jodie (13) and Kerrir (8).

Mr Martain spent six years in the Australian Regular Army and is a Vietnam veteran.

The couple lived in Morawa for six years before moving to the Goldfields.

Mr Martain was a foundation member of the Goldfields War Museum in Burt Street and is a member of the Kalgoorlie-Boulder Repatriation Committee.

Mrs Martain said that having a husband-wife team as sub-branch presidents was an advantage. Many sub-branch problems could be discussed at home.

"There is very good comradeship in the RSL," Mr Martain said.

That is the main thing in the organisation. The sub-branch is always looking for members.

This year, the sub-branch has lost about six members. It has a current membership of about 75.

Mr Martain would like more Vietnam veterans to join the sub-branch. It currently has five such members.

Mrs Martain said the women’s auxiliary could get more members if women realised that anybody could join — not only those previously connected with the armed services.

The women must be over 18 and willing to work for the RSL sub-branch.

The women’s auxiliary sub-branch currently has two life members. They are 81-year-old Mrs Nell McMahon and Mrs Rita Gundry, who has moved to Perth.

Debbie and Jodie Martain are leading members in the Girl Guides movement and last year were presented with the Baden Powell medal for their achievements in the guiding movement.

It is believed to be the first time two members of the same family have received the award in the same year.

Kalgoorlie Miner

Does this sound familiar?

This story is about four people: everybody, somebody, anybody and nobody. Everybody was asked to do it, everybody was sure that somebody would do it, anybody could have done it — but nobody did it. Somebody got angry because it was everybody’s job. Everybody thought anybody could do it and nobody realised that everybody wouldn’t do it. It ended up that everybody blamed somebody and nobody blamed anybody and, of course, it didn’t get done.

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Allegiance to the Queen

The Geraldton Sub-branch of the RSL will submit a motion to State Congress regarding the swearing of allegiance to the Queen.

The matter was raised at the January meeting by a former Treasurer, Mrs Pearl Hodgson, who referred to an announcement in the media that the Commonwealth Government intended deleting allegiance to the Queen from the oath taken at Australian Citizenship ceremonies.

Mrs Hodgson said she opposed such a move because when migrants came to Australia they knew they had to swear allegiance to the Queen. However, she said that if the Government intended proceeding with such a move, the RSL should press for candidates to at least have the option of swearing allegiance to the Queen.

A motion to this effect will be submitted for State Congress, which will be held in Perth on Saturday and Sunday June 16 and 17, following an official opening ceremony on the Friday night.

And on the suggestion of Mr John Spendlove, the Geraldton Sub-branch will submit another State Congress motion seeking an investigation into the possibility of holding a Mr and Mrs RSL competition, instead of the Girl of the Golden West Quest, to raise money for War Veteran Homes. He contended that there would be more support on a local basis for such a competition because of the number of other competitions similar to the Girl of the Golden West Quest. — BJB

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In addition, the two Officers were fully booked for interviews at the Regional Office of the Social Security Department during the next two days.

Mr Lockley and Mr Ponnuthurai also conducted interviews at Dongara where they also attended a meeting of the Dongara Sub-branch.

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Australian National Flag

A move aimed at retaining Australia's National Flag in its present form is to be supported by the Geraldton Sub-branch of RSL.

The Sub-branch was told at its January meeting that the Australian National Flag Association of WA had been formed in response to widespread requests for an organisation to give the community an opportunity to register its support for the present flag.

A steering committee to draft a Constitution and the formalities leading up to a public meeting early this year had been formed at a meeting convened by the RSL State President, Mr Len Turner.

The intention was to have a widely-based organisation representative of a broad cross-section of the community. The RSL had agreed to make facilities available at Anzac House for the initial administrative arrangements leading up to the Public Meeting and the adoption of a Constitution.

The Geraldton Sub-branch was also told that Mr Turner had expressed the hope that he would be contacted by interested Associations wishing to identify themselves with the movement. Individual citizens wanting to become members of the Australian National Flag Association of WA should complete the membership form at an early date — these membership forms being available from Anzac House — BJB

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Major Ken C. Duncan, RAE

A man who had been a member of the RSL for over 60 years, died in the Hollywood Repatriation Hospital last October, aged 85 years.

Kenneth C. Duncan joined the RSL in 1922, and was a member of the South Perth and Highgate Sub-branches. In 1972 he received his Fifty Year Certificate of Service.

Born in Fremantle in 1898, he later lived in Guildford, and was educated at the Midland Boys' School, and also at the Perth Modern School. He began studying architecture in Fremantle, but in 1916 he enlisted in the Australian Army Medical Corps and served with the Australian Field Ambulance in France.

After the war he worked with the War Service Homes Division in WA, and in 1923 commenced practice as an architect. In 1939, he was President of the Western Australian Institute of Architects.

On the outbreak of World War Two was enlisted to plan the extensions of the Northam Army Training Camp, and he also served in Army Hiring, a section of the Royal Australian Engineers, responsible for requisitioning buildings for army use. He later served as a major in the Australian Royal Engineers, commanding a unit of Australian Field Engineers in New Guinea.

After the war, he resumed practice as an architect, establishing a most distinguished record as both State and National President of the Royal Institute of Architects — the first West Australian to do so. He was a member of the Architects Registration Board for 15 years, and its Chairman for five years. In 1961 he was elected a Life Fellow of the RAIA. He was also a Life Member of the WA Volunteer Fire Brigade Association.

In his younger days he played both lacrosse and cricket with the South Perth Clubs. In later years he played golf with the Royal Perth Golf Club, until about 11 years ago, when he took up playing bowls when he became blind. He was one of the Foundation members of the WA Blind Bowlers Club. This was probably one of his most notable achievements as this club afforded blind bowlers (many of whom were ex-servicemen) the opportunity of participating in this healthy activity. The Club paid visits to a number of Country Clubs — and he represented the State in interstate competition.

He joined Legacy in 1929 and in 1979 received his Fifty Year Certificate of Service.

Among the buildings he designed are the South Perth Civic Centre and the South Perth Bowling Club.

It would indeed be difficult to match the record of service he rendered to his country in two world wars and to his profession and to the community. He was a quiet humble man, an ardent enthusiast in anything he undertook, with a great determination to carry on.

G.L. Throssell

Original RSL Member Dies

Stan Williams, who died recently, was one of the foundation members to join what was to become the Returned Services League. Back in 1916 after returning wounded from Gallipoli, as a member of the 11th Battalion with a number of returned men, they banded together and formed the Returned Soldiers' Association.

He remained a staunch member always and was a member of a number of Sub-branches, finally joining the Mt. Lawley—Inglewood Sub-branch. One of his most treasured positions was as a member of the Planning Committee connected with the Black Boy Hill commemorative site at Greenmount. Each Anzac Eve he never failed to attend the Greenmount Primary School's Anzac Service.

On behalf of the State President and all members of the League the Listening Post committee extend deepest sympathy to his widow, Jean, and all members of the family.

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With the passing early this month of Mr Norman William Burnell at the Plantagenet District Hospital, Mt Barker lost one of its most respected citizens.

Norm Burnell, who came to Mt Barker 47 years ago, has given almost half a century of community work to his fellow man in this district. Born in Carlton, Victoria in August 1899, he came to W.A. with his parents while still in his teens.

At the age of 18 he joined the AIF, was sent overseas where he saw service in France in the last year of World War I. After the war he was employed with the PMG and when he came to Mt Barker in 1937 he was a linesman.

When World War II broke out he immediately volunteered with the AIF but was rejected on medical grounds, he was then 40 years of age.

Norm Burnell was a man with great pride in his King and country, so, he worked daily as a linesman, but then spent many off duty hours volunteering for duty manning the telephone exchange.

He was also a man of strong Christian principles; so much so, that in 1940 he was appointed a lay reader in the All Saints Anglican Church in Mt. Barker, a position he held for several years.

When he came to Mt Barker he immediately joined the local sub-branch of the RSL, he was to give 47 years of devoted service to the RSL, he became sub-branch president in 1951, stayed at the helm for four years, then in 1961 became the sub-branch secretary/treasurer. He held that position for many years, but after relinquishing the secretaryship he still retained the treasurer's job until his death although the assistant treasurer Mr Mon Henderson did all the work in that capacity over the last 12 months.

There is no doubt that the RSL was the organisation closest to his heart, he was made a Life Member about twenty years ago. In his capacity as secretary he gave tremendous help to those in need, and would fight like a tiger to help a widow in distress, or an ex-serviceman not getting a fair go from authorities or anyone else in despair.

I knew Norm Burnell well, I worked with him on many projects, I had the greatest admiration for his ability, his sincerity and his great devotion to duty on whatever he was doing.

I felt that his true ability was never truly realised. He had a lot of journalistic talent; this could be seen when he wrote to authorities, he knew what words to use to make them sit up and take notice. But Norm was a humble man, his great pleasure came to him by helping others and working for community projects.

Let's take a look at the many things and projects in which Norm Burnell became involved over the years. First of all the RSL, but also, the Mt Barker Tourist Bureau.

Today the bureau is becoming a vital link in the viability and economy of the district. Norm was one of its most ardent workers over many years.

He gave hundreds of voluntary hours of work to the bureau. He was in his 85th year when he passed on, but it's only about three years ago that he stopped giving his time and skill to the bureau.

Another organisation which is very important to the Plantagenet District is the Voluntary Emergency Service. Today it is a vital link should we have floods, fires or other emergencies. Norm Burnell was the administrator for many years, in fact, the VES revolved around him for a very long time. I know, I worked with him over a number of years.

In later years after Norm gave up working for a living and became a pensioner, he became a vital force in the Pensioners' League, president of the local branch. He did a stent on the job there as he did everywhere else.

He was nearly 60 years of age when he decided to join the Royal Antediluvian Order of Buffaloes, he was initiated into the Mt Barker Lodge later joined lodges at Kendenup and Albany. He rose to a very high degree of the Order.

The Lodge has very high principles of philanthropic work, Norm-Burnell would always be right behind any project that was working for a cause that gave a helping hand to those in need. Only a short while ago, one night when he was feeling a little better, he came out to a Kendenup RAOB meeting.

We all know what a great job the local branch of the Red Cross does in the community, it is done by a group of local ladies, but several years ago they couldn't find a secretary, so Norm Burnell, then in his 70s, joined them and became their secretary for a number of years.

Time and space does not permit us to go into all the many things he did, but suffice to say he was a fine citizen admired by all who knew him.

About ten years ago the local branch of the RSL endeavoured to get some recognition of his great community work over so many years; so the RSL applied, through the local member for parliament at the time, to have Mr Burnell honoured, even if in only a small way, by the Queen, however, it never got past first base. So then the sub-branch made another endeavour through the RSL League.

The then League president Mr Len Phenna; said he was confident that some honour would be forthcoming, but once again, all endeavours fell on deaf bureaucratic ears.

What annoys sub-branch members, particularly yours truly, is that a citizen who works for almost half a century in community work, never getting a cent in his own pocket for the community work he does, is rejected by those in authority sitting in their ivory towers, but who hand out honours right, left and centre, to those who are in Government positions, or politicians, all in receipt of big salaries.

A service was held in All Saints church by the Rev David Wakeford, who spoke so warmly of the great merits and achievements of Norm Burnell, in fact he was reiterating what the Plantagenet community would unanimously endorse, these also included three years as a member of the Plantagenet Shire Council and a citizen of the year award given to Norm by Mt Barker Rotary club in 1975, Norm Burnell was laid to rest at the Mt Barker cemetery.
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Having been associated with these two gentlemen over a long period of time, I believe it is my sad duty, at their passing, to write an acknowledgement of their services to the local community.

They both lived in rural areas of Albany Shire, until retirement in Albany. Ossie, a bachelor, and Geoff a family man.

Both served their country, Ossie with the British Army in World War One, Geoff with the Australian Army in World War Two.

Both suffered severe handicaps, both had a great sense of humour and joy of living.

Both served their district, Ossie with the Albany Road Board 1930-39 and 1950-60, and Albany Shire Council 1960-65. Geoff with the Albany Road Board 1944-51 and Albany Shire Council 1965-68.

Both men gave of their very best in their areas and were highly respected citizens. I am sure everyone who was at any time associated with them will be saddened at the news of their passing.

Sincere sympathy to all of Geoff’s relations and Ossie’s niece.

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Thomas Joseph (Lottie) Collins

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Thomas Collins twice joined Irish Regiment while underage, but was fetched home by his parents on both occasions. In 1912 he slipped across to Wales on board a cattle boat and joined the R.G.A. and after basic training was posted to Malta.

The outbreak of hostilities in 1914 saw him once more on board ship, this time to France, complete with 9.2" now mounted on horse-drawn gun carriages.

Qualified as a signaller, he spent much time in saps dug from the front line, directing the fire from his battery. It was on these occasions that he was twice gassed, severely the second time, and was invalided to England.

After recovering, he served out his time until 1920 on garrison duties at Shoeburyness.

Married the same year, he joined the London Metropolitan Police and served until 1943 when he was again invalided due to injuries received in air raids.

Laid to rest in Guildford Cemetery on January 11, he is sadly missed by all of us.

Ada Louise Wansbrough.

Ada Louise Wansbrough, who died at a nursing home on 3rd January, 1984 aged 92 years, was one of the fast diminishing number of Army nurses who served during the 1914-1918 war.

As Louise Hornsby she completed her general training at the Fremantle Hospital in 1915 and while waiting to be called up for active service went to Leonora until she joined the A.A.N.S. and was posted for overseas service. She left Fremantle on the 'Ormond' in December 1916 with a group of nurses who were destined to serve in India.

Following her return to Australia in 1919 she had a long convalescence from tropical diseases which she contracted while on service.

In 1922 Miss Hornsby married Ernest James Wansbrough of the Signal Corps and with him, in his capacity of Post Master, lived in many parts of the State from the far north to the south west where her nursing experience was invaluable. They retired to Nedlands where Mr Wansbrough pre-deceased his wife by some years.

Doris Mary McMahon, of the Returned Sisters' Sub-branch, died on 5th November 1983 following a car accident. On completing her training at the Government Hospital, Kalgoorlie, Sister McMahon was employed by Dr Alan Webster as his surgery nurse and in this capacity became widely known in the Kalgoorlie area. In 1941, she joined the A.A.N.S. and was posted to the 2/7th A.G.H. where she served in the unit at New Guinea.

On return to civilian nursing she joined the Medical Department and was on the staff of Sunset Hospital, and at Woorooloo Hospital during its transition from a sanatorium to a general hospital.

Following retirement Miss McMahon was for some years a resident of LeFanu Court, South Perth.

A requiem Mass was held at St Columba's Church, South Perth on 9th November, and attended by many members of the nursing profession including the president and members of the sub-branch.

Memorial books for both the above have been placed in the library of the War Veterans Home.

Victoria Hobbs, for the Returned Sisters Sub-branch R.S.L.

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A very active member of the Sub-branch he has served several periods as a committee man and is a regular attender at all meetings and social activities.

Prior to retiring in 1973, Jim conducted a transport business and on many occasions moved furniture etc, for distressed members and widows at no cost. Always one of the first to volunteer for working parties of all types, he assisted in planting lawns at the War Veterans Home when it was built and has assisted on outings arranged by the Sub-branch for residents of the home.

Jim participates every year in the selling of poppies. He transports aged members to meetings and visits the sick. He is an example to younger members of the League. He was awarded Life Membership of the League by the National Executive in 1983 and his certificate and badge were presented to him at the Xmas social of the Sub-branch in December, 1983. Jim's wife, Esther, was presented with a sheaf of flowers which she very much appreciated.

George Taylor

HISTORY IN FOCUS

The Commonwealth Government has appointed me Official Historian of Australian involvement in the Malayan Emergency and the Vietnam War. I have been granted complete access to official records but, like previous Australian official war historians starting with C.E.W. Bean, I am anxious to show what the war was like not only for the commanders and senior officials, but for the servicemen of every rank. May I therefore appeal for assistance from League members?

If servicemen involved in Malaya or Vietnam have any personal records, such as diaries, letters, tapes or photographs, created at the time, I would be very grateful if I could see them. Any such material would be handled in strict confidence and returned promptly. Any restrictions on the use of the records would be meticulously observed. I would be happy to correspond with anyone who is uncertain whether they have would be useful, or who would like further assurances on how the material would be used.

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I live in a country area and you cannot get a loan to buy a house outside the city or major country centres.
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I own my current home and have to sell that before I can make an application for a Defence Service Home Loan.
It is true you cannot get a Defence Service Home loan if you currently own a home, but you can lodge an application with the Corporation if you are in the process of selling your current home.

Defence Service Homes still only sell houses and land.
No. The Corporation no longer builds houses or sells land. The scheme now provides only for a loan to be made to eligible applicants to enable them to purchase the home of their choice.

I have owned many houses in my lifetime and because of that I am ineligible for a Defence Service Home loan.
Wrong. You do not lose your entitlement to a loan because you have previously owned a home.

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Veterans Affairs opens Geriatric Assessment Unit at Hollywood R.G.H.

The Secretary of Veteran Affairs, Mr Derick Volker officially opened the Geriatric Assessment Unit at Hollywood R.G.H., on December 14, 1983. Approximately 80 guests attended the opening, including representatives of the Ex-Service Organizations and the Serving Armed Forces as well as hospital patients, departmental officers and the media.

Many services were catered for by the unit to assist veterans in coping with the various problems that arise in their ageing years. The veteran can either be treated as an inpatient or outpatient with the aim of the unit being to have the veteran returned to his own home as soon as possible.

The official opening was followed by a tour of the various facilities and services available at the unit and it was most encouraging to see our elderly people being catered for and treated in a most dignified manner. The various doctors and professional people commanding this unit are to be commended for their dedication in caring for our ageing veteran and war widows.

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By Doug Sweetman

17th National Bowls Carnival, Sydney

A party of 60 West Australians comprising 41 players and 19 wives attended this carnival and most of them stayed at the Auburn Travelodge.

Inclement weather prevented the Ceremony of Remembrance being held as an outdoor function and it was conducted inside the North Ryde R.S.L. Club, where the official opening of the Carnival took place during a Dinner.

W.A. had considerable success in both the Jack Hamilton V.C. Series and the Dr Sydney Krantz Trophy. In the Jack Hamilton V.C. Series W.A. had three wins and two losses with the Tests lost being closely fought games which could have gone either way.

Victoria won the Series with 3 wins, 1 draw and 1 loss, followed by N.S.W. and Queensland with 3 wins and 2 losses, W.A. and Tasmania 2 wins and 3 losses and South Australia with 1 win, 1 draw and 1 loss.

In the Dr Sydney Krantz Trophy, W.A., Victoria and N.S.W. went into the final game with the same number of wins. Although W.A. won on one rink it narrowly missed winning the aggregate. This was disappointing because in the only other lost game the deciding bowl was the last bowl of the day. Victoria, with 4 wins and 1 loss won the Trophy, followed by W.A. and N.S.W. with 3 wins and 2 losses each.

At many venues greens were not up to standard and the organisation left a bit to be desired. A few W.A. teams did well in their sections, one team winning 4 games and losing 1, only to be beaten on a count back.

Over all, the Carnival was successful. This was in a large part due to the Carnival Director, Frank Conwell, the Master of Ceremonies, Kevin Dillon, and various Club officials. From the West Australian viewpoint the work done by the Liaison Officer, Bob Lennox and his wife, helped us to enjoy our visit.

Jerry Boyd and his coselectors are also to be congratulated on the part they played in making the trip a successful one.

R.S.L. Fours — Busselton

The seventh annual R.S.L. Fours One Day Tournament at Busselton was held on December 15, 1983. Twenty-two teams competed, including visitors from Dunsborough, Augusta, Margaret River, Capel, Eaton, Brunswick, Waroona, Kojonup and Manning.

The winners were a Busselton combination skippered by Alan Scott, the other players being Earl McLean, Harold Falkingham and Neil Tinley. Runners up were Stan Martinson’s side from Eaton.

The tournament was organised on behalf of the Busselton R.S.L. Sub-branch by the Club Captain, Bill O’Brien, and his Match Committee, and was a great success, enabling many old friendships to be renewed.

It is expected that the eighth annual Tournament will be held at Busselton on Thursday, December 20, 1984.

Just a reminder that the Albany R.S.L. Bowls Carnival commences on March 20, and the Wagin R.S.L. Fours for men on April 10. For details see the last edition of the Listening Post.

Details of the games to be played in the Metropolitan Area were given in the November Newsletter. In addition to such games, planning is under way for a Social Day of Mixed Bowls at South Mandurah on March 30; and also for a game against the Master Builders on a date yet to be decided. For details of these games contact Jerry Boyd (Tel: 444 8181).

As the financial year concludes on March 31, members of the Section who are not Life Members are reminded that subscriptions will be due and payable from that date.

On Tuesday, January 24, the Kojonup RSL conducted their annual Sam Crook Memorial R.S.L. Fours Carnival. Under cool and very pleasant conditions, 20 teams took part.

The winner of the shield was a composite team from Busselton and Kojonup comprising: A. Scott, Skipper; A. Smith, Third; R. Falkingham, Second; A. Thomas, Leader. Runner up went to a Wagin team, skippered by J. Wallace.

Wednesday Round to L. Cockrane and team from Darkan. Afternoon Round to Kojoonup team, led by K. Benn.

W.A. Week

The President of the Geraldton Sub-branch of the R.S.L., Mr Graham Till, attaches so much importance to Western Australia Week that at the January meeting he volunteered to attend a meeting called by the Town Council.

Representatives of 19 organisations were invited to the meeting, to lay down guidelines for a local W.A. Week Constitution and to decide on aims and objects for local observances.

The Mayor agreed to call the meeting following a visit by the Director of the W.A. Week Council, Mr John MacKay.

Western Australia Week begins on Monday, June 4 — the last day of the Foundation Day long weekend.
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Happy new year to everyone. I do hope you all enjoyed the Festive Season. The Executive girls are back to their Hospital visiting and Canteen duties. We are planning our State Conference, some very good Agenda Items have come in already and it promises to be an interesting conference.

Mrs Cayley and I attended the Leagues Reception to farewell Sir Richard Trowbridge and Lady Trowbridge on October 29.

I attended the Armadale Sub Branch and Auxiliary Dinner. A lovely evening, and I had the pleasure in presenting a Certificate of Service to Mrs G. Evans and Mrs M. Mitchell.

At the beginning of November I spent a few days with Molly and Ken Daniel in Albany. Molly arranged an Auxiliary meeting of the Albany girls and I was pleased to meet them all again.

Mr and Mrs Jolley, Mrs Hains and I were guests at the Murry Districts Sub-branch and Auxiliary Dinner, this was a very happy evening enjoyed by all. I presented Mrs Paull with her Life Membership. It was nice to see George and Vi Symington there. Vi still retains here cheerful smile and I was pleased to see my old friends Mr and Mrs Carpenter there. My thanks to Rita and Bill Tatham for their hospitality to us.

Mr and Mrs Angel attended the Koongan Sub-Branch and Auxiliary Dinner.

Poppy Day saw the girls out selling poppies. Sully and I attended the Service at the State War Memorial to lay the Auxiliary wreath while Mrs Rolfe was at the Service at the War Veterans Home.

On November 21 Mrs Jolley and I were guests at the War Widows Guild Xmas Party and we were all entertained by a marvellous singing group.

The Mandurah Sub Branch and Auxiliary Dinner was well attended and Mrs Cayley, Mr and Mrs Hains and I enjoyed their function.

I left the girls to the Xmas parcel packing this time while I paid a visit to my family down south, returning in time to attend the Bassendale-Guildford Sub Branch and the Auxiliary Xmas Party. This was a real family affair, even Father and Mother Xmas paid us a visit and helped to make it a very happy afternoon with a barbecue tea to finish the day.

Our Xmas Cheer parcels were delivered to Hollywood Hospital on December 12, and the War Veterans Home on the 13th. The Home invited all the canteen ladies to lunch that day, and after helping with the parcels we enjoyed sitting with residents for the meal. I thank the Home for the gesture of thanks to the canteen ladies.

Mrs Taylor and I attended the Nollamara-North Perth Auxiliary Xmas party and I was asked to present the Sub Branch with an enlarged photo of Mrs Critchley to be hung in a place of Honour in the Hall in appreciation of her service to the R.S.L.

Mrs Sullivan and Mrs Rolfe were guests at the Returned Sisters Sub Branch Xmas Party.

During the year we have received invitations from other organisations and we thank them for their invitations and hospitality.

Mrs Holder and Mrs Rowe are both recovering from broken wrists, Maisie slipping on a wet road and Veanie in an argument with a lamp post driving her car. We are thankful their injuries were not more serious and wish them a speedy recovery. To those who have been on the sick list we hope you are well again and that 1984 will be a better year healthwise.

I thank those who thought of me at Xmas by sending a card. By the time you read this my Pacific Island Cruise will be a wonderful happy memory for me, I hope.

Until next time, regards to you all.

Joy Lord, State President

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The Italian Government provided a choice of three sizes with a footnote to the accompanying letter suggesting that we retain all three flags. The Australian Government advised that flags were not available to organizations such as the Italian Club and only available to boy scout movements and the like.

Considering that the Italian founders of the club insisted that the constitution contain requirements for the Australian flag to always be flown whenever the Italian flag was displayed and their insistence that their country of adoption be equally recognised along with their own culture (English is the official language of the club) I was rather embarrassed to have to inform the club that the Italian Government cared more for its flag than did Australia.

Yours faithfully,
Brian Hancock

Dear Sir,

At present I am carrying out some research into my family history. During the research I have discovered that my Grandfather, Private Thomas Snowdon (1682), served with the 16th Battalion, 4th Division, 1st AIF from 1914 to 1918.

At the end of the war a unit history was written called "The 'Old Sixteenth'" by Captain C. Longmore and published by the history committee of the 16th Battalion Association, Perth, WA, 1929.

Unfortunately I have not been able to obtain a copy of this book in this country, and wonder if it would be possible to appeal on my behalf for a copy. I have no idea of the cost but would be willing to pay a reasonable sum for the book and postage etc.

Yours sincerely,
John Snowdon
26 Woodlands View,
Marchington,
Uttoxeter Staffs,
U.K.

Call to a Comrade

My brother-in-law, Capt. Peter Brooke, was captured by the Germans and was a P.O.W. in Oflag VIII F Brunswick in Germany. He now lives in Kenya and has written to me to ask me if I can trace a Mr Jack Frost who was a P.O.W. with him in Oflag VIII F. As one old 'Kriegi' to another he sends his regards and thanks him for the fruit cake he sent him in 1946. He reminisces "... all we could think of for a year was food". The only thing he said of Jack Frost was that he came from Perth, WA.

I would be very grateful if you would very kindly publish this letter in your excellent magazine in an effort to trace Jack Frost who should contact me, Hal Watts Ex-WC, D.S.O., R.A.F., 26 Alexander Street, Wembley. Tel: 387 5928.

Thanks

Having recently spent 10 days as a patient in Ward 14 of Hollywood Repatriation Hospital, I would like to voice my appreciation. The treatment and care extended to me by the doctors, sisters, nurses and ward staff was only matched by the excellent catering service. The food and the manner in which it was presented was admirable. Notable also, was the friendly courtesy shown by the staff in the X-Ray department.

G.V.W. O'Farrell, Como

Can You Help?

The 'Listening Post's Geraldton correspondent, Mr Bernard Joseph ('Petey') Barden, says a couple who recently visited Geraldton, Mr and Mrs Ted Gates, would appreciate any information which could lead them to the whereabouts of Ted's brother, Mr Jack Gates. Ted has not heard of his 63-year-old brother for many years, but does know that he was in Geraldton 20 years ago.

The missing brother served in a Transport Section in the Sixth Division during 'World War Two, so perhaps someone associated with that Division may be able to throw some light on his whereabouts.

Anyone able to help in this regard is asked to write to Mr Ted Gates, 8 Saul Court, Watsonia, Melbourne, 3087.

Cemetery Pilgrimage

A total of 33 servicemen from various parts of Australia who died or were accidentally killed in the Geraldton area during World War Two were remembered on Sunday, November 13, when members of the Geraldton Sub-branch of the RSL made their annual Pilgrimage to the War Cemetery at Utakarra.

Fresh flowers, as well as white crosses bearing artificial Remembrance Poppies, were placed on these graves.

The deceased included 22 airmen killed in four separate accidents near Geraldton's three wartime airfields in 1943: a wreath was laid at the War Cemetery Memorial by the RSL State Senior Vice-President, Mr Jim Hall, and the Geraldton Sub-branch President, Mr Graham Till, after which the "Ode to the Fallen" was recited by Mr Hall.

In addition, Remembrance Poppies were placed on the graves of ex-service personnel in the adjoining general cemetery.

After the pilgrimage, the RSL Women’s Auxiliary held the annual Remembrance Sunday Diggers’ Luncheon, where the oldest participants were a former Sergeant Major, 93-year-old Bert Lock, and a Gallipoli veteran, 84-year-old Fred Tester.

The remembrance Poppy Street Appeal held at Geraldton on November 11, realised more than $985 — which was second only to the $1,095 raised last year. This was considered highly satisfactory by the Sub-branch in view of the numerous raffles and other money-raising efforts held the same day.

— BJB

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HMAS Stuart makes history

by Vic Jeffery, Navy PRO (WA)

The destroyer escort HMAS STUART made history when it berthed at the HMAS STIRLING fleet support facility at Garden Island, Western Australia on Friday, 20 January at 10 am.

Greeted by a crowd in excess of 200, HMAS STUART has the distinction of being the first home-ported destroyer on the west coast in the Royal Australian navy’s history. Destroyers had previously been base-ported in Western Australia commencing with HMAS BRISBANE in 1990, but never home-ported.

Displacing 2750 tonnes, HMAS STUART is commanded by Commander C.A. (Chris) Barrie and carrying a complement of 243 — comprising of 24 officers, 18 chief petty officers, 26 petty officers and 175 junior sailors — has a distinct West Australian flavour with approximately 80 percent of the crew West Australians.

Immediately after the ship has completed berthing at the destroyer wharf a commemorative cake cutting ceremony took place aboard the ship. The ship’s Commanding Officer, Commander Barrie cut the cake with the assistance of Commander Officer of HMAS STIRLING, Captain Daryl Fox. A ceremonial sword was used for the occasion. The cake was baked by POCK Craig Shewell and decorated by LSCK “Dutchy” Veenstra.

Also embarked aboard HMAS Stuart were one officer, three instructors and 15 Naval Reserve Cadets from Training Ship STUART in South Australia who joined the ship in Adelaides.

The Minister for Defence, Mr Gordon Scholes described the arrival of HMAS STUART as a “particular significance to the defence of Australia’s Western approaches.”

Mr Scholes wished the Commanding Officer and the ship’s company of 242 men success in their new assignment. He was sure that they would all enjoy their posting to a base with excellent amenities and access to the hospitality for which Western Australia has long been noted.

STUART already held a special place in HMAS STIRLING’s history. Prior to its modernisation HMAS STUART had the distinction of being the destroyer alongside for HMAS STIRLING’s commissioning ceremony on 28 July, 1978. The other ship alongside on that day was the then WA based oceanographic survey ship HMAS DIAMANTINA.

Sixty four navy homes are being completed in the
Rockingham area to house families accompanying the STUART and another 42 are planned in the future.

HMAS STUART joins the hydrographic survey ship HMAS MORESBY and the Attack Class patrol boats HMAS ASSAIL and the Reservist manned HMAS ADROIT on the west coast.

Western Australia has had some famous and other well-known named RAN ships on the west coast, but never a destroyer. During World War Two the famous cruiser HMAS SYDNEY along with the old cruiser HMAS ADELAIDE operated for a time out of Fremantle, but were still home-ported in Sydney.

Since the war names such as the survey ships DIAMANTINA and MORESBY, boom defence vessel KARANGI and corvette/minesweepers FREMANTLE, JUNEE, MILDURA and patrol boats ACUTE, ADROIT and ASSAIL have become well known in the west — but never a destroyer type ship.

HMAS STUART is the second ship of the Royal Australian navy to carry this proud name. The first STUART, a 'Scott' Class Destroyer Flotilla Leader which saw service in World War 2 and achieved fame as the leader of the Scrap Iron Flotilla was broken up in 1947.

Built by Cockatoo Docks and Engineering Pty Ltd, the present HMAS STUART was launched in 1961 and commissioned into the Royal Australian Navy on 28 June, 1963. She is a 'River' Class Destroyer and is a member of the Third Australian Destroyer Squadron with her sister ships TORRENS, PARRAMATTA, YARRA, DERWENT and SWAN.

STUART was the first ship in the RAN to conduct trials on the ‘SEACAT’ short range anti-air missile system and the Australian ‘IKARA’ anti-submarine missile system. In 1970, she carried out escort duties for the Royal Yacht BRITANNIA during the visit of HM Queen Elizabeth II and HRH the Duke of Edinburgh to Australia. In 1973 and gain in 1976, HMAS STUART was awarded the Duke of Gloucester’s Cup for being the most efficient RAN unit in those years.

In March 1979, STUART decommissioned and entered Williamstown Naval Dockyard to undergo extensive modernisation. The fitting of new sensor and weapons systems has upgraded the capabilities of the ship. Foremost among these is the installation of the Australian designed and build ‘MULLOKA’ sonar system specifically developed for Australian waters. Conditions of habitability have also been improved and her operational life has been extended into the 1990’s.

DETAILED OF HMAS STUART

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