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## MONTHLY LUNCHEON MONDAY 21st November 1994

VENUE: Gallipoli Room Anzac House Perth

TIME: Fellowship 1150 Hours Luncheon 1240 Hours

SPEAKER: Commodore R.N. Partington AM RAN SUBJECT: Reminiscences after 40 years' naval service.

Commodore Partington was born in Melbourne and entered the Royal Australian Navy in 1954. He was awarded a commission in 1961 after training which included 18 months at Britannia Royal Naval College Dartmouth. After service in HMAS Melbourne and HMAS Kimbla he was sent in 1963 to the U.K. for specialised aviation training and was duly awarded his wings as a helicopter pilot.

He later converted to fixed wing aircraft and served until 1967 as a front line pilot on HMAS Melbourne. The next few years were spent with the RAAF as a flying instructor during which time he was promoted to Lieutenant Commander, then he was posted to HMAS Parramatta as Executive Officer. He was promoted to Commander in 1976 and served in a number of staff positions until promoted to Captain in 1984.

Commodore Partington was appointed naval officer commanding the North Australia Area and, in 1990, was then promoted to Commodore prior to assuming command of HMAS Albatross in 1990. In January 1993 he took command of HMAS Stirling and Fleet Base West.

Commodore Partington was made a member of the Order of Australia in January 1990.

#### LAST MONTH'S GUEST SPEAKER:

Our October speaker, The Hon Mick Gayfer, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Freemasons of W.A. brought us up to date with the current charitable activities of the craft in this state. This ranged from the suburban and country lodges supporting their communities to the Grand Lodge approving student scholarships of \$332,800 in the past five years, the rescue of the Fairbridge Village near Pinjarra and the administration of the many aged peoples homes throughout the state which are open to non-Freemasons.

The speaker also traced the parallel between Freemasons and ex-servicemen, the majority of whom see the need to maintain honourable traditions, support charity and share brotherly love. The Grand Master certainly spoke so clearly and forthrightly on behalf of the 10,000 or so W.A. Freemasons (6 million odd worldwide) that he could have dispensed with the "mike"! Well done Mick!

SUB WARDENS DUTIES:			
Friday 11th November 1020 for 1030hrs-Remembrance Day			

#### **GENERAL NEWS:**

Many letters, newspapers, circulars etc are received by this sub branch, mainly from the Department of Veterans Affairs and Anzac House. As we do not have our own premises or notice board the material is brought to our luncheons and placed on the tables at the bar end of the room. Please note that they are there for you to peruse or, if you wish, to take away.

A while ago a gentleman living in Manchester, and an old soldier, wrote to Highgate about a programme on Radio 6PR in August. This referred to our Prime Minister and his indifferent attitude towards a Highgate member carrying the National Flag at the D Day reunion in Normandy. As an old age pensioner he was struggling a little financially but he sent us a \$5 note in appreciation. A nice gesture!

Members will be aware that our honorary member His Excellency the Governor of Western Australia, accompanied by his secretary Major Pye and friend Major-General McLachlan, attended the September luncheon. Since then we have received letters from both the Governor and Major-General McLachlan. Both said how much they enjoyed the luncheon. His excellency is looking forward to further opportunities in 1995. In addition Major-General McLachlan stated that there would be many clubs around Australia which would envy the camaraderie obvious to him during the luncheon.

REMEMBRANCE DAY CEREMONY: A	good turn out of Sub-Wardens is
requested to support this impressive ceremony	у.

MEMBERS PLEASE NOTE: At the luncheon desk PLEASE tender the correct money (\$12) if possible. At least, please do not present notes of large denominations. And PLEASE do not tip chairs up. To reserve your place use the "Reserve" slips provided. Reserve slips for guests may be obtained from the secretary.

VALE ALLEN BAGSHAW: Our member Allen Stokes "Blue" Bagshaw died on 27th October, aged 80. During WW11 he served in Coastal Command (Sunderlands). at different times under the command of Francis Burt and Bruce Courtney. Sir Francis Burt and Air Commodore Courtney are now members of Highgate.

"Blue" Bagshaw was a well known sportsman. He represented the RAAF versus England at cricket, and he played league football for Perth. Our sincere condolences go to his widow Lola and family.

**POPPY SELLERS 11TH NOVEMBER:** There has been quite a good response to our appeal for collectors, but we will welcome more volunteers. Ted Stevenson (3876703) or Tom Florton (3909071) will be pleased to hear from you.

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**AN APOLOGY:**Perth Legacy held their service on 2nd November but the information reached us too late for inclusion in the last newsletter.

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**DID YOU KNOW?** Our ode-"They shall grow not old etc" comes from a poem "For the Fallen" by the poet Laurance Binyon (1869-1943).

**LADIES' NIGHT DINNER:** Another application slip is enclosed. As the deadline for acceptances-except in emergencies-is the November luncheon, please make sure that the treasurer has your response by then, but the earlier the better as much preliminary planning needs to be done.

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