Remembrance Day

"In Flanders fields the poppies grow . . . ."

11th NOVEMBER, 1984
TODAY WE HAVE ANOTHER FIGHT ON OUR HANDS TO PROTECT OUR HERITAGE.

It's been years since I last thought about Jim. But lately he keeps coming to my mind and I can't help wondering what he'd do under the circumstances. I suppose he'd help. Just as we all helped one another in those days. In Changi you needed mates. It was natural enough - and a way of surviving. Now suppose, things have changed. We've all got so many things to do for ourselves. But in those days it was different. Your mates helped - ofen without being asked. And you did the same. Perhaps you look back to those days and, like me, see that sort of friendship as rare and precious.

Well, I lost track of Jim 12/19 Bn I think) when they sent me to P.O.W. camp in Japan. I thought of him from time to time then gradually he dropped from memory. Then suddenly he was back - and important!

Was he a "Little Brother"? He could have been because he told me he'd come to Australia from England in 1939, with some other young boys and though it didn't mean much to me then, it does now.

You see, "Little Brothers", are what we have called the 12,000 young British boys who've come to Australia since 1925 with the help of the Big Brother Movement. The Big Brother Movement not only helped to get them here but saw they had jobs, and looked after them to make sure they had every chance to grow up to be good Australians. And they have. Every boy who came to Australia under that scheme before the war, signed up and saw service with the AIF, the RAAF or the Navy. Many of them died as our mates and good, loyal Australians.

So Jim could have been a "Little Brother". Maybe I'll never know. But perhaps it doesn't matter that much. Whether he was or he wasn't, I'm sure he'd help me now.

But Jim's help alone would not be enough. The fact is I need your support as well. And I'm banking on you giving it when you realise how important it will be in safeguarding our national heritage.

Right now we've got a Minister for Immigration and a Government who have changed the immigration policy we thought we had. Now it's anti-British!

That's something to worry about... and if you're like me, you'll be concerned enough to do something about it. Because if we don't act now it will not be very long before another bit of heritage will be lost and soon things will be very, very different.

Well, the BBM is going to fight the Government, boots and all. We're starting right now and we won't let up until the present bias against the British migrant is removed. We can win this fight together if you'll take three important steps... and do them right now.

1. I won't beat about the bush. The Big Brother Movement needs cash. That's the ammunition we need to fund our campaign. So when you fill out the coupon I have enclosed, please send it back with the most generous donation you can afford.

2. Then it would really help if you would tell your Federal Member of Parliament how you feel about this issue.

3. And importantly make sure you tell your friends about our campaign and get them to take the positive steps you have.

Quite frankly, without your help we'll have a long hard battle.

You are vital to our campaign which will get into full swing as soon as we get the funds and your support.

We give absolute assurance that every cent of your donation will be spent fighting the Minister and the Government on this issue. And it's a fight we can win with your help.

Frank Mansell, O.B.E. (NX 50530)
Big Brother Movement.

To: Big Brother Movement, P.O. Box 421, Strathfield, 2135.

Name
Address

Post Code
Signature

If Mr. West has his way we'll have no more mates like Jim. The Government won't let the Big Brother Movement bring young British kids like him to Australia any more - because they are "white Anglo-Saxons". That's what we're fighting and why your help is vital.

Authorised by Frank Mansell, O.B.E. (NX 50530) Chairman of the Big Brother Movement.
State President’s Notes

The welfare of all ex-service personnel and their dependents is of prime concern to the Returned Services League, both at the National and State levels. A conservative estimation would indicate that some 60% of all League efforts are directed to welfare.

We hear and read from time to time of the League’s supposed lack of concern with Vietnam Veterans and their dependents and any problems associated with their service. The League strongly supported the establishment of the Vietnam Veterans’ Counselling Service which has proved to be most successful, and originated the move whereby these veterans were able to obtain free medical service through the Department of Veterans’ affairs for other than service accepted disabilities.

Quite apart from the broad issue of Vietnam Veterans publicised claims, the League’s advocacy service is available, and has been successfully used in individual cases before Repatriation Boards and Tribunals. Of course, this service is available to all ex-service men and ex-service women.

The League’s Welfare and Counselling Service is also available and has been freely used by all ex-service personnel including the Vietnam Veterans.

To suggest that any service provided by the Returned Services League is not available to all veterans and their dependents is both incorrect and irresponsible and any such suggestions merely amplify the ignorance of those who make these allegations. Members are reminded that in the years 1978 to 1980 this State Branch expended $24,600.00 in support of Vietnam Veterans’ claims, while in the same period of time the National Executive authorised and paid amounts totalling in excess of $65,000.00.
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Queen honors 105 year old veteran

On Friday, 24th August, the State Branch of the League joined Forces with radio station 6NR and other organisations in celebrating the birthday of the oldest member of the RSL. I refer to Bob Hewson who turned 105.

Approximately 60 guests were welcomed by Matron Bolton at the Braille Hospital in Victoria Park where the festivities took place.

Pride of place in the number of telegrams received was one from Her Majesty The Queen, which read “I am much interested to hear you are celebrating your 105th birthday and send you my warm congratulations and good wishes on reaching this remarkable age. Elizabeth R.”

Other telegrams were from the National President of the RSL, the Governor General, the State Governor, the Prime Minister, the Premier and members of the State Government. One phone telegram that Bob took keen interest in was from former Prime Minister Gough Whitlam in Paris:

Many cards were also received and all messages were read out by Nell Shortland-Jones. Among the guests were representatives from the RSL, State Government, Lodges, Radio, T.V., Press and Residents of the Hospital.

Gifts of all kinds were sent and one that was enthusiastically received was a book that contained the signatures of all W.A. Government members and cricket teams who have visited W.A. in the last three years. Altogether some 200 names are registered.

Sincere thanks and congratulations are extended to Jim Penny and Staff of Radio 6NR for making this day possible, especially the one hour session on the Radio dedicated to Bob in which songs by his favourite artists were played.

The finale to a wonderful day was the cutting of the birthday which was decorated with 105 miniature Australian flags.

M.C. (Mike) Hall

Gallipoli Epic Ends

George Shaw B.Sc. MC, MID, Soldier, Poultry Farmer, Orator, Secretary and Ex-Serviceman’s Champion, passed away recently at the age of 89. It is doubtful if anyone had had as full a life as George. The Returned Services League owes a great deal to him for his dedication and interest in members over a great number of years. A member for 56 years, founder of Maida Vale and Darling Range Sub-Branches are just a few moments of triumph he enjoyed. The league honoured him by life membership and a certificate for 50 years membership. He had also served on the State Executive.

It would be impossible to fully relate what George had done throughout his life, but one thing is certain, it was always for the benefit of his fellow man. Although he did not at all times agree with what was being discussed, he would always be the first to admit if he was not correct.

Last Australian Off Gallipoli

George was the last Australian to leave Gallipoli, if not the last of all troops on December 20, 1915. As a Lieutenant at the age of 21 he gave the message to the signals “The Line is Withdrawn”. He was a member of the 28th Battalion and in charge of the Machine Gun section.

George also served in France where he was promoted to Captain. During the World War he again enlisted and was a Colonel in the Engineers. One of his life-long friends was a man who assisted him in founding the Darling Range Sub-Branch, and I refer to Bob Hewson who celebrated his 105th Birthday recently.

To all relations, friends and members of the Gallipoli Legion of Anzacs, of which he was Secretary, the Returned Services League Honours and pays tribute to a great Australian.

M.C. (Mike) Hall

“Remembrance Day”

Our men who went in thousands
To fight the foreign foe
For King and Home and Country
Cruel might overthrow

And while our men were ready
Their life-blood to outpour
They gave us hope to carry on
And kept danger from our shore.

Another year has come around
To this “Remembrance Day”
So we’ll bow our heads in silence
And for their loved ones pray.

Daisy Staines

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RSL Meritorious Medal

The recipients for the Meritorious Medal for 1984 were Mr Iven Manning of Harvey and Mr Norm Healy from Rivervale. The presentations were made by the National President at the recent State Congress.

Iven served with the 2/28 Bn in the Middle East and was seriously wounded in the battle for Ruin Ridge.

Joining the Harvey Sub-Branch in 1943, he became its Senior Vice President from 1943 to 1946 and was subsequently elected President of the Yarloop Sub-Branch from 1948 to 1949. He is currently President of the Harvey Sub-Branch of the R.S.L. a position held since 1969.

He was awarded Life Membership of the League in 1977. Iven has been a Country Regional Vice President of the R.S.L. since 1980 and, although he was a member of the Western Australian Assembly (MLA) from 1950 to 1974, he found time even prior to becoming a member of Parliament to represent the Deputy Commissioner for Repatriation on the Harvey Committee.

He is a Life Member of the Rural Youth Movement and the Harvey Mens’ Hockey Club.


Norm served with the RAAF WW2 in Europe and joined the South Belmont Sub-Branch in 1951. He became Sub-Branch Secretary in that year, acting in that capacity until 1954; he then became, in turn, Sub-Branch President, Committee Member and President again when the Sub-Branch name was changed to Rivervale and subsequently to Rivervale-Carlisle. Norm, in fact, has been an executive member of his Sub-Branch continuously for many years and was awarded Life Membership of the League in 1968. He has been a delegate to the State Congress almost every year since 1961.

Filling a casual vacancy on the State Executive in 1974, Norm has served on most Sub-Committees and is at present Chairman of the Anzac Club Board. He was appointed a Trustee of the Aged Sailors’ Soldiers’ and Airmen’s Relief Fund Trust and the Chairman of Trustees in 1983.

Veteran’s (Bowls) Affairs

Roy Kemp, President of the War Veterans’ Home’s Bowling Club, advises that the team is on stand-by for the 1984/85 mid-week pennant season.

After promotion from sixth, through fifth to fourth division in the last three years, they found themselves outclassed in fourth.

The Home’s bowling green, unavailable for two seasons, has been completely renovated and rejuvenated and will soon be submitted to the R.W.A.B.A. as of a suitable standard for pennant competition. The Return to the Home — and on what should be an excellent green, must raise the players’ spirits.

Last season the Club played fifteen veteran veterans. One only member played in all of the eighteen games, eight played in ten or more games and the lowest contribution was two games.

In selection an endeavour is made to blend the more skilful with the less experienced, giving all a fair opportunity to display their form and hold a place in the team.

Roy is aware that the ‘Listening Post’ is widely circulated throughout the Veterans’ Homes complex including the RSL Pearson Village, and appeals for new recruits, who must be residents.

While pennant participation is perhaps a challenge, every consideration is given to lawn social bowls. This has not been possible for two years in the absence of our own playing surface, but this situation is about to change. Every resident is eligible for membership, excellent trophies are contested, mixed bowls are conducted regularly, handicapping is attempted, but difficult and a volunteer coach (Mick Farrell) is available.

“I sincerely trust that the revival of our playing green will result in an increase in numbers this season for both pennant requirements and recreational activities — the latter with therapeutical benefits. There should also be a renewal of spectator interest.”

Roy Kemp

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The story I am about to unfold is a true one, although I only learned of it by way of "Cinesound News Review" shown in city theatres during the end of 1942. It happened in New Guines during the heavy fighting that occurred there during the advance over the Kokoda Trail. Whilst there were no American troops engaged, there was a tremendous amount of activity by the American Army and Marine Air Forces, bombing Jap positions, ferrying supplies to forward posts by parachute, and moving American personnel from place to place.

A Dakota left one of the southern bases near Port Moresby, bound for a forward base, and carrying Army personnel, including some women members of the American Army, and a photographer.

Unfortunately, the average American pilot was a notoriously bad navigator, and very soon this particular flight was in difficulty. Eventually, the plane was forced to land, was damaged so badly that it could not take off again.

No-one was injured in the landing, their radio was undamaged, and they were able to communicate with base. They called the valley "Shangri La" for want of a proper name.

The natives proved friendly, which was somewhat strange, for the highlands of New Guinea were renowned for their headhunters and cannibals. Planes sent out searching for them soon located them, and verified the fact that any attempt to rescue them by land would take months of hard slogging work. Eventually a very bold and imaginative plan to rescue them was worked out, simply by glider.

Giders had been very successfully used by the Germans, particularly in the invasion of Crete, and later by the Allies in the invasion of Europe. So the stranded team set to work. First they had to cajole the natives to help them clear a runway on the flattest part of the valley. This meant the removal of hundreds of trees and rocks, and clearing acres of scrub. The natives set to with a will, and within a couple of weeks, a reasonable runway was cleared. Then came the big day, when two DC3's towed in gliders, slipped them and they made a safe landing. That was the first and easiest part over.

The next part was very tricky and complicated. The gliders had brought in supplies of the special elasticised rope used in towing, and the method to be used had to be very carefully worked out. Any mistake could cost the lives of everyone concerned. The method of positioning the towrope for pickup by the towing plane was absolutely vital, and entailed a lot of work and accuracy.

The method used was something like this. The towrope was doubled, and fixed to the point of tow on the glider. It was then opened out so that it formed a triangle, its apex being the nose of the glider. On each side of the runway and in front of the glider the crew set up tall poles, so that the towrope formed the base of the triangle, and as high in the air as it was possible to get.

As near as I can gather, the poles holding the towrope had small focks, just big enough to carry the rope, so that there would be no danger of the rope snagging the pole, during the very delicate operation of picking up the towrope in the plane's towing hook.

Eventually the great day arrived. A very experienced pilot had been chosen for the job, and after arriving on target, did a couple of dummy runs to get the feel of things. Half the stranded crew manned the first glider, and set themselves for a do-or-die attempt to leave "Shangri-La".

In came the plane, and in the first heart-stopping attempt, the hook caught and the glider was airborne. There came a great cheer from those left behind, and the natives, who were wondering what it was all about.

The plan made it to base, the glider pilot set it down beautifully, and history was made.

Two or three days later the operation was repeated, and finally all those who set out on that ill-fated trip returned safely, the first time on record that survivors from a crashed plane had been saved by glider.

As I said at first, due to the presence of a photographer aboard the wrecked plane, the whole episode was captured on film, and it was some of the film that was used in the "Cinesound News Review" that was shown up and down the country. It was unique also, in the fact that it was the first pictures ever taken of the tribe that inhabited the valley, and some of their customs, culture and dress caused a furore, in a generation that wasn't as enlightened as the present day when it came to full frontal nudity.

As far as I know, nothing has ever been written about the events set down here, the only record being the news-reel, and I am sure that it still exists among the thousands of reels of film taken in this country. If it still does exist, attempts should be made to have resurrected and shown, for it does record a most unique happening, and would prove of interest to a great many people.

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War Veterans Home Appeal

Although Sub-branches and Unit Associations have donated generously to the above appeal, more is required to offset the cost of renovations and alterations to the two wings in the plan.

To all Sub-branches and even individuals who wish to make donations, the address for receipt of same is — the State Secretary, Returned Services League, GPO Box C128, Perth, WA, or call at Anzac House.

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R.S.L. Women's Auxiliaries

A few days break after Conference and we are back into routine again. Maisie and Sully finishing off Conference business, the Executive girls to their Hospital visiting. At our first Executive meeting we regretfully accepted Mrs. Evans decision to retire from Executive and welcomed Mrs. Hogg as her replacement.

On June 11th I attended the Darling Range Auxiliary meeting and was made very welcome. Mrs Taylor and I attended the Official Opening of the Leagues Annual State Congress on June 15th. Sully and I with other members of Executive helped with the catering at the Congress, I also gave my Annual report and attended while our Agenda items were dealt with.

It was a bright sunny morning when Mrs Rolfe, Mrs Cayley, Mrs Rowe and I set off for Waroona on June 22nd to attend the Waroona-Hamel Auxiliary Birthday Luncheon. We had rain as we ventured southward, but arrived with sunshine to be warmly welcomed by the members. It was nice to see the visiting Auxiliaries and to enjoy the hospitality shown us.

Mr and Mrs Turner and I drove to Narrogin on July 12th to attend the Group Conference the next day. Up early to find the temperature had dropped considerably and we were grateful for the hot cup of tea provided on our arrival at the Conference venue by the Narrogin Auxiliary girls who also did the catering for the meeting. Once again the food was very tempting and will power lost again. The Conference was well attended and Guest Speakers well received. At the lunch break a wreath laying service was held, the Memorial being a block away, the gentlemen marched briskly to it, just as well as I am sure they needed to warm themselves. Yours truly laid the Auxiliary wreath with gloved hands that shook with cold so I wasn't surprised, heard later that it was 9 degrees maximum that day in Narrogin. I was pleased to meet the Narrogin girls and have a chat with them.

The following weekend I travelled with Mr and Mrs Turner to Dongarra to attend the Sub-Branch 50th Birthday Dinner. I officially welcomed the newly formed Dongarra Auxiliary and was pleased to meet their members. It was a very happy occasion, enjoyed by all attending, the birthday cake was beautifully iced with a perfect replica of the League Badge as decoration, it was cut by daughters of two foundation members.

During the last few weeks Members of Executive and Auxiliaries have been assembling the 130,000 poppies in Anzac House. Each day has been well attended and I do sincerely thank all those girls who come to help, I am sure you enjoyed the company and meeting other members, by the sound of the laughter and chatter everybody had a good time. The League has asked me to convey to you all their sincere thanks also.

I recently visited Gracewood Hospital with Mrs. Rolfe and met Mr Nicholas, a retired member of the League State Executive and who, has always taken a keen interest in Auxiliaries, we were pleased to give him one of the knee rugs donated by Auxiliary members and he was delighted to receive it. Mrs Jolley took knee rugs to one of her Hospitals and we have received a letter of thanks from the Hospital saying how much they appreciate our gift to their patients.

That seems to be all this time, to those who have been on the sick list recently, we wish you a speedy recovery, no doubt, like me you will welcome the warm sunny days when they come.

Be good to each other.

Joy Ford
State President

P.S. A warm welcome to the new Kelmscott — Roleystone Auxiliary, I hope to meet you all in the near future.

Royal Australian Artillery Association, WA

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But when his section, part of 2/43rd Australian Infantry Battalion, came under heavy enemy fire during their attack on Beaufort North Borneo, “Starcey” left no doubt as to his bravery.

The attack took place during the 9th Division’s campaign in British North Borneo, which began with landings in the Brunei Bay area, and Labuan island, on June 10, 1945.

Next in the plan was a drive on Beaufort, terminus of the railway lines from Weston and Jesselton.

On June 19, the drive’s northern arm, consisting of the 2/43rd Battalion with artillery, commandos and engineers, landed at Mempakul.

Another company of the 2/43rd landed at Sabang on June 23, and it was in the converging of these forces on Beaufort that Pte. Starcevich earned his award.

His citation, published in the London Gazette, November 8, 1945, reads in part:

“During the approach along a thickly wooded spur, the enemy was encountered at a position where movement of the single track leading into the enemy defences was difficult and hazardous.

“When the leading section came under fire from two enemy machine-gun posts, and suffered casualties, Pte. Starcevich, who was a Bren-gunner, moved forward and assaulted each post in turn.

“He rushed each post, firing his Bren gun from the hip, killed five enemy, and put the remaining occupants of the posts to flight.

“The advance progressed until the section came under fire from two more machine-gun posts which halted the section temporarily.

“Pte. Starcevich again advanced, fearlessly firing his Bren gun from the hip, and ignoring the hostile fire, captured both posts single-handed, disposing of seven of the enemy.

“These daring efforts enabled the Company to increase the momentum of its attack, and so relieve pressure on another Company which was attacking from another direction.

“The outstanding gallantry of Pte. Starcevich, in carrying out these attacks single-handedly with complete disregard for his own personal safety, resulted in the decisive success of the action.”

Pte. Starcevich’s heroic actions took place on June 28, and next day the fight was virtually over.

The attack on Beaufort cost seven killed and 38 wounded — 93 Japanese were killed.

Leslie Thomas Starcevich was born at Subiaco in 1918 and, after he completed his schooling, worked on his father’s farm until he was 19.

He was a goldminer at Norseman until April, 1941, when he enlisted in the AIF, and joined the 2/43rd Battalion.

He fought with the unit at Tel el Eisa and in the Battle of El Alamein in the Middle East, and later, at Lae and Finschhafen in New Guinea, before the Borneo campaign.

After the war, the civilian population of Beaufort erected a tablet near the site of the action, and named the jungle track V.C. Road.

“Starcey” served for a period in the post-war 11th/44th Battalion of the Citizen Forces, and in 1956 he went to London for the V.C. Centenary.
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"Of Nautilus And Eagles"
By Peter Firkins
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Anyone who has the slightest interest in the Naval History of Australia should read this book. Although the Royal Australian Navy has had a relatively short career it has performed with astonishing results in all parts of the world and in many battles and incidents.

With the purchase in 1866 of the sloop of war by the state of Victoria at a cost of £38,000; the London Times commented “This event marks the formation of a great Navy in the Southern Seas.”

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Many great ships have since been part of the R.A.N. The author relates the magnificent defeat of the “Emden” at Cocos in the Great War. Other Australian ships served with the Grand Fleet in northern waters. The amazing journey by the RAN submarine AE2 into the Dardanelles during the Gallipoli Campaign, the Sydney in the Middle East, and Who can forget the wonder of the work done by the scrap iron flotilla which included famous destroyers such as Stuart, Voyager, Vendetta and Waterhen.

The famous Siege of Tobruk may not have been possible without the assistance of ships on the Tobruk ferry run. It is not the reviewer’s intention to go into detail of all ships’ actions, but to intimate to readers the wealth of knowledge contained in this amazing publication.

How many would know that at one time the Royal Australian Navy was commanded by a Victoria Gross winner?

The magnificent work done by the Coastwatchers on the island during the World War in the South Pacific region is also given the space it richly deserves.

Finally, the officers commanding and all ships that have at one time or another been part of this famous section of the defence forces of Australia.

M.C. (Mike) Hall

Defence spending stressed

The State President, MR LEN TURNER, stressed the need for a greater allocation of Federal money for Defence purposes at the annual reunion dinner of the Geraldton Sun-Branch in June. He claims that it should be about three-point-five percent of the national product instead of about two-point-nine percent.

Mr TURNER was replying to the toast of the RSL, proposed by the Mayor’s representative, Councillor BEN CUNNINGHAM, who said there could not be an adequate Defence Force without adequate recruitment training. He therefore commended the League’s motto, “The Price of Liberty is Eternal Vigilance.”

Replying to the toast to Outside Helpers proposed by Mr GRAHAM TILL, the Commander of the Army Reserve Unit at GERALDTON, Captain RON BRADFORD, expressed disappointment at the attempts being made by the Town Council to have the Army Depot re-located from the centre of the town. He believed that any re-location would have an adverse effect on recruitment and might also result in a reduction of facilities because of high building costs.

Proposing the toast to the GERALDTON Sub-Branch, the MLA for GERALDTON, Mr CARR, congratulated the Sub-Branch on what he called its tremendous contribution to the whole community and its outstanding success in the Collett Cup competition which it has won twenty times and which it lost by one point to HAVREY on the latest occasion.

MR CARR also congratulated the Sub-Branch on its decision to acknowledge the important part that women can play as leaders in the community by electing Mrs LORRAINE GILBERT as its first woman President.

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Inquiries on the Defence Service Homes Scheme may be directed to:
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A good food spy

There were many comments on the food prepared by the Anzac Club Staff at the recent State Congress and all were favourable.

Hot and Cold dishes were lavishly laid out to the delight of delegates whose appetites seemed to grow as they ate. This in itself pays tribute to the quality of the edibles.

I believe I echo the sentiments and thanks of all who participated when a Big "Thank You" is extended to everyone who assisted in making the meals at the club one of the best ever partaken of.
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Speed Murphy and Lofty Norbury, two ping merchants from HMAS Lismore (J145) met in Sydney for a few drinks and a natter. Not having met for some twenty years, the experience was so enjoyable they decided to round up a few more for a luncheon in Sydney, suggesting perhaps ten stalwarts might turn up.

Three months later, thanks to ex-Navalman Filton Hibbon, twenty one personnel sat down for a delightful lunch at the C.T.A. Club. Six or seven of the commissioning crew, including Doc Kelly from Melbourne attended. Some hadn’t seen each other for forty years.

After lunch, the bar seemed to be a reasonable place to go. Many dits were spun, no lies told, and it was suggested the Lismore men should go to Lismore, N.S.W., for ANZAC Day 1985. The Lismore RSL Sub-Branch, Club and ex-Navalmen’s Association are pleased to have us there for their ANZAC Day Commemoration.

All we want now is names and addresses from ex-Lismoreans who will make the trip.

In the first instance contact:
Harold (Speed) Murphy, P.O. Box 343, Roseville 2069. Tel: (02) 46 4976.
Bill (Lofty) Norbury, P.O. Box 414 Moree, 2400. Tel: (067) 52 1747.

Warbirds gather for Battle of Bull Creek

Veteran War birds gathered at Bull Creek recently to battle. No not in the air but on the green sward of the Air Force Association’s bowling greens.

Three years ago Past President John Marshall and Les Ingram decided to organise a competition unique in Australia, in fact in all probability it is unique to the rest of the world.

The event was open to ex-members of the Air Forces. The Air Force Association Bowling Club sent out 104 invitations to bowlers from 26 clubs, all of which were enthusiastically accepted. It was regretted that the Club’s facilities restricted the organising committee to limiting the entries.

Among those who accepted were many decorated and distinguished airmen or bowlers, who were honoured with DFCs or MBEs etc when serving in the various theatres of war.

Great was their joy as they renewed old friendships, talked about old times and thought about those who had not returned.

Subiaco’s Doug Arrow-smith had the unusual experience of being able to form a team from members of his old squadron, No 460 Lancaster Bomber Squadron, which operated out of Binbrook, England.

John Carwardine of Kukerin teamed up with his brothers to make an interesting and formidable combination.

Barney Davies, a Kittyhawk pilot who has shot down over enemy waters and had a long wait paddling around in a dinghy before being rescued, but it doesn’t appear to have affected his bowls.

Frank Lucas, Carnamah Shire President of 22 years, together with his brother Stan Lucas — both skilled aircraft engineers, brought down a team from the country.

Norm Fraser MBE, a past president of the RWABA, couldn’t resist getting his bowls out again to complete. He finished in second spot.

Jack Reynolds, a former Australian bowls champion, was ever his jocular self, but seemed to be carrying a great deal more weight than when he had the reputation of a hard drinking, womanising young airman.

The clubrooms buzzed with excitement as many and varied tales of wartime experiences were recounted.

The comradship which had been developed during the war was rekindled and further cemented on the bowling green and in the clubrooms.

At the conclusion of play, after many close and exciting games, the eventual winners were the Cottesloe team of Frank Fletcher. B. Guthrie, I. White and R. Paynt.

Runners-up were a Royal Park combination of Norm Fraser, Gordon Hugo, Allan Merton and Ken Gibson.

President of the Air Force Association, Vic Murray, was introduced and presented the winners and runners-up with their trophies.

The visitors were very impressed with the greens, presented by greenkeeper John Clement, assisted by manager, David McRae.

Jack-HI

H.M.A.S. “Sydney” final signals?

A few old hands speak of hearing from HMAS “Sydney” during her last moments.

Ean McDonald, who had served in her, is searching for anyone who remembers actual signals, or details.

RAAF Headquarters and Intelligence are said to have received and recorded signals on a file, which was sent to Canberra.

Then there was the story of a group of fellows listening to a short wave set in the old Esplanade Hotel and hearing Morse coming from the ship.

Much of this was sent to Archives in Canberra but can not, as yet, be traced.

Can you help? Contact Ean on 321 3241, or 425 333 or at home on 364 6156.

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Patsy Adam-Smith
O.B.E.

The author, Patsy Adam-Smith, has recently been in
Perth and visited Anzac House. Patsy’s book The Anzacs,
which was a best seller and awarded Book of the Year
in 1978, is now being filmed as a television series. It will
be shown in the second half of 1985.

Whilst in Perth, Patsy’s publishers, — Thomas Nelsons
— contacted her with the news that yet another of her
books Hear The Train Blow is to be filmed. This book, an
autobiography, tells of her life in the Australian bush be-
tween the wars with the families of soldier settlers. Hear
The Train Blow was also one of the eleven best-sellers
from the pen of this fifth generation Australian.

Patsy enlisted in the V.A.D.s (later the A.A.M.W.S.) in
1941. After discharge in 1945 she signed articles on
A.M.V, Naracolpa and went to sea for 6 years as a radio
operator — her book There Was A Ship tells of these
years. She then began her long list of best-sellers which
includes several books on Australian Railways (her Mother
and Father were both railway workers.)

From 1972-78 she interviewed almost 700 World War
1 survivors and read 8000 diaries and letters from men
and women of that war for her book The Anzacs. The Aus-
tralian” newspaper said “If you do not read the Anzacs
there will always be a part of the Australian mind you will
never understand”.

Patsy’s 26th book of 500 pages Australian Women At
War will be published in November — the first major work
on the part Australian women, both service and civilian,
played in War. During her stay in Perth; Patsy interviewed
men and women for a book on Prisoners of War, which
will be released in 1986.

Patsy spends her winter months north of the 26th
parallel, usually in Kimberley, has a house in Melbourne,
has visited 52 countries including Russia and Japan on
inter-Governmental representation. She was awarded the
O.B.E. in 1979 for her work in literature and preserving
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Royal Aust. Regiment
Reunion 1985

The 1st BN RAR group is to hold a reunion in 1985 at
Holsworthy, N.S.W. on the Queen’s Birthday weekend.
Members of the group include 1 RAR, 1 Troop A Sqa-
dron, Prince of Wales Light Horse RAAC, 105 Field Bat-
tery RAA, 161 Field Battery RNZA, 3 Field Troop RAE,
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tic Support Coy including Dental, Ordnance, RAEME and
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All members of 173 Brigade (US) are also invited.
Enquiries to be directed to Secretary of the Reunion
Committee, Major Gus Pauza, 5/7 RAR, Milpo, Holswor-
thy, N.S.W., 2173.

R.S.L. PRIZE

The Chairman of the Public Relations, Publicity and
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‘Nuclear Arms — My View’

by Air Marshal D.E. Jamieson, CB, OBE, RNZAF, Chief of Defence Staff

Nuclear disarmament is a topic which unavoidably concerns everybody, whether “pro,” “anti,” “don’t know” or “don’t care.” It is highly controversial and the arguments are as complex and difficult to comprehend as the facts are hard to obtain and assimilate.

The policies adopted by our political parties differ, so the issue has become more clouded.

Our members have borne arms (and our women have supported them) for the protection of our national heritage. So it seems entirely logical that those who have experienced armed conflict, should formulate and express a significant attitude to the question of nuclear arms.

With this in view, we print the following penetrating viewpoint.

The recent deployment in Western Europe of intermediate range missiles with nuclear warheads has given rise to widespread misgivings among a large number of people and has greatly stimulated the anti-nuclear movement.

Passions have been aroused on both sides in this great debate. Contending points of view have been expressed stridently, dogmatically and immoderately. Facts have been ignored or, even worse, deliberately distorted. We see all too often a deliberate appeal to emotion rather than reason. That is no basis upon which to resolve an issue of such moment.

Only through unimpassioned consideration of all contending points of view should we expect to find honest conviction in the validity of our own judgments.

I welcome the opportunity to make some contribution to both the spirit and the substance of the debate by stating my personal views on nuclear arms.

The first point I would make is this: No matter how opposed some of us may be on how best to proceed — we share the same purpose. To preserve peace in the world, the independence of sovereign nations and individual freedom. I am as committed to that purpose as the most vigorous antimilitary radical or unilateral disairзер. No one has a monopoly of either virtue or wisdom in the common quest for peace. To claim otherwise is both presumptuous and intellectually dishonest.

My second point follows: The assumption of exclusive righteousness destroys any hope of objective discussion leading to mutual misunderstanding and the formulation of policies which have general acceptance.

I certainly make no claim to unquestionable authority in the field. What I do offer is some insights based on quite extensive study of the history of conflict and of the impact of nuclear weapons on military strategy. I hope that mine may be seen as a useful contribution to constructive discussion of one of the most important issues in the world today.

I say “one of the most important issues” because I believe there is at least one issue of greater importance than the particular question of nuclear arms. That is the wider question of how best to prevent or, perhaps more realistically, contain war of any kind.

In our concern over nuclear arms let us not underestimate the greatly increased destructive capacity of modern conventional weapons and the greatly increased capacity of modern factories to manufacture such weapons.

We could expect any unbridled conflict between the world’s super powers, even if only non-nuclear weapons were employed, to bring casualties and destruction far greater than in any previous war.

Recently I was struck by a passage in a book I was reading. The author wrote of “the dangerous recuperative powers of innocence.” He was discussing the tendency of each generation to ignore the harsh facts of past wars in favour of more comforting myths based on idealistic beliefs in past moderation and chivalry. Such false perceptions are fed by the romantic distortions of war which are common on TV and film. They obscure recognition of the fundamental requirement, which is to contain war in all its forms.

Our very natural revulsion from the potential horrors of a nuclear war must not deceive us into a false innocence. If we allow ourselves to forget the hard facts of the massive tragedies involved in past conventional wars we may be led to adopt policies which necessarily increase the risk of similar conflict and tragedy in the future.

Let me put just a few figures to demonstrate the increasing destructiveness of conventional war.

In World War I there were something like 81½-million military battle deaths. More than 21-million servicemen were wounded; many dying later from the effects of their wounds or disabled for life. Just under 7-million civilians were killed.

In World War II (if we include the Sino-Japanese War) the figures were even more horrific. There were 15-million military battle deaths; 25-million servicemen were wounded; and something like 30-million civilians died.

Those figures show that if we compare the two global wars of this century, military deaths doubled and civilian deaths increased more than fourfold as weapons became more destructive and their employment more indiscriminate.

Since 1945 further developments in the lethality and destructive capacity of non-nuclear weapons suggest that, even if only conventional weapons were used, the casualties and destruction in a future global war are likely to be even greater than those suffered in the second World War.

From the comparative safety of New Zealand’s isolation it might be easy for us to discount the likely horrors of another unrestrained war fought with conventional weapons. We should not expect Europeans to share such a view. They have bitter experience of their land being fought over. Countries such as Norway, Germany and Turkey border immediately on Warsaw Pact territory. In even a conventional war they could expect to be laid waste.

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The other nations of Western Europe are little better placed in terms of modern weapons and all could expect to be overrun if they were to try to oppose the much more powerful conventional forces of the Soviet Union without the final sanction of nuclear arms. They have a dismal example of East Europe to concentrate their minds.

I find it hardly surprising that polls continue to show that a substantial majority of West Europeans favour a policy of nuclear deterrence as the most effective strategy to preserve them from any form of attack. They would rather live in a shadow of an improbable nuclear war than in the near-certainty of a major conventional war if nuclear weapons did not exist.

In a world in which security and protection of the democratic form of government is ultimately indivisible, even protection of the democratic form of government is ultimately indivisible, even remote New Zealand is affected and must face up to the facts of the West European dilemma. I share the opinion of the majority of West Europeans. In my view, even in its 1945 shape, unfettered conventional war is hardly to be looked on as an acceptable alternative to nuclear deterrence.

Against that background the role of nuclear weapons in putting a sharp brake or conflict between East and West cannot be denied. For the first time in history there is a clear and certain foreknowledge of the disastrous consequences of unrestricted war.

Today, where the nuclear weapons might become involved, there can be no such delusion. The presence of nuclear weapons in both arsenals has ensured that for something over 38 years, and despite frequently extreme tension between them, the two most powerful nations the world have ever seen have not gone to war with one another. In fact, they have been careful to avoid even limited direct confrontation between their forces for fear that miscalculation might lead to uncontrollable conflict.

While there remains an adequate balance between the two I believe we can expect that situation to hold. Effective deterrence of nuclear war (or any other conflict likely to lead to nuclear war) will continue as long as each of the super powers knows the other would mount a major retaliatory nuclear assault under any circumstances of surprise attack.

Understanding of the disastrous consequences of nuclear war which gives real strength to the anti-nuclear movement is not restricted to those who would “ban the bomb.” It is the same bomb. It is the same knowledge in both West and East which gives real strength to nuclear deterrence in imposing restraint on nations who might otherwise resort to war.

I believe therefore that any unilateral moves to disarm would be extremely dangerous.

A state of adequate balance between the two principal nuclear powers is essential to ensure continued mutual deterrence. Should either power even achieve a nuclear monopoly or be convinced it has such dominance in nuclear weapons that it can neutralize the other’s nuclear forces with little risk of effective retaliation, then all restraint on its use of force will be removed. Unconstrained war will again be possible. The dangers would increase as the nuclear imbalance became more plain.

The alternative demand for the complete abolition of nuclear weapons by every nuclear power is, I believe, equally unrealistic. Complete elimination could never be enforced or verified. Nuclear weapons are not necessarily large. The concealment of a number in countries as vast as the United States, the Soviet Union and China would be a simple matter. In any case no agreement on total nuclear disarmament can ever erase the knowledge of how to build and use them. That knowledge is with us forever.

Without nuclear weapons wars would break out more readily and once battle had been joined nobody could prevent warring nations with the capability from building and ultimately using them.

The recent use of gas in the Iran/Iraq war should remind us how ineffective are international conventions and declarations of good intent in the abolition of specific weapons. It should also remind us how unmoved a warring nation is by cries of moral outrage when it sees itself in desperate straits.

The hard fact is, I believe, that until war itself is eliminated the threat of nuclear weapons will hang over the world.

It can well be asked whether the increase in the number and types of nuclear weapons recently deployed has increased the likelihood of nuclear war. I do not believe so. The strategy of nuclear deterrence is more a question of psychology and politics than of military equations based on common perceptions of the inevitability of shared disaster in the event of conflict getting out of hand and a nuclear war developing.

The build-up of nuclear forces to match an expanded capability on the other side and so maintain confidence in equilibrium strengthens rather than weakens mutual deterrence. It reduces the probability of war occurring because of miscalculation of the risks.

Despite the understandable increase in popular concern following the much publicised recent deployments I do not believe that the danger of either nuclear or conventional war has increased.

Some years ago an American president — I believe it was Eisenhower — said that “in nuclear strategy enough is plenty”. That begs the question — what is enough? Is sufficient weapons on both sides to maintain an essential balance in the ability to so heavily damage the other under any circumstances of surprise attack that the return from aggression will never justify the risks involved.

What seems plain to me is that today the level of equilibrium has been set far above that necessary to ensure mutual deterrence. The excessive force available on both sides offends good sense. It is a waste of resources which could be put to a better use and it inflames popular fears.

It is only natural to question the reasoning of policymakers who appear unable to accept any limit to the destructive power needed to deter aggression, and to ask whether they seek dominance rather than equilibrium. Both the process of backing off from today’s excessively high levels cannot safely be undertaken unilaterally.

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Reductions need to be synchronised to maintain confidence that balance exists at all times — and the process must be open to verification. There must be no room for either side to miscalculate the risks attendant upon aggression.

The danger of war through miscalculation of a rival’s readiness to fight if pressed too hard is always present. We would do well to consider the part miscalculation played in the start of major wars in this century.

The process of escalation which lead to the first World War began because of Austro-Hungarian miscalculation of the Russian will and capability to come to the aid of Serbia when faced with excessive and unreasonable demands.

The second World War, in miscalculation of the British and French will and capability to support Poland in the face of similarly excessive and unreasonable demands.

That miscalculation derived almost inevitably from the false signals of timidity and lack of national resolve sent out by the allies’ unreadiness to match Germany’s arms buildup in the decade leading up to the war and their readiness to condone previous German territorial demands.

The Korean War began because of North Korea’s miscalculation of America’s will and capability to support the South.

The drastic United States demobilisation in the late 1940’s encouraged Stalin and North Korea to undertake the invasion. They were entitled to ask themselves, “If the USA intends to fight for the defence of South Korea why has it not maintained the forces to do so?”

In more recent times the Argentine miscalculation of Britain’s will and capability to defend the Falklands derived from a misreading of the signals sent out by Britain’s recent almost exclusive focus on the defence of Europe in reshaping her armed forces and her apparent unreadiness to make any realistic provision for the defence of the islands.

In each case the aggressor was encouraged to chance his arm in the false confidence that the rewards offered were much greater than the risks incurred.

In each case, I suggest, that miscalculation was based on a misreading of the potential opponent’s will and capability to resist. That misreading was encouraged in most cases by the apparent lack of unified popular resolve to match any threat which would be posed.

Those who are not active in stimulating a show of popular division should recognise the danger of sending false signals. The effect of their endeavours could be the exact opposite of the peace they seek so earnestly.

I would return now to the proposition that there is room on both sides for substantial reduction in nuclear arms.

An agreement on balanced and verifiable nuclear force reductions would provide the best possible proof of a common determination to resolve differences by means other than war. Perhaps more than any other move it would inspire confidence in each side’s good faith and so reduce present popular anxieties.

Regrettably there is little prospect of such an agreement being reached while one of the two super powers refuses to sit down and talk. Equally the prospect of the Soviet returning to negotiate seriously is diminished while popular division in Western democracies appears to offer them hope that unilateral force reductions may occur without their having to make equivalent cuts.

The argument is sometimes advanced that even the threat to use nuclear weapons in defence against aggression is a crime and that a doctrine of nuclear deterrence is therefore untenable on ethical grounds. I do not find that argument convincing.

On March 9, 1945, in one night a conventional air raid on Tokyo destroyed 15 square miles of the city, killed 83,000 people and left 100,000 injured.

On August 6, 1945, at Hiroshima, in the first nuclear air raid, 78,000 people were killed or died later from their injuries and 70,000 were injured but survived.

How do we differentiate between those two tragedies on moral or ethical grounds?

I suggest that it is the act of initiating an aggressive war which is immoral rather than the means used to deter such aggression or to defend against it. Certainly I cannot condemn as immoral a strategy which has prevented war between the Soviet Union and America for well over 50 years.

In June 1982, at the Bonn Summit Conference, the NATO Heads of Government reaffirmed their pledge that “none of their weapons will ever be used except in response to attack.” What could be more morally defensible than that?

Wisely they stopped short of defining what their response would be to an attack no one or more of their members. They would be reckless to give assurances which would allow a potential aggressor to calculate the risks with confidence. The important point is that they are pledged not to start a war with any weapons, whether conventional or nuclear.

Meanwhile, the presence of nuclear weapons on both sides provides the most powerful guarantee that another global war, such, as World War II, will not occur. Until an alternative guarantee of at least equal assurance has been put in place I am convinced the world would be much more dangerous without nuclear weapons that it is today.

We must never be put off from searching for a better and less fearful guarantee of peace than is provided by the present nuclear stand-off. But unilateral disarmament, either nuclear or comprehensive, is not the answer.

I am convinced that instead of increasing our chances of survival such a policy would diminish them. It is salutary to remember that the only nuclear weapons ever used in war fell when there was no possibility of the user suffering retribution in kind.

I suggest that those who advocate unilateral disarmament should remember that.
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Help sought from overseas


IAN GOLLINGS
National Secretary

LONELY GRAVE

The enclosed letter reached me via London, yesterday. Is there anything your paper can do to put the writer in touch with a relative, or descendant, of the late Private F.P. Burke?

I would pursue the matter myself were I not about to return to London. Failing that, it seems ungrateful to allow so generous a thought to go unacknowledged.

Russell Braddon
Sydney

Dear Mr Braddon,

I am writing to you, via Collins your publishers, in the hope that you can help me do an Australian family a good turn.

There is a grave in a Liverpool cemetery near to where my grandparents are buried. It would be quite neglected if it weren't for the care my daughter and I give it. It is the conventional serviceman's headstone:

I would like to send pictures of his grave to any of Private Burke's family and relatives in Australia, but I do not know how to go about finding them; neither do I know any Australian newspapers. There is no Australian consul, etc in this part of the country.

(Mrs) Sheila Dixon
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New extensions at Canning Districts

The State President, Mr. Len Turner, officially opened the new extensions to the Club-rooms of the Canning Districts Sub-Branch, in August.

He congratulated all concerned on their initiative and drive, to work together, and get this fine modern building, completed so quickly. It was always very pleasing to see the progressiveness of the various Sub-branches, to make facilities available for their Members, so as to still bring together and enjoy the comradeship of the organization.

Our President, Mr. B. Neil, thanked all concerned, for their tremendous effort over the last few months, and then introduced The Mayor of Canning, Mr. E. Tacoma to the guests. He also congratulated the Sub-branch on their achievement, which would be an asset to the City of Canning.

A Foundation Member, and Past President, Mr. F. Garden, gave a summary of the early days of this Sub-branch, how a stonemason, Mr. Hichs, with all his fellow Members, labouring, erected the fine Memorial standing in the district.

Mr. Blue Hambley supported these remarks, and rendered his congratulations.

Among the invited guests were, Mr. Gear M.H.R. Mr. Bateman M.L.A. Mr. Hetherington M.L.C and Mr. M. Hall, State Executive.

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Veterans Affairs move

Sir,

I am writing to let you know details of a planned relocation of this Department's Branch Office and the Defence Service Homes Corporation from the present location in William Street to modern office accommodation in the Merlin Hotel Complex, East Perth.

We will be located in the portion of the complex which adjoins Plain Street and Terrace Road, and our address will be 30 Terrace Road, East Perth.

We are moving because the standard of our existing William Street accommodation is not high and the Department has been encountering increasing difficulties in carrying out its functions in this building. The new accommodation will allow the Department to introduce better working arrangements in more suitable surroundings and will be able to provide service to Veterans in a more pleasant environment.

Present planning is that we will move during January 1985 and as that time approaches there will be a publicity programme to provide Veterans and other interested parties with further detailed information. I am providing this early advice to keep your organisation informed of our plans.

R.K. Bradshaw
Acting Deputy Commissioner
Veterans Affairs

National Flag

Dear Sir,

In reference to the Australian National Flag being recognised overseas I would like to relate the following:

FIEBERBRUNN is a little village in TIROL (Northern Austria) nestling at the foot of the mountains famed for skiing.

During a holiday in Europe we stayed at a Pension (Hotel) in FIEBERBRUNN and there the owner is entitled to fly the national flag of a guest who stays at his Pension. These flags are flown from the mast head at the entrance to the building.

My wife asked the owner would he be interested in having an Australian Flag to fly. He was thrilled with the idea and on our return to Perth, I had a flag especially made for the occasion and posted to him.

Now, 'our flag' has a special significance in FIEBERBRUNN and it is of great interest and recognised by the thousands of foreign visitors who frequent Austria throughout the year.

T.A.H. Colvin
Scarborough

Dear Sir,

Former Air Force personnel who served in any capacity at Mildenhall, Suffolk, or elsewhere on any of Nos. 15, 75, 11, 149 or 622 Bomber Command Squadrons (all located there at some time, 1939/45) are invited to join The Mildenhall Register, an association holding annual re-unions at Mildenhall since 1981.

Hon. Secretary/Treasurer Don Clarke, 3 Foxlease, Bedford, U.K. will be pleased to send regular newsletters, whilst I can vouch for the splendid and well-attended 1983 re-union on 30 April last.

Bill Mason
Woden Valley Sub-Branch, A.C.T.

Australians in R.A.F. Squadron 518 (Western Hebrides) 1939/45

A few weeks ago, Mr. Les Lambert who had been amongst 20 odd Australians serving in RAF Squadron 518 during the last War; rang the 6PR "Night Line" Programme. He asked anyone listening to the programme who had served in this Squadron to contact him, in connection with a Re-union in London on 25th April 1985. (In any case, he would like to make contact, even if people cannot get to the Re-Union.)

As a listener, I undertook to contact him and get further information for the Air Force Association for their Journal "The Gem". It so happens that I served in the Signals Section of the W.A.A.F. during the War; and an English cousin was in the Air Force Radar and based on the Island of Tiree.

Would all ex-members please contact L.R. Lambert, either by phone — 048 864236 or by writing: Mr L.R. Lambert, "Tiree", Wildes Meadow, N.S.W., 2577.

I have been in contact with the Air Force Association, the Royal Air Force Association; and the British Ex-Services Association. All these organisations will give publicity in their Journals/Newsletters to Mr. Lambert’s search for ex-members of 518 R.A.F. Squadron.

Grace Roper

Vandalism

Sir,

Having been associated with the State War Memorial for many years our Members were extremely upset at recent vandalism.

To help defray the cost of cleaning the Memorial we are pleased to enclose our cheque for Two Hundred Dollars ($200).

We hope that many others will follow our lead.

Harry M. Noonan MBE

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Dear Sir,

My father, ALISTER GORDON CHAPPLE, served with the R.A.A.F. during the Second World War and at one time was a member of the R.S.L. in Melbourne, Vic. and Launceston, Tas.

At the time of his recent death (2 June, 1984) a claim for a Service Pension was still pending, this having been lodged in September 1983 with the Adelaide Branch of the Veteran’s Affairs’ Department. This claim is in “limbo” as Veteran’s Affairs claim that they are unable to confirm that he had served in an active war zone. This is despite the fact the while based in Darwin and serving with Squadron 112, Detachment 484, in early 1945, he took part in a number of airborne (PBY5A Catalinas) supply-drop and-sea rescue missions in enemy territory. These missions were mainly to the Cocos Islands and Timor ex-Broome and Exmouth. On one mission, a close friend of his, “Joe” Kelly (Cessnock, N.S.W.), was killed when the aircraft was attacked by a Japanese war-plane. Although three months overseas active duty is the normal requirement for a Service Pension to be granted, Veteran’s Affairs have advised that confirmation of him having been on these missions would be sufficient in this case.

Accordingly I am writing to you in the hope that either your Branch may have on file some information that would confirm these missions or alternatively one of your members may be able to offer some information on the matter.

Please forward any information you obtain to my mother — Mrs D.R. Chapple, Kapunda, S.A.

K.G. Chapple
Townsville, Q’ld

Dear Sir,

My mother recently gave me a copy of the Listening Post magazine dated 1982, Vol 5, No. 3. In it was an article headlined “The Road to Menin Gate” by W.A. Fleming, 2/7 Australian Infantry Battalion. The last paragraph asked the question of where is the Replica?

I have a Replica of the “Menin Gate” and also one of “The Immortal Shrine”. Both were painted by Longstaff. Possibly you could pass this information on to Mr. Fleming.

When they came into my hands the frames were in very poor condition. I have since had them reframed and put behind glass for protection.

Also, are there other copies in existence?

P.J. Battle
Eaton, W.A.

Australia’s National Flag

I am pleased to report on a favourable reaction to an earlier letter of mine to the Listening Post.

In that letter I explained how the Italian Government had provided the South West Italian Club with a national flag and the Australian Government had refused. The matter was taken up with some vigour by the Bunbury sub branch of the R.S.L. and indeed evoked quite a lot of comment.

The net result was a presentation to the Club of both the Australian and State flags by local parliamentary members and the Bunbury sub branch; followed by a first class social evening at the Club.

It’s nice to see the R.S.L. having the ‘clout’ to get things done and the initiative and spirit of goodwill to address a sensitive area with such success.

Brian Handcock (WB10473)

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League Veteran dies

One of the League’s longest serving members in Harry Riseborough passed away in mid-August. He had been a member for 46 years.

As a member of the 10th Light Horse he raised his age to join up and served on Gallipoli.

What brought him into prominence was probably his riding a horse in a number of Anzac Day Marches. No mean feat when one is up in the high eighties. This one day of the year was a high-light in his life and the only time in the last few years that he didn’t lead the Light Horse Contingent was the time he was thrown prior to a march beginning.

It was most unfortunate that his death occurred a few days before he was to have left for Canberra to represent W.A. at the opening of the Gallipoli section in the War Memorial. Maybe the excitement and the thrill of such an occasion was too much.

After returning home after the great war he took up farming and played a number of sports which included owning and training trotters and another great love was lawn bowls in which he represented Western Australia.

Deepest sympathy is extended to all members of his family from the State Executive and the W.A. Branch of the League.

M.C. (Mike) Hall

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Bunbury Sub Branch

Recent meetings have been well attended despite the cold weather with close to thirty members coming along. Four representatives from the D.V.A. were well received at our July meeting.

Members are now asked to bring a small plate if possible and as well as "super and standard" being available at the bar the urn will be boiling in future for any tea and coffee drinkers.

Diggers Day Bowls was once again an outstanding success with our thanks to the bowling club, who as well as doing all the work chipped in with a donation to the Sub-Branch.

The honour board donated by "Bluey" Mountford some time ago is to be displayed very soon. We have managed to sort out Presidents and Secretaries between 1946 and 1984 but pre-1946 could prove a little difficult.

The next stage of the hall restoration project will be the inside. Eight ceiling fans are being installed, after which the complete interior will be repainted by busy bees. A fund raising cabaret is already being planned for October 13th to finance some well overdue seating for the hall.

Four strings party lights have been made up and members can borrow them for private parties by simply signing them out from the hall office.

Our annual Petrol Raffle saw nearly 100% ticket sales, which is the best one to date. Members did an excellent job of getting the tickets sold.

The Organ Concert was a success and netted the Sub-Branch a couple of hundred dollars. Members and wives made light work of the preparation and a very nice supper. Bob Stewart's efforts in the advertising area were invaluable.

We were very pleased to be able to present both an Australian flag and a Western Australian one to the South West Italian Club at their club premises.

David Smith MLA provided the flags and gave us the honour of making the presentation.

Many of our members appear to have contacted a sudden "Travel bug" Just to name a few-Norm Eaton, Ford Campbell, Allan Wood and George Baxter have been conspicuous by their absence of late.

We put on the usual reception for two visiting U.S. ships in June and it was pleasing to see a good roll up of our members to help extend our hospitality.

New members are continuing to appear on meeting nights (3rd Wed of the month) as well as a few who we havent seen for a while. All I can say is "All the more the merrier".

Alf Mainstone (Sub-Branch President)

Bunbury Sub Branch President, Mr Alf Mainstone, presents an Australian and a West Australian flag to the president of The South West Italian Club, Mr John Castrilli.

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Pioneer praised in passing

The death of Mrs Dorothy Marian Buckley on June 27 at the War Veteran’s Home Ml. Lawley has brought to an end a historic link with the pioneering days of Applecross.

Mrs Buckley, who would have been 89 years of age on August 23, moved into the home in Nairn Road Applecross as a bride in 1925. The home property then extended from Matheson Road, a mere sand track, to the beach front.

Fremantle Road, now Canning Highway, was little better and the small population that resided in the area generally travelled to Perth by the ferry that provided a regular service between Barrack Street and the Applecross jetty.

Mrs Buckley’s late husband Harold worked tirelessly for the district. He was a member of the Melville Roads Board from 1931 to 1940, and was actively involved in the formation of the Applecross Swimming Club, and participated in the swimming classes that were conducted at the jetty, at that time.

The Buckley home, purchased from Mrs Buckley’s brother-in-law Mr Lloyd Pascoe in Kalgoolie, was transported from the Goldfields by rail and re-erected in Applecross. It still stands today in Nairn Road, although not in the original location on the ridge. It was relocated using skids and 44 gal drums to its present site to avoid the strong winds and glare from the river. The erection and relocation was carried out under the experienced eye of the late Bill Bennett, architect and long standing friend.

SALVOS

Mrs Buckley’s death also ends a long association with the Salvation Army, for her grandfather the late Charles William Fry was founder of the first Salvation Army Band over 100 years ago. This historic event took place in Salisbury England as a result of Charles Fry and his three sons taking up their instruments and playing tunes to calm the rabble who at the time were attacking General Booth and his small group of Salvationists. A plaque has only recently been unveiled in Salisbury Cathedral to record this historic event.

Mr Buckley’s generosity in making her husband’s papers available, allowed the book ‘The Great Challenge’ — the Saga of Yampi to be written. It was with great pride she was able to present at the launching by Sir Charles Court of this book at the Perth concert hall in 1979.

The Buckley Era has ended, but a great number will benefit in the future from their generosity, as a result of the large bequests made to the RSL, the Home of Peace, and the Salvation Army by her husband.

Information Wanted

Sir,

In the course of researching my family history, I applied to the Army Records Office for my Grandfather’s First World War record, and they replied that he had been discharged after one month in Perth, no reason given. My family had always believed that he served in Egypt with the Australian Light Horse and was discharged to England when he contracted dysentery. I need hardly say that this discrepancy has upset many members of my family.

It is my belief that Grandad did serve in Egypt, perhaps he did so under a different name. We know that he did travel to England during World War One as I have confirmed that he started work there in July 1916, and stayed there until his retirement in 1957.

As I was the one to cast this doubt, I have been trying everything I can think of to cast light on the matter, and I have written many, many letters, so far with no result.

As a last resort I thought I would write to you in the very vague hope that any surviving members of the Light Horse may recognise him, and I might discover his alias.

I have enclosed a photograph of him taken about 1925, the earliest photo of him that I have. I will also give you the following details about him:

NAME: William Roger Ross
BIRTH: 20 June 1889, Newcastle, New South Wales
ARMY RECORDS: Allocated to Depot Co. at Black Boy Hill Camp, W.A.
Discharged 1 February 1915 - no reason given.

Earliest known date in England 26 July 1917.

He eventually died of cancer of the bowel, which we had always believed started with his War Time dysentery.

I realise that this is a very, very long shot, but I am prepared to try any venue to solve this mystery and lift the doubt that hangs over my Grandfather’s memory.

So would you be kind enough to show this photo to any of your members who might possibly have known him? If this is not too difficult a task.

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- **The Colonel Collett Cup**: (Awarded to the most efficient Country Sub-Branch.) Points were given for presentation of entry, community efforts, membership; meetings, average attendance in proportion to membership and donations. This was presented by The Honourable C. Jamieson, MLA, representing the Premier of Western Australia to the Harvey Districts Sub-Branch (149) (The Runner-up was Geraldton (148) 1.
- **The Newdegate Cup**: (Awarded to the most efficient Metropolitan Sub-Branch.) This was presented by the Honourable V. Ferry, DFC, MLC, representing the Leader of the State Opposition to the Bassendean-Guildford Sub-Branch (171) (The Runner-up was Harvey Districts (149) 1.
- **The Geraldton Shield**: (Awarded to the most meritorious Sub-Branch with less than 100 members). This was presented by Commodore D.J. Orr, ADC, RAN, to the Northampton Sub-Branch (163) (The Runner-up was Upper Swan (167) 1.
- **The Mary Cornell Award**: (Which is awarded to the Sub-Branch who sold the most poppies on a proportion to membership) was presented by Commodore D.J. Orr, ADC, RAN, to the Kensington Sub-Branch ($75 per member) (runners-up were Upper Swan ($40 per member) 1.
- **The Merv Williams Trophy**: Which is awarded to the Sub-Branch that raises the most aid for the War Veterans' Home on a proportion to membership, was presented by Commodore D.J. Orr, ADC, RAN, to the Upper Swan Sub-Branch ($125 per member) (Runners-up were Geraldton ($325 per member) 1.

Anzac Day Pipe Band Winners

Mr Turner, on behalf of the League, attended Scotch College on 3 July 1984 and presented the Scotch College Pipe Band with a cheque for $100.00, as they had been judged the best pipe band participating in the ANZAC Day Parade. A similar competition will be held in 1985, when a winner will again be selected by a panel of judges from the Pipe Band Association.

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**Anzac Day Reunion 1984**

Those of us who were privileged to be the guests of the New South Wales Branch of the Regimental Association over the week of the ANZAC DAY will, I am sure never forget the occasion for our hosts had spared neither the time nor money in ensuring that those members of the 2/3 Regt, and their ladies, enjoyed their stay to the fill and met many old mates and re-lived the years 1939 to 1945 over again. The activities commenced on ANZAC eve when members of the Regiment gathered at the Cenotaph in Martin Place to March, again, behind our old C.O. HORRIE STRUTT, and assist at the ceremony of laying the wreath.

This was followed by a ‘Welcome to Sydney’ dinner and entertainment at the Opera House which gave us the chance not only to meet ‘old mates’ but to get an idea of things to come, which included the ANZAC Day march and luncheon, a ferry trip around the ‘Harbour’, a coach trip around the beaches with lunch at the Palm Beach R.S.L. Club, together with evening entertainment at two prominent R.S.L. Clubs to which we were granted the privilege of Honorary Membership during the period of our stay.

Undoubtedly, the most moving and sentimental ceremony was the Church service, conducted at the Chapel of the Garden Island Naval Base, where the colours were paraded and blessed. Whilst space will obviously not permit a description of these events we must give full praise and our sincere thanks to the Committee which organized the reunion and ensured that one and all enjoyed themselves. It was, obviously, a labour of love by a dedicated band of N.S.W. 2/3rd members who work at all times in harmony and good fellowship.

In order to test the feeling of former 2/3 members in the re-forming of a branch of the Association those interested are requested to meet at ANZAC House Perth, on the first Wednesday of each month at noon for lunch, or to contact Tom Adams, 26 Kathleen Street, Trigg (Ph. 447 3286), Fred Self, 24 Clovelly Cres, Lynwood (Ph 458 6514) or in the Sth West area: George Killey at 323 Old Coast Road, Australind (Ph 979 57 1766) or Bob Perry at 550 Caves Road, Marybrooke (Ph 979 57 4018).
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Australians All — and proud of it

It takes a certain kind of person to decide to make another country their home. For 12,500 young lads who put behind them the self-doubts of such a decision, and under Big Brother Movement sponsorship, left their homes in Britain and faced making it in another country.

Their acceptance of new ways and mannerisms, their contribution to industry, to the land and commerce and the lives they gave in World War Two, upholding the traditions of this new country, helped make Australia a great nation.

Since 1925, when a group of Australians, "Big Brothers," saw the practicality of helping young men under 21 immigrate to Australia, under the banner of the Big Brother Movement, these young men or "Little Brothers" as they were to become known, settled in their new country.

For the Big Brother Movement, the success of their scheme throughout the years has been a constant source of pride.

A non-profit, non-political, non-sectarian organisation, the B.B.M. housed the young arrivals, arranged jobs and as the name suggests, acted as guardians.

With the full support of successive Governments since 1925 the assistance programme continued. Again with the encouragement of State and federal Governments the B.B.M. purchased a 600 acre property at Boggles Park near Liverpool, NSW. This was to be a training farm and was dedicated as a memorial to the Little Brothers who gave their lives in the war.

The B.B.M. annual report in 1940 recorded the fact that 31 of the lads who arrived in 1939 had joined the A.I.F. and the R.A.A.F. By 1942 almost every current or former Little Brother was serving in the armed forces. By the end of the war 30 of those young men had been killed, fighting for their new country.

Throughout the years, "Little Brothers" continued to arrive. The 58 years since 1925 passed quickly. 12,500 young men had become part of Australia. Married, their sons and daughters, testimony to their contribution; helped increase Australia's population, forging even stronger historical links with our first settlers.

On March 24, 1983, without consultation or warning the work of the Big Brother Movement was stopped by the Minister for Immigration Mr West, nineteen days after the Labor Government came to power. In a letter to the B.B.M. he said, to allow the Big Brother Movement to bring out 100 young men could "...quite naturally lead to concern amongst migrant communities in Australia that migration policy was weighted in favour of White Anglo-Saxons."

As the B.B.M. suggest, it's difficult to understand how 100 young people out of an expected migrant intake that year of 85,000 could be interpreted as a policy in favour of White Anglo-Saxons. In its 58 years of operation, there had not been one complaint by any ethnic group.

As Don MacKinnon, executive director of the B.B.M. suggests, "This attitude is difficult to understand especially when successive Governments since 1925 have supported and encouraged the work of the B.B.M. or that a famous labor politician and former Prime Minister, Ben Chifley served as an office bearer on the B.B.M. Council from 1942 to 1947.

"Closer to home, it is an attitude that denies the sacrifice made by Little Brothers in the war years who joined Australians in protecting their heritage and gave their lives for the privilege," he said.

Mr MacKinnon said his organisation was deeply concerned about the direction of Australia's present immigration policy and the implicit implication of bias against British and European migrants. He said the Big Brother Movement were asking all Australians to contact their local member of parliament and voice their concern. He said that B.B.M. would also like to contact former Little Brothers and other RSL members to enlist their support in re-establishing a British and European influence in Australia's migration policy. He said the organisation can be contacted by writing to the Big Brother Movement, P.O. Box 421, Strathfield, NSW 2135.

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The above Association is holding its Third Reunion in November 1984.

All ex-members are invited to contact Nigel C. Foster, 6 New Street East Balgowlah, N.S.W. 2093, or M.C. Hall of Bunbury on telephone 097 21668 for further information on joining the Association or attending the reunion.

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World War One

Another souvenir or World War One has been presented to the GERALDTON Sub-Branch for inclusion in its War Museum at Birdwood House. It is a set of four framed handkerchiefs from FRANCE that are embroidered with such wording as "GREETINGS FROM THE TRENCHES", "A KISS FROM FRANCE", and "REMEMBER".

The set of souvenir handkerchiefs was handed to the Sub-Branch President, Mrs LORRAINE GILBERT, at the May meeting, by Mr BILL GUNNINGHAM, on behalf of Mrs DOROTHY THOMAS, of Francis Street.

Mrs THOMAS has received the handkerchiefs from her father, the late Mr CECIL THEODORE GIBBINGS, when he was in the Army.

New Elected Treasurer

A new Treasurer, MR LAURIE HARFORD, was elected at the July meeting of the GERALDTON Sub-Branch.

MR HARFORD came from GRIFFITHS in NEW SOUTH WALES after serving more than twenty years in the Royal Australian Air Force.

The former Treasurer, MR RAY BAKER, who is moving to MOORA, was thanked for his conscientious service by the President, MRS LORRAINE GILBERT.

In addition, MRS GILBERT congratulated MR JOHN SPENLOVE on having been re-appointed North-West Regional Vice President.

Nedlands Sub-Branch

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Last month in the Listening Post Newsletter, I stressed the importance of members to endeavour to keep up the strength of the Nedlands Sub-Branch. This was highlighted by the fact that since our last meeting in June, we have lost no less than four of our valued members who have answered the Last Call.

Bill Paul. A Life Member and Past-President. Bill who had always been a very active member of the Sub-Branch Ex will be sadly missed.

Jim McKinlay. (LT COL) Who was presented with a 50 Year Certificate two years ago will be remembered by the older members of the Sub-Branch.

Noel More. Also one of our older members, and one that will be remembered by his long association with the Dalkeith Bowling Club.

Bill Foley. Who has been in indifferent health for some time, but always willing to help when required, will be missed from our ranks.

Comming Events

The months pass quickly and once again we find that poppy day is fast approaching. As you know last year we passed previous totals for sales, and there is no reason to suppose that with your help, we cannot achieve even better results this year. Remembrance day falls on a Sunday this year, so our selling day will be Friday November 9th. Once again please let Ted Reany (Tel 386 4068) know when and where you can help, even if it just for a short time. Remember, every helper makes our task easier.

Our Annual Dinner this year, will be held as usual, at the Hollywood Bowling Club the date...Tuesday December 11th. Time...7pm. Sherries etc; Dinner at 7.30. We have booked the same caterers as last year, and with Meg and her friends supplying the entertainment, a very pleasant evening is assured. So make a note in your diary NOW and let me know how many seats you will require for you, and your guests.

Wal Cloutman
President

Australian Legion

The State President and members of the Australian Legion of Ex-servicemen and Women, extend their thanks to the Defence Force Representatives and other Representatives of Ex-service Organisations and Associations who attended our 'Victory in the Pacific' Memorial Church Service held at Trinity Church Perth on Sunday August 12th 1984.

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As you may be aware, in 1980 the National Congress commissioned APA Life Assurance (subject to the approval of each State Executive) to provide special insurance programmes for RSL Members.

The State Executive approved the proposal and endorsed a two year agreement with APA in 1980, and the first mailing of Prime Life 50 policies was issued that year. A similar agreement was authorized by our 1982 State Congress, and renewed for three years from August 1982.

As part of that agreement, APA produces, mails and administers these policies at no cost to the League. Indeed, each State Branch receives a fee for each policy written in their state. There is, therefore, a dual benefit in providing attractive insurance policies for our members and gaining additional funds to pursue our welfare objectives.

Since 1980, the League (nationally) has received, at no cost, over $300,000 in revenue from the scheme. To date this State Branch has received over $35,000. However, as agreed at the National Congress in 1980, 33 percent of all revenue from the scheme goes towards the support of National Headquarters. Subsequently, the net income to this State Branch has been over $20,000.00.

In return, each State Branch has agreed to endorse the insurance programmes offered to its members. This endorsement is only given after market testing has shown that the programme is a good one, and has a wide appeal to League members. The endorsement takes the form of a letter signed by the State President in each participating State Branch.

In September this year, APA intends having another mailing of their CASH ACCIDENT PLAN, with a closing date for acceptances being in early November. A similar policy was offered to members about 12 months ago, and those who did not take up the offer last time may wish to reconsider the offer.

Calendars for the Australian Lighthorse Centennial 1885-1985

To complement the presentation, there are two calendar months to each page carrying a titlement with a cameo of a Commander of Leader Special to the history of the Lighthorse. Further information and history is added to the back of the last page.

The fundamental idea behind creating this commemorative piece is that the Lighthorsemens are the epitomy of Australian pride, not only for their distinguished service, but also where they took their essential bush skills and force of character taught to so many of us directly by this ancient land itself, and forced an international reputation second to no one, and second to nothing.

While the Lighthorse still lives on in its modern form, this is the only Centennial where we may still speak aloud directly to the men of the traditional Lighthorse of our respect, admiration and gratitude for their gift of freedom and pride to the nation.

The heart of the matter, for all thinking Australians, is that for these remaining men still with us, this is the only Centennial where we can celebrate these matters with them. There will never be another one where we can do that.

The concept in creating this commemorative piece of work is that of Inverell artist Madeline Cobb. The idea began last year in a discussion with Rodger Eyles of the Inverell RSM Memorial Club about making a calendar for the Club of the local Lighthorsemens. Shortly after it was discovered that 1885 was a Centennial year, and the Club on being informed, responded by ordering a limited issue of 1000. Following that the Club recommended the project to Sir William Keyes, and in the preparation of work to present to the National Headquarters for examination, the idea of illustrating a Lighthorsemman from each State was born.

The project earned the approval of the National Headquarters and Sir Colin Hines, and subsequently all other State Headquarters, who then set about finding a Lighthorsemann to represent each State for the main illustrations.

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Presentation of Memorial Books to the R.S.L. War Veterans’ Home

On Sunday 26th August 84, 20 memorial books printed in large type were presented to the War Veterans’ Home library by the Rats of Tobruk Association, Western Australian Branch, the Upper-Swan Sub-Branch and the Ex-Servicewomen’s group Darling Range Sub-Branch. These books were in honoured memory of deceased members of the respective associations. Each book contained a memorial frontispiece dedicating it to the member concerned and a loose copy of each such memorial was given to the next of kin. As part of a service conducted by Padre Mayberry in the War Veterans’ Home chapel, which was filled completely by a large congregation, the books were presented individually to the Padre by the next of kin or representative for the benefit of the Residents of the home. The service was opened by a short welcome by Rolfe Nyman, a member of the Board of the War Veterans’ Home.

After the service the congregation enjoyed an excellent afternoon tea in the Complex dining room where the Chairman of the Board Mr Jim Hall, BEM invited them all to take the opportunity of looking over the Home and thanked them for their attendance and the gifts of the books. These books are well selected as to title and author and will remain a permanent memorial to the deceased as the War Veterans’ Home replaces such books when wear and tear requires this. The members of the Board are grateful for all such gifts.

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W.A. R.S.L. Lawn Bowls
By Doug Piggott

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PEGASUS ASSOCIATION OF WEST AUSTRALIA (INC)
Committee Meeting 1st Tuesday in month, ANZAC Club. Visitors welcome. President: Mr John Hately. Secretary: Mr A. Harris, 54 Fitzroy Road, Rivervale, 6153. Tel: 458 9111. Any ex Airborne Forces welcome to a very active Association.

18th National R.S.L. Lawn Bowls Carnival
January 1st — 11th will be a most important period for the Section. Your Committee has been working on arrangements for this Carnival and they seek your solid support in these endeavours.
You can help by:
• If entering the National Fours, return the entry form NOW.
• Return your Melbourne Cup Sweep ticket, butts promptly.
• Contacting me at 242 St. Brigid's Terrace, Doubleview, 6018 (Tel 446 1331).
If you know of a business that would like to advertise in the official Carnival Programme.
At the time of writing, about twenty of our ladies are at the Applecross R.S.L. making 600 dozen lamingtons, and hope to make $750. They have also organised a Raffle to be drawn on October 9th. The ladies will use the proceeds from these to entertain the inter-state ladies with a river trip and so on. They appeal to the Country Ladies for help in fund-raising. Please contact Mrs. Dora Scanlon, 99 Wichmann Road, Attadale, 6156. (Tel 330 5956).
We still have some unfinancial members. The subscriptions are $3 for male members and $1 for lady members, or you can become a Life Subscriber: male members up to 60 years of age $25; over 60 years $20; ladies $5. The Section has opened a special investment account for Life Subscriber Subs only, and to keep the Section viable, the capital cannot be touched, and only the interest earned can be used for the running of the Section.
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