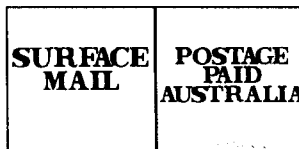
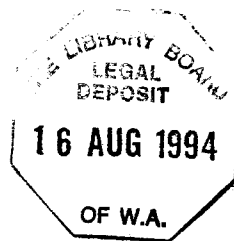


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MONTHLY LUNCHEON **MONDAY 15th August 1994**

VENUE: Gallipoli Room Anzac House Perth

TIME: Fellowship 1150 Hours
Luncheon 1240 Hours

SPEAKER: Air Commodore Neil Smith MBE

SUBJECT: Singaporeans at Pearce

Air Commodore Smith entered the Royal Australian Air Force Academy on January 22nd, 1962 as an air cadet and graduated in 1965 as a flying officer in the Technical Branch. He subsequently completed a bachelor of Aeronautical Engineering degree at the University of Sydney.

After completing pilot training he flew Winjeel and Vampire jet aircraft. In 1968 he was posted to Williamston NSW where he flew CA-27 Sabre and Dassault Mirage 1110 aircraft, completing an operational tour with No3 Squadron in Malaysia.

GUEST SPEAKER-AUGUST....Cont

Then followed a number of command and technical postings before attending RAAF staff college. In January 1979 Air Commodore Smith was appointed Senior Engineering Officer RAAF London. Several staff postings followed his return to Australia prior to his appointment as Officer Commanding NO 481 Squadron, and subsequently No 481 Wing Williamstown where he oversaw the introduction of the F/A-18 aircraft.

A tour as Director Technical Plans and then Director of Personnel Officers-Air Force preceded his current post as Officer Commanding RAAF Base Pearce.

To date he has 1800 flying hours on various service aircraft, including 1050 on front line fighters.

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LAST MONTH'S GUEST SPEAKER:

Brigadier Duncan Warren RFD ADC, Commander, 13 Brigade received a warm welcome at our July meeting. Many members knew him through his work with Legacy and through his father, the late Roy Warren, who was a well known and loved personality in both Legacy and military circles.

Brigadier Warren gave a detailed brief on 13 Brigade, its role, tasks, ORBAT and training cycle.

It was worrying to learn that though the Brigade's area of operations is the Pilbara, it only gets to exercise in that area once every three years because of financial limitations. Yet comforting to know that they are well equipped with the latest weaponry and up to the minute gadgetry (to wit; The COMBATSIM computerized War Games package with which they are able to conduct command post exercises from Section to Brigade level) and, above all, so well led.

The Brigadier's talk was enlightening and well received by all.

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SUB WARDENS DUTIES:

Tuesday 9 August: 1730 for 1745 hrs-HMAS Shropshire Assoc.

Monday 15 August: 1045 for 1100 hrs-RDFW Assoc.VJ-VP Day.

(His Excellency the Governor of Western Australia wil attend this function.)

Wednesday 31st August: 1145 for 1200hrs-2Bn Malaya Merdeka Veterans.

Sunday 4th September: 1445 for 1500hrs-"Thirtyniners" Assoc.

Sunday 11th September: 1145 for 1200hrs Macedonian Council of W.A.

Sunday 18 September: 1345 for 1400 hrs-RAF Assoc.

Tuesday 4 October: 1730 for 1745 hrs-Naval Assoc.

Would sub-wardens or any member attending the service on the 15th August please find their old running shoes and get into strict training ready for a quick dash down the Terrace in order not to be late for the luncheon.

PAUL AND "BLUE" IN NORMANDY

John Goldsmith and his mate "Blue" were both on naval landing craft ferrying troops and tanks on to the Normandy beaches on D-Day 1944. Both returned for the 50th anniversary celebration. Our Prime Minister was there too. They met up at Bayeux where Paul Keating went to lay a wreath at a small section of Australian graves. That done, he walked along a line of Australian veterans greeting them one-by-one. The he saw "Blue" carrying an Australian flag, did a right-angled turn and greeted the veterans on another side of the graves. One pointed to "Blue" and told the PM, "he's carried that flag all the way from Australia." "Is that so?" said our "leader", turning his back on "Blue" and the flag and walking away. (By permission, from Ex POW Assn. Newsletter June 1994)



John Goldsmith

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REMEMBRANCE-POPPY DAY LUNCH: This will be held on Friday 11th November 1994 at 12.15pm at the Fremantle sailing club. Full details and an application form are on page 15 of the last edition of the Listening Post-or ring Joan Dowson on 3846712.

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RATHER BELATED CONGRATULATIONS: To our member "Jock" Geldart on his appointment to the position of State Secretary of the Returned & Services League.

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D.V.A. IS MOVING: The WA branch of Veterans' Affairs will be re-locating to the AMP building, corner of William St & St Georges Tce in September 1994. Further information closer to that time.

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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS: The following have either joined the league or have transferred to us from other branches:

- Richard John Mckenzie-RAAF Christopher Laurence Brooks-Army (RAE)
- Gary Raymond Hartree-Army Walter Henery ("John") Ross-Navy (WW11)
- Maurice Miller Taylor-RAAF (WW11)

It is hoped they all have a long and happy association with Highgate.

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"LADIES' NIGHT": Just a reminder that the Ladies' Night Dinner will be held on Friday 25th November at the W.A. Club. Cost-\$40 per head. Details and application slip in the October Newsletter.

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