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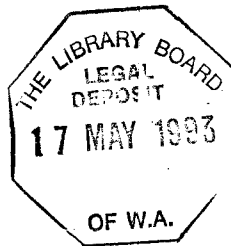
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MONTHLY LUNCHEON

MONDAY 17 MAY 1993

VENUE: Gallipoli Room Anzac House Perth

TIME: Fellowship 11.50 Hours
Luncheon 12.40 Hours

SPEAKER: KEITH FLANAGAN - A fellow member of Highgate, Keith will present a slide show and talk "The Quiet Lion". This is based on sketches made in secret by POWs on the Burma - Thailand railway. It features aspects of survival and the part played by the "medicos" and "Weary Dunlop" in particular.

Please note the new timings for the luncheon, made in order that members who require to leave sharply at 2 p.m. can now do so politely and without interrupting the proceedings. Also those who like to carry on can now be in the downstairs bar ten minutes earlier.

ANZAC DAY: Another very successful Dawn Service and breakfast. A good turnout of sub wardens looking very military in their berets, and what could be a record attendance at the breakfast. With the tables set for 70 there did not appear to be any vacant seats. A slight problem getting the various consuls etc seated in their proper order, so it was probably as well the Arab or the Israeli consuls did not attend, or we may have had another war to contend with. How many of the general public or even our own Highgate members realise how much work and organisation goes into making the Dawn Service one of the most memorable in the world. So many are involved behind the scenes from the Marshalls, the Warden, Deputy Warden, the Sub Wardens and the Southern River Rover Scout Crew who provide an Honour Guard on the Memorial all night. The Honour Avenue Sub Committee formed from Highgate Members who ensure as they do all the year round that all the plaques and posts are in position and newly painted, and the Carine High School students who the day before, and in their own time place a posie of flowers at each plaque. There must be many more including the Kings Park staff, who give the whole area a last minute brush and polish. Long may it continue. Thanks to member Len Bird who through no fault of his own was AWL from the breakfast, but sent his cheque, which has since been donated to the War Veterans Home Building Fund.

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RELATED CONGRATULATIONS: To Rolf Allom who reach the ripe old age of 94 on the 11 April. Despite a recent fall, Rolf is still hale and hearty, seldom misses a luncheon, and enjoys a dram (or two or three) before and after the meeting.

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NEW MEMBERS: Welcome to Richard James, William (Bill) Jamieson, and William (Bill) Munroe. Richard served in Britain and overseas with various Field Ambulances including 44 Para Field Ambulance, Bill Jamieson until retirement was Brigadier in Command 5 MD, and Bill Munroe who is rejoining member, is a Vietnam Veteran with 2 RAR.

SUB WARDENS DUTIES:

TUESDAY 25/5/93 1.15pm for 1.30pm R.S.L. Women's Auxiliary.
SUNDAY 30/5/93 2.15pm for 2.30pm Dunkirk Veterans Assn.

Apologies to anyone inconvenienced by the mistake in dates in April's Newsletter. There is an expression used to describe Hon Secretaries who get dates wrong, and if the two gentlemen who arrived on the wrong date did use it, it was not audible.

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LADIES INVITATION LUNCHEON: A while ago it was agreed by a show of hands at a meeting, that a ladies luncheon be held in lieu of the cocktail party. At the present your committee is working on dates, venues, prices etc, but when a decision is made please try and give the function you full support. After all it is only once a year.

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VALE

Regretfully two members passed away in April. JOHN MAITLAND and JAMES "BARNEY" CAMPBELL.

John Maitland MBE. 2/10/1910 to 15/4/1993 served from 1941 - 1943 RAASC Darwin Area 1943 - 1945 Tarakan. Balikpapan Borneo 2 Beach Group. Perth Legacy. John came to live in WA some two years ago from South Australia.

J B (Barney) Campbell 3/4/1909 to 20/4/93. Educated at Perth Modern School and later was prominent as a league footballer. Served on the staff of "The West Australian" rising to the position of Associate Editor. Joined Royal Navy 1940, serving in various theatres of war later transferring to the RAN ending the war as a Lt. Commander in command of a corvette. Barney was universally popular, and will be sorely missed by his family and many friends.

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