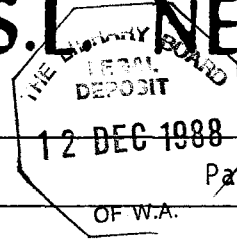


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MONTHLY LUNCHEON

MONDAY, 15TH AUGUST, 1988

VENUE: Gallipoli Room, Anzac House, Perth.

TIME: Fellowship 1200 hours
Luncheon 1250 hours

GUEST SPEAKER: Mr Christopher Briggs MBE

SUBJECT: "Life in the Chinese Maritime Customs Service"

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GUEST SPEAKER

The Guest Speaker for the month - an Associate Member of this Sub-Branch - obtained his Master Mariner's Certificate in London 1931 and joined the Marine Department of the Chinese Maritime Customs in 1932, from which he resigned in 1939 to join the Royal Navy as Lieutenant RNR. He was awarded the MBE in 1945 and demobbed in 1946 with the War Service rank of Commander RNR. In January 1949 he arrived in Australia. He served on the State Executive of the R.S.L. 1967-77 and was co-opted again 1978-79. He was State Junior Vice President 1975-77.

How refreshing it was to hear David Scott give such a lucid and interesting talk on what could be a very dull subject. He replied to some curly questions with a very straight bat.

What a pity Fred Pennell could not be present to enjoy his grandson's performance.

A sub-committee has been formed to analyse the records of the Sub-Branch with a view to writing the history of the Branch.

If any member has material appertaining to the Branch will they please forward to one of the following.

Alf Pearson
Geoff Russell

Max Brice
Doug Dargie

The State Executive has requested R.S.L. members to support R.S.L. policies on the Veterans' Entitlement Act Monitoring Committee and the integration proposals for Repatriation Hospitals.

Unless we move quickly on these two matters, we might not obtain the full benefit of the Monitoring Committee's report and fail to delay the handover of Repatriation Hospitals to State Governments.

A form letter for forwarding to local MP's and Senators will be available at the August Luncheon.

Bill Musson has very kindly volunteered to assist the Hon. Secretary in obtaining Guest Speakers for our monthly luncheons.

Suggestion (for speakers), please, to Bill.

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