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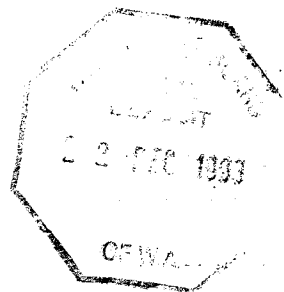
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MONTHLY LUNCHEON

MONDAY 20 DECEMBER 1993

VENUE: Gallipoli Room Anzac House Perth

TIME: Fellowship 11.50 Hours
Luncheon 12.40 Hours

There will not be a guest speaker at the luncheon, this meeting will be the AGM of the Sub Branch and confirmation for officers and committee will take place. Afterwards a selection from our own members will entertain us. The luncheon will include full christmas fare, wine and cake at the usual price of \$12.00.

LAST MONTH'S SPEAKER: Captain Keith Eames, Chief of Staff, at HMAS Stirling, had quite a deal to tell the meeting.

He described the strategic importance of having a naval base at Garden Island, it's advantages and facilities which have been, and are continuing to be established on the island. Also, he referred to the build up in the number of vessels home based at Stirling, which is taking place; the environmental responsibilities, public access to the island, the commercial effect of the base on Rockingham, and his enthusiasm for the Naval Cadets Reserve and it's activities taking place at the various locations in our State.

At question time, Tom Horton's enquiry as to where best he could place his cray pots, was not fully satisfied! However, Allan Shellabear was assured that his grand-daughter was quite safe in pursuing her membership of the Naval Cadets.

Captain Eames also took trouble to arrange for an excellent display of photographs which included the range of RAN ships currently in service.

A most informative talk.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: To begin with some comment on the LADIES'S NIGHT DINNER of 26 November held at the WA Club - a most enjoyable occasion at a select venue providing a lavish buffet of a wide assortment of dishes in a delightful environment. Those who were elsewhere at the time through various circumstances missed a thoroughly good evening.

A reminder for CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON on 20 December. No guest speaker involved but entertainment by a select number of Highgate members themselves - should be very interesting indeed and of course guests are most welcome.

I write this message towards the end of what has been a very special year for me and on vacating the Office of President I am obliged to extend my thanks to the Committee and to Members for their support during my term of Office for the year. Also to take this opportunity of wishing you and your family a very Happy Christmas and a healthy and prosperous New Year.

A FEW NOTES FROM THE LAST COMMITTEE MEETING: Phil Loffman amongst his other projects is collecting the histories of the Highgate members past and present. To date these total 141. Newer members will receive a form by post which they are requested to complete. Would others please collaborate and let Phil have your details. Also thanks to Betty Loffman, who every year produces beautifully made names places for the dinner. A letter of thanks from the War Veterans Home for the sub branch's gift of wine for the residents Christmas Dinner (far better than warm beer in a dirty mess tin).

Treasurer Ted reported approx 50% of members had so far paid their subscriptions for 1994. Keep up the good work.

Leslie Stewart "volunteered" to take over the duties of organising the guest speakers from Bob Elliot.

This year, Poppy Day sales were down on previous years, and it was felt this may be partly due to a shortage of collectors now we have two selling positions.

Due to circumstances the services of a new Secretary will be required. Leslie Lee has offered to stand in where necessary on a temporary basis, but in the long term would anyone prepared to consider having a go, please contact John Hatley (279 8626).

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AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL FLAG ASSOCIATION: At the November luncheon Able Dacre explained to all present the Associations intentions in January 1994. To inform those not at the luncheon and remind those who were, extracts from the letter received are as follows,

'Flags will be flown on all the Perth City Council Masts leading into the City from 9th to 30th January 1994. (Australia Day Banners will grace St George's Terrace and Forrest Place to complement our display).

The Flag Masts are located as follows,
Great Eastern Highway 14, (Sponsored by Burswood Casino)
The Causeway 7, Mounts Bay Road 14, Kings Park Road 14,
Barrack Square Jetties 8, Old Barrack Arch 2.

(The above by individuals and organisation sponsors YOU!)

To mark the raising of your flags our Association together with the Australia Day Council and Australia Post are organising a "Flag Raising Ceremony" in Forrest Place at midday on Thursday 13 January 1994. This will be preceded by one hour of entertainment. We hope you, your family and members will be able to attend and indicate your support for our beautiful Flag. Congratulations for being part of this exciting project.

With best wishes.

Yours sincerely
PGN Kennedy AO
Rear Admiral (Rtd)

STRENGTH INCREASE: Welcome to new members IVAN HUNTER, ALEXANDER DONALD, JOHN GOLDSMITH AND DOUGLAS COLLINS, Ivan served for many years with the RN Alex with the RAN, Korea and Vietnam, John with the RN WW II and the RAR Korea, and Doug who transferred to us from another sub branch with 18 Fd Regt RAA, WW II and subsequently with the CMF.

SICK LIST: At the time of writing HUGH NORMAN is still in Hollywood. ROLF ALLOM also spent some time in Hollywood after a fall but is now back home. The injury happened at an unfortunate time for Rolf as he was amongst the WA WW I Veterans selected to go to Canberra for the November 11th ceremonies, but had to withdraw at the last minute. FRED BANNISTER broke and ankle, as he says "chasing a bird out of the garage". He did not explain whether the bird was of the feathered variety or otherwise.

STRENGTH DECREASE: Regretfully 3 members have passed on recently. They are Victor (Jack) Simpson, John Price and Frank Leroy. Frank in particular was an old member (1951) and had been a sub warden for over 20 years.

LEST WE FORGET

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DIARY FOR 1994

	<u>COMMITTEE MEETING</u>	<u>LUNCHEON</u>
FEBRUARY	7	21
MARCH	14	21
APRIL	11	
MAY	2	16
JUNE 20	13	
JULY	4	18
AUGUST	1	15
SEPTEMBER	5	19
OCTOBER	3	17
NOVEMBER	7	21
DECEMBER	5	19

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PLEASE NOTE: COMMITTEE MEETINGS COMMENCE 12.45 HRS.

THERE WILL BE NO MEETING, LUNCHEON OR NEWSLETTER
IN JANUARY 94.

THERE WILL BE NO LUNCHEON IN APRIL, INSTEAD
ANZAC DAY BREAKFAST.