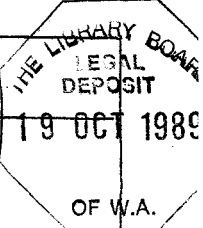


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MONTHLY LUNCHEON

MONDAY, 16 OCTOBER, 1989

VENUE: Gallipoli Room, Anzac House, Perth.

TIME: Fellowship 1200 hours  
Luncheon 1250 hours

SPEAKER: Captain Robert Belleville,  
United States Navy (Ret'd)

SUBJECT: "The Fremantle Flying Angel Club"

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THE SPEAKER.

Those Highgate members serving as Sub Wardens at a RAN Service of Remembrance some months ago were much impressed by and much taken with the Padre conducting the Service. Those present considered he would be an ideal guest whom we should invite to speak at one of our luncheons - sometimes easier said than done!

Captain Robert Belleville is from an entirely army orientated family. He broke with family tradition by embarking on a naval career during which he rose through the ranks to serve with distinction and command four different Destroyers and subsequently a Squadron of thirty Destroyers. After 38 years of service he retired from the US Navy to become a Priest and has since devoted that second career to service with Seamens' Missions. Currently the Assistant Port Chaplain at Fremantle he is based at the Flying Angel Club (The Mission to Seamen and British Sailors' Society) and we are delighted to welcome him to our luncheon shortly before his tour of duty expires in December of this year.

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SPEAKER - SEPTEMBER

Dr Douglas Sutherland-Bruce gave us a fascinating and at times amusing glimpse into the evolution of Heraldry. Taking us from the original cloth coat of arms worn over a suit of armour as a means of identification, to his contemporary research and detailed design for the City of Wanneroo. Although he had to condense a very much longer series of lectures into a 25 minute delivery he managed to leave enough time to answer many questions. In doing so he cleared up a misconception of one of our senior members who thought the 'Bar Sinister' was a suspect 'Out of Bounds' establishment in World War Two Cairo! We are once again most grateful to this speaker for an enjoyable and informative address.

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At the last Luncheon President Sam made several announcements which should be passed on for the information of all members not present...

AUSTRALIA DAY 1990: It has been suggested a function be held at the W.A. Club in the evening to view the fireworks in comfort. Cost approx. \$20.00 per head (Public Holiday loadings apply). Approx. one-third of Luncheon attendees indicated interest and the subject will be raised again.

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LADIES' LUNCHEON: Some time next year, if there is sufficient interest, a Luncheon will be held at an outside venue (Hotel, Restaurant, etc). This will be in addition to the normal Luncheon.

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LEGACY CHRISTMAS PUDDINGS: Treasurer Aub Lloyd is organising the sale of these and order forms will be available.

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DONATIONS: At the previous Committee Meeting it was proposed and accepted that grants from Sub-Branch funds be made as follows:  
R.S.L. Welfare Fund \$1000; Legacy \$350; War Veterans' Homes \$350.

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HONOUR AVENUE COMMITTEE: The President thanked Max Brice and the Committee for all their efforts. Damage has been kept to a minimum and replacements to plaques and post made when necessary. Trees damaged in the fire are either re-growing or being replaced. Vietnam Veterans have offered their services by supplying and replacing posts.

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POPPY DAY APPEAL: Again Aub Lloyd offered to organise the sale of poppies. He already has a list of volunteer sellers, and doubtless if more are required another appeal will be made. In addition, on Armistice Day itself a better than average attendance of Sub-Wardens and Members is required at the State War Memorial for this very special occasion, and also to greet the incoming Warden, Capt. Roy Marsh. Parade at the entrance to the Memorial no later than 1030 hours 11.11.89.

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R.S.L. MASTERCARD: It was requested this be given publicity as by obtaining one you benefit the Sub-Branch financially. However by now you will have received your copy of "Listening Post", which gives full details.

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A rather belated welcome to Mr R.S. JONES, who joined 3 months ago but owing to a tactical blunder was left off the mailing list. This has now been remedied.

Unfortunately a sad farewell to two members, FRED ELLIOT and LEN READING, who passed away in September.

Fred, who was the father of long-standing Past Treasurer Bob Elliot, was born in South Australia in 1893. As one of 10 children he moved with his family to Kalgoorlie in 1903. He enlisted in the 51st Bn. A.I.F. in the 1914-18 war and served in Egypt and France, where he was severely wounded, repatriated to Australia, and subsequently discharged. He was employed by Boan Bros. for many years, but before retirement he was for 20 years the Accountant for United Motors. A long-time member of the South Perth Sub-Branch of the R.S.L., Fred transferred to Highgate when son Bob retired so that they could attend the monthly luncheons together. Active almost until the end, Fred passed away in his 96th year.

Len joined the Royal Engineers as a boy apprentice and retired as a Lt. Colonel 41 years later. No mean feat. Stationed in Singapore at the onset of the 1939-45 conflict, he met Marie, living with

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her parents on the Island, and just before capitulation they were married. Two hours later the new Mrs Reading left on one of the last boats to reach safety. Len spent the rest of the war in Changi, and after release was mentioned in Despatches and received many commendations for his abilities in organising construction work to make the life of the prisoners more tolerable. On retiring from the Army he entered the civilian construction industry in Britain and Canada before settling in Perth. Here he was involved in the building of the Art Gallery and the Fremantle Hospital Extension. A comparative new member of Highgate, he was a regular attendee at the Luncheons and enjoyed the company of friends he met there. At his request Ex-servicemen, including 3 from Highgate, acted as Pall Bearers together with friends from Probus. Len passed away just before what would have been his 76th birthday.

REST IN PEACE, TWO FINE GENTLEMEN.

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LADIES' NIGHT DINNER

will be held on Friday, 24 November, 1989.

VENUE: W.A. Club, The Esplanade Perth.

TIME: 7.00 p.m. for 7.30 p.m.

COST: \$32 per head.

DRESS: Dinner suit with miniatures.

Please forward the attached acceptance form with your remittance to the Treasurer - Mr A.A. Lloyd

2 Sandalwood Avenue  
Woodlands 6018

or Return by hand at the latest at the Luncheon on 20 November 1989.

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LADIES' NIGHT DINNER - FRIDAY, 24 NOVEMBER, 1989.

To The Hon. Treasurer.

I will/will not be attending the Ladies' Night.

I enclose my remittance for .....(\$32 per head)

I will be accompanied by .....

Signed.....

Name.....

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