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ANZAC DAY

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PRESIDENT’S NOTES

As from 1st January, 1985, there has been a new determining system for Repatriation pensions which it is hoped will speed up the decision-making process.

With numbers in excess of seven thousand unresolved claims outstanding under the previous system as at 30 June, 1984, it was obvious that a new approach was necessary to speed up the system, while at the same time retaining any benefits obtained over a number of years.

While the new determining authority has been broadened and expanded, it will be of little or no avail in achieving the main objective for the change, that is to make speedier decisions, unless the administrative procedure within the Department of Veterans’ Affairs are also overhauled and the information forming the basis for such decisions made available to the various levels in the new determining authority. If this is forthcoming, there is no reason to doubt that the main objectives for the change in the system will not be achieved.

On the other hand, if the single delegates, boards and Tribunals so appointed do not have the necessary information before them to make a decision, the backlog of unresolved cases will not be reduced, and in fact may well increase as a result of new applications being submitted currently.

For many years the League has provided an advocacy service for Veterans and or their dependants appearing before the various boards and Tribunals. It was felt that this was necessary as many of the claimants were quite unfamiliar with the Repatriation Acts and regulations and certainly assisted in the decision-making.

Indications given by the new determining authority are that the present advocacy service will be discouraged and downgraded, and Veterans or their dependants encouraged to conduct their own cases. Any attempt to bring this about will be strongly resisted by the League despite the argument it may slow down the procedure. Speedy incorrect decisions are not the answer to such problems.

FRONT COVER

Pte. John Simpson Kirkpatrick
“THE MAN WITH THE DONKEY”

His name has become a tradition in Australia. After the assault on the 25th April, 1915 of the Australian forces on Gallipoli, there were many wounded.

Private Simpson of the 3rd Aust. Field Ambulance noticed a number of donkeys feeding in the gullies and decided that these might be useful in moving men with leg wounds. With one of these donkeys he worked day and night carrying wounded to safety and medical aid on the beach. Simpson escaped death so many times that he ignored the deadly sniping down the valley and the most furious shrapnel never stopped him.

On 19th May he returned up the valley to the post where he usually had breakfast. As it was not ready, he called, “Never mind, get me a good dinner when I come back”.

He never came back. He had carried many scores of wounded to succour and had saved many lives, at the cost of his own.
THE OBSERVANCE OF ANZAC DAY

Anzac Day is observed on 25th April every year. The name “Anzac” is derived from the initial letters of the combined Australian and New Zealand Army Corps and it was first applied to the troops who took part in that epic battle which commenced with the landing on Gallipoli Peninsula in Turkey, on that memorable day — 25th April, 1915.

As part of the Allied plan to force a passage through the Dardanelles into the Sea of Marmora, and endeavour to establish contact with Russia, during World War I, it was decided that our troops should launch an attack against the Turks at a certain point on the coast of Gallipoli Peninsula.

At the faint pink flush of dawn, cutters crowded with soldiers reached shallow water at the spot now known as Anzac Cove, and, although the enemy opened up a terrific bombardment from their well-nigh impregnable positions, the men, without hesitation, leapt out of the boats and raced ashore, guns blazing and lips set grimly determined to give battle or die in the attempt. All day long reinforcements were rushed to this beach, and although many fell, never to rise again, the gallant survivors fought on, undismayed, and eventually succeeded in climbing the almost insurmountable cliffs and holding the enemy at bay, thus preventing the landing from being a complete failure and enabling our forces to continue the offensive from a more favourable position.

In the struggle which followed the men showed that they possessed indomitable courage and great fortitude by carrying on under very trying conditions. Fighting in trenches infested with vermin and laden with fever, with the air full of flies and polluted with the smell of dead bodies, and without an adequate supply of water, they, nevertheless, continued the battle for a further eight months. Finally, it was seen that the Allied campaign, as a whole, had not come up to expectations and all troops were withdrawn. For their part in the affair our boys gained such a reputation for valour, initiative and comradeship that the name of Anzac was destined to be remembered forever.

Inspired by the deeds of their fathers, the next generation of Anzacs, in World War II, lived up to tradition at Bardia, El Alamein, and at Tobruk; their refusal to surrender, and their determination to continue what then seemed a hopeless fight, earned them the name “Rats of Tobruk”. Later, in New Guinea, they accomplished the heart-breaking task of climbing the Owen Stanley Ranges, halting the advance of the Japanese Forces, and finally driving the enemy back along the Kokoda Trail.

It is the Spirit of Anzac which inspires our soldiers and lives forever in the hearts of the people: thus it is that on the 25th April every year we commemorate the deeds of these heroes, and to the fallen we pay homage. War memorials have been erected throughout the length and breadth of the land, and there the annual commemoration services are held and wreaths placed in honour of the dead. In our own city of Brisbane there is a Shrine of Remembrance, in which an Eternal Flame is always burning — sacred to their memory.

This year, as the chimes of midnight rang clear, in the stillness to herald the beginning of the 33rd Anzac Day, early Brisbane mourners gathered at the Shrine, where a short service was held and the first wreath, as is the custom, was reverently laid by a member of the Toc H Group. At the foot of the Shrine an arc of nurses stood in silent vigil, whilst from above the “Last Post” and “Revelle” rang out on clear bugle notes across Anzac Square.

Throughout the early hours of the morning many people knelt in silent prayer before the Eternal Flame and laid wreaths in honour of their loved ones. In the moonlight which preceded dawn a large crowd quietly gathered and at 4.28 a.m. a solemn dawn service was held. At nine o’clock a State-wide minute silence was observed. In the afternoon a procession of ex-servicemen numbering 1,500 marched through the city streets to Memorial Square, where one of the most impressive Anzac Day ceremonies yet took place before the Flame of Remembrance. At the conclusion the Shrine covered with wreaths of roses, chrysanthemum, poppy and rosemary presented a wonderful and inspiring picture. A commemorative meeting which was held in the City Hall that night completed the day’s programme.

With the passing of years this Day, which was originally set aside to honour the memory of those who took part in the First World War, is maturing in character, though its meaning appears to be less specific. It is creating a great influence in the minds of the people, and is fast becoming Australia’s Great National Day. Whilst reminding us of the horror, misery and suffering caused by war, it also provides us with a shining example of the bravery, patriotism and self-sacrifice of our manhood in the fight for liberty and democracy, which is the very foundation of the British way of life.

Anzac Day carries this message — that the flame kindled by the First Anzacs on Gallipoli shall continue to burn fiercely as the years go by, so that their sacrifice will not have been in vain.

MAURINE COLLINS. Yeronga State School. Grade VII. 1949

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MEAL: 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-Presidents (2), and Committee (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, 3rd May, 1985, 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 must 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.

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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 12 April 1985. (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 Homes
(f) State War Memorial
(g) Anzac Day
(h) War Veterans’ Home
(i) Remembrance (Poppy) Day
(j) Membership
(k) Anzac House
(l) Anzac Club
(m) Constitution (National & State)
(n) Administration

DELEGATE ENTITLEMENT: One delegate per 75 financial members, or part thereof, and based on membership figures as at December 31, 1984 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 3 May, 1985.

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.

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In the Spring edition of the Listening Post a letter was published under the heading “Lonely Grave”. The following letters to the Listening Post speak volumes for the Office of the Australian War Graves. The League is also indebted to R. Sutherland of Huntingdale, W.A., and Russell Braddon of Sydney, and especially Mrs S. Dixon-of Cheshire, England, in bringing this matter to our attention.

M.C. (Mike) Hall
CHAIRMAN
Listening Post Committee

MRS SUTHERLAND WROTE FOCUS
Dear Sir,
Attached is perhaps the final paragraph, resulting from an appeal printed early this year, presumably in the “Listening Post”.

It’s nice to realise that 68 years later, people in U.K. still have concern for the neglected grave of an Australian serviceman.

Perhaps the lady would warrant a “thank you”, either in the L.P. or on R.S.L. Letterhead.

OFFICE OF AUSTRALIAN WAR GRAVES
Dear Mrs Dixon
I refer to your letter of 27 August 1984 in which you showed such concern for the grave of an Australian soldier, namely, Private F.P. Burke, who died during the First World War and is commemorated in the Liverpool (Ford) Roman Catholic Cemetery, Merseyside.

The contents of your letter was passed on to the Commonwealth War Graves Commission in England who responded quickly and we have been advised that an inspection has been made of the cemetery and as a result, general maintenance and tidying up will be undertaken in the very near future.

The District Inspector reported that Private Burke’s headstone had suffered badly from industrial pollution and a replacement will be made.

Thank you again for advising us about the condition of the cemetery and your efforts in maintaining the grave of one of our fine soldiers. As the matter has now been brought to the attention of the Commission, regular maintenance will now be undertaken.

Finally, we have not been able to trace any of Private Burke’s family but the photograph you sent has been framed and takes pride of place in this Office.

MRS DIXON REPLIED

“I enclose a copy of the letter received from the Office of Australian War Graves this week. It is self-explanatory, so needs no further details from me! I am absolutely delighted that Pte. Burke is to get a new headstone and the cemetery itself cleaned up. Along with the 227 servicemen at rest there, Pte. Burke should at last have a decent grave, and I will see to it that the Commonwealth War Graves Commission (London) lives up to its promise.

Visiting the cemetery recently with my husband, we noted that work has already been done, but the place is such a disgrace that the work teams brought in tell me that it is going to be a two year job. We can well believe it!

THE MEN OF ANZAC

What motive sustained them? At the end of the second or third day of the Landing... when half of each battalion had been annihilated, when the dead lay three deep in the rifle pits under the blue sky... what was it then that carried each man on?

It was not love of a fight. The Australian loved fighting better than most, but it is an occupation from which the glamour quickly wears. It was not hatred of the Turks... Not was it purely patriotism, as it would have been had they fought on Australian soil.

Nor was it the desire for fame that made them steer their course so straight in the hour of crucial trial. They knew too well the chance that their families, possibly even the men beside them, would never know how they died...

What was the dominant motive that impelled them?

It lay in the mettle of the men themselves. To be the sort of man who would give way when his mates were trusting to his firmness: to be the sort of man who would fall when the line, the whole force, and the allied cause required his endurance; to have made it necessary for another unit to do his own unit’s work; to live the rest of his life haunted by the knowledge that he had set his hand to a soldier’s task and lacked the grit to carry it through that was the prospect which these men could not face.

Life was very dear, but life was not worth living unless they could be true to their idea of Australian manhood.

Standing upon that alone, when help failed and hope faded, when the end loomed clear in front of them, when the whole world seemed to crumble and the heaven to fall in they faced its ruin undismayed...

The typical Australian... was seldom religious in the sense in which the word is generally used. So far as he held a prevailing creed, it was a romantic creed inherited from the goldminer and the bushman, of which the chief article was that a man should at all times and at any cost stand by his mate.

This was and is the one law which the good Australian must never break. It is bred in the child and stays with him through life.

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"Jim here?" he asked. A voice on the fire-step answered, "Right, Bill, here. "Do you chaps mind shiftin' up a piece?" said the man in the trench. "Him and me are mates, an' we're going' over together."

The same thing must have happened many thousands of times in the Australian divisions. The strongest bond in the Australian Imperial Force was that between a man and his mate. No matter how hardened a sinner against camp rules, how often in trouble at the estaminet, an Australian seemed never to fail in the purely self-imposed duty of standing by his wounded friend whenever his task in the battle permitted him to do so.

In the foulest French winter, or at Cape Helles, when bullets seemed to be raining in sheets on every occasion when an Australian force went into action there were to be found men who, come what might, regardless of death or wounds, stayed by their fallen friends until they had seen them into safety.

**WHY GALLIPOLI WAS Fought**

To understand why the heroic tragedy of Gallipoli, for tragedy it was, we must first understand why British, Australian, New Zealand and French troops landed in Turkey at all. In the briefest words, theirs was a military expedition following a naval one which had recently failed.

The causes of the Dardanelles campaign lay far away and were shaped within a few weeks of the outbreak of the First World War, the Great War, in August 1914. Soon the huge opposing armies on the western front in Europe had become embattled in trench warfare in which both sides tried to advance, but made only worthless gains at heavy cost in lives.

In Britain various people believed the Allies should strike at Germany somewhere other than the stalemate trenches.

Chief among these was Winston Churchill, then First Lord of the Admiralty and 39 years old, restless of mind, adventurous of spirit. Churchill controlled the mighty British Fleet. He chafed because the German Fleet would not come out to fight.

Yet, despite his desire to attack rather than defend, he was wrong in one most catastrophic thing. Against the weight of naval history, he believed that heavy naval guns could demolish land fortresses.

In January 1915 a momentous request came from the Russian Government. The Russians, fighting on the Allied side, were hard-pressed in the Caucasus and asked for a demonstration against the Turks to ease this pressure.

To make such a demonstration Britain agreed to send the Royal Navy to the Dardanelles. This was Churchill's chance. He believed the warships would do more.

He urged successfully that British and French ships try to force the Straits of the Dardanelles by bombardment and destroying the Turkish coastal forts. Thus, what was intended as a demonstration became a major operation.

**ONLY WAY**

These exceedingly narrow straits are the only way to Russia from the Mediterrenean. Because they were closed, Russia was virtually isolated from Britain and France. Her grain-ships were locked in the Black Sea. The Allies could not send her men and ammunition. Were the Dardanelles forced and the Turkish capital of Constantinople captured, then Turkey would collapse. Russia would be greatly assisted and Germany defeated sooner.

The question was: Could the straits be forced? Both shores were lined with fortresses and batteries, field guns and howitzers. The sea was thick with mines through which a path must be perilously cleared. The main attempt began on March 18, 1915, and soon failed. Ships were lost.

Churchill still pressed for more attacks. Other leaders opposed him. In the end it was decided that since the Allied navies could not pierce the straits, troops would invade the Gallipoli Peninsula to capture the forts which kept them closed.

That was how, along with the British and French who attacked in another area of the Peninsula, the Anzacs came to make their landing at dawn on April 25, 1915. They landed at a place famous in our history as Anzac Cove and met an enemy who, alert by the bombardment and various newspaper statements that invasion was imminent, awaited them in positions almost impregnable.

The fight lasted eight months.

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President's Report — 1984

At the end of 1984 the financial membership was 149, reflected by the average attendance of 24 at monthly meetings. Many good points were raised, some complimentary, others constructively critical. Most meetings were concluded by 9.30 pm allowing sufficient time for refreshments and fellowship. Many thanks to the Chairman of each sub-committee for their dedicated efforts in preparing concise reports and advice. With this harmonious approach it made the achievement rate of the General Committee comparatively easy.

Early in the year our esteemed Treasurer, Jack Dusting, left the district to live in Dawesville and joined the Mandurah R.S.L. Sub-Branch. Our loss is Mandurah's gain! At the December monthly meeting it was my pleasure to present to Jack a life membership certificate and badge. Your reward was only fitting for the service you have given to the Branch and R.S.L. — thank you. The task then was to find a new Treasurer and after some consideration Doug Sexton agreed to take over this vital position. Doug has been Committee, Secretary, Treasurer and President. As Treasurer and the custodian of our financial position his wisdom and gentle firm manner only assured us he would handle the position in a capable manner.

Ken Taylor was awarded a framed certificate for his four years of service as Secretary of the Branch. Ken, you did a magnificent job and my personal thanks to you. Congratulations also to George Battey, Clarrie Gilbert and Bob Noble on their Awards presented at the December meeting.

To all those that assisted in any way to the Poppy Day Appeal both in the city and local area, thank you for your time and effort. We should have exceeded all previous collections but due to an unfortunate miscalculation in the number of Poppies, we were left short by over 1,000 Poppies on our allocation from Anzac House. This year we can and will do better.

The Branch did get a financial boost from proceeds of raffles conducted at the Manning Memorial Bowling Club. Unfortunately through lack of support the dances have been terminated — perhaps we may see them started again.

The Anzac Day March in Labouchere Road was far better conducted than in previous years due to a co-ordinated approach by all Branches in the South Perth City Council district. Four delegates will request from the Traffic Dept. a more direct March this year. The traditional morning refreshments held at Mr & Mrs Dawson's residence after all Anzac Ceremonies are concluded is always well received. Thanks Tom and Ann.

During the year Ron and Isobel Pember went on an overseas holiday and several members carried on with the paper collection. One only had to be involved to realise the amount of work that Ron does. $533.00 was collected. Also we are indebted to Ron, plus helpers, Mrs Elsie Davies, Mrs Isobel Pember and Mrs Jean Taylor for the replica of the State War Memorial, which, when illuminated as the Ode is said, makes the ceremony most impressive.

An Essay competition was conducted as in other years; among the primary schools in the district. Thanks to Bob Gardiner and other judges in the selection of the winners. The subject was "How I Can Be A Good Citizen".

The collection and distribution of firewood for the elderly and infirm was again carried out and many trailer loads delivered. However, a disastrous fire has totally destroyed the saw mill. A discussion will be carried out at the A.G.M. concerning the future of the wood site.

During the year the following functions were arranged: R.S.L. Bowls held 28/2/84. Miniature Golf at a delightful Botanical Garden and a picnic at Lake Joondalup on June 10, a credit to the Social Committee. B.Y.O. a great idea. Did someone get lost?? In June at the 68th State Congress the Branch submitted two subjects to be included in the agenda. Item 52 was lost but item 58 was carried. Sunday Sept. 16 a picnic at Woodman's Point and over 40 people attended, including a very welcome group of our good friends from the illustrious 2/4 M.G. Bn. Sunday Nov. 11 was Remembrance Day and the setting at McDougall Park was excellent for the simple ceremony of the observance of the two minutes' silence. The Last Post was sounded under our flag that was awarded to us by Mr George Gear, M.L.A. After all formalities were carried out a picnic/barbecue was enjoyed by all. Monday Dec. 3 the Widows' Luncheon, hosted by Amelioration at the Raffles Hotel was delightfully successful and the hotel is to be commended for the quality of the food and service given. The Xmas Barbecue for the Sub-Branch was kindly hosted by Imelda & George Battey and was well organised and conducted. Thank you Imelda and George.

W.E. McGhie
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The State Executive of the Returned Services League has bestowed life membership on Mr Jack H. Dusting for his outstanding contribution to the R.S.L. He is a member of the Manning Sub-Branch, having served as President, Secretary and Treasurer, also on various committees. He was well known in Manning, being the Treasurer of the Manning Memorial Bowling Club and honorary Auditor for the Manning Pensioners League.

Jack and his wife, May, have now retired to Dawesville, south of Mandurah.

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Women's Auxiliary Report

The first few months of the new year will have gone, by the time you read this report, I hope you all had a Happy Xmas and New Year and are ready to start another busy year for your Auxiliary. The Executive girls are back to meetings and their Hospital visiting, into the swing, I hope, of a happy and rewarding year.

I sneaked a few days away with my family in Manjimup at the end of October and really enjoyed the time with them. On November 5th I joined the Darling Range Auxiliary Members for a lovely day, picnicking at Yanchep and then on to see the show at Atlantis City. Unfortunately the weather wasn't very kind to us but we managed between showers. Morning tea sheltering under large umbrellas in a beautiful Botanical gardens was quite an experience. I attended the Vietnam Veterans Auxiliary meeting on the 14th November, although small in membership the girls are doing quite well. The President and Secretaries meeting was well attended, a number of subjects discussed and decisions made. Mrs Caley and I were guests of the Mandurah Sub-Branch and Auxiliary at their Annual Dinner on November 24th, always are most enjoyable nights. I attended the War Veterans' Home Xmas party with Mrs Sullivan; also we attended the League's Xmas "At Home". Mrs Taylor, Mrs Minson and I were guests at the Nollamara-North Perth Auxiliary Xmas Party and I had much pleasure in presenting Life Membership to Mrs O'Grady.

I attended the Remembrance Day Service at the War Memorial on November 11th to lay the Auxiliary Wreath, and Mrs Preedy attended the Service at the War Veterans' Home. Mrs Jolley and I enjoyed our afternoon at the War Widows Xmas Party, Sally and I attended the Returned Soldiers Sub-Branch Luncheon and I was a guest at the Ex-Servicewomen's Sub-Branch Luncheon, always happy friendly functions.

Our parcel packing and Xmas visit to the Hospitals and Homes were happy and rewarding. It's a lovely feeling to know you have brought a little bit of happiness to a lonely sick person, and we would like to share it with all Auxiliary members who contribute so willingly to our Xmas Cheer and Hospital Visiting Funds. Thank you, girls, from all of us.

Darling Range Auxiliary held a New Year Luncheon on January 7th, I was among those who enjoyed this day. The end of last year saw 3 of our Executive Members in Hospital, Mrs Johnson, Mrs Minson and Mrs Angel, we all hope they are feeling stronger by now. Conference is just around the corner and we are expecting some interesting Agenda items and a good attendance. As I have to write my reports for the Listening Post well ahead of the date of issue, some of my news is quite old by the time you read it, but we do catch up on the happenings eventually.

Until next time, take care of yourselves.

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At this time, New Zealand had compulsory training in what were called the Territorials. The country was divided into the four military districts of Auckland, Wellington, Canterbury, and Otago.

Each district enlisted one battalion of infantry and one regiment of Mounted Rifles — the equivalent of the Australian Light Horse. But the Gallipoli Peninsula was no place for horses and the Anzacs fought there on foot.

The New Zealand Expeditionary Force (the 1st NZEF) sailed from Wellington on October 15, 1914, in 10 transports escorted by four warships. It carried artillery and 3815 horses, and included a Maori contingent.

Its leader was General Alexander Godley, a British soldier who before the war had been sent to organise the Dominion’s defences. The convoy met that of the first AIF at Albany, West Australia and reached Egypt in December. Soon it was training in the desert.

The contingents became the two divisions of the Anzac Corps commanded by General Birdwood. One division was the 1st Australian (General Bridges) and the other was the New Zealand and Australian Division (General Godley).

And so to the landing on April 25, 1915. The New Zealand Infantry Brigade was given the task of prolonging the line of the 3rd Australian Infantry Brigade, whose four battalions were the first ashore.

The New Zealanders suffered equally with the AIF in the bullet-strewn confusion which arose when the landing was made at the wrong place — at Ari Burnu instead of Gaba Tepe — and by nightfall the AIF and NZEF units were inextricably mixed and desperately engaged.

The Auckland and Canterbury Battalions were the first New Zealand troops to land about noon. They fought on Walker’s Ridge andPlugge’s Plateau. The Otagos were in action by 5pm, the Wellington Battalion after dark.

In the next 3 months too, the New Zealanders endured their share of fighting. The ominous names of Bloody Angle, quinn’s Post, Dead Man’s Ridge and others commemorate their battles. They lost heavily in the futile Second Battle of Krithia at Cape Helles.

Yet these engagements did not rival the New Zealanders’ most famous struggle on Gallipoli — the crucial assault on the hills of Sarı Bair. Here they fought further into Turkey than any other soldiers. For a few hours they held a position which might have led to an Allied victory.

On August 6, 1915, the Allies landed the 9th British Army Corps of 50,000 fresh troops at Suvia Bay in an attempt to end the Dardanelles campaign...

For the Turks this position was too valuable to give up. They attacked repeatedly. Snipers killed the New Zealand machine-gunners. Time and again the New Zealanders cleared their front with the bayonet but with each such charge their numbers surely fell.

As it turned out, the line at Chunuk Bair was to be held — for a time. By 11am the Auckland Mounted Rifles and the Maoris came up near the crest and some Aucklanders dashed up to reinforce the thinning Wellington infantry. They found the trench almost too full of dead and wounded to be used. Some fought outside it.

When Lieut.-Colonel W.G. Malone commander of the Wellington Infantry Battalion, had led the charge on to Chunuk Bair that morning, his men had numbered 760. They were relieved at midnight by the Otago infantry and the Wellington Mounted Rifles and only 70 emerged unwounded or slightly wounded.

Lieut.-Colonel Malone was dead, killed by a shell after fighting in which he had led several bayonet charges. He had joked about his bayonet bent by a Turkish bullet. At least once he had ordered a charge in the belief that his position was certain to be overwhelmed.

With Chunuk Bair taken in the most important advance of the campaign, what next? The New Zealanders had expected all along to be reinforced. The Suvia Bay troops seemed the answer, if not reach Chunuk Bair then at least to engage the Turks elsewhere and draw off pressure.

Yet as Major F. Waite DSOS says in an official history, “The New Zealanders at Gallipoli”, the Suvia, extraordinarily idle in what a senior British naval officer called “ghostly inertia”.

For want of help the Anzacs were then dying by score. A senior British Officer who was sent to find what was wrong at Suvia reported seeing clusters of men swimming, or resting on placid, grassy slopes far different from the waterless ridge of Chunuk Bair.

The same man officially reported the Suvia Bay commander as saying — although thousands of his men had landed on an empty coast and were still largely unopposed — that the men had done splendidly in getting ashore. This commander was replaced.

Meanwhile at Chunuk Bair the Anzacs were by no means the only casualties. On August 9 the Gurhkas were shot to pieces in an attack on Hill Q. At The Farm five British battalions were virtually annihilated.

The New Zealand and other front-line troops at Chunuk Bai were replaced on the night of August 9. Early next day the Turks recaptured it in a massive, enormously costly counter-attack. The August offensive had failed.

Into this offensive had gone some 4550 men of the New Zealand Mounted Rifles and Infantry. About 2680 came out.

Among the survivors was Corporal C.R.G. Bassett VC, Divisional Signals, of Auckland. He won the Victoria Cross at Chunuk Bair for repeatedly laying telephone wires under fire to help the isolated, shattered Wellingtons on the crest from which they looked down on the unattainable objective of the Narrows.
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A poem about Anzac Day

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I saw a kid marchin' with medals on his chest.
He marched alongside Diggers marching six abreast.
He knew that it was Anzac Day — he walked along with pride.
He did his best to keep in step with the Diggers by his side.
And when the march was over the kid was rather tired.
A Digger said "Whose medals son?" to which the kid replied:
"They belong to Daddy but he did not come back.
He died up in New Guinea on a lonely jungle track."
The kid looked rather said just then and a tear came to his eye.
The Digger said "Don't cry my son and I will tell you why."
Your Daddy marched with us today — all the blooming way.
We Diggers know that he was there — it's like that on Anzac Day."
The kid looked rather puzzled, and didn't understand.
But the Digger went on talkin' and started to wave his hands.
"For the great land we live in, there's a price we have to pay.
For we all love fun and merriment in this country where we live.
The price was that some Soldier his precious life must give.
For you to go to school my Lad and worship God at will.
Someone had to pay the price so the Diggers paid the bill.
There's some folks around today my Lad who think it's all for free.
Even though there's other countries close at hand on behind knee.
They walk around with banners like kids with little toys.
While the enemy just waits around clapping his hands with joy.
They say it's not correct these days to stand up to the foe.
But the old time religions knew where they had to go.
They took up the Bible with them and the Padres led the way.
That's the reason now my son — the Church is here to stay.
The Romans thought they couldn't fail but Oh how great they fall.
It can happen to all peoples Lad! However great or small.

Your Daddy died for us my Son — for all things good and true.
I wonder if you can understand the things I've said to you."
The kid looked up at the Digger — just for a little while.
And with a changed expression, said, with a lovely smile,
"I know my Dad marched here today — this, our Anzac Day.
I know he did — I know he did, all the blooming way."
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"Readers will be surprised, as I was," to know what Australians did, not only in the fighting zones, but in factories, on the roads, on the land and in the inventing side. Truly a remarkable achievement with such a small population which was then in the vicinity of only seven million.

In 1939 the Army had 3000 regulars and 80,000 militiamen. There were few A/A guns and anti-tank guns and a few old tanks. The RAAF Force consisted of 3,500 personnel and a further 600 in the citizen air force and 246 aircraft with the "Wirraway" the fastest. The RAN was most-prepared for war with 5,400 permanent and 5,000 reservists. Its fleet comprised 5 cruisers, 2 sloops and a destroyer flotilla of 5. The Navy also had 700 trained coast-watchers who were to play a big part later in the Pacific war.

Britain suggested an empire air training scheme in which Australia was to provide and help train 10,000 airmen a year from 1939 until 1943. Australia had not been part of the Japanese plans in its plan for expansion because it was thought Australia had little to offer.

Contrary to what has been written, the book states that British leaders expected Japan to attack Singapore from the land rather than from the sea and would have to be defended by land and air forces.

In 1941 Australia's forces were dispersed over a wide area of the globe. The Navy from the Tasman to the Mediterranean Seas. The AIF had three divisions in the Middle East, 2 brigades in Malaya, a battalion in Rabaul and two battalions ear-marked for Ambon and Timor. Nearly all airmen with experience were in the RAAF in Europe or the Middle East and four squadrons in Malaya.

The landing at Lae in New Guinea in 1943 was the first by Australian troops since Gallipoli, but this was better planned with fewer deaths and was successful.

It was a different type of war these men fought now, nothing like the desert, one veteran said the battle in the Finschhafen-Sattelberg area was "harder and more nerve wracking than any ten days at Tobruk or El Alamein".

General McArthur had intimated in 1944 that Australian troops were to take part in the capture of Mindanen in the Philippines but later changed and the 90,000 troops had to cool their heels in Cairns and Atherton.

Throughout the war there appeared to be disagreements between the powers as to who would do what and Australia seemed to get the worst of the deals made but one thing stands out, that without Australia's assistance both in troops and supplies and also as a base, the attack on the Philippines would not have been a success.

I recommend that all Australians should read this book because it may put to rest some thoughts we may have had during the 1939-45 era.

By John Robertson
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Reviewed by M.G. (Mike) Hall

Listening Post
Chairman to Resign

After having been associated with the Listening Post and public relations committee for nearly 25 years, it is my intention to resign from that committee.

During this period there have been a number of changes to the Listening Post, all I believe for the benefit of league members.

I have enjoyed the experience, although at times it was challenging. To all committee members, both present and past, I extend my thanks. Many people from all walks of life have assisted me and for their advice and friendship I am most grateful. It would be impossible to individually name everyone, but some groups who have contributed to the success of the Journal have been - State and Sub-branches of the RSL, public relations officers from the three services, the media both here and overseas, the Department of Veteran Affairs, Defence Service Homes Corporation, Anzac House staff and the many who contributed articles and photographs, without which the journal could not have maintained its' high standard.

The editors, past and present, the publishers and the many volunteers who assisted in the distribution and other work needed in ensuring all members received their copy. I believe there are two people who I feel I must mention by name, and firstly I refer to Dene Rundle, the proprietor of Westralian Publishers, who is responsible for the advertising. His assistance in all aspects was very much appreciated.

It would be most remiss of me if I did not mention my wife, Dorothy. No one will ever know the hours and effort she has volunteered over the years in the compilation of the Listening Post. The typing of many contributions the layout, designing, translation, typesetting and correcting together with other facets necessary for each issue, ensured the journal's success.

To show my appreciation it would be impossible with words, so to everyone I will conclude with a big thank you.

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Annual R.S.L. War Veteran's Home Xmas Party

On the last Sunday of every November for the past 10 years members of the Millen R.S.L. Women's Auxiliary have arranged a Xmas party for approximately 40 residents of the Mt Lawley R.S.L. War Veteran's Home.

With the wonderful assistance of the Red Cross Transport Division, residents are picked up at the Home at 2.30 pm to travel to the Millen R.S.L. Hall in Camberwell Street; East Victoria Park, where members dressed in varying fancy costumes are waiting to greet them.

On arrival, guests enter a hall well decorated with the usual Xmas motifs and, of course, a Xmas tree and after settling down at the tables, are served refreshments.

Over the years, many artists have given their time to come along and help entertain the visitors. One such person is Harry Wannell who has feet tapping in no time with the playing of the saxophone and barito, and now we also have Meg Mitchell, a first class artist playing the piano. At the 1984 party Meg brought along Horah Nicholls whose singing was a great delight and enjoyed by everyone present. A young 15 year old boy Philip became quite a favourite by playing the organ. Meg, Phillip and Harry combined to play for community singing, and before tea a segment of Xmas carols was sung.

Tea was served at 5pm and consisted of cold meats, salads, fruit salad and cream, fruit mince pies, tea and coffee, following which every guest received a gift from the Xmas tree.

Before the guests boarded the buses at 7pm for the return to the War Veteran's Home via the city which afforded them the opportunity to see the colourful Xmas lights and decorations, everyone joined hands to sing the traditional 'Auld Land Syne'. By this time, the hostesses were ready for a 'sit down' and the good ‘old cuppa', when reflection on the days work makes everyone feel great, for not only have we given pleasure to others, but we also have received happiness for doing so.

"Rats" Founder Passes Away

Harold (Nick) Woodward, founder of the Rats of Tobruk Association, passed away recently at the Narrabeen (NSW) War Veterans' Home. It is said "by their works ye shall know them" and Nick will be long remembered for his work in founding this Association.

Born in Liverpool, England, in November 1900, he came to Australia in 1909. Early in the World War he enlisted in the 2nd AIF, much to the surprise of his family, for he had a deep interest in ships and all thought he would join the Navy. He left Australia with the 6th Div. ASC on the Queen Mary that was directed to England and then on the Franconia for the Middle East, just in time to join the 9th Division at Tobruk.

How a Thought Came to Fruition

Here, in his own words, is how he first thought of forming the Association.

"My first idea of forming the Association came to me in Gaza Hospital in December 1941, just after I wrote the poem, 'The Crosses at Tobruk'. Here, I thought, could be a unique association of men of the Empire, including our Polish friends, who had withstood the longest siege in British history and who, for the first time in the Second World War had stopped and held the might of the German Army.

We cannot let this name of Tobruk die, it is a sacred word in Australian history, one that should never be allowed to be forgotten. Not that there wasn't other soldiers just as brave as we were, but we formed a really happy band of brothers, and I'm sure you will all agree with these sentiments of mine.

In 1944 I put my plan into action and here we are today, a happy band of brothers and there is the thought that the enemy had called another body of men in the First World War the 'Contemptible British Army' and they had adopted the insult too, and were, and are forever, known as 'The Old Contemptibles'. We had been branded 'Rats' by the enemy, let's always be proud of the name for they found we could bite, and bite hard.

In 1978 two young ladies called on me at the War Veterans' Home at Narrabeen, NSW. It appeared that their teacher had set a project entitled, 'Tobruk and the Rats', and they had heard that I was the founder of the Association. 'Would I help?' I certainly did, I was so pleased to think that we were not forgotten, but remembered by a young teacher who had decided to tell her pupils all about us and for them to find out themselves all they could and then collate the results of their enquiries. I am pleased to say it was a huge success'.

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MARGARET RIVER DINNER

The dinner was very successful with representatives from Perth, Capel, Augusta, and Busselton attending. A total of 86 guests partook of the meal.

During the year visits were made to war veterans at home and at hospital on a regular monthly basis. Sub Branch members made themselves available for working bees on various projects.

The Sub Branch members also act as Wardens of the Cretan Chapel at Prevelly. The Chapel was officially opened in April. Other work done at the Chapel site included assistance in foundation work for the new amenities block and planting trees etc.

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E.J.H. Sinclair

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As a Gallipoli Veteran, who attended the Canberra War Memorial function in August, I was surprised that there was little mention of the function.

Unfortunately rain prevented the original plan of meeting mates, having group photos taken etc, and instead we are all crowded into this big room. Wearing my 10th L. H. lapel badge, and chap says - there's another 10th L. H. man here, so I met Roy Caporn. We spent quite a lot of time together along with our good friend Humphrey - who I was delighted to see hale and hearty. Now for the sad part of my Canberra trip. On deciding to go to Canberra, I reckoned I'd meet three mates there for sure. Harry Riseborough, Geo Shaw and Rocker my youngest son Phil, who flew over from Perth to accompany me to Canberra, the night before leaving, advised me of Harry's death. We were related my eldest son's wife being Harry's niece, who in a letter said she had seen him a few days before and he said (I'll see Ted in Canberra) Shock 1.

Soon after meeting Rocker I said, I haven't seen George yet, to be told I wouldn't — so let it be —

In lighter vein there was a beaut girl from Channel 7 over there who took a great interest in Rocker and me, being the only two reps of the old 10th and who was instrumental in having some snaps of us taken after the big party was over, enclosed is one. Recently I had an enlargement of one - better than enclosed - together with a roll of all present. I was surprised to find there was a Leonard Hall listed as 10th. L. H. How we never contacted him, or he us I don't know. Altho listed with the S.A. members. I would like to express through the LP the thanks of all from W.A. who attended for the wonderful time; the War Memorial event gave us. The staff — the plane crews — Hotel Staff — bus drivers, volunteer helpers — all were just wonderful.

In conclusion — just for the record — I was 93 on the 8th of Sept. I joined the Kellerberrin Sub Branch in early 1920 and have been a financial member ever since, am still a member of the Wembley Floreat sub which I joined in 1951 that gives me a membership of 64 years. 33 of which I've been a member of Wembley. Was presented with my 50 yrs service certificate in Jan 1957.

Ted Macgregor, 10, L.H. Assoc.

The Good Food Spy

Any Australian writing about food would be guilty of a serious crime if a meal containing Australian steak was not publicised.

During a recent hot spell I was in town and felt I needed, a little bit of nourishment, and having heard about the excellent steak dishes available at the Anzac Club I decided to try one of them myself.

Grilled porterhouse steak was on the menu and, as mentioned, it was hot outside but the air-conditioning made the inside of the Club very pleasant. Having a choice of vegetables or salads I chose the latter. I like my steak well done, but not too much, and this was perfect. Topped by onions and accompanied by the salad dish which comprised beetroot, coleslaw, tomato, cucumber and grated cheese resting in a large lettuce leaf, it was enough to offset the sultry conditions of the day.

To tempt the taste buds a glass of chilled rose wine was obtained from the Club bar.

I must add that the service tendered by the staff made the meal one of the most satisfying I have enjoyed for a long time.

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Anzac Day

All Ack-Ack Gunners are invited to march on Anzac Day. Assemble at the Deanery in St. George's Terrace, corner of Pier Street at 0915 hours. Enquiries Len De Grussa, telephone 276 7253 or write 43 Pitt Street, Dianella, W.A. 6062. Look for the A/A banner.

Australian Flag PRAISED

The 1984 GERALDTON-GRENOUGH Citizen of the Year, Mrs. Margaret Cobley, described the Australian Flag as a wonderful symbol of our country, when addressing the assembly at the Flag-Raising Ceremony at Birdwood House, Geraldton, on Australia Day.

Mrs. Cobley said the pioneers had advanced through trying times and periods of hardship under this flag and had emerged triumphant. She commended their example to the young of today and said that if all Australians pulled together, and kept the flag flying, the nation would prosper.

Mrs. Cobley congratulated the (1985) GERALDTON-GRENOUGH Citizen of the Year, Mr. Bren Prunster.

In introducing Mrs. Cobley, the M.L.A for Greenough, Mr. Reg Tubby, said it was only right that citizens who had given outstanding service should be recognised in this manner. Mr. Tubby also referred to the 1985 winner, Mr. Prunster, and the inaugural winner, Mr. Bill Cunningham.

The Geraldton Sub-Branch President, Mrs. Lorraine Gilbert, was in charge of the Flag-Raising programme, which included — a Prayer by Bishop Barry RICKEY; the actual flag-raising and the provision of a Guard-of-Honour by Naval Reserve Cadets from Training Ship MORROW; and items by the Naval Reserve Band from FREMANTLE.

This Band was also loudly applauded when it performed at the Australia Day Lobster Festival in Marine Terrace and at the Amphitheatre Concert at Queen's Park Theatre.

Ted Macgregor, 10, L.H. Assoc.

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Captain Robinson, a keen competitive sailor, will seek to promote naval support for sailing in the area.

He is particularly interested in the coming America's Cup defence to be sailed off Western Australia.

The Royal Australian Navy fleet support facility HMAS Stirling underwent a change-of-command on Friday 11 January, 1985.

Captain Anthony Robinson who contributed substantially to the workshop design and fitting at HMAS Stirling assumed command, taking over from Commander Warren Hamlyn who had been the facility's Acting Commanding Officer since 17 August, 1984. Commander Hamlyn presented the new Commanding Officer with "the weight" (two brass meshing cogs mounted on a wooden base) before reverting to his former position as Executive Officer. Several Efficiency Awards were presented during the parade.

Regarded by many as the "father of FIMA (Fleet Intermediate Maintenance Activity)" Captain Robinson is looking forward to what he describes as the excitement and the challenge.

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GOLDFIELDS REGIONAL MEETINGS

In the Goldfields area we have four sub-branches: Kalgoorlie, Bulder, Kambalda and Coolgardie. For several years now the sub-branches have been holding quarterly regional meetings. At these meetings, the venue of which alternates between the sub-branches, problems of any and all natures are discussed and a means of solving them put into motion. On many occasions, Members of Parliament have been invited and attended the meetings to answer questions from the gathered members of the four sub-branches. Other dignitaries are invited to attend the meetings, and seldom decline.

The success of these meetings can best be gauged by the attendance. Up to forty members have in the past travelled to the venues by car. However as these regional meetings finish up on a social note it was considered wiser by the Kambalda sub-branch to hire a bus and pick up an deliver members from each sub-branch. This works very well for everyone — except of course, the driver.

Perhaps at this point I should report on the last quarterly meeting held on the 16th December.

The meeting was held in the Kalgoorlie Sub-Branch rooms and was chaired by Bob Martain, who is Boulder Sub-Branch President, and also Country Vice President, John Woods, Boulder Sub-Branch Secretary took the minutes, and acting as Vice President, Eric Davies (Coolgardie President), John Hopkins (Kambalda President), and deputising for Georgé Hayhow (Kalgoorlie President) was Lionel Hitchcock (Kalgoorlie Vice President). Graeme Campbell and lan Taylor fronted up and fielded a veritable barrage of questions ranging from deficiencies in defence to the payment of pension cheques. Each question was given full consideration and answered to the satisfaction of all concerned.

On departing, Graeme and lan were accorded a big hand and the meeting got down to some good hard debating of the problems concerning the Sub-Branches. On closing the meeting we are returned to the Ex-Servicemans Club next door for an-hour or so and then onto the bus, those of us for Kambalda and Coolgardie. With the help of a little more refreshment on the bus, and the company of our Kambalda mates, we were soon home in Coolgardie and waving goodbye as the bus made off on the last leg of its journey to Kambalda. Another quarterly meeting over. Everyone from the four Sub-Branches are unanimous in their belief in the value of these meetings. Informative they are, constructive in the implementation of ideas and projects but above all the quarterly meetings maintain the interest, mateship and spirit of the R.S.L. among the members of the four Sub-Branches. The R.S.L. is alive and well in the Goldfields.

Graham Sanders
COOLGARDIE SUB-BRANCH

BELMONT VISITS BUSSELTON

Originally thirty six members and wives were to go but due to unforeseen circumstances thirty three finally reported. Some of these members took advantage of holidays and stayed over the weekend at the caravan park.

I think everybody got away to an early start but the weather did not look very good. Rain began around the Harvey area but began to clear soon after and it turned out to be a beautiful week end.

I know a few of us spotted a bit of sunburn sitting in the sun at the barbecue on Sunday.

I did say in my words of thanks at the barbecue that we would like to know if the Busselton Branch is able to order the lovely weather whenever they need it as we, on our visits have not had a bad weekend weather wise yet.

On arriving in Busselton all members signed in to the hotel accommodation arranged by the Branch then adjourned to the R.S.L. Hall for a light luncheon and refreshments. A few words of welcome were spoken by President Roy Young and responded to by myself.

A tea was arranged at the hall for the evening which was well presented by the wives of the Branch members. Afterwards by arrangement between the R.S.L. Branch and Bowling Club a dance evening was available to visiting members which was taken advantage of by most.

Sunday morning was a leisure morning so most members visited scenic sites available. Sunday midday a barbecue was put on by the Busselton Branch R.S.L. members and wives which was as successful as always.

As Mr Bert Polak was consistently asking some of our members who were staying at the caravan park for some fresh fish, Mrs Maxine Britten presented him with a small parcel of fish. (Don't know but I have been informed that blowfish is not very nice eating).

During the barbecue a visit by a reporter of the local paper was made and interviewed my wife Joyce as representative of the Women’s Auxiliary and myself as committee man as to the reason for the visit and activities entailed. A copy of the paper will be forwarded so we all hope to see it when it arrives. At the end of the barbecue words of thanks was passed to all members and wives of the Busselton R.S.L. and an invitation for a return visit to be made by them at some appropriate time.

The only incident to mar the trip was the unfortunate accident which happened to our esteemed Assistant Secretary, Mr Bert Dean, which was getting his hands and arms burnt with boiling water from an overheating radiator necessitating a visit to Bunbury Hospital and then returning straight home. This incident did cause concern to all members of both branches and best wishes for a speedy recovery were forwarded.

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The Ministry of Defence (UK) has given approval to an Australian Company to dive and film the wrecks of HMS REPULSE and HMS PRINCE OF WALES as part of a documentary to be made on the history of these ships. The expedition to the South China Sea will be made in May 1985 and the Australian release of the film should coincide with the RAN 75th Anniversary in 1986.

The film is a unique and exciting project and of significant historical interest.

To those who served in these two ships at any time and in the escorts of Force Z — HMAS VAMPIRE, HMAS ELECTRA, HMAS EXPRESS and HMAS TENEDOS.

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Veterans’ Home Donations

A donation of $500 from the Geraldton RSL Women’s Auxiliary has been made to the Regional War Veterans’ Home at Geraldton.

In addition, the Home has received a donation of $25 from the RSL Women’s Auxiliary at Narrogin.

The December meeting of the Geraldton Sub-Branch was also told that the President, Mrs Lorraine Gilbert, and Secretary, Mr Charles Phillips, had presented an RSL Certificate of Citizenship to Stella Maris College.

This was presented to a Year 8 group whose Remembrance Day project included the raising of $30 by the distribution of Poppies as part of the Sub-Branch Poppy Day Appeal which raised a record amount of $1,287.

B.J.B.

UBIQUE

“Quo Fas Et Gloria Ducunt”

The dual motto translated as “Everywhere” — “Where Right and Glory Lead” was conferred on the Royal Regiment of Artillery by King William IV in 1733. From the first mention in history of “leur Artillerie” referring to the men of the cross bows in the French army during the Battle of Crecy in 1346, until the formation of the Royal Regiment in 1716, Artillery had been used in every battle involving British troops. Thus the Regiment had earned so many Battle Honours that it was not practical to use them on badges, dress, or colours. So the ultimate of all Battle Honours was conferred by the inclusion of the motto “UBIQUE” to show that the Royal Regiment other units have spread throughout the world, all using the same badge and motto. In official toasts individual units are considered to be all part of the one Regiment and the toast is to “The Royal Regiment of Artillery”.

The Herald’s College of England describes the Artillery badge in these terms: “A field gun on a compartment of grass. In base, on a scroll of three folds, the motto, and on a scroll in chief above, the dual motto. The whole ensigned by an Imperial Crown”. The gun is a replica of a nine pounder used in the Battle of Waterloo in 1815.

Kipling, in the first verse of his poem “UBIQUE” says: “There is a word you often see, pronounce it as you may, ‘You bike’, ‘You bee’, ‘Ublick-wee’, alluding to the R.A. It serves ‘orse, field, and garrison, as motto for a crest, and when you’ve found out all it means, I’ll tell you ’alf the rest.

In Australia, before Federation, the various Colony, or State Artillery units each had its own individual badge. In 1903 all Australian Artillery wore the “Grenade” badge, the Militia a plain grenade and the Permanent or Regular units a grenade with the words “Royal Australian Artillery” on a scroll beneath. Later, when the R.A. badge was adopted, the motto “Consensu Stabiles” — “Steadfast in Agreement”, with the word “Australia” beneath was used on the base scroll. In the days of the horse this was more popularly interpreted as “Come to the stables boys”.

In 1950 King George VI approved of the motto of the Royal Regiment being used on the Australian Badge. “Consensu Stabiles” is still used on the collar of the “Blues” uniform of W.O.2 and below. A further minor change was made after the accession of Queen Elizabeth II, who adopted the Edwardian Crown in lieu of the Tudor Crown.

“A” Field Battery, R.A.A., which celebrated it’s centenary in 1972 was part of the first force to be raised in Australia, and is the only unit of that force still in existence.

It is into the Kingdom of such an inheritance that a soldier of the Royal Regiment of Artillery, upon enrolment, enters! And there he finds that the Royal Regiment is unique because it is “UBIQUE”.

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Re: letter in Summer issue of the Listening Post concerning the 'MENIN GATE PICTURE'.

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The picture shows in the background the MININ GATE and in the foreground the ghostly outlines of soldiers. It was soon hanging in our hall. I am interested to know if the other pictures are similar. Also, as a matter of interest, a person unknown, recently left in the hall foyer two pictures concerning the Boer War. There is no marking or description.

Again, some years ago a member of the Sub-Branch brought in a red ensign given to him for the Sub-Branch. It was said that the donor claimed to have been chauffeur to Earl Haig and that the flag had been flown at Headquarters.

This was accepted as authentic and placed on a wall in the hall.

Harry F Holland
APPLECROSS SUB-BRANCH 48th BN

Dear Sir,

In October 1945 I joined the 13th Australian Army Troops Company RAE as Mortar Officer in the Dutch East Indies to form the 34th Australian Inf Brigade Group, the Australian contingent of the British Commonwealth Occupation Force later with headquarters at Kure, Japan, in February 1946, and in October it will be 40 years since I joined BCOF, the last serving AIF to go overseas. I have ideas of a reunion in Sydney of 13th Australian Army Troops Company RAE. Our unit had members from every State of Australia during its stay in Japan and I am certain there were men from WA, and I would appreciate it if you would be able to print my request in your magazine, and hope some of your members read it and pass the message on.

Keith Thompson
68 Western Crescent
Gladesville NSW 2111

NAME WANTED

Dear Sir,

I am looking for the address of a former Army Captain who was 2/TC to Major "Red" McKenzie of the 1st Tank Transporter Coy., Armoured Division, in 1943-44. I think his name was Captain Anderson, NX or WX I am not sure.

The Captain, myself, and another soldier were involved in an accident while doing a jungle training course at a camp at Collie, W.A. We were given live grenade throwing instructions, when a soldier threw a grenade high and it hit a tree and bounced back. Captain Anderson was behind us as we lay prone on the ground. The grenade exploded, and luckily for us, it completed disintegrated. I received three pieces of shrapnel in my arm and over my eye.

Captain Anderson received the blast in his face and chest, but we did not receive any medical attention. I should say, I did not, as except for the shock and the blood, it was not reported as we were required to complete the exercise. I do not know if Captain Anderson reported the accident as there was no inquiry.

I need this evidence, as it is not in my medical file and I have been before a tribunal concerning a bayonet wound in the leg, as this was not reported either. The evidence would uphold one of the other.

George C Murphy
NX80119, Dvr G.C. Murphy,
T19 Platoon, 1st Tank Transporter Coy.,
1st Armoured Division.

116 Light Anti-Aircraft Association

Dear Sir,

Ex-Service members of the 7th Anti-Tank Regiment subsequently to become 116th Light Anti-Aircraft Regiment AIF are seeking your assistance. Our members express concern about the accuracy of our records pertaining to the current whereabouts of the men who served in those units, particularly members with whom we have lost contact, due largely to establishment changes which took place during the period 1940 to 1945. Our problems are further compounded by the fact that 173 Battery of the 116th Light A/A Regiment comprised mainly Western Australia members, and that many Victorians married in W.A. and did not return to the Eastern States after discharge.

A recent survey of War Establishment Records Routine Orders Part II provided us with the names and numbers of all personal who served with the Unit but regretfully in compliance with prevailing regulations could not provide us with an enlistment or current address of personnel.

It would be appreciated if the W.A. State Branch of the R.S.L. could provide any information they may have on W.A. members of the Units referred and would be willing to advise all clubs of our appeal for members to contact the above address for the purpose of establishing a Western Australian register and branch of our Association.

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Submission to the Economic Planning Advisory Council

The RSL welcomes this further opportunity to contribute to the deliberations of the Economic Planning Advisory Council (EPAC) and provides this submission for the Council’s consideration. Although the League does not possess the resources to make definitive comments on economic matters, it does have general experience with the welfare aspects of society and, thus, believes that it is competent to make this submission under those aspects of the EPAC project dealing with trends in size and composition of the Australian population and the economic implications of such change.

One of the major roles of the RSL is representation of its 270,000 members in their entitlements as ex-servicemen and women and the vast majority of the 655,800 strong ex-service community which looks to the League for action on their behalf. While this is essentially related to the responsibilities of the Department of Veterans’ Affairs and the services provided through the Department, the increasing age of all veterans means that the RSL also has a significant concern for the interests of the elderly in our society. As a consequence, the RSL believes that there must be concerted planning for the future care of the elderly and the development of policies and procedures that will ensure equitable and humane treatment for all citizens who inevitably reach the stage of life when their personal circumstances become greatly influenced by Government decisions while their ability to respond to change becomes extremely limited.

It is well accepted that the increasing welfare costs in Australia are going to provide a significant economic challenge for the future, requiring short-term and long-term planning. Recent activity in the areas of taxation on superannuation lump-sum payments, introduction of the assets-and-income test, the announced review of the taxation system, and other changes to welfare entitlements and procedures, serve to unsettle the elderly in the community who find that plans made during their working lives now may be threatened by circumstances which they are unable to counteract. Usually because of the limited financial flexibility of the elderly they are extremely sensitive to changes in their financial situation. Consequently, they feel vulnerable to short-term policy variations and this results in worry and fear at a time when they believe that they should be entitled to security and dignity in their twilight years.

One of the great concerns of the elderly is the right to live out their last years at a standard of living that should not be seen to place them as a second class or lower class of citizen. For most, their means and aspirations are modest, and generally at the level that would be accepted as normal in Australia. However, most elderly already receive or expect to receive a social security pension in their later years. This has become a source of security to most of them and is a critical component in their financial planning when they leave the active workforce. While some have been excluded from receiving the pension because of means or other tests, the access to a social security pension if all their other finances fail, provides a significant feeling of security to all. Now that there has been activity in the pension entitlement and associated areas that is casting doubt on the possibility of access to this pension, there has to be a total reappraisal of finances for the elderly.

The RSL Standing Policy opposes assets and income tests on pensions in all forms and the League believes that the social security aged pension should be available to all elderly citizens at the time in their life when they can no longer improve their finances by participation in the workforce. At the same time, the RSL recognizes the burgeoning cost of the welfare bill particularly with the projected increasing number of aged people in the community. This trend is not unique to Australia and, when the other forms of welfare assistance presently available across the broad spectrum of society are considered, the question of how long can this increasing welfare expenditure continue must be addressed. However, it is noted that this expanding welfare bill is in part due to the increase in the scope of pensions and the increase in the number of pensions available to the young, e.g. supporting parents, etc. The elderly view this with alarm. When they were young their taxation contributions helped look after the elderly. Many of them battled through the Depression, losing homes and having to start over again. Now they themselves would have expected to be helped by the young but they find through the assets test that they are supporting younger pensioners.

The January 1984 issue of the OECD Observer, considered the question of survival of welfare systems in its member nations. It concluded that the welfare systems in these countries will survive if the social expenditure is related to GDP and provided that there is only limited extension in the scope of social programmes. Fundamentally, the social programmes are related to the ability of the country to pay (GDP) and result from the distribution of funds between competing areas of demand. If the ability to pay is ignored then the social systems will ultimately fail. This situation will remain even taking into account the ratio of ageing population to the workforce funding the respective social programmes. The nature of Australia’s society and the development of the nation is such that the assessment of the OECD nations’ welfare systems can be readily applied to the Australian situation. It is interesting to note in the article that Australia has one of the lowest ratios of 1981 social expenditure to GDP, some 18.6% compared to the extremes of 36.0% (Belgium) and 12.8% (Greece). Of the OECD member nations’ expenditure on social welfare in 1981, over one third (37%) is on pensions and two thirds is on healthcare (23%), education (20.5%), family allowances (13.5%), unemployment insurance (7.5%) and other welfare services.

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While it is recognised by many bodies that the ageing of the Australian population means that there is going to be a significant shift in social welfare towards care of the aged, most comments tend to regard this only in the light of increasing welfare costs. Generally, there is a tendency to ignore the implication of increasing support for the aged, it will develop a new area of service support in what will become a growth industry. There are signs already that the care of the aged is becoming a large business albeit fragmented as yet. Therefore, it does not seem unreasonable that, instead of taking a negative view of the cost of the care of the aged there should be some positive steps taken to organize and co-ordinate the longer term development and investment of resources in support of the aged to not only reduce the associated welfare costs but to provide an efficient and effective system of caring for elderly people.

The relative wealth of many elderly has been raised in several forums and the lack of proper investment of some of their monetary assets has been highlighted as a factor to the introduction of the assets and income test. It should be expected however that the elderly should be relatively more wealthy than the young. They have worked for from 40 to 50 years to save and accumulate assets to provide for their old age, exercising thrift and prudence in doing so while contributing to national prosperity. While for many this limited investment has been seen as necessary to retain access to pensions, it has also been done to retain access to the attractive and highly regarded 'fringe' benefits that have been tied to pension entitlements. While this is an issue mainly associated with assets and income aspects of social security, it does mean that there appears to be some substantial amounts of under-utilised capital being held by elderly people. Therefore, if these elderly people could be convinced to invest their monetary assets into a programme of aged care facilities and services, this could start a whole new form of self-support in a new industry that would provide a fair degree of self-sufficiency and self-return for the elderly in our community. This in turn could have a dramatic effect upon the social welfare bill directly associated with the care of the aged and provide a large off-set in funds for facilities and programmes for the aged. Although there would be a continuing need for Government support, the direct involvement of the elderly in their own programme would undoubtedly serve to generate a more favourable view of this area of public expenditure and reduce its appearance of out-and-out charity.

Flowing from the development of a broad encompassing plan for the care of the aged, there will undoubtedly have to be significant development in the provision of general and specialised facilities for the aged. This in turn will lead to employment in this area of domestic and business support. Consequently, the full development of this industry will need broad planning to ensure that it does not grow without adequate control and supervision with the possibility of inefficient use of funds, and loss of attraction to investors.

One of the major steps that would need to be taken in this form of self-investment would be the need to generate a high level of confidence in such a programme and inculcate into future participants the desire to secure their own future by their own means if possible. This would be done over a period of time and would essentially rely on the independent attitude of most people and particularly the elderly in our society. While provision would have to be made for those who have limited ability to contribute to this scheme, nevertheless even those who have virtually no assets would participate by being the recipients of services that would develop as part of the growth of the industry.

The suggested programme is not seen to be a way of specifically developing large retirement villages or home complexes, but would take the form of accommodation and services sought by the elderly to meet their personal wishes. The main thing is for the programme to be flexible and broad enough to respond to the demand for the services across the spectrum of elderly care. This may range from the self-contained type villages providing all services and support, to the home care sought by elderly persons who wish to remain in their own homes. Each in its own way would be a factor in the programme and must be achieved to ensure the confidence of the elderly is retained.

To summarise this submission, the League would highlight the need to develop long range plans for the care and support of the aged in our community. This should not be seen to be the province of the Government only but should be attractive to private sector investment, particularly from the elderly themselves. The development of elderly care programmes will in themselves generate other developments in our society not the least of which will be the growth of specialisation and general support services for the aged.

In conclusion, the RSL recommends that the needs and care of the aged should be considered to be a major financial project for development. The projected costs of aged care will have a significant impact on the economic development of the nation and must not be left to develop without rational and comprehensive planning. The elderly themselves should be involved in the planning and encouraged to invest in the long term development of a system of care and support for the aged. Given adequate direction and flexibility this should grow into an area of private and Government investment which will have beneficial impact upon not only the aged welfare costs but also on the standard and spectrum of facilities and support services for the aged.

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SURVIVORS OF THE HOLOCAUST

The 40th anniversary of the liberation of concentration camps will be commemorated in Sydney from 9-12 May 1985. The Association of Jewish Holocaust Survivors together with the NSW Association of Jewish Ex-Servicemen and Women wish to contact any members of the RSL who were involved in the liberation of concentration camps or who were responsible for saving Jewish lives.

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M.C. (Mike) Hall

Boyup Brook Pioneer Dies

One of Boyup Brook's most respected citizens, Mr Gordon Barron, whose family settled in the district in the late 1800's, died early in the new year.

Gordon was widely known and highly respected. He started his life in Boyup but at the outbreak of war enlisted in the Army and served for five years in the 2/8th Commando Unit, and saw active service, first in Darwin and then Bougainville.

In post war years Mr Barron did much voluntary work, including first aid, P & C and was an active member of the Upper Blackwood Show Committee, and an R.S.L. member. He was also a Voluntary Flora and Fauna Warden, and helped out with veterinary work on a voluntary basis, for local farmers who had problems with ailing animals.

He received a Certificate acknowledging his services as Chief Fire Control Officer of the Upper Blackwood District.

A family minded man, he was held in high esteem by his many friends and family.

Mr Barron reached the age of 71 years, he is survived by three daughters and two sons and eleven grandchildren. Gordon, will be sadly missed by all.

S.A. MEREDITH

Nancy Maynard Corker

With the recent death of Nancy Maynard Corker, the Returned Sisters' Sub-Branch has lost one of its long standing members from World War II.

After training at Perth Hospital (RPH) during the years of the Great Depression, Nancy Corker went to the Eastern States, where she gained her midwifery certificate, before returning to Western Australia to join the Australian Army Nursing Service.

She was posted to the 118th A.G.H. Northam and in 1943 was one of a group of West Australians to be sent to the 2/7th A.G.H. in New Guinea. The did not reach their unit but were seconded to the 2/11th A.G.H. near Port Moresby which because of the high incidence of patients with malaria and scrub typhus was desperately in need of additional nursing staff. It was here that Sister Corker contracted a particularly virulent form of typhus and was invalided back to 110 (P) M.H. Hollywood where she remained until her discharge from the Service in 1947.

During the post war years until retirement, Nancy Corker joined the Medical Department and served as matron in several country hospitals especially those in the North West; Roebourne, Onslow, Carnarvon — where she cared for all kinds of people, particularly mothers and babies and where the forces of nature often wrecked more havoc than war.

Despite the fact that her years of retirement were often clouded by ill health, Nan was always cheerful and loved attending functions of the Sub-Branch.

She died in St. George's Hospital on 7th November following an acute illness and will be sadly missed by her colleagues.

First Service at Memorial

The Yanchep-Two Rocks Sub-Branch of the Returned Services League held its first Memorial Service at its recently completed memorial in the Yanchep National Park on Sunday, November 11.

The service was conducted by the President, Group Captain P.H. Renkin, RAF (Ret'd) and was attended by 30 members of the Sub-Branch, the Women's Auxiliary and some 100 visitors to the park.

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As Australia's old 28th Foot was a famous regiment of the British Army, the new 28th will have a record which will compare favorably with any other regiment for doughty deeds.

Writing to the 'West Australian' early in June of this year, 'N.W.W.' recalled with pride the magnificent stand of the old 28th Foot at Quatre Bras, where for upwards of an hour the regiment resisted successfully at the point of the bayonet determined charges of the flower of Napoleon's cavalry. The records of the old 28th are full of battle honours. Formed in 1664 it was to the fame at Ramilies (under Marlborough), Louisburg, Guadeloupe, 1759; Quebec, with Wolfe in the same year; Martinique 1762; Havana, St Lucia, 1778; Maida, Corunna, with Sir John Moore, right through the Peninsula War, and over the Pyrenees with Wellington into Southern France, Goojerat, Punjab, the Crimea, and Indian Mutiny. The famous old "28th" has, since 1881, under the Childrens territorial scheme exchanged its old numerical designation for the territorial title "The Gloucestershire Regiment." 1st Battalion, the old 61st, being linked with it as the 2nd Battalion. The "Defence of Ladysmith", the "Relief of Kimberley", and "Paardeberg", have been added to the battle honours, and the regiment was under Sir Douglas Haigat Mons, and played a heroic part last month in the expensive British offensive in the region of La Bassee. But a new "28th," of the same old stock, has now emerged from the Southern Hemisphere to carry on the traditions of the old numeral. On June 16th, 1815, the old 28th made its famous stand at Quatre Bras. not so very far from Mons. About one hundred years later the new 28th was on its way from the Antipodes towards the battlefields of Europe, where its predecessors won renown, calling on the way to Egypt, the site of the exploit of the old 28th under Abercrombie, before Alexandria.

State President Says Thank You

The RSL State President extends his deepest thanks to all individuals and organisations who expressed concern at his recent state of health. The phone-calls, get well cards, letters and flowers were numerous. He wishes to advise everyone that his well-being has improved greatly and he is now able to resume his normal duties.

THANK YOU

Veanie Rowe and family, wish to sincerely thank Auxiliary members and branches, who sent beautiful cards and messages of sympathy, during the sad time of the loss of husband and father. Knowing friends care, is much appreciated.

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Retiring Sub-Branch Secretary

Mr Chris Hickmott is calling it a day after serving for 16 years straight as Secretary of the Bunbury Sub-Branch. He was made a life member of the Sub-Branch last year. Mr Bob Mossman will take over the Secretary's duties after ANZAC Day 1985.
Photo courtesy of S/W Times.

Australian War Memorial

The Geraldton Sub-Branch of the Returned Services League has asked the MHR for O'Connor, Mr Wilson Tuckey, to do his utmost in an endeavour to ensure that the control of the Australian War Memorial in Canberra is transferred to the Department of Veterans' Affairs.

The National President, Sir William Keys, said in December that until recently the Memorial was under the control of the Department of Home Affairs, grouped with the Museum of Australia, along with the National Gallery, the National Library and similar establishments.

However, Sir William said that under these arrangements the War Memorial's funding had suffered to what he called a most critical degree.

He said the Memorial, with one-point-three-million visitors in 1983, had more visitors than any other building in Australia except the Sydney Opera House.

Sir William said the Australian War Memorial should be transferred to the Department of Veterans' Affairs and placed under the same ministerial head of the group which included Defence Service Homes and the Australian War Graves Office.

Sir William said the Prime Minister, Mr Hawke, had now agreed to the transfer.

Keeping the flame burning

By the wife of an RSL member

The Australian ex-serviceman and woman, having served in a theatre of war, is reputed to be the best recompensed in the world.

But the fighting for today's rewards — war service homes, repatriation, pensions and medical benefits — was achieved by their forefathers.

We just enjoy them — except for those few dedicated servants, both voluntary and salaried, who keep the 'flame burning' to better conditions for the ex-service and serving personnel.

Five years ago I think I might have agreed that generally the RSL associations were little more than 'bottle bangers'. Then I became involved and to my amazement I found myself in the centre of a big welfare organisation.

But the general public opinion remained unaltered. Just a beer swill, separating the member from his family. How does one change this when you realise the image is all wrong.

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Harry Holder Honoured

Meritorious medal holder, life member, former State Executive member and Secretary of City of Perth SubBranch, Harry Holder, has been honoured by the State Branch in naming its Library in Anzac House after him.

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EX-SERVICEWOMEN

The Minister for Veterans' Affairs, Senator Arthur Gietzelt, announced that his department would conduct a study on returned servicewomen of the Second World War.

"We realise that some of these brave women who served in occupations including nursing in many theatres of conflict during the 1939-45 war may now need some forms of government assistance", the Minister said.

"My Department will be seeking to establish how many female Veterans with overseas service there were, how many still survive and what treatment and other entitlements are available to them. The study would take about six months, he said.

Senator Gietzelt said that there may have been as many as 6,000 women in this category at the end of the war, but most are now in the 65 to 80 year age group.

"Second World War servicewomen were paid only about half as much as their male counterparts and in the past 40 years have faced some extraordinary discrimination in the community", he said.

Senator Gietzelt pointed out that other injustices against women were to be removed in proposed legislation to go to Parliament next year.

"The Veterans' Entitlement Bill, which will simplify Repatriation legislation, is expected to include, among other things, a provision for war widows who remarry to retain their war widow's pension", he said.

"This pension is a compensation for loss of a spouse due to war. It is difficult to see why the pension has to cease just because the war widow has remarried".

The terms of reference for the study to be undertaken by the Department of Veterans' Affairs are:
(a) to establish the number of returned servicewomen at the end of the Second World War, and the circumstances of their service;
(b) to estimate the number of those surviving returned servicewomen and establish the number receiving benefits from the Department;
(c) to examine the types of benefits currently available to returned servicewomen, the numbers receiving each type of benefit, the eligibility criteria, and whether there is discrimination against returned servicewomen;
(d) to consider the need to grant any additional assistance or to extend entitlements, with particular emphasis on the extension of medical and hospital treatment entitlements and to estimate the costs and consequences of any such extensions.

As part of its study, the Department of Veterans' Affairs is inviting submissions from ex-servicemen outlining issues of concern to them regarding the circumstances and needs of returned servicemen of the Second World War.

The Department is anxious that all interested persons have the opportunity to make submissions or, to provide any relevant information to the study.

A full-time project officer, Mrs S. Keogh, has been assigned to the study. It would be appreciated if you could establish contact with Mrs Keogh by telephone collect on (062) 89 6435 during the week commencing 14 January 1985 to advise:

the names of returned servicewomen who would be willing to discuss their particular circumstances with her.

BUNBURY
SUB-BRANCH

A good attendance at the A.G.M. saw the following elected for 1985:
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Secretary: C. Hickmott (until Anzac Day)
Asst. Secretary: R. Mossman
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Committee: R. Morton, C. Sutton, F. Mustica, S. Haines

Bob Mossman has a hard act to follow but I am confident that he will make an excellent Secretary.
We all congratulate Charlie Hickmott on gaining a well earned life membership. 16 years straight as Sub-Branch Secretary is no mean feat.

I look forward to a substantial increase in membership during the early part of 1985. This is the time for everyone to become membership officers and sign up an ex-serviceman.

Our second social and Dutch Auction was held in February and our involvement in Bunbury "Peoples Day" will continue this year.

Anzac Day preparations are well in hand with a distinguished lady being our guest of honour this year.
A petrol raffle will run March-May and all help to sell tickets will be much appreciated. I'm sure that with a large bus at our disposal at least two day trips can be arranged during the year.

To coincide with "Youth Year" as much of our activity as possible will be focussed on such organisations as Naval Reserve Cadets, A.T.C. Scouts and similar groups. This will be reflected by some of the guest speakers in 1985. Don't forget that date. The third Wednesday of every month. Our barman "Frank" is improving the refreshments to provide more than "Amber Fluid" and we've even bought some new chairs and fitted ceiling fans for everyone's comfort.

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POLISH EX-SERVICEMEN'S ASSOCIATION SUB-BRANCH No. 9.

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

R.S.L. Presentation
A huge, framed Certificate of Service had a repeat presentation at the December meeting of the GERALDTON Sub-Branch of the Returned Services League. It was handed to the R.S.L. Women's Auxiliary President, Mrs. Tryeena Ashplant, by Mr. Ben Cunningham, who said that for some unknown reason, the Certificate of Service had been at the Mercantile Club for many years.

Wording on the Certificate reveals that it was presented to Mrs. Margaret Ward by the State Branch of the R.S.L. in recognition of valuable services as Vice-President of the GERALDTON Auxiliary from May 1930 to October 1938.

Mrs Ashplant told the Sub-Branch meeting that Mrs. Ward was a foundation member of the GERALDTON Auxiliary. She said a plaque on a wall in the Auxiliary room at Birdwood House was dedicated to the memory of Mrs. Ward who died on July 31, 1949.

ANZAC DAY BUGLE CALLS
Many young people are mystified by bugle calls on Anzac Day.
For this reason it has been suggested that the meaning behind these calls is explained.
During the service there will be two bugle calls. The first is the "Last Post".
"Last Post" is the call sounded at 10pm each evening to inform the soldiers that they should be inside their quarters for the night. It signifies the end of the day's activities and ushers in a period of rest and quietness. It is sounded at military funerals and commemorative services to indicate that the soldier has completed his life's work and has entered into his rest.

The second, following the reading of the Ode, is "Revelle".
"Revelle" is the trumpet or bugle call sounded in all military barracks and camps first thing in the morning to awaken the soldiers and tell them to get up and dress. It is also sounded at military funerals and commemorative services to signify the resurrection of the body after death and the awakening of the soul into a new life.

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NEI-RAAF Association
18 Squadron

A 16 day tour to Darwin has been arranged by the NEI-RAAF Association.

This tour will leave from Melbourne on 5th June, 1985. Other Western States may join at Alice Springs on 7 June. A most interesting trip through the Red Centre is guaranteed. The total cost, Melbourne to Melbourne is $1,570.

For further information please contact: Gordon Wallace, Secretary, 18 Squadron NEI-RAAF Association, 1/90 Windsor Crescent, Surrey Hills, Victoria, 3127 or phone (03) 898 2124.

NOTE: Former members who wish to join the Association contact the Secretary.

Officer Cadet School to Close

The Officer Cadet School, Portsea, is to close in December 1985 when all Army officer training will be conducted at the Royal Military College of Australia at Dunroon, Canberra.

The Commandant of OCS, Colonel Phil Davies, AM, is keen to make the school as open as possible for ex-graduates to visit and has written personally to all graduates for whom he holds addresses. Unfortunately some 1100 remain lost.

He is also trying to locate past RSMs and surviving original staff members.

If you fall into one of these categories and have not received his letter, or if you can assist in any way, please contact Captain Eddie Paterson at OCS, Portsea, 3944 or telephone (059) 84 9222.

Australia — for all Australians

The Returned Services League of Australia is greatly concerned about the possible consequences of granting extensive tracts of land to any group of people based on racial claims. The creation of special privileges and rights for any select segment of society is likely to cause divisive rifts in the community thereby inhibiting the development of the nation. The present claims for land rights by a number of groups of Aborigines and organizations without apparent regard for the ramifications on the whole population of the nation will cause discontent and disharmony within the Australian community in attempts to rectify perceived past injustices. Injustice must be rectified but not by creating further injustice.

The League recognises the need to provide for and protect the beliefs and sacred objects of any group within the nation’s population, but these considerations must always take into account the rights and privileges of all members of society. A recent survey published in The Bulletin clearly indicates that the majority of Australians (53%) believe that Aboriginal members are receiving a fair go and should be treated the same as other Australians (91%).

At a time when the Australian Government is taking a strong stand against the policy of apartheid in South Africa, any consideration to granting the land rights claims being made by Aboriginal groups is inconsistent and appears to be developing a form of reverse apartheid in this country. In today’s troubled world the Australian nation cannot afford to be divided by such issues which can be avoided. The creation of a nation within a nation is not in Australia’s interest and can only damage the stability we have enjoyed for so long, thereby endangering the nation’s development and security.

The standing policy of the League supports the granting to the Aboriginal people the permanent tenure on selected land to meet their living requirements and to protect and preserve proven sacred sites. In granting such land, a nation within a nation or a separate class of people with rights and privileges not enjoyed by all Australians must not be created. At the same time, the League believes that all Australians are equal and are entitled as a right to the same rights, opportunities and privileges irrespective of their background. There should be no discrimination between people either on the ground of their colour, race, ethnic background or sex.

The Returned Services League of Australia believes that Australia is for all Australians, with all the rights, privileges and obligations that that brings.

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Veterans’ Review Board
Questions and Answers

What is the Veterans’ Review Board?
The Veterans’ Review Board is a part of the new Repatriation determining system which operates from 1 January 1985. The Board is a new tribunal, independent of the Repatriation Commission and the Department of Veterans’ Affairs. It reviews decisions made by the Repatriation Commission on Repatriation pensions other than service pensions. Its aim is to deal with applications speedily and efficiently and with a minimum of formality.

Who are the Board Members?
Each Board panel usually has a Senior Member, a Services Member and one other Member. The Senior Member is a lawyer, and chairs the hearing. The Service Member has been selected from nominations from ex-service organisations. The other Member may have medical or other special qualifications. All Members are appointed by the Governor-General.

What happened to the Repatriation Review Tribunal?
The Parliament decided to abolish Repatriation Boards and the Repatriation Review Tribunal from 1 January 1985. Under the new system, all claims are decided by delegates of the Repatriation Commission. People unhappy with a delegate’s decision have a right of appeal to the Veteran’s Review Board and then, if they are still unhappy, to the Administrative Appeals Tribunal. Appeals outstanding with the Repatriation Commission or the Repatriation Review Tribunal on 1 January 1985 are transferred to the Veterans’ Review Board.

How will the Board deal with my case?
The Veterans’ Review Board wants to know how you wish the Board to deal with your application.

Do I have to come to the hearing?
No. The Board can deal with your case in your absence if you wish. But the Board is likely to be helped by discussing your case with you.

Can we handle this over the phone?
Yes. If you do not wish to come to a hearing yourself, the Board will be happy to arrange to telephone you at a convenient time.

What happens at a hearing?
Board hearings are very informal. The Board is not bound by technicalities or the rules of evidence. If you’re nervous, the members of the Board will do their best to put you at ease and will make sure they understand exactly why you disagree with the decision.

Can I bring a friend?
Of course. A friend or relative is welcome at the hearing.

What should I tell the Board?
The Board is interested in finding out exactly why you disagree with the decision under review. For example, the Board will be keen to find out why you think events on service may have contributed to or aggravated an incapacity, or how an incapacity affects you in your health, earning capacity or otherwise.

Can I see my file?
Yes. You can usually see all of the documents on your file, either on or before the day of the hearing. We can also provide you with photocopies of relevant papers, including Commission and Board manuals. Please let me know if you want these arrangements made.

Can I be represented?
Yes. But not by a person with legal qualifications.

What should I bring to the hearing?
Please bring along any papers you have which you think support your case. If you have a copy of the Department’s Report, please bring it with you too.

How do I get to the hearing?
The Board may be able to pay the reasonable expenses of your travel to the hearing, whether you come by public transport or use your own car. The Board’s staff can give you more details or help you to arrange transport if necessary.

What happens if I can’t travel to a hearing?
Just let us know and we will try to make special arrangements.

What happens after the hearing?
The Board will let you know of its decision as soon as possible. When it writes to you it will also tell you how to appeal to the Administrative Appeals Tribunal if you are unhappy with the Board’s decision, and where you can get advice about the Tribunal.

What will it cost me?
There are no charges of any kind made by the Board. Representation is at your expense, but most organisations which help applicants provide their services free of charge. If you obtain a medical report, you may claim reasonable expenses if your application is successful.

What if I have other questions?
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