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State Executive

It is now history that the Veterans' Entitlement Act came into effect on 22 May, 1986, and at this stage, it is not possible to give a definitive assessment on its overall effects on veterans. However, each State Branch of the League will be closely monitoring its effects and liaising closely with the National Monitoring committee drawn from various ex-service organisations, including the League which is represented by Sir William Keys.

By now you will be aware of the changes that have taken place to pharmaceutical benefits for widows and service pensioners that came into effect on 1 November, 1986 in terms of circumstances.

The good news is that the Budget decision to reduce the permanent maximum level of Social Security component below the $60.05 level for all widows has been dropped; this reflects a successful campaign by the League and other veterans' associations. The Social Security component will be reduced to $60.05 but in the case of a war widow receiving less than this amount due to her other income, her component will return to the $60.05 level in the event of her other income ceasing.

Another area of concern is the inclination of the Government to amalgamate the Department of Veterans' Affairs with at least the Department of Social Security, if not other welfare departments such as Community Services and Health. Representations have been made at the highest level from National Headquarters and, if necessary, we will be calling on members, Sub-Branches and the rest of the ex-service community to form a ground swell of resistance to the proposal.

Finally, I take this opportunity on behalf of the State Executive, the Trustees, the State Secretary and the staff at ANZAC House and the War Veterans' Home to wish you and your families all the very best for a happy Christmas and joyful New Year.

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Christmas Message

I welcome this opportunity each year to reflect on the very special relationship that exists between the Veteran community and the Department of Veterans' Affairs, and the many warm friendships that spring from this association.

Throughout the year, the Department has been in contact with many thousands of Veterans and their families, and it always enjoyable to receive the hundreds of expressions of appreciation for the efforts of staff at Hollywood Hospital, MLAEC, Lemnos Island Veterans' Counselling Service and Branch Office.

The cooperation of the various ex-service associations, and the many volunteers and the cheerful band of staff for their efforts and support throughout the year.

To Veterans and their families, I wish to extend sincere Christmas greetings on behalf of the staff of the Department of Veterans' Affairs. May 1987 bring you health and happiness.

J.H. See
Deputy Commissioner
Department of Veterans' Affairs

1986 State Congress

RESULTS AND ACTION ON AGENDA ITEMS

The following is an up-to-date report on all the agenda items dealt with at the 1986 State Congress. The items are numbered as they appeared in the Agenda and Minutes of the 1986 State Congress, and should be read with reference to these.

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J.H. See
Deputy Commissioner
Department of Veterans' Affairs
Commonwealth Department of Veterans' Affairs

1987 COUNTRY VISITS PROGRAMME (January - June)

JANUARY
- E.R. Maguire
- E.K.

FEBRUARY
- Major P. Wedding
- A.F.

MARCH
- A.R. Allen
- M.M.

APRIL
- B.A.

MAY
- B.S. Kevins
- K.O.

JUNE
- W.C. P. Holland
- P.O. Kavanagh

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Results & Actions cont.

NOTICES OF MOTION - LEAGUE

ITEM NO ACTION

1 Carried at State Congress and implemented by Amendment No 3 to the State Rules and By-Laws.

2 Carried at State and National Congresses and referred to the Minister of Veterans’ Affairs.

3 Carried at State Congress and a submission has been forwarded to the State Government, who have acknowledged and thanked the League for their support on the project.

RSL WOMEN’S AUXILIARY CONFERENCE RESOLUTIONS

ITEM NO ACTION

1 & 2 Carried at State Congress and are in operation.

3 Carried at State Congress, but amended at National Congress and submitted to the Special Minister of State.

4 & 5 Carried at State Congress, but amended at National Congress and submitted to the Special Minister of State.

6 Carried at State Congress and submitted to the Minister for Education.

7 Carried at State Congress, and Skywest Airlines have advised that they will give Service Pensioners the same air fare concessions being offered to Aged Social Security pensioners. Members should produce their Service Pension Card when seeking the concession.

D.H. Gibbs
State Secretary
10 October, 1986

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WA RAAF CHIEF'S INTERESTING ADDRESS

At a Sandwich Luncheon at ANZAC House the guest-speaker was Air Commodore Graham Neil, DFC, Air Officer RAAF WA. At the conclusion of his address there were many questions from the audience to Air Commodore Neil. The following is an abridged report on his address.

"We do not have an Air Force Headquarters as such. Our actual operations and some of our training operations. Support Command directs the support given to the operational elements and covers Equipment Maintenance, Manpower and Training. The Chiefs are being put largely to one side in this regard to make them responsible for providing the operational wherewithal. But the actual management of the operations, because of their size, will probably be done jointly by the Chiefs and the operational system get on with ... ."

"Some of those changes have gone on in the RAAF and we really appreciate the opportunity to talk to a lot of people of diverse interests and wide backgrounds," Air Commodore Neil told a large attendance.

"We are looking within the Air Force to changing our organisation. The term '总部' is one of our concepts of organisation - how we see ourselves being employed - Air Force needs, some of our actual operations and some of our training operations. The RAAF organisation is a functional command system from base, for all the workforce involved, to much like the RAF system using Functional Commands. The first is Operational Command, the '尖端' of the Air Force. It commands just about all of our operations. Support Command decides how support given to the operational elements and covers Equipment Maintenance, Manpower and Training... ."

"Darwin goes on much the same as before but we are developing a major new base at Tindal, near Katherine, in the NT. Ultimately that will be the name of No. 75 Squadron Hornet and Darwin will become an alternative airfield to Port Hedland... ."

"Port Hedland has developed into a very good airfield for us and is used by the Department of Aviation. Recently, when Indonesia did not want our Mirages to go through Denpasar or Surabaya, we flew them to Malaysia via Port Moresby, which is presently the only place in Australia where you can do that."

"Here at Pearce we have No. 2 FTS, the only flying unit in WA, and we have another small airfield at Gingin 15 miles north. At the moment Pearce is working very hard on exercises and for numerous deployments... ."

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Air Force On The Move cont.

Tindal and deploy to Darwin, Derby, perhaps Gove, and a
field near Wyndham, where the Air Force has been trying to
get a base at the Gulf of Carpentaria for years.

"Tindal, of course, is a very large area where we have
bought about 35,000 hectares. We have learned the hard
way that, unless you own the land and are managing
right, you are going to be frustrated. So now when we get
field such as Tindal or Derby, we have complete control
over the airfield. We're also going
for much larger areas than before. Tindal, for instance, is
now that we have ·aircraft like the F111 and Hornet with
hooked arrestor systems for them. There are large aprons
for transport aircraft, shelter for 12
Hornet's, and separate ordnance loading areas. Flightline
blocks will be undertaken for all major maintenance.
During only stage 1, we will be infortr for a while. Stage 2, however, once we're
planned in October, to give people the chance of the
main gate distance is silent. We are very proud of this now.

"At Butterworth in Malaysia we are going. We brought back
many of our personnel there and our Malaysian
are still there as No. 47 Squadron. We have an Air
of Malaysia and Singapore for 48 weeks of each year. We
also have a permanent P3 Orions detachment flying from
Butterworth, east out over the China Sea, and west
toward Diego Garcia to know what is going on.

"How do we plan to use out operational assets? Deployed here in a 263 no. of blocks without
allowing a congestion for people to work.
In order to stay out for up to 4 hours. The first block is
worked on by various areas of the station, flying helipads, and
missiles. Having noticed that our predominate concern comes from airmen, in most
cases from air arms, airmen are certainly well served by the
range of aircraft and at least know which we use with
Mirages.

"In the Air Force we believe that our take on
training should genuinely be other than in some
context and that our concern of operations should be
able to strike at enemy airfields and defensive
facilities and maintenance. Being only at stage 1, we will
never give more manpower to get a job done and, all the
time, being told to save within our manpower ceiling. This
will not be itself. If you are not sure how far you can
fly our training-time automatically taking away from our
operation.

"We are losing a lot of skills for more women in the
Services. There are some very good areas for women in the
Services. In has been Government policy to employ
women, not in professional combatant situations, and in
weary we have instillation, we want to explore this
because of opening horizons. This could come from
a matching point of view. A lot of women are very good,
there is no doubt about that. The rate of women in the
Air Force is roughly 10% at the moment but, if we look at the
average of service, 10% of the total in the Air Force, a man
will generally serve an average of 17.5 years as an officer, a
woman 8.7 years.

"A man in other ranks will serve 12.8 years on average,
achieved 3.3, now let's look at it. For example, in Germany,
the Air Force was recruiting women in order to recruit
men and we find ourselves really out of shape. Our Airmen out of the 90,000
specialists in the 1960's. If someone had told us to use 10% women
- or we decide ourselves to use 10% women- and we need something like 20%
for the Air Force, plus we would have more from the Operational arms of the
Air Force, as long as we operated with a no-smokey ceiling.

"So we do have a management problem in that
everything is working at the time. A lot of good ideas
come up but the good idea other fed to greater
problems in the long term. You produce now the Air Force
correspondent in the last ABARED Day March - 125 men all
from the Volunteer, because I did not do the thing of
my own but they're working so hard at Perth.

The Air Force is developing a better relationship
curiosity at Tindal, Derby, in Learmonth and Darwin.
We are requiring very good equipment, fairly
slowly, but we haven't enough potential capacity - especially
you are given to it, or early warning and control, and
those, we do air refuelling. Considering the duty of the
Government and its predecessors' obligation, probably we are not doing too badly.

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Postings following this period included service in HMAS Melbourne, HMAS Queenborough and HMAS Vampire as a Seaman Officer.

Commodore Orr has commanded 723 and 817 air squadrons and has also commanded the 16th Mine-countermeasures Squadron. The latter posting involved service in command of HMAS Snipe during the confrontation period in Borneo.

In 1970 he served as Commander Air at HMAS Albatross and in 1972 as Commander Australian Mine Warfare and Patrol forces in command of HMAS Waterhen.

He was promoted to Commander in 1976, posted as Acting Captain in 1979, promoted to Captain in 1980 and promoted to Commodore in May, 1981.

Postings have included Sea King, Project Director, Director of Naval Officer postings, Commanding Officer HMAS Broome, Director of Naval Aviation Policy and Director General of Naval Personnel Services.

In 1984 Commodore Orr was appointed an Aide-De-Camp to the Governor of Western Australia.

Commodore Orr is a graduate of the British Joint Services Staff College at Aldershot.

In presenting this report I should like to pay tribute at the outset to the Deputy Warden, Ron Stone, and the Sub-Wardens from Highgate Sub-Branch for the generous, warm-hearted and high-professional support that they have given me as Warden of the State War Memorial.
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You will be aware of the Government's decision, announced in the Budget, to recover the costs of treatment provided to insured veterans and war widows. A Bill has been passed by both Houses of Parliament which will provide the authority for the Repatriation Commission to recover these costs. It is proposed that the recovery arrangements will begin 1 November 1986. The purpose of this letter is to explain how the legislation will work and the new provisions to insured veterans and war widows.

There has been some comment that a privately insured veteran or war widow will be disadvantaged by this decision. I assure you that there will be no such disadvantage. Although insured, health benefits will be available in all treated areas. In the past where the Department has provided treatment for the treatment of a condition without benefit, the health funds have been absolved of their responsibility to insure veterans and war widows. Provided new arrangements are met, veterans and war widows will have the freedom to choose to be treated under Departmental arrangements or under private health insurance.

Insured veterans and war widows are not to be disadvantaged by their voluntary decision to be insured.

Medical benefits will be provided where the treatment was arranged or provided by the Department and any costs for this treatment, which are not covered through their voluntary decision to be insured; the health funds have been absolved of their responsibility to insure veterans and war widows in all treated areas.

Any medical costs over the health fund benefit for medical services not covered under private health insurance will be recovered.

Accounts for medical services in Hospital or private hospitals will not be raised for payment of medical services in Hospital for any veteran or war widow.

To avoid disadvantaging medically treated veterans and war widows through the various limitations which health funds apply to eligible benefits, benefits will be recovered only for:

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NOTE: This information is based on current practices and policy and is a brief guide only.

You are encouraged to contact the office of Defence Service Homes Corporation on telephone (09) 425 8311 and efficient service. Otherwise, call at the office, first and policy and as a brief guide only).

WHO ARE ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS I.E. WHAT SERVICE OR WAR SERVICE LOAN. AM I ENTITLED TO ONE?

A. Yes. Approval is given providing the Corporation is satisfied that you have the capacity to meet all known commitments including those under the personal or second mortgage.

B. I AM A WIFE OF A PROPOSED ELIGIBLE VETERAN WHO HAS NEVER HAD A DEFENCE SERVICE OR WAR SERVICE LOAN. AM I ENTITLED TO ONE?

A. Yes. As a new person, including a legal or de facto widow of a deceased eligible Veteran may apply for a loan under the normal terms and conditions.

C. I AM A HIRED PENSIONER. DOES THIS PREVENT ME FROM OBTAINING A LOAN?

A. No. The amount of any loan approved up to the maximum of $25,000 is based on the Corporation assessment your financial capacity to repay the amount borrowed.

D. I LIVE IN A COUNTRY AREA CAN I GET A LOAN TO BUY A HOUSE OUTSIDE THE CITY OR MAJOR COUNTRY CENTRE?

A. Yes. We will lend money to a eligible applicant to buy a house in any area providing the property is suitable.

Your Widow

IT HAS been learned that experience has shown how often widows either neglect or fail to consider their own financial position following their husbands' death. In this case or where they are incapable of giving serious thought to how their affairs should be disposed of, inquiries are often made of the Corporation. This is by applying in the metropolitan area.

Your Will

Although you are naturally expected to make a Will to dispose of your estate, avoid the complications arising from the absence of a will. By so doing, not only will you ensure that your wishes are fulfilled according to your wishes, but also that your executors are enabled to proceed without any delay.

It is advisable that in the event of your death (or the death of your executor). If your Will is not executed in accordance with the provisions of your Will, the Corporation would undertake to make sure that your affairs are disposed of according to the provisions of your Will.

When drawing up a Will, you should consult a qualified solicitor who in turn will draft your Will in accordance with the provisions of your Will.

Charges for administering an estate, particularly if it has been in personal or professional management, would be unreasonable. It is for this reason that your solicitor will make every effort to ensure that your estate is administered in accordance with your Will,

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Notification of Death

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In addition, there may be creditors, relatives, personal friends and professional people. It is prudent therefore, to make a list of them and their addresses (including any newspaper in which a notice should be paid ad).

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  Enquiry: "What do I do now?" issued free.

- The General Register Office, New Register House, Edinburgh, EH1 3YT.

Finance

It is important for your widow to have adequate funds to meet her immediate expenses, so that she is not embarrassed by being told to return to work. Will the bank/credit card companies be allowed to draw money on your account after your death? Your bank manager may be prepared to allow her a small overdraft but this might add to her worries.

If you have a joint account she will be able to sign cheques and draw money on it for as long as the account is available. It will cease on your death and the account will be immediately frozen.

If you have debts, do your joint account and your wife's income cover their cost? Does your will specify in detail what your estate should be used for?

If you have stocks and shares or any other investments, are the investments complex? Do you have written proof of such loans?

Your doctor will be able to advise your widow about ensuring her safety and acquiring a will.

Marriage, Birth and Death Certificates

Any death is recorded by a registrar and is accompanied by a marriage certificate and death certificate, or, copies of them. Birth certificates of any children should be accompanied by a widow's claim in cases of joint accounts the bank may be required to supply the account holder.

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Insurance Policies and Subscriptions

If you hold policies covering your car, household or personal effects, children's education, endowment, your life and other contingencies, have you made a list of them including the dates the premiums fall due, the amounts and what should be paid if you die?

If you own a car, is your wife covered by your policy so that she can continue to drive in the event of your death?

If you have an accident, life or endowment policy, how will your Widow benefit? Does she have to make a claim and if so, how? Is the policy drawn with your wife as beneficiary, so that she can claim in her own name, or will she have to wait until your Will has been proved?

If you have raised loans or a mortgage on your policies, how will this affect your Widow? If your house is being bought on a mortgage, will it automatically be paid off?

Service Charities and Ex-Service Organisations

It is a good idea to list the names and addresses, with the telephone numbers, of Service Charities and Ex-Service Organisations which may provide advice or financial help to your Widow.

Emergency File

It is suggested that an Emergency File be started covering all the matters referred to in this article.

Questions

Have you made a Will?
Where is the original?
Do you have an up-to-date copy of your Will at home with your papers?
Does your executor have a copy?
Have you appointed an attorney to act as your executor?
Have you mentioned your Will in your Will?
Has your Will been registered?
Are you entitled to a Will tax, if so, where is it?
Have you recorded all information in your ‘emergency’ file?
Have you made a note of your Pension reference number?
Does your wife know how to obtain copies?
Can your Widow obtain a grant to defray funeral expenses?
Have you made a list of persons who should be told of your death?
Will your estate be liable to tax?
Are your banking arrangements such that your Widow will have access to funds to meet immediate expenses?
Have you made a list of your investments and do your wife know what income she may expect from them?
Have you any other assets, such as property, legacies, trust money, creditors, etc?
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The National President of the RSL, Sir William Keys, has highlighted the Dibb Report as a valuable contribution to the Australian defence debate. He cautioned, however, that it would be of no value until translated into a Defence Programme. He noted that the last defence White Paper in 1978 had been watered down almost as soon as it was issued and never fully implemented. It would be most important, Sir William Keys said, for the Dibb recommendations, once promulgated as Government policy, to be adhered to and not weakened by political and financial pressures.

There would always be the doubt, about whether the Dibb Report was tailored to a financial constraint of three per cent of GDP which had been endorsed by successive Governments as about the level of defence spending that smaller countries, with fewer defence responsibilities, found it necessary to spend more. However, the recommendation that there should be a sustained real growth of 3.1 per cent per annum over the next five years would have a significant effect on the current practice of “small army” defence spending, he observed.

The RSL questions Dibb’s assertion that “Australia’s area of primary strategic concern – South East Asia and the South West Pacific – is one of the most stable areas in the world”, noting that nationalistic pressures, port and air threats, and the development of new technologies, combined with an inroads by the USSR and Libya, have caused serious concern. The League considered the Region to be in a state of high alert and believed that it required a strategic review of the Australian defence posture.

The RSL was critical of the Report’s consideration of defence infrastructure, particularly the lack of attention to the major defence regions. The Report’s consideration of defence needs was inadequate and the need for an adequate and integrated defence infrastructure was not recognised. The RSL was concerned about the “no threat for 10 years” proposition. The Reserve Forces were once promoted as an essential means of maintaining the “no threat for 10 years” proposition. The RSL also commented that the South West Pacific – is one of the most stable areas in the world, noting that nationalistic pressures, port and air threats, and the development of new technologies, combined with an inroads by the USSR and Libya, have caused serious concern. The League considered the Region to be in a state of high alert and believed that it required a strategic review of the Australian defence posture.

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The B.C.E.L. has headquarters, with a staff of four in a small office in London that is provided, rent-free, by the Royal British Legion. The British Commonwealth Ex-Services League is a registered charity, founded as the British Empire Services League in 1926. The Inaugural Conference was held in Cape Town in that year and was attended by seven members from Ex-Service Associations of Commonwealth countries.

The B.C.E.L. policy is in accordance with the principles of the British Commonwealth of Nations: non-sectarian and non-partisan in relation to party policy.

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The President, Ms dome Sidlow, welcomed the players to the Golf Club and after a light lunch at the Clubhouse players were driven to their respective tees.

The weather was glorious and the view of the ocean with the boats competing in the trials for the America's Cup Races, made a delightful picture.

The Sub-branch Cup was won by Barbara Stein of Cottesloe Golf Club (ex WAAF) and the runner-up was Mrs J. Liddell of Chequers (ex WAAAF).

Best Gross score - P. Ingram, Wanneroo Club (Ex AAMWS); Runner-up - P. Ryan, Sea View Club (ex WAAAF); Best First 9 Holes - J. Cahir, Royal Fremantle (ex WAAAF), Best Second 9 Holes - P. Propejohn, Sea View (ex WAAAF).

The 1987 Golf Day will be held at Sun City Golf Club.

BOWLERS BATTLE AT BRUCE ROCK
About 80 city and country lawn bowlers converged on Bruce Rock recently to do battle for the coveted Sedgwick Trophy. This magnificent prize is competed for annually at the Country Club - with teams of four. Since its inception, the metropolitan area has won each title.

On the day selected for play, the city members didn't get away to a good start as the coach booked to transport them failed to arrive on time. The players arrived a few minutes after the scheduled time of their coach's arrival.

The country teams were leading after the morning's game by a large margin of points, and it looked as if the Trophy would remain at the country club - with thanks to four "Sinclair" bowlers and the metropolitan area had won such a game.

On the day, the bowlers didn't get away to a good start as the coach booked to transport them failed to arrive on time, so the players arrived a few minutes after the scheduled time of their coach's arrival.

This year the game was played at the Bruce Rock Golf Club and the metropolitan area had won such a game.

The country teams were leading after the morning's game by a large margin of points, and it looked as if the Trophy would remain at the country club. Then, when an unexpected turn of events occurred by the actions of the city teams, the metropolitan area had won the day - but not by the margin they expected.

There were many fine displays in the games that would have done credit to Jack High - too numerous to mention individually. All players agreed it was a great day.

To organisers such an event cannot be planned by a short time, and congratulations go to the organising. I hope members will not be too busy to come along to see the match on a Wednesday night. The playing schedule is as follows:

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To members interested: I refer to Wyn Sedgwick of Bruce Rock, and Reg Axford of Manning. (Considering that Wyn had had major surgery a short time ago, the sight is to be commended.)

Pension Rates Increased
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Visit To The Thanbyuzarat War Graves Burma

It was a lovely sunny day in Perth. We were up early for we were leaving on a special overseas trip, different from any other we have undertaken.

I am privileged to be the first Australian woman, apart from Diplomatic Staff, to be given permission to visit the Commonwealth War Graves at Thanbyuzarat (pronounced “Tun-boo-zat”) in Burma. My husband is one of the few men allowed to go there, other than Diplomatic Staff.

The Thanbyuzarat War Cemetery is one of three in the area where Australian and Allied P.O.W’s from World War II are buried. The graves of the P.O.W’s who died during the construction and maintenance of the Burma-Siam Railway have been transferred from the camp burial grounds to three new memorials – Kanchanaburi and Surakab in Thailand and Thanbyuzarat in Burma. The Americans who died there are also repatriated.

One thousand, three hundred and thirty-five known, and in some cases, fair hair), were buried at Thanbyuzarat along with British, Dutch and, to a lesser extent, Malay and Indian. They were led by the Burmese Government to build the railway, a task that started from Thanbyuzarat along with British, Dutch and, to a lesser extent, Malay and Indian. They were led by the Burmese Government's way of preventing visitors from charging them money for visits, and, on keeping money out of the country. This is the Burmese Government's way of preventing visitors from charging them money for visits, and, on keeping money out of the country. This is the Burmese Government's way of preventing visitors from charging them money for visits, and, on keeping money out of the country.

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The Burmese Government allow a seven-day tourist stay during their visits to the War Cemetery. The two-day visit to the Thanbyuzarat War Cemetery.

We received confirmation that we could go only two weeks before our departure date. Weeks before that we negotiated out exactly the same goods - to show you have not sold any of these commodities on the flourishing black market.

A special carriage was provided to take us out to the main line, through the Kwai Valley in Tanahong in Burma - a military train had been added for the official party (60 in all) travelling to the Cemetery. Travelling north into the country towards Mandalay, we saw the sun come up - a beautiful sight - “... where the sun comes up like THUNDER on the road to Mandalay .. .”

At Bangkok Railway Station, we were met by a special carriage and, with other jeweled necklaces, we were driven to a large building, including a spacious hallway and dining-hall, where we were housed for the official visit to the Thanbyuzarat War Cemetery.

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After lunch, our convoy, in formation, took off on a sightseeing tour. We saw the old building called "Kyaikthanlan Pagoda," now called "Amphitheater Pagoda." The pagoda is located on a steep hill overlooking the coast. It was a solemn occasion, remembering our war dead: the Australians and the British who had to leave their homes; we had no way of helping. We were independent of any men who had been in the Construction Corporation. Allan changing into walking clothes, we were soon to witness the end of the World War II Burma Railway. There is now just a narrow, grassy formation where the railway used to be.

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On our way around the pagode we could see from our carriage ponies in the shade, the white walls of the Mission for British. We saw many people remember them. It was their first destination after being brought by ship from Singapore to Burma. From there they were marched to the construction site, where they had to construct their home, before starting work on the railway for Junho. Our convoy, with guards, took off on a sightseeing tour. We were met by a lady who had driven in her army vehicle on the road.

We also laid wreaths on behalf of the 2/4 Machine Gunners Association, W.A., and on behalf of the Morning P.R., W.A.

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In Rangoon, Burma, the gold-plated Shwedagon Pagoda is built on top of a hill and can be seen from many miles away. Another impressive structure is the British Embassy house where we stayed the night.

There are a lot of old buildings in Rangoon, including the Strand Hotel, left over from the British colonial era; they are still in use but damage from the war and lack of maintenance makes them look weathered. The Strand Hotel is a popular place to stay and is still in use.

At Rangoon Station, we took the train to the Burmese countryside. At the main airport, we unloaded our luggage and boarded the "Bridge on the River Kwai". A very picturesque bridge for all its horror, it is a sad journey. We passed over a war memorial and entered the "Bridge on the River Kwai".

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SUB-BRANCH NEWS

GERALDTON

For the second successive year, the Chiefs of the Armed Forces in Western Australia attended the Annual Reunion Dinner at the Geraldton Sub-Branch on September 6.

Brigadier James Townley, President of the Geraldton Sub-Branch, welcomed the Chiefs of the Armed Forces to the RSL. Commodore Richard Smith, Vice-President of the RSL, and Mr. John McPherson, Chairman of the Sub-Branch, also spoke.

A highlight of the evening was the presentation of an Appreciation Certificate to a member of the Town Council, Councillor John MacGregor, in recognition of his service to the community.

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RETURNED EX-SERVICEWOMEN

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Social

We have had a couple of successful social events including a "Back to the '60s" night and a Quiz night which was held in conjunction with the World Peace Riders and the Bunbury Special School. Our members also went out into the community and we were well received on the night.

Long Tan Day

The weather was not kind to us on August 17 for our Parade at the Memorial, however, a quick bit of reorganisation by the committee saw a very successful service held in the hall with many staying on for the fellowship afterwards. A special thankyou to Doug Gisbourne who was the driving force behind the organisation of this day (okay for next year Doug?).

Hall Restoration

This work is progressing well. The proceeds of one of our '60s nights was used to purchase some Melamide, and we now possess 30 new trestle tops. Special thanks to all who helped in the building of these trestles and, in particular, to Blue Mountford for providing the preparation and supports. A special thankyou to Millsy for donating the speaker cabinets.

Poppy Day

By the time this goes to press Poppy Day will be over. This year, for a change, we are having a Sundowner on the Friday evening from 5 to 8 pm, and it is envisaged that these will become regular events.

Remembrance Day

The ceremony will take the same form as previous years and it is hoped that we have a good turnout.

Dunkirk Medal Presentation

At our October meeting we were privileged to host the Presentation of Dunkirk medals for the Dunkirk Veterans' Association. The President of the Dunkirk Veterans Association, Mr Ted Bench, gave a short run-down on the medal before the Mayor of Bunbury, Mr Dick McKenzie, presented the medals. Over 100 people attended this meeting (some from as far away as Armadale), and most stayed for a lively evening of fellowship.

Women's Auxiliary

Perhaps the biggest thankyou should go to our women for the magnificent job they have done catering for our various functions as well as helping out with hall decorations for our events. We know you have had a busy year, and we hope you will enjoy a well-deserved rest over the Christmas period.

Christmas Wind-up

Members are reminded that our wind-up will be held on the night of our December meeting (Wednesday 17), and will be in the form of a "casino night", followed by a barbecue and Father Xmas for the children. Would parents and guardians please note that both present is to a maximum value of $5. If you wish for a carded gift, the only requirement for the present is that you bring your own wrapped and bound will be provided for all and sundry. The evening will kick off at 7 pm, so organise your wives and husbands for a good night out.

In conclusion I would like to thank the members for their support and wish you all the best for the Festive Season.

NARROGIN

In conjunction with the Narrogin Town Council, the Branch has enabled World War II additions (see photo) to be put in the Narrogin memorial Park.

CITY OF PERTH

On Saturday, September 28, the City of Perth Sub-Branch celebrated the 70th anniversary of its foundation with a formal dinner in Anzac House. Members and their wives enjoyed a first-class dinner, prepared and served by the staff of the Anzac Club; music was provided by Roy Oelamere on the piano with Alan Barber accompanying him on the clarinet.

In conclusion, Henry Haywood, proposed the toast to the Branch and gave a most interesting talk on the history of the City of Perth. Details of the programme were omitted due to the fact that they were prepared in time for our events, and members have the opportunity to receive them from Mr Haywood, our new President.
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Our last Quarterly Meeting was held at Boulder attended by 36 members from Boulder, Kalgoorlie, Kambalda and Coolgardie, plus two members of the Women's Army, namely Caroline Daly and Jasmine Leon, who were warmly welcomed by Chairman, Bob Waimain.

As delegate from the area Bob then gave a very full and comprehensive report on the Annual Conference held in Perth. This usually took up most of the time but some very interesting points came from it.

During the meeting Coolgardie was presented with a membership增加了 pennant. This reflects on the increased interest in the RSL in this district due mainly, I think, to the fact that many people can now see that we do not just sit on our laurels but are very active in the community.

As the meeting ended on your scribe was re-elected for what you would not believe. Our thanks to all our friends, either regular or occasional.

The next quarterly will be held in Coolgardie on 21st September, we look forward to the annual visit from Boulder.

We are pleased to report that the Sub-Branch has joined the Betty Jarman Auditors for their annual registration which were all passed with the usual high standard - a credit to the Branch.

Bob closed the meeting in case, nothing more from the different clubs to have a beer and a bit of a chat.

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FRANK GARDNER
(As The Bushranger)

Geraldton

A brand new Australian Flag is flying at Birdwood House, Geraldton.

It was presented to the Sub-Branch of the Returned Services League by the MLA for Geraldton, Mr Jeff Carr, at the monthly meeting on September 8.

In his capacity as Minister for Regional Development, Mr Carr outlined several developmental projects for the town and region. These included the Delhi Birdwood Society who are the sponsors of the Flag, who are to present by the railway main-line project for the old Regional Prison.

A project from the Geraldton Historical Club to upgrade Birdwood House has been agreed to in principle, by the Sub-Branch of the Returned Services League.

The proposal was seconded at the August meeting of the Sub-Branch.

The President, Mr. Larry Gillett, also welcomed a Returned Soldier to the Sub-Branch, Mr. Ian Duncan, and the current Vice President, Mr. Bill Archbold, in recognition of a 36-year service in membership. In addition, Mr. Gillett thanked the Monthly Meeting Penant won by the Geraldton Sub-Branch.

The Secretary, Mr. Frank Burke, reported that he had attended a visit of the Returned Soldiers and Sailors Association to the Regional War Veterans' Home for 10 years.

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President's Report

The last few months have given us a quiet period which is just as well for we are approaching one of the busiest times of our year. Dates are fixed for the packing and delivery of our Xmas Cheer parcels, and invitations are coming in for us to join our friends in another kind of Xmas Cheer.

Mrs Hollis, Mrs Holder and I attended the Cunderdin Auxiliary on August 21st and had a delightful meeting and lunch with them. The weather was not too kind to us but our driver, Mr Holder, saw us safely there and back. Thanks Harry! The Presidents' and Secretaries' meeting was well attended and Auxiliary matters dealt with.

Mrs Jolley, Mrs Sullivan and I were guests at the Bunbury Auxiliary Birthday Luncheon held on September 17th, and we had many members from surrounding districts. We were pleased to welcome Miss Heath and Mrs Worth to our meeting. Mrs O'Connor, our President, was most kind to us and thanks to her driver, Ern Jolley. Thanks Ern!

That evening I attended the Belmont Auxiliary Birthday Party at the Mount Lawley War Veterans' Home and had a pleasant evening catching up with old friends.

On October 11th I attended the Rivervale-Carlisle Sub-Branch Secretary's dinner. The newly formed Auxiliary was welcomed by the Sub-Branch; I am sure they will both enjoy many years of service to the League.

The Darling Range Auxiliary held a Cupp & Chat afternoon on October 13th. It was just that, with local and visiting members catching up on all the news, and the music bringing back many memories. Mrs Fisher, their President, was really surprised to receive her Certificate of Service. Keep up the good work, Rosa!

We are sorry to hear that the Vietnam Veterans' Auxiliary has had to disband but we thank them for their loyalty and support.

Our souvenir glasses for our 60th Conference are popular and we thank the girls for their support.

Mrs Taylor, our Junior Vice President, is back from her holiday in England. By all reports she and Tommy had a wonderful time meeting family and old friends. Marg and Ern Jolley are also back after spending a short time with their family in the east.

As I will have changed my residence probably by the time you read this, would you please send any correspondence for me to ANZAC House.

This is my last report for 1986. Thank you, Members, for your continued support to our special funds and I thank you all for hospitality and kindness during the year.

May I wish you all the Blessings of Christmas and health and happiness in the New Year.

JOY FORD
STATE PRESIDENT.

Bunbury Sub-Branch

As secretary of Bunbury Women's Auxiliary, I would like to say to their Women's Auxiliaries around WA do not give in and let your Auxiliary go into recess or fold up. Our Bunbury Branch has grown over the past few years through a hard-working dedicated group of members who have stuck to it as well as recruiting younger ladies. After being in recess in 1984, we now have 27 members. The ladies have adopted two gentlemen, one from The Mount Lawley War Veterans' Home and the other from our own Bunbury P.C. unit.

Through the year we have had stalls, demonstrations, exhibitions, and of course our catering. Due to the hard work put in by all the ladies, we now have also been able to raise financial assistance in the Bunbury Sub-Branch to help with the reconstruction of our brand new kitchen, of which we are all very proud.

We had a change of President in the middle of this year. Lesley Mills, the new lady up front, has proved to have a very infectious personality, enthusiastically motivating us through our various ventures.

I would like to thank all members, old and new, for encouragement, guidance and friendship. May you all have Peace and Happiness in 1987.

From the ladies of the Bunbury Women's Auxiliary, may I wish all a very Merry Christmas and good health.

Your friend
JACKI STEWART
Secretary, Bunbury

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**Phillip Cross**

Dear Sirs,

I am endeavouring to trace anyone who may have known my cousin, Phillip Cross, who I am given to understand, volunteered for army service during the Second World War in the hope of being sent to Europe and seeing his grandmother who helped raise him before his mother migrated to Australia (probably in the 1920s). I only recently discovered Phillip was illegitimate so he may have enlisted, or been known, under the name of Eldridge or Spicer. Unfortunately he was sent to "The Islands" and captured by the Japanese.

The only letter I have from his late mother, Amy Cross (known as Maj), was sent to me in England in 1961 (she went there in 1960 where she discovered she had cancer). Her last address in Australia was "Huish Bondi" Mermaid Beach, Queensland. Her husband's name was Bert and they had a daughter who, I gather, married an American.

Together with my husband and two sons, I emigrated to Western Australia in 1970 (since then we have become Australian citizens), and for the past 16 years have made various attempts to find out what happened to my Cousin Phil.

Now my sister is in the process of doing our family tree, and I would like to complement it with a few details about each member of the family, their interests, achievements, etc - just a general profile. As our family is widespread throughout the Commonwealth, it will make interesting reading for the generations which follow.

Hoping someone may be able to put a piece of our family jigsaw in place.

Yours sincerely,

**PATRICIA TOWNSEND (MRS)**

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**Wellesbourne Aviation Group**

Dear Sir,

Please can you help us? We are compiling a photographic history of the old wartime airfields of No. 22 Operational Training Unit. They are Wellesbourne, Mountford, Gaydon and Atherstone, all near Warwick in the UK.

During the war a lot of RAAF and RNZAF airmen trained at these airbases, and we would like to make contact with them to see if they can loan us old photographs or other items of interest. All items would be returned promptly after being copied.

Please can you put us in touch with the RAAF and the RNZAF associations to see if they can help? Looking forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

**JOHN PRATLEY**

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Mr de Senerpont Domis

Dear Sir,

During a recent survey in the jungles of Sarawak by one of your experts of the Brunei Shell Petroleum Company, the remnants of a Glen-Martin WH-3 bomber of the former Dutch East Indies Airforce were found. This bomber, unit belonging to 2-VLG I (Flight group I) based at that time at Singkawang, took off on 18th December 1941 from a bombing raid of Miri in Sarawak, and was never seen again. Third party information revealed that, of the crew, Mr de Senerpont Domis was the U.C.O. of the flight.

The Netherlands Ministry of Defence, and in particular the Department of Airforce History, is very much interested in obtaining detailed information with respect to this find, in view of its intended donation to the Netherlands Ministry of Defence War Museum in the Netherlands.

Mr de Senerpont Domis became an Australian citizen on 21 November, 1960 in New South Wales. He is asked to contact the Royal Netherlands Embassy, Canberra.

Yours sincerely,

**TAN GOLLINGS**, National Secretary

**“Duke of Athens”**

Dear Sir,

In March 1942, the British motor vessel "Duke of Athens" was hijacked and landed at Port Tewfik, Egypt with a contingent of the 6th Australian Div. Sailed from Port Tewfik on 21 March and arrived in Western Australia in 1942. They were then eventually disembarked at Fremantle in April 1942.

I am seeking your assistance in tracing the survivors of this contingent. Their recollections of that three-week unescorted voyage would, I am sure, provide adequate material to contemplate preserving their anecdotes in book form.

After a brief stay at Fremantle, the troops were finally disembarked at Adelaide in April 1942.

Your co-operation in inserting my request in the next issue of "The Listening Post" would be very much appreciated.

Yours sincerely,

**G. GRIFFITHS**

Kwinana Sub-Branch
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1st Battalion RAR — Korea Reunion

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MERCHANT NAVY LOSSES

Dear Sir,

Veteran ex-Merchant Navy personnel would have appreciated the lucidary comments made by ‘ex-Blueswater Man’ in the Spring issue of ‘The Listening Post’.

Known abuses and costs can possibly lead to an accurate, adequate, and logical outcome. If there is one point that prevailed in World War II, the Royal and Merchant Navies.

Throughtout the war, where we were involved, they demolished the same business, shared similar discomforts and added on a day-to-day basis — sometimes hour-to-hour.

What is not common knowledge, however, is the Merchant Navy casualty rate compared to that of the three services.

From an estimated 105,000 officers and men, the Merchant Navy lost 32,952, representing a 17 per cent loss compared to the Navy’s 9.3 per cent, Air Force’s 6.0 per cent and the Army’s 6.0 per cent.

These figures are based on the UK’s statistics but they graphically emphasize the heavy price paid by the Merchant Services in World War II. Many Australian seamen served not only on British ships but were also to be found manning on many allied vessels, particularly the Norwegian and Danish.

Diane Bonuccio

FIGURES QUOTED ARE FROM ‘RESCUE SHIPS’-

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In addition to being a member of the Geraldton Sub-Branch, Mr Gollings was also a prominent figure in the Royal Australian Returned Services League. His years of service have been well recognized, and he is a fitting candidate for this esteemed position.

The Geraldton Sub-Branch will also extend best wishes to Mrs Billie Pitchenden, President of the Australian Legion of Ex-Servicemen and Women, on the occasion of her re-election to the State President.

Murray was born in Midland 11/12/1939 to Hilda Grace and Frederick Charles Blake of Harrismith. His infanty and early childhood were influenced by the war, and all he wanted was to be a soldier when he grew up.

His school days were in Guildford. At the age of 17, he was selected to go to Duntroon, the first lad ever to be chosen from a State High School in WA. Shortly before graduating, he married Ena Austin of Guildford who had attended Governor Stirling at the same time he did.

Graduating as an Infantry Officer, Murray was the boy who would not order his soldiers to do anything that he would not do himself. He served two years in Malaysia, two years in New Guinea, two years in Korea, three years in the Arctic, three years in the Mediterranean, three years in Western Command, and six months in England. He was then posted to Portia, where he served in the Western Command, and then to Portia, where he served in the Arctic.

On all his promotions he was always one of the youngest to attain each rank. Here to come has been full of adventure. Irrespective — 32 years after marching out of the Royal Australian Returned Services League, Murray is still active in the League, working as an officer recruit: a fitting reward for faithful, hardworking, and loving service.

H. C. Blake

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CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

To all readers of the Legion of Ex-Servicemen and women, I would like to convey to the State President and all RSL members in WA the very best of Christmas Greetings.

MAY 1987 bring the word “Peace” throughout the world and to our dear overseas friends and loved ones, and a better year for all.

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MURRAY PHILIP BLAKE

Dear Editor,

The Geraldton Sub-Branch decided at its October meeting to send a letter of congratulations to the new National Secretary, Mr Ian Gollings.

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Loss Of Voyager

JOHN LEGGEOE in his book describes the final action and loss of the Australian destroyer, the original HMAS Voyager, which had earlier served in the Mediterranean as a unit of the Scrap Iron Flotilla and known as D.31.

It is appropriate that this voyage be recounted in this issue of the Listening Post, as it was on the 23rd September, 1942, that it happened. It is possible that few people have read about it as the event received little publicity.

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could be only a matter of hours before the shipwrecked sailors were discovered and subjected to air attack. The only arms they had were the few rifles and revolvers salvaged from the ship and they knew nothing of jungle fighting.

With a heavy heart Robison turned his men to a systematic programme of destruction of Voyager, moving first towards the anchored ship, anything which would assist his own men or be of use to the Australian forces. Amongst these was the wardroom beer and spirit supplies, stacked on the beach and covered with a tarpaulin. Loathe to see good Australian grog fall into the hands of the Japanese, Robison had decided to present it to the commandos who had been sweating it out in the Timor jungles without a drink for six months.

The anticipated air attack was not long in coming. Early in the afternoon two enemy reccos appeared, but there was still fight left in the crippled Voyager. Her anti-aircraft guns were manned. Several hits were scored on one of the low-flying Japanese planes, which disappeared down the coast with smoke pouring from a badly coughing engine and losing height.

As the afternoon wore on, Voyager suffered destruction from friend and foe alike. Robison and his men were exploding demolition charges and setting fire to all the vital parts of the ship while Japanese heavy bombers pattern bombed her from a low level. During the raids the Voyager men took cover in the jungle behind the beach where they were heavily attacked with antipersonnel bombs and machine-gun fire. Miraculously there were no serious casualties, but badly the stack of wardroom grog on the beach received a direct hit.

As soon as he heard of Voyager's fate, Pope set in train measures for the relief of the ship's company. There was no point now in trying to maintain secrecy. Speed was the main factor. The Voyager men would have to be brought off before they were driven into the sea by the Japanese ashore or intercepted from the sea by an enemy naval force.

The only two corvettes available were Kalgoorlie and Warrambool and Warrambool had just shut down her furnaces as a precaution for a long-delayed boiler clean. The furnace was in a bad way and something would have to be done before she could put to sea.

Stoker H.G. Mildenhall, the smallest man in the ship, was wrapped in wet bags and pushed into the still hot furnace to make temporary repairs to the brickwork. He was bound out of the various vessels in such crowded conditions all the time he was brought out with an ice bag. The other and his bandaged head had lost all the work was completed. The boilers were finally put to sea. The smokestack flashed up and put to sea. She rendezvoused at sea with Kalgoorlie and they reached Darwin at 2330 on 25 September.

While awaiting the arrival of the corvettes, the Voyager men made preparations for embarkation in the event there would be the minimum of delay. In between raids the bullet holes which the Japanese strafing had put in the landing barges were plugged and when darkness came the officers were obliged to keep the anchor on the beach. As soon as the flashing recognition signals were seen to seaward the barges were moved out and headed from the beach.

As soon as the corvettes dropped anchor, the Voyager men swarmed up the sides and sixty-eight minutes later the ships weighed and proceeded at maximum speed for Darwin. All of the Voyager complement except one arrived back in Darwin on the morning of 27 September. The exception was an adventurous able seaman who had a brother in Timor. Arming himself with one of Voyager's rifles, he decided that jungle fighting with the Independent Company would be a change from fighting a war at sea in a destroyer.

Listening Post expresses sincere thanks to the author and publishers for this interesting part of the Royal Australian Naval History. I can recommend it to everyone as good reading.

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**Book Reviews**

**A SPECIAL KIND OF SERVICE**

By Joan Crouch

During the time she spent in writing "A Special Kind of Service," Joan Crouch always assumed that it would not be a history of the 2/9th Australian General Hospital, but rather a record of the men and women who served in the unit. Joan, along with other members of the 2/9th AGH, saw the worst and enjoyed them in war letters, scrapbooks and photos of their war service. Even after forty years, the response was overwhelming. Joan then commenced the daunting task of collating all the information into chronological order which she absorbed into her story.

Historically accurate, it describes the formation of the hospital in 1940 and its progress during the war years until its disbandment in 1946. The book tells the story of those dedicated service men and women who made up the hospital. There is mention of the fun, the problems, the human relations, the trauma when the hospital was underwater, an International Staff Officer with NATO, finally an armistice... it evokes memories of their own war service.

The chapters on New Guinea are very graphic and give a unique insight into how the hospital coped with the heavy casualties who walked, or were carried, down the Kokoda Track. As the Book Reviews Editor, I recommend "A Special Kind of Service" as a thoroughly readable book, and I congratulate the author, Joan Crouch, for her efforts in obtaining new members. Or give it to an ex-service person who is not a member and perhaps he or she will join.

**BRIDGE WITH THREE MEN**

By Anthony Hewitt. (Jonathan Cape).

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By DOREEN DEVEREAUX

The title is from a Chinese theme associated with the Willow Pattern plate. Remember to escape... and the three men taking from the bridge to Kowloon in a No. 12 tramp steamer, a novel in a convertible escape to the three men and all the office known in Hong Kong.

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FROM PEKING TO PERTH
By Alice Briggs

How does one write about a life that involved a period as a prisoner of the Japanese during the World War and that country's occupation of Hong Kong?

Such a book has been written by Alice Briggs, who was a Royal Naval officer. To be separated from her husband and daughter in circumstances could have been devastating. But amid the chaos of war, they would never be together again. It must have been like a nightmare. However, as the story unfolds, their union of the family was to be one of the greatest moments in her life.

The author was born in China, educated in England, and returned to Hong Kong after her marriage to Christopher Briggs. For six years she was in an internment camp, enduring privations both physical and psychological.

For her in Hong Kong was one of pleasure, but that image changed drastically. The picture of her husband's undreamed-of life contrasted with a degree of cruelty under which no inmate could bear.

After Japan ending the World War, the Japanese had been fighting in China and Alice and Christopher lived under Japanese rule in Chefoo, so the war for them actually began in 1941.

When Alice returned to Hong Kong in 1945, she and before returning to Hong Kong, they had decided to leave their daughter in Wunina, which turned out to be a false place for her.

With the exception of Lossie and the family was reunited, they decided to go to Australia, and Perth became their home - where they all live. Christopher became a great RSL man, and applying the State Executive, served as the Junior Vice President, for a time.

I found the book riveting, and from an interview conducted by author Alice Briggs and Vic Culman, Governor, ACA, (03) 219 2973, An autographed copy is $14.95 post free. N.G. (A) for Fun.

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JOYCE WINZAR
MOLLY CAIRNS-HILL

Members of the Returned Sisters' Sub-branch pay a sincere tribute to the memory of their colleagues, Joyce Winzar and Molly Cairns-Hill, who died recently after long, prolonged illnesses.

In 1934, Joyce Winzar completed his general nurse training at the Royal Perth Hospital. After gaining her midwifery and child health certificates at K.E.M.H., she was accepted for service with the AA.A.N.S.

In 1942 she was posted to the First Australian Women's Hospital at Lucknow. This was followed by a posting to Papua New Guinea, and later, on return, to 110 A.G.H. Hollywood.

Following her discharge from the Army, Sister Winzar joined the W.A. Schools Medical Service which took her to many areas in the State. She remained in the Service until retirement (in the latter stages this was marred by deteriorating health) and died in the Hollywood Village on 1st September 1986.

After graduating from Perth Hospital, Molly Cairns-Hill joined the A.A.A.N.S. and was one of the second wave of nurses of World War II. She was posted to England and then to Hong Kong.

Following service in England, the Australian Troops together with the 2/3rd A.G.H. were deployed to the Western Desert. After a period as a prisoner of the Germans and Italians, the unit was moved to 211th A.G.H.

War in the South West Pacific meant a further posting to the Dutch East Indies, the fall of Singapore causing the country to be colonized by Australians. After landing in South Australia, the 211th A.G.H. moved to Albury, in Queensland, and later center in Papua New Guinea.

In 1944, Molly Cairns-Hill left the Unit to return to Australia to marry Dr John Watson. Although faced with the task of bringing up a young family and caring for a husband with terminal illness, Molly always maintained a bright personality.

The family was to be one of the greatest moments in her life. She was most appreciative of the care and support she received and over the years of her two books, especially through her in the 'hospice' of R.G.H. Hollywood, where she died on the 15th September 1986.

To commemorate her efforts, a copy of the book has been placed in the Library of the War Veterans' Home.

DUG HENWOOD

It is with a feeling of deep sorrow that the Rosedean Guildford Sub-Branch notes the passing of one of its most dedicated members - Doug Henwood.

Doug joined the Sub-Branch in 1958. He served the branch in many offices and was a member of many committees. He was Chairman of the Committee that built our hall which stands today as a living memorial to him and his years of hard work.

Doug was appointed to the League State Executive in the pre-war period, an experience that was booted to his Sub-Branch in later years. He was awarded Life Membership in November 1981.

Until recently, although not enjoying the best of health, Doug maintained a keen interest in his Sub-Branch. His funeral was attended by the President and members of his branch.
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**KATHLEEN DORIS HYMUS**

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Kathleen, born 25th January 1921, was a daughter of Robert and Margaret Hymus. She was a member of the St John's Anglican Church, the Jewish War Veterans of Australia, the Australian Women's Army Service Association, and the Auxiliary War Veterans' of Australia. Kathleen was a staunch supporter of the RSL and was a member of the Yarra Junction RSL Branch.

Kathleen's service in the Australian Women's Army Service was highly regarded. During the war, she served as a member of the Women's Auxiliary Corps and later, as an officer in the Women's Army Corps (WAC). Her leadership qualities were evident in her civilian life, where she served as a member of the Yarra Junction RSL Branch and the Auxiliary War Veterans' of Australia.

Kathleen's contribution to the community was recognized with various awards and honors. She was known for her dedication to her family and her hobbies, which included gardening and cooking.

Her passing was deeply felt by her family and friends. A memorial service was held at the Yarra Junction RSL Club, and she was remembered for her kindness, generosity, and her love for her family and community.

**ROBERT G. EWISON**

Born 24th August 1879 - died 26th August 1986. This was the life-span of Robert G. Hewson who, at the age of 107 years, was the RSL's oldest member and one of the oldest residents in Australia. Popularly known as 'Bob', his space will not permit writing all that his life entailed.

Extramural, Victoria, he came to WA in 1900. During his working life he tackled for 28 hours a week on mining for the Goldfields, and later in the Union and Labour movements. He was a strong RSL Member;

A strong RSL member, Bob was the co-founder of a number of Sub-Branches, the Midland and the Wanneroo RSL. He was also a member of the Western Australian Labor Party and the Labor League.

His working life included positions as a street cleaner with the Perth City Council, and at the Midland Railway Workshops. When the Great War broke out, he joined the 5th Pioneer Battalion and served in France and Belgium where he was gassed. He often said, "War is a waste of money and human life."

A strong RSL Member, Bob was a well-known to the top people in the movement and, on his 107th birthday, just four days before his death, I read telegrams from the League's National and State Presidents, the Governor General, the Prime Minister, the State Premier, many other people of note and, naturally, from his many friends from all walks of life.

He was a member of the RSL and served as a sub-branch president. Bob was also a member of the Auxiliary War Veterans' of Australia, the St John's Anglican Church, and the Auxiliary War Veterans' of Australia.

In recent years, he was a regular visitor to the RSL and was involved in various community activities. His last home was at South Guildford, where he was known as 'Bob'. He is survived by his wife, Edith, and his children, Margaret and John.

Grateful thanks are extended to Alice and George and to all those who have cared for him in his latter years. I wish to express my deep thanks to those who have supported him over the years.

Pauline, the daughter of Robert and Margaret Hymus, and a member of the Auxiliary War Veterans' of Australia, has extended her sincere thanks for the support and kindness shown to her family during their period of grief.
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