


50th ANNIVERSARY



HIGHGATE

1947 - 1997

By PHILIP LOFFMAN

 hat subtle almost mystical
attraction was it that drew
the manhood of Canada~
Australia~ New Zealand~
South Africa,
thousands of miles across the
ocean to suffer and fight for four
years in Flanders·or the Dardanelles·
or in the Balkans·or
Palestine·
Some ancestral voice echoing down
the ages suddenly called
'Come'
so they all came.

Winston Churchill.

SIR CHARLES COURT, A.K., K.C.M.G., O.B.E.

FOREWORD

The mere thought of the early formation days of Highgate RSL Sub-Branch brings back wonderful memories of a band of men who had served their country in time of War and who wanted in time of peace to experience the joy of comradeship and an opportunity to be of help to former mates and their dependants.

This was no ordinary gathering of ex-servicemen. It is not stretching the point too far to refer to a unique band of brothers who had experienced the camaraderie of War Service with all its horrors and challenges and wanted to continue to be of service by meeting together within the Highgate Sub-Branch.

One of the most rewarding things of all is the fact that, unlike so many sub-branches that started off with great enthusiasm and faded, Highgate is an exception. It has stayed together and contributed in a remarkable way to the activities of the League. It has also reached out into the community in many ways.

For example, the Sub-Branch can be very proud of the contribution that is made come rain, hail or shine in supplying Wardens to the State War Memorial with great dignity throughout the year.

The work by our members on the State Council of the League speaks for itself and is again a reflection of the strength the sub-branch maintains.

Some people ask why we were called "Highgate" Sub Branch. The answer is very simple. Prior to World War II there were sub-branches that were identified with vocations and special activities such as Public Service, Press and the like. This was changed and sub-branches had to be identified with a location and not a particular calling or activity. This meant that we had to look around for a name identified with part of the City of Perth.

Most of the obvious names such as Perth, West Perth, North Perth, South Perth had long since been taken up. Someone came up with the brainwave that Highgate could be identified as a locality within the City of Perth which had not been claimed as the name for a sub-branch.

If you knew the characters who were the prime movers in the formation of the sub-branch, you would readily understand why they were not very fussed about technical details and so Highgate became ours.

Ironically, we never held a meeting in Highgate for 40 years when we had a very congenial and rather sentimental and historic meeting at Max Kay's Civic Theatre Restaurant.

Some of the earlier activities of Highgate Sub Branch were a little unorthodox, but very effective and enjoyable and part of the great spirit that only those who have shared the same experiences in serving their country can generate.

One of our number, Frank Boan, was a great supporter of Legacy. He was a very modest and self-effacing man. It was Frank who promoted the idea of Torchbearers for Legacy and which dramatically changed the basic approach to fund raising for Legacy. He was greatly encouraged by the foundation President, Gordon Hack, Mick Hungerford, Bill Lucas and a host of others in their support of Legacy in a very vigorous and practical way.

One memorable occasion I remember ever so well was in the early days of the Sub-Branch. At that time I was still the Conductor of the RSL Memorial Band. The idea was to hire a popular vessel and take it on a night river cruise when all sorts of activity - some not strictly legal in the laws of the day - to raise money in a very convivial way for Legacy.

Thank goodness the booze bus was not even thought of at that time, nor the present system of the multi-nova cameras and a number of other devices that some of the more venturesome members would have thought were "not cricket" if used against a band of brothers trying to raise money for a good cause!

A great crowd of males arrived at Barrack Street Jetty. My task was to provide good bright music, including well known war songs up until 10.30 o'clock when the band was to be relieved of its duties so it could join in the fun. They were placed in a strategic part of the vessel so they could perform and most people could hear them if they wanted to, but I did not count on the ingenuity of one or two of our Sub Branch officials.

After the band had finished playing a few pieces, I was approached by members of the committee to go to an appropriate part of the ship where I would perform request solos for those who put up enough money by Gordon Hack's standards. Then I would go back to the band and we performed some more items. As we repeated this procedure several times I found the band was playing worse and worse and certainly not up to the standards required even though we were donating our services.

While some of the "characters" had lured me away to raise funds from request solos, they plied the band with drinks through some extraordinary device which enabled them to pass drinks from what was referred to as the Saloon on the vessel up to the deck where the band was located. I was not amused. By 10.00 o'clock I was glad to prematurely release the band from its responsibilities for serious performance.

Hours later - after 1.00 am - looking very serious, standing to attention and with shoulders pulled back Gordon Hack, addressing the Captain and with difficulty, said -

"Captain, you may return your ship to Barrack Street."

By this time the Captain was not in the best of humour. He was worrying about his ship and any laws which might have been broken if they came to the notice of the police.

His reply with a degree of obvious anger was -

"I would have you know I have been tied up at the Barrack Street Jetty for nearly two hours".

This was some measurement of the social success of the evening. Needless to say, it was a great financial success. A good time was had by all and there were no police repercussions.

Let me assure you, it was not always fun and games when the Sub-Branch was well established and people were actually lobbying to become members and attend our meetings in a part of the cafeteria section of Boans where we met regularly and had a series of carefully selected speakers.

In the early days, the formal business was a nightmare to those who might be legally minded, but a joy to behold to those of us who were more concerned about friendship than formality. I remember one of the earlier meetings when Gordon Hack was presiding and didn't bother about having the minutes of the previous meeting read. Someone asked the Chairman, "What about the Minutes." Gordon's response was, "What Minutes? Don't you trust me?"

As you know things became a little more orderly and formal to the extent necessary later on, but most of us who know and loved Highgate, how it started and how it has performed, would not have had it any other way.

We might have started off in a rather informal happy-go-lucky and rather exciting way, but we can look back with pride on the way the Sub-Branch performed, how it has pulled its weight within the League and how it has been an outstanding sub-branch and, above all, faithful to the memory of those who paid the supreme sacrifice and those who paid for the rest of their lives through the injuries and sickness they suffered because of their War Service.

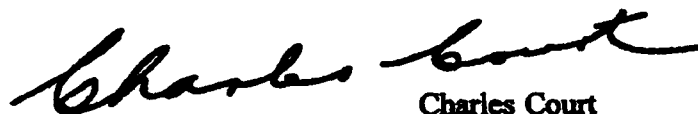
What is most important of all, Highgate has always remained faithful to its trust to the philosophies, policies and activities of the RSL.

Time marches on and many of us who were Foundation Members will not be around all that long, but I hope that under the new membership rules of the League there will be a continuing group of those who qualify for membership to understand and take up the torch to continue what was started by a great band of ex-servicemen immediately after World War II.

Our thanks go to those who have been responsible for this publication involving as it does the recorded names of members of the Sub-Branch.

It was no easy task. No doubt there will be some who have been omitted or incorrectly recorded, but I am sure most people will not get uptight about that.

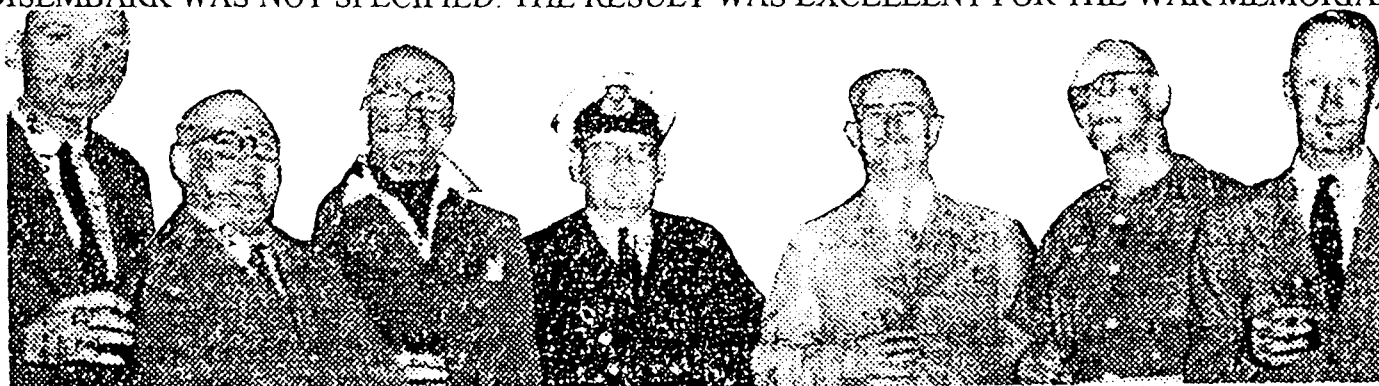
More particularly, they will be grateful that somebody accepted the responsibility and produced what is a valuable record of an important sub-branch of the Returned Services League in Western Australia.



Charles Court

OFF SHORE CASINO EMERALD

THE RECENTLY FORMED HIGHGATE SUB-BRANCH OF THE LEAGUE, UNDER THE DIRECTION OF ITS ENERGETIC AND RESOURCEFUL PRESIDENT, GORDON HACK, DECIDED TO DO SOMETHING FOR THE WAR MEMORIAL EXTENSION APPEAL. THE EFFORT CONSISTED OF A BUCKS NIGHT ON THE RIVER. THE EMERALD WAS CHARTERED AND SEVERAL HUNDRED MEMBERS AND THEIR GUESTS FOREGATHERED ON FRIDAY, 12th MARCH 1948, TO ENJOY THE COOL BREEZE AND THINGS ON BOARD. THE ALL INCLUSIVE CHARGE OF £1 PER MEMBER WAS MADE TO COVER EVERYTHING, I.E. IT COST £1 TO GET ONBOARD, BUT THE AMOUNT TO DISEMBARK WAS NOT SPECIFIED. THE RESULT WAS EXCELLENT FOR THE WAR MEMORIAL.



left to right Ian Bessel-Browne Ernie Shacklock Gordon Hack Captain Tilly

HIGHGATE'S FIRST FUNDRAISER



TAKING ON STORES AT BARRACK STREET JETTY

Photos and Story

Sunday Times and THE LISTENING POST 1948



HIGHGATE

INAUGURAL MEETING 2 AUG 1947

PRESIDENT GORDON HACK

VICE PRESIDENT (1) BILL HUNT

VICE PRESIDENT (2) MICK HUNGERFORD

SECRETARY CHARLIE HUGALL

TREASURER JACK HERLIHY

COMMITTEE

ERNIE SHACKLOCK

BILL LUCAS

IAN BESSELL-BROWNE

NOEL ROYDHOUSE

FRANK BOAN

**IT IS OF INTEREST THAT THE MEETING WAS HELD IN BOANS RECEPTION ROOM
4th FLOOR AT 2/6 PER MEMBER. THE SPEAKER FOR THE FOLLOWING MEETING
WAS ANNOUNCED AS BEING MAJOR-GENERAL WHITELAW G.O.C. WESTERN
COMMAND WHO WAS TO TALK ON THE RABAUL TRIALS**

BOANS of PERTH

(WELLINGTON STREET DISPLAY)
HIGHGATE RSL INAUGURAL MEETING PLACE
DINING ROOMS 4th FLOOR 1947-76





FIRST COMMANDING OFFICER
28th INFANTRY BATTALION AIF

Final Public Address

COLONEL H. B. COLLETT

C.M.G., D.S.O., V.D.

W.A. State President, R.S.S.L.A., 1925-1933



"The League and its Purpose"

Delivered to Fellow Members
of the Highgate Sub-branch R.S.L.
on August 11, 1947.

With Compliments of the President and
Members of the Highgate Sub-branch.
R.S.S.L.A.



THE LATE COLONEL H. B. COLLETT
C.M.G., D.S.O., V.D.

Colonel Collett died at his home on Friday,
August 15, 1947.

His inspiring talk to our members on August 11,
1947 was his last public address.

My Committee has arranged for the printing
of this speech so that each member would have a
copy for personal reference: to commemorate an
outstanding event in the history of the Sub-branch;
and in remembrance of a truly great man who
served his country so valiantly and loyally in peace
and in war.

GORDON HACK,
President.

August 25, 1947.

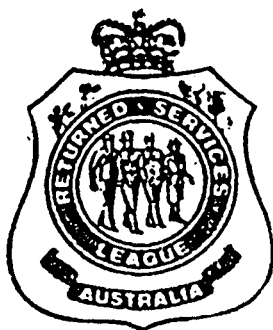
ORIGINAL BOOKLET SPEECH IS AVAILABLE FROM BOB ELLIOT



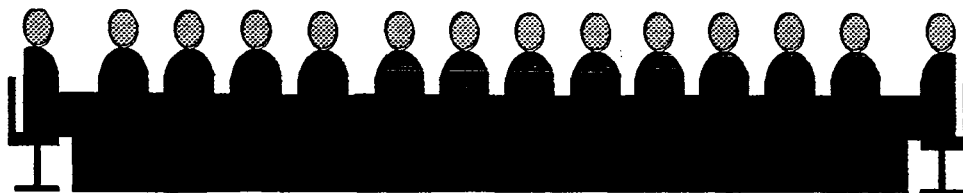
HIGHGATE

1947 FOUNDATION MEMBERS

ALLEN DON	FLETCHER SIR NORMAN	LUCAS BILL
ARNOLD F.A.H.	GILL FRANK	MASKEILL C.R.
BAIRD NEIL	GILL G.F.	NEWBERY COLLIN
BARNARD E.	GODDEN S.W.	O'CALLAGHAN JERRY
BARRETT D.W.	GRIMBLY LES	PAGE-SMITH GORDON
BATE M.	HACK GORDON	PEARSON ALF
BESSELL-BROWNE IAN	HALL JIM	PEARSON PERCY
BINKS HECTOR	HANNEAR J.B.	PINCHIN F.A.
BOAN FRANK	HANTKE TED	RODRIGUEZ PAT
BROWN A.H.	HEARTY DICK	ROWELL H.M.
BROWNE E.McD.	HERLIHY JACK	ROYDHOUSE NOEL
BROWNELL BROWNIE	HERTZ DICK	SANDS JACK
BURKE A.J.	HILL WALLY	SCAHILL ALLAN
BYFIELD H.W.	HOLLINGSWORTH NORM	SHACKLOCK ERNIE
CAMPBELL JOCK	HOWELL N.V.	SMART JOHN
CANE J.B.	HUGALL CHARLIE	SMITH WARREN
CARTER P.G.	HUNGERFORD MICK	STEWART A.L.
CHURCH MURRAY	HUNT BILL	TAYLOR S.A.
COHEN GEOFFREY	IRELAND RON	THOMAS PHIL
CONNELL J.R.	JEFFREY J.S.	WATT STAN
COTTON G.	JOHNSTON N.	WATT T.G.
DAVIDSON BOB	JONES R.A.	WILKINSON L.A.
EVANS KEITH	KENDRICK R.E.	WILLIAMS OLIVER
FABY L.	KINNANE BRIAN	WILLIAMS R.W.
FISHER ALF	LAMB LEX	WOLFE R.M.
FITZHARDINGE JOHN	LIGGINS CHARLES	WOOD BARNEY
FITZHARDINGE ROGER	LINTON ROBERT.	ZECK CHARLES



HIGHGATE CONCEPT



**THE COMMITTEE WOULD COMPLETELY
HANDLE ALL THE ADMINISTRATION
AND OPERATIONS OF THE SUB-BRANCH.**

**ANY HIGHGATE MEMBER COULD ATTEND
COMITTEE TO DISCUSS BUSINESS.**

**THE LUNCHEON MEETING TO
INCLUDE FELLOWSHIP AND A
SELECTED GUEST SPEAKER.**



THE VENUES

**1947 BOANS RECEPTION ROOM
1960 BOANS CHANDELIER ROOM
1977 UNITED CLUB ST. GEORGES Tce
1983 GALLIPOLI ROOM ANZAC CLUB**

**the luncheon meetings were held first & third mondays each month
until 1962. then the first monday became the committee meeting and
third monday as it is today became the luncheon meeting**

HIGHGATE THE PRESIDENTS

INAUGURAL PRESIDENT GORDON HACK 1947

1950	PAT RODRIGUEZ
1952	JIM PLANK
1953	JOHN FITZHARDINGE
1955	MICK HUNGERFORD
1956	JIM BURNHAM
1957	DOUG DARGIE
1958	WALLY KNOX
1959	PERCY PEARSON

1960	CAM REDENBACH
1961	DICK DAWBARN
1962	RON STONE
1964	PHIL LOFFMAN
1965	KEN BROADHURST
1967	MORRIE CREWE
1969	VERN DAWE

1971	EAN McDONALD
1973	BILL FITZHARDINGE
1975	PAT MEHAN
1976	BILL MUNRO
1978	KEN KIDD
1979	GEORGE LARKIN

1980	LEN IKIN
1982	JOHN SURRIDGE
1984	MAX BRICE
1986	GEOFF RUSSELL
1988	TED STEVENSON
1989	SAM DALLYWATER

1991	TOM FERRERO
1992	LESLIE LEE
1993	JOHN LOW
1994	BOB ELLIOT
1995	LES STEWART
1996	TOM SCULLY
1997	DON MEREDITH
1998	TOM HORTON
1999	ALAN SAVILLE

2000	JOHN JACKSON
2002	DON BLAIR
2004	IAN (MØ) MULHOLLAND
2006	NORM MANNERS

STATE WAR MEMORIAL KINGS PARK

HIGHGATE HONOUR GUARD

SHORTLY AFTER THE INAUGURATION OF THE SUB-BRANCH WE WERE INVITED BY THE STATE BRANCH TO PROVIDE A HONOUR GUARD AT THE STATE WAR MEMORIAL IN KINGS PARK. IT HAS BEEN OUR PROUD BOAST THAT THIS HAS BEEN CARRIED OUT WITH ONLY A FEW EXCEPTIONS EVER SINCE.

FROM 1947 TO 1997 IN EXCESS OF 1500 PARADES HAVE BEEN REQUESTED RANGING FROM A SMALL GUARD OF SIX TO A FULL CEREMONIAL GUARD OF UP TO FORTY. RON STONE HAS ORGANISED AND ATTENDED MORE THAN HALF OF THESE PARADES.

2004 PHILLIP SKELTON AM APPOINTED DEPUTY WARDEN (HONOUR GUARD COMMANDER). THE DEMAND FOR CEREMONIAL PARADES HAS INCREASED.

HIGHGATE STATE / WARDENS

1950 BROWNIE BROWNELL CBE, MC, MM.	1953 FRANK BOAN OBE.
1957 BILL HUNT MBE	1964 STAN WATT OBE.
1970 BRUCE COURTNEY MVO, MBE	1972 FRANK STATHAM OBE
1974 JOHNO JOHNSON MBE	1976 DOUG DARGIE
1978 SAM DALLYWATER OBE, AE.	1980 LEON GOLDSWORTHY GC,DSC,GM
1982 JOHN HUBBLE CBE, DSO, AFC & BAR.	1984 GEORGE LARKIN OBE
1984 RON STONE AM.	1985 KEITH MATTINGLEY AO.
1989 ROY MARSH	1986 DAVID ORR
1992 SIR CHARLES COURT AK, KCMG, OBE.	1991 RON STONE AM.
1997 BILL MUSSON GM	1995 PHILIP KENNEDY AO
2004 PETER HUMMERSTON RFD	2000 MAX SHEAN DSO
2006 RICHARD COURT AC	2005 PATRICA KAILIS AM OBE
2007 CLEM LITTLETON AO	

HONOUR GUARD (TACTICAL)

DURING THE ANTI-VIETNAM YEARS IT BECAME FASHIONABLE TO DESECRATE MEMORIALS, DURING THIS PERIOD A PROTEST MARCH THROUGH PERTH WAS TO ASSEMBLE NEAR THE KINGS PARK GATES. DOUG DARGIE WAS CONCERNED ABOUT THE MEMORIAL. THE POLICE COULD ONLY SUPPLY TWO UNIFORMED MEN. THE HONOUR GUARD WAS CALLED OUT WITH ORDERS THAT ONLY WHEN THE POLICE WERE DOWN THEY COULD BECOME TACTICAL. DEPLOYED IN THE SHADOWS WAS A PLATOON COMPRISING OF THE THREE SERVICES, FORTUNATELY THEY WERE NOT REQUIRED.

PROSPECTING AREA

KINGS PARK No1 PEGGED 12:00 NOON 15-4-69

MINERS RIGHT No109928 C.E.POYNTON

DO NOT REMOVE

CLAIMS WILL BE HEARD IN THE WARDENS COURT

STATE WARDEN DOUG DARGIE NOTICED THAT THE AREA AROUND THE STATE WAR MEMORIAL HAD BEEN PEGGED AND CLAIMED AS A PROSPECTING AREA.

HE REMOVED THE EVIDENCE, INFORMED THE POLICE. THE RSL STATE HEADQUARTERS CONDONED HIS ACTIONS.

THE FOLLOWING DAYS PEGS WERE REPLACED AT NIGHT AND EACH MORNING WERE REMOVED BY AREA GARDENERS. AFTER A FEW DAYS THE CULPRIT GAVE UP.

Memorial Warden Dies At Ceremony

The warden of the State War Memorial, Mr E. S. Watt (73), collapsed and died yesterday while showing General Dean C. Strother the regimental colours in the memorial undercroft.

The inspection was made before General Strother laid a wreath at the memorial as part of the Coral Sea celebrations.

Mr Watt was one of those behind the building of the original memorial and of the annex after the World War.

Yesterday's was the last official ceremony at which he was to participate as warden.

Mr Watt was born in Victoria and studied at the School of Mines, Kalgoorlie.

He worked as a metallurgist in mines before the Great War and always retained an interest in mining.

He joined the A.I.F. with his three brothers during the Great War.

of his brothers died and this deep inter-



Mr E. S. Watt

est in war memorials.

After the war he became a printer and was the main shareholder of Imperial and Offset Printing.

He was chairman and managing director of Westralian Oil Ltd., a company which he started with solicitor

Ralph Stoddard in 1954.

During the World War he was the State chairman of the Commonwealth loans committee and chairman of the State recruiting citizens' committee.

He was awarded an O.B.E., mainly for his work for soldiers.

Mr Watt was on the State executive of the Returned Servicemen's League between 1925 and 1951 and was a past president and foundation member of Legacy.

He was a former State and federal president of the Federation of Master Printers and since the World War had been the president of the Dried Fruits Board of Western Australia.

He left a married daughter and two married sons.



HIGHGATE HONOUR GUARD

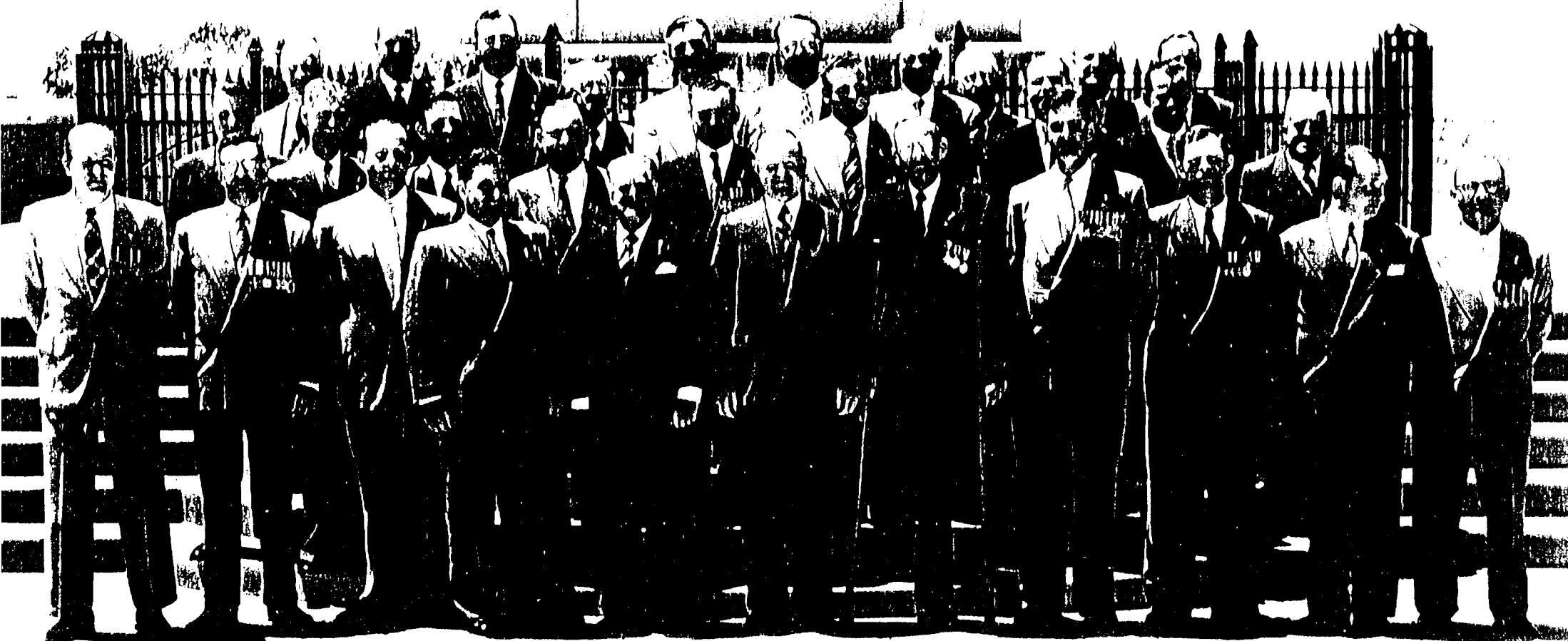
FROM LEFT

BILL BEASLEY, FRED PENNELL, PHIL LOFFMAN, BILL FITZHARDINGE, RON STONE, PERCY PEARSON, PAT MEHAN, MICK YATES, (WARDEN) DOUG DARGIE, KEN BROADHURST, ALLAN SHELLABEAR, (NOTE ARMBAND) MORRIE CREWE, HECTOR BINKS, WALLY WALTERS, JOHN SURRIDGE.

STATE WAR MEMORIAL KINGS PARK - PERTH

ERECTED
BY DUTIFUL CITIZENS
IN REMEMBRANCE OF
MEN OF THIS STATE
WHO AT THE CALL OF DUTY
GAVE THEIR LIVES FOR
FREEDOM AND HUMANITY
THE GREAT WAR
1914 - 1918

HIGHGATE HONOUR GUARD EARLY 1950'S



BACK ROW 1? 2 GORDON SMITH 3 DOUG DARGIE 4 JIM BURNHAM 5 MICK HUNGERFORD 6 BERT SHELLABEAR 7? 8 VERN DAWE 9 LES SLADE 10?
CENTRE ROW 1? 2 ROGER FITZHARDINGE 3 BILL FITZHARDINGE 4 BILL HAWKINS 5 BILL LONNIE 6? 7 FRED KING 8? 9 RALPH STODDART
FRONT ROW 1 WARREN SMITH 2? 3 ROSS BRADBURY 4 CAM REDENBACH 5? 6 RALPH DOIG 7 TED TOWNSEND 8 ROBIN CAMERON 9? 10 BILL BROCKWELL 11?

AFTER BREAKFAST AT THE WESTERN AUSTRALIAN CLUB, BEFORE THE PARADE

HIGHGATE HONOUR GUARD



BACK ROW:

TOM FERRERO, BOB ELLIOT, BISH KWIECINSKI, WARREN SMITH, WOJCIECH GORSKI, SIM HOLMAN, PHIL KENNEDY The Admiral, ERNST BAINTS.

CENTRE ROW:

JOHN HATELY, PETER HUMMERSTON, ALLAN SHELLABEAR, ALF PEARSON, JOHN SURRIDGE, ALAN SAVILLE, LES STEWART, BILL WILSON, BASIL SPRENGER,

FRONT ROW:

BOB MERCER, IAN MILLER, DON RAE, DON MEREDITH, BILL MUSSON, RON STONE, BOB DAWSON, KEN BIRKS, ROLEY CANTWELL, PHIL LOFFMAN, OTTO PELCZAR

HONOUR AVENUE

IS A SIX KILOMETRE AVENUE OF TREES IN KINGS PARK
TO COMMEMORATE THOSE WESTERN AUSTRALIANS
WHO FELL IN THE TWO WORLD WARS
1914-18 1939-45

AT THE BASE OF EACH TREE IS A PLAQUE
IN HONOUR OF ONE OF THE FALLEN

THE MAINTENANCE OF THE AVENUE
WAS PERFORMED BY THE KINGS PARK BOARD
FROM 1919 TO 1922, THEY STILL SERVICE THE TREES.

THE WEST PERTH SUB-BRANCH OF THE
RETURNED & SERVICES LEAGUE

LATER TO BECOME PUBLIC SERVICE / PRESS SUB-BRANCH
MAINTAINED THE PLAQUES FROM 1922 TO 1976

WITH THE AMALGAMATION OF PUBLIC SERVICE/PRESS TO

HIGHGATE IN 1976

ARTHUR TODD, MAX BRICE, BISH KWIECINSKI WITH A DEDICATED
VOLUNTEER COMMITTEE HAVE CONTINUED THIS LEGACY.

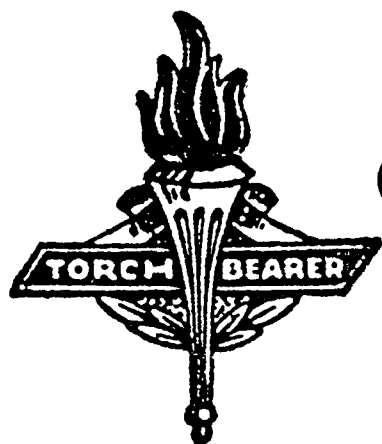
THE 1131 PLAQUES IN THE AVENUE ARE SYMBOLIC OF THE
7000 IN WW1 AND 4000 IN WW2 WESTERN AUSTRALIANS WHO FELL

POPPY DAY

MARY
CORNELL
AWARD

HIGHGATE HAS COLLECTED OVER \$200,000 AND WON THE AWARD 1971-75

- IN EARLY YEARS, EACH MEMBER WAS GIVEN 10 POPPIES TO SELL. THEN WE MANNED THE TINS.
- 1914-18 VETERANS SET THE HIGH ATTENDANCE STANDARD THAT STILL PREVAILS TODAY.
- EACH SUB-BRANCH WAS ALLOCATED A CITY BLOCK AREA. HIGHGATE AREAS ARE THE BUS STATIONS.
- OUR MEMBERS ALSO SERVICED BANKS, INSURANCE, GOVERNMENT DEPTS, PCC, OFFICE BLOCKS, BOANS. MYER STORES STILL DISPLAY OUR WREATHS AND STAFF WEAR OUR POPPIES.
- EX PRESIDENT AT COUNCIL HOUSE RATTLED A TIN UNDER LORD MAYOR'S NOSE, RECEIVED \$50.
- EX PRESIDENT AT THE ADELPHI HOTEL RATTLED A TIN AT A BEAUTIFUL WOMAN, SHE ASKED WHY? DOUG EXPLAINED, SHE MADE A MAGNIFICENT GIFT AND DEMANDED A KISS. DOUG OBLIGED.
- LAST YEAR'S COLLECTION WAS OUR BEST.



MISS CROWNING GLORY 1960 - 1980



- ◆ HIGHGATE COMMITTEE MEMBER FRANK BOAN WAS THE INAUGURAL PRESIDENT OF TORCHBEARERS, THE FUNDRAISING ARM FOR LEGACY. HE PROVIDED THE SECRETARY, THE CAR, THE OFFICE, TO START THIS ORGANISATION. MISS CROWNING GLORY RAISED \$253,755. JOINTLY FOR THE RSL AND LEGACY. IT WAS ONE OF MANY PROJECTS.
- ◆ IN 1964 HIGHGATE STARTED ITS "FIRST MISS CROWNING GLORY" CONTEST WITH A FASHION PARADE, WINE TASTING, GAMES NIGHT AT THE LATEST BOANS STORE IN MORLEY WHICH BOASTED A HUGE RECEPTION AREA WITH LOTS OF PARKING AND EASY ACCESS
- ◆ WITH GENEROUS HELP FROM THE MODELS, COMPERE, AUDIO OPERATOR, RAG TRADE, WINE AND BRANDY MAKERS ASSOCIATION THE FASHION PARADE WAS A BIG HIT WITH THE LADIES. ERNIE CADDY'S *CHOOK RAFFLE* ENSURED THAT EVERYONE CARRIED A CHOOK HOME UNWRAPPED. I AM STILL NOT SURE HOW THE GAMES WENT, THEY WERE A WELL ORGANISED TEAM, MATES OF ERNIES, A FLEET OF VANS TRANSFORMED THEIR SPACE INTO A MINI CASINO, WHICH WAS WELL PATRONISED. AT THE END OF THE EVENING THEY HANDED OVER A HANDSOME CONTRIBUTION.
- ◆ THIS WAS A GOOD START FOR HIGHGATE'S ENTRY INTO THE MISS CROWNING GLORY EARLY FUND RAISER, WHICH GAVE THE SUB BRANCH A PROJECT FOR THE FUTURE COMMITTEES. IN THOSE DAYS THE PRESIDENT HELD THE COMMITTEE MEETINGS IN THE EVENINGS AT HIS HOME, WITH HIS WIFE PROVIDING THE SUPPER. IT WOULD BE QUITE UNFAIR TO SUGGEST THAT A PRESIDENT WAS JUDGED ON HIS ABILITY TO RAISE FUNDS AND THE QUALITY OF HIS WIFE'S COOKING. FORTUNATELY, MORRIE CREWE (LEGENDARY COMMITTEE MEETINGS). WAS PRESIDENT *AFTER* ME. HE WAS A HARD ACT TO FOLLOW. THERE WERE NEVER APOLOGIES FOR BEING ABSENT.
- ◆ EACH PRESIDENT HAD HIS OWN STYLE OF APPROACHING THE CROWNING GLORY CONTEST. MOST MEMORABLE WOULD BE THE 'BEEF & BURGUNDY NIGHTS' IN THE SHOWGROUND MEAT HALL. TED MARTIN WOULD PROVIDE THE BULLOCK AND BUTCHERS THE WINE AND BRANDYMAKERS ARRANGED A WINE TASTING. THIS MONEY SPINNER LASTED SEVERAL YEARS.
- ◆ IN 1980 LEN IKIN WAS THE LAST PRESIDENT FOR "MISS CROWNING GLORY". IT WAS A LOT OF FUN, OUR MEMBERSHIP HAD GAINED AND OVER THE YEARS WE HAD RAISED WELL OVER **\$25,000**. LEN'S WAS OUR LAST HOME PARTY. OUR MISS CROWNING GLORY WON THE CONTEST ON A FEW OCCASIONS.



REMEMBRANCE DAY 2004

During the refurbishing of the State War Memorial the Service was held around the
"FLAME"

Highgate Sub-Wardens from left Phillip Skelton, Philip Loffman, Peter Salmon.



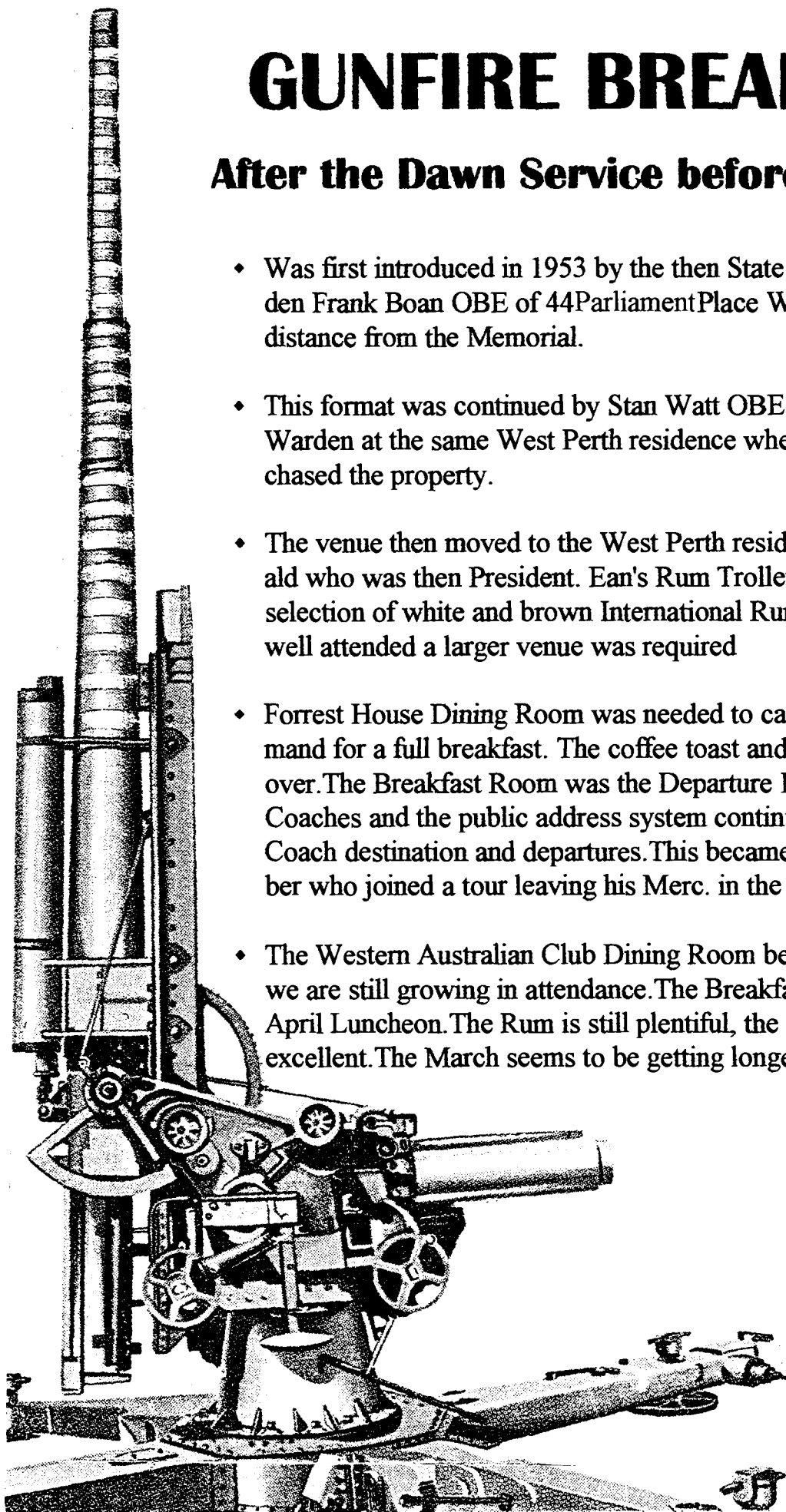
The **ANZAC DAY GUNFIRE BREAKFAST**

Western Australian Club before the March

GUNFIRE BREAKFAST

After the Dawn Service before the Parade

- Was first introduced in 1953 by the then State War Memorial Warden Frank Boan OBE of 44ParliamentPlace West Perth, walking distance from the Memorial.
- This format was continued by Stan Watt OBE State War Memorial Warden at the same West Perth residence when Westralian Oils purchased the property.
- The venue then moved to the West Perth residence of Ean McDonald who was then President. Ean's Rum Trolley boasted a collectors selection of white and brown International Rums. They were that well attended a larger venue was required
- Forrest House Dining Room was needed to cater for the growing demand for a full breakfast. The coffee toast and rum days were over. The Breakfast Room was the Departure Point for the Tourist Coaches and the public address system continually announced Coach destination and departures. This became too much for a member who joined a tour leaving his Merc. in the car park.
- The Western Australian Club Dining Room became our next home, we are still growing in attendance. The Breakfast has replaccd our April Luncheon. The Rum is still plentiful, the food and fellowship excellent. The March seems to be getting longer.





Highgate

Christmas Party

*During the Festive Season the
Tradition of our Ladies Christmas Party
Has become Highgates Social Highlight.
The format of this Occasion has changed from
Luncheons at various Selected Dining Rooms
To a Formal Dinner at the
Western Australian Club*



THE FIRST 50 YEARS

- ◆ IN 1947 THE SUB-BRANCH WAS FORMED WITH 71 MEMBERS, TODAY OVER 1000 MEMBERS HAVE PASSED THROUGH OUR NOMINAL ROLL, OF THESE ABOUT 350 ARE FINANCIAL.
- ◆ OUR FIRST LUNCHEON COST 2/6 MEAL WITH WINE. TODAY THE SAME COSTS \$15. OF THE ORIGINAL MEMBERS, ABOUT 4 ARE REGULAR ATTENDEES AT OUR MEETINGS.
- ◆ TODAY THE ATTENDANCE AT OUR LUNCHEONS- BREAKFAST -DINNERS ARE ALL ABOUT 100. EACH MEMBER HAS A PERSONAL RESERVE PLACE CARD ATTACHED TO HIS NAME TAG, THIS ENABLES FRIENDS TO BE SEATED TOGETHER, BY PREARRANGING THEIR OWN RESERVED CARDS
- ◆ PROMOTION. MEMBERS ATTAINING THEIR 80th YEAR ARE AWARDED A GOLD STAR TO BE WORN ON THEIR NAME TAG. ON THEIR 90th BIRTHDAY AND EVERY SUBSEQUENT BIRTHDAY THEY ARE AWARDED A GOLD STAR. SEVERAL MEMBERS HAD MULTIPLE STAR CLUSTERS.
- ◆ IN THE FOLLOWING PAGES 372 CV's & PHOTOS HAVE BEEN SUPPLIED BY MEMBERS OR THEIR FRIENDS.

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and CEREMONIAL FAREWELL
Saturday 1 April 2000

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NAVY FLAG

RON STONE
PERCY WHITE

RAAF FLAG

BOB ELLIOT
JOHN LANCASTER

MICK MICHAEL
JOHN HARPER-NELSON

STATE FLAG

MERCHANT NAVY FLAG

JOHN HATELY
ERNST BAINTS

FLAME

SIM HOLMAN
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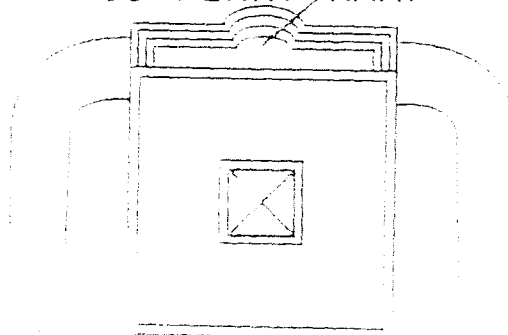
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VIC FERRY RAAF

UNION JACK

AUSTRALIAN FLAG

BOB DAWSON
DON MEREDITH
PETER HUMMERSTON
BASIL SPRENGER
BOB MERCER

BILL WILSON
LES STEWART
MIKE RUFFIN
CHRIS BROOKS
OTTO PELCZAR



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Highgate Honour Guard



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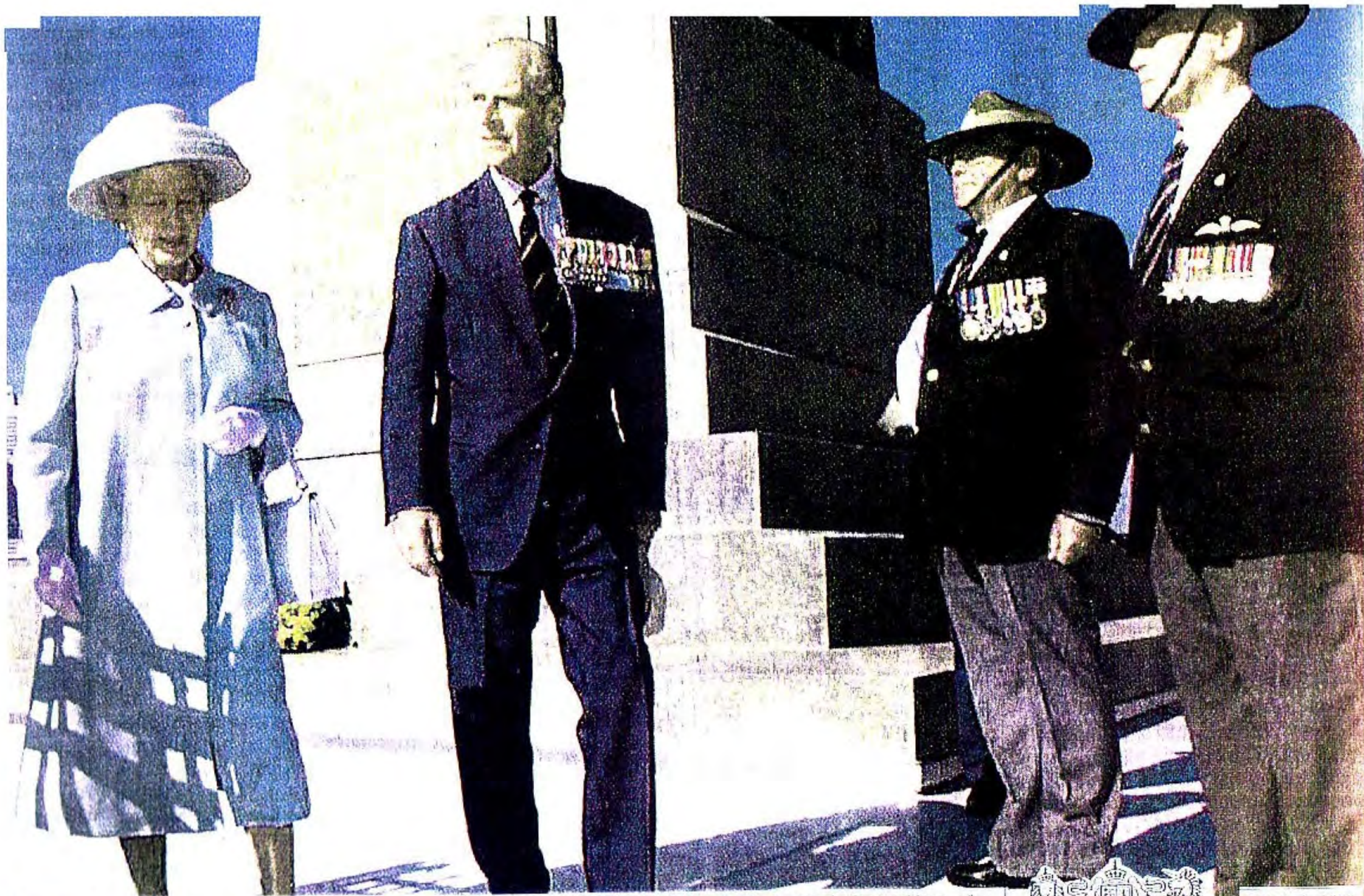
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JOHN HARPER-NELSON MICK MICHAEL ERNST BAINTS DON MEREDITH BILL WILSON OTTO PELCZAR ALLAN SHELLABEAR BOB MERCER SIM HOLMAN

FRONT ROW LEFT TO RIGHT

RON STONE LAWRENCE CONNOLLY JIM EAYRS TOM HORTON LES STEWART BOB DAWSON BASIL SPRENGER PETER HUMMERSTON IAN MILLER DON DAE



Homeward bound: The Queen and Duke of Edinburgh meet veterans, including some who served on the western front in the first world war, after laying a wreath at the King's Park war memorial in Perth at the end of their 16-day tour of Australia. The royal couple later boarded a flight home



APRIL 2, 2001

Highgate Inaugural Centurion Celebration 2001

PAUL PEARSON MBE 100th year. Gallipoli Room Anzac House



standing 80 years old this year

Jim Tippitts, George Oliver, Peter Salmon, Bruce Gaston, Ken Hobbs, Bill Peart OBE, John Cutting OAM RD, Dick Larson, Jim Eayres* PSM, Ron Stone AM, Graham Tibbs, Fred Bannister, Bill Stamps, Ron Bate, James Kevan.

sitting 90 + years old

Arthur Bancroft, Alan King AM, John Fitzhardinge OA MBE ED, Ian Bessell-Browne MBE ED, Sir Charles Court AK KCMG OBE, Paul Pearson MBE, Don Blair** RFD ED, Max Grace, Ivor Hanger OBE, Don Meredith, Roley Cantwell.

** President *Vice President incorrect age. Arthur Bancroft & Don Meredith 80. 80+ members not included in photo

Highgate "80th Birthday Boys" 2002



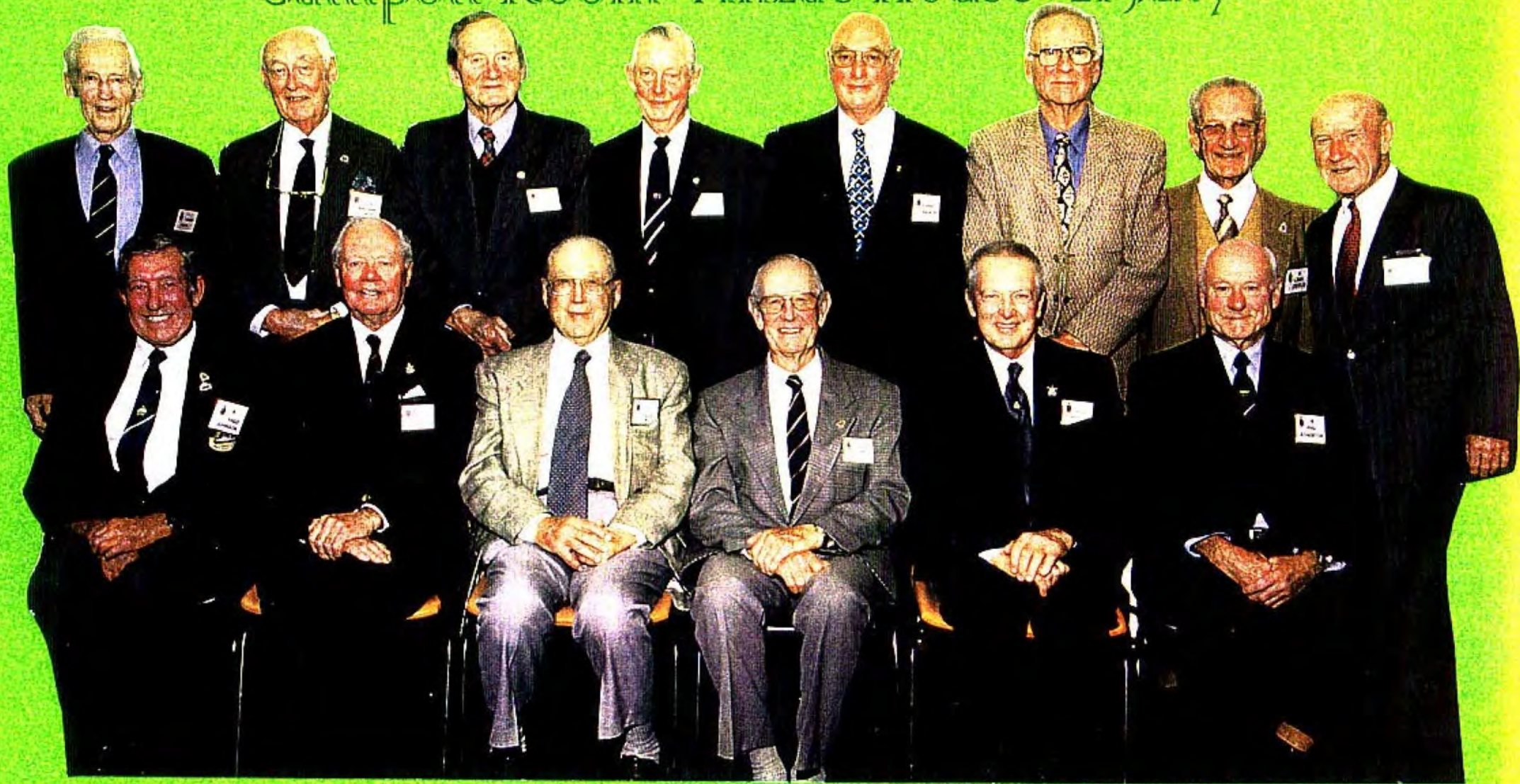
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CENTRE Neil Hubbard, Clarrie Taylor, John Harper-Nelson, Alan Saville, Kevin McGrath, Ken Winstanley, Eric Silbert, Lew Jacobs

FRONT Mick Michael, Terence Eames, Robert Grey, Sam Dallywater, Roger Fitzhardinge, Ted Gawthorn, John McLaren, David Bennett

Highgate "80th Birthday Boys" 2003

Gallipoli Room Anzac House 21 July



Standing left to right

GEOFF SMITH, EDDY BROWN, KEN BROADHURST, STUART WHITE, ERNST BAINTS, GORDON STACY, LEON ZEITLIN, STAN WATT

Sitting FRED JOHNSON, RON RIGG, SIMON HOLMAN, RON SEARS, PETER HUMMERSTON, PHIL ATHERTON.

Highgate Birthday Celebration" 2004

Gallipoli Room Anzac House 19th July



Back Row: Warren Smith, Laurie Palmer, Eric Watts, Les Gordon, John Miller, Ken Birks.

Middle Row: John Mackay, Lindsay Caddy, Alan Shellabear, Tony Smith, Roy Marsh, Ron Smith, John Lancaster, Bob Wallace.

Front Row: Joan Donohue (Richardson), Edmore Wells, Christopher Deane, Dick Reid, Ron Hatch, Bill Lumsden, Sir Charles Court.



80/(90) "BIRTHDAY BOYS" ANZAC HOUSE GALLIPOLI ROOM 18 JUL 2005

standing

BRIAN MARTIN, ALLEN TYSON, NOEL MONKS, BOB ELLIOT, BRIAN JOHNSTON, ALEX DICK, BILL KYNASTON, JOHN McKENZIE.

sitting

ALLAN TERRY, JOHN GOLDSMITH, TED WHITE, ED BENNESS AM (90), JIM ROBERTSON, PETER GLOVER.