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MONTHLY LUNCHEON

MONDAY 16 AUGUST 1993

VENUE: Gallipoli Room Anzac House Perth

TIME: Fellowship 11.50 Hours
Luncheon 12.40 Hours

SPEAKER: Highgate member Noel Monk's subject will be "Turning a Liability Into an Asset". Noel who had been a wheat farmer in the Dalwallinu District, re-located to Dandaragan in 1973 to grow fine Merino Wool. He also embarked on a large scale agro-forestry exercise using trees as pumps to pull down the rising water table. This enabled him to establish an additional industry of farm grown pine timber.

LAST MONTH'S SPEAKER: Members were not disappointed. Scott Spencer, Regional Director, Dept. Foreign Affairs and Trade, was the guest speaker. Having spent two years as First Secretary, at the Australian Embassy, Moscow, he was able to describe the background to the build up as well as some of his personal experiences. With lots of members questions which followed and to which he so ably responded, his time went all too quickly.

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NEW MEMBERS: Welcome to new members John Wilson and Kenelm Digby. John served mainly with 38 Bn and 12 Bde and Ken, who is a rejoining member, with 2/3 Anti Tank Regt. On the subject of new members, this was brought up at the last committee meeting and it was felt that we as a sub branch are not generally doing sufficient to increase our membership. All of us must have ex-service friends who are not members of the RSL. If so, why not bring them to a luncheon, introduce them, make them feel welcome, and hopefully they will complete an application form. This should put a smile on membership officer Bob Mercer's face, and if accompanied by a cheque for \$30 an even bigger smile on Treasurer Ted Thomas's face.

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V.J. V.P. DAY 15 AUGUST 1993: The Regular Defence Forces Welfare Association are holding a Commemorative Wreath Laying at the State War Memorial, Kings Park at 11.00 am on this day. This is to mark the 48th Anniversary of V.J. V.P. Day, Victory in the Pacific, and the final cessation of hostilities of World War 2. Please try and attend this service which commemorates a very important event in history. President John Low will lay a wreath on behalf of the sub branch. This will be followed by a buffet lunch and refreshments in the Sgts Mess Irwin Barracks, Karrakatta (enter off Stubbs Terrace). The organisers do state "All Welcome" but please help catering, by letting them know you are coming. If time permits please confirm in writing enclosing a cheque for \$10.00 per person attending, to SECRETARY RDFWA P.O. Box 14 HILLARYS WA 6025, or if by the time this newsletter reaches you, it is too late then ring their Secretary Brain Cooper 300 0651 or Sam Dallywater at home 383 3161.

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SUB WARDENS DUTIES: Ceremonies of which confirmation has been received are:

SUNDAY 15 AUGUST: 10.45 am. for 11.00 am. RDFW ASSN. V.J - V.P Day.

SUNDAY 5 SEPTEMBER: 2.45 pm. for 3.00 pm. Thirtyniners Assn.

SUNDAY 12 SEPTEMBER: 11.45 am. for 12.00 pm. Maltese Assn of WA (Inc)

WELFARE OFFICER: Unfortunately there was an error in the phone number of Bob Smith in the July letter. It should be 448 5023.

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INVITATION: The Returned Ex-Servicewomans Sub Branch have pleasure in inviting you and our friends to a Remembrance Poppy Day Lunch for men and women at the Fremantle Sailing Club SUCCESS HARBOUR MARINE PARADE FREMANTLE at 12.15 pm on Thursday 11 November 1993. Details were published in Listening Post, but tickets (\$30 each) are obtainable from MRS J DOWSON

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This is an extract from the Travel Section of the Sunday Times which was all about the "Debatable Lands", on the border between England and Scotland. It then published a long list of names saying "If your name is here, it is likely that your ancestors were amongst those who terrorised the borderland between England and Scotland more than 400 years ago. The list included the names ARMSTRONG, CRISP, DACRE, DIXON, ELLIOT, GRAHAM, GRAY, HALL, HENDERSON, HUNTER, JAMESON, JOHNSTONE, KERR, READE, RUTHERFORD, SCOTT, TAYLOR, THOMPSON, WATSON, WILSON, YOUNG.

It appears some of our more esteemed members may have had ancestors who as the article says "'Many a grieving widow was left "bereaved" (from the word "REIVE" to go on a plundering raid) as they looted, murdered, and made war on the other families, who, in turn, took to horse, and paid them a visit."

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