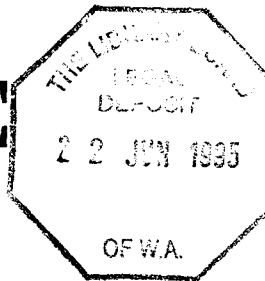


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MONTHLY LUNCHEON

MONDAY 19 JUNE, 1995.

VENUE : GALLIPOLI ROOM, ANZAC HOUSE, ST. GEORGES TERRACE,
PERTH
TIME : FELLOWSHIP 1150 HOURS; LUNCHEON 1240
HOURS.

SPEAKER: HAROLD HUNT.

SUBJECT: PERTH'S EARLY WATER SUPPLIES.

HAROLD WAS BORN AT COTTESLOE AND EDUCATED AT GERALDTON, PERTH MODERN AND THE UNIVERSITY OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA. HE PRACTICED AS A CIVIL ENGINEER AND ADVOCATE DURING HIS WORKING LIFE.

HAROLD, WHO IS A MEMBER OF OUR SUB-BRANCH, WAS, BEFORE HIS RETIREMENT, CHIEF ENGINEER OF THE METROPOLITAN WATER BOARD (NOW THE WESTERN AUSTRALIAN WATER AUTHORITY). A MAJOR TASK WHICH HE HAS ACCOMPLISHED SINCE RETIRING HAS BEEN THE COMPILATION OF A SPECIAL REPORT FOR THE "AUSTRALIAN HERITAGE ENGINEERING RECORD" ON THE EVENTS THAT BROUGHT SAFE DRINKING WATER TO THE METROPOLITAN AREA. THIS REPORT WAS PRINTED UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE INSTITUTION OF THE ENGINEERS AUSTRALIA WA DIVISION BY ITS ENGINEERING HERITAGE SUB-COMMITTEE.

DURING HIS WAR SERVICE WITH THE ROYAL AUSTRALIAN ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL ENGINEERS BETWEEN 1941 AND 1945 HE HELD A NUMBER OF STAFF APPOINTMENTS.

TOWARDS THE END OF THE COLONIAL PERIOD THE MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS OF PERTH COMPLAINED OF A "DULL APATHETIC INERTIA OF IGNORANCE" AS THEY TRIED TO CONVINCED THE AUTHORITIES OF LINK BETWEEN CONTAMINATED DRINKING WATERS AND ENDEMIC DISEASE SUCH AS TYPHOID. IN THE 1880'S, GOVERNOR ORD, A FORMER ROYAL ENGINEER OFFICER, WAS EXHORTED BY THE COLONIAL OFFICE TO "USE YOUR BEST EFFORTS TO REMEDY A CONDITION OF THINGS LITTLE CREDITABLE TO THE COLONY". THE REST IS "HISTORY" AND FORMS THE BASIS OF HAROLD'S TALK.

LAST MONTH'S SPEAKER: OUR THANKS GO OUT TO ALLAN ELLIOTT, GENERAL MANAGER OF THE ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE ASSOCIATION FOR HIS EXCELLENT DISSERTATION ON THE EFFORTS BEING EXPENDED BY THAT ORGANISATION TO PROVIDE ACCOMMODATION AT BULL CREEK AND MERRIWA PRIMARILY FOR RETIRED VETERANS. FOLLOWING ON FROM HIS TALK ALLAN REMAINED BEHIND TO EXPLAIN, TO THOSE INTERESTED, THE BASIS UPON WHICH THE UNITS ARE MADE AVAILABLE, THE APPROXIMATE COST AND MORE DETAILS CONCERNING RESIDENCY. IT WAS CERTAINLY REFRESHING TO HEAR JUST WHAT IS HAPPENING IN THE EX-SERVICE WORLD AND WHAT OTHER ASSOCIATIONS ARE DOING TO HELP EACH OTHER. A MOST INTERESTING TALK WHICH WAS WELL RECEIVED BY A RECEPTIVE AUDIENCE.

VALE: FRANK TYDEMAN PASSED AWAY RECENTLY AT THE AGE OF 94 YEARS. FRANK WAS A STALWART MEMBER OF THE SUB-BRANCH WITH AN EXTENSIVE RECORD IN THE FORCES. WE EXTEND DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO FRANK'S FAMILY AT THIS SAD TIME.

DID YOU KNOW THAT:-

QANTAS AIRWAYS IS OFFERING GREATLY REDUCED FARES FOR EX-SERVICE PERSONNEL WISHING TO TRAVEL TO MAJOR AUSTRALIAN CITIES/TOWNS FOR THE PURPOSE OF ATTENDING REUNIONS DURING 1995 (AUSTRALIA REMEMBERS YEAR). MY SPIES TELL ME THAT THE DISCOUNT CAN BE AS MUCH AS 60% AND MAY INCLUDE YOUR SPOUSE. IF YOU'RE INTERESTED CONTACT QANTAS ON 13 13 13 FOR DETAILS;

T.V. SOUND BOOSTERS ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS TO EX-SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN WHO HAVE A HEARING DISABILITY WHICH HAS BEEN ACCEPTED AS DUE TO SERVICE;

A "VETERANS' HOME MAINTENANCE SERVICE HELPLINE" IS AVAILABLE FOR ENTITLED VETERANS. FURTHER DETAILS ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS - 'PHONE 368-2222;

IF YOU PROPOSE VISITING THE AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL IN CANBERRA BETWEEN NOW AND DECEMBER, 1995 YOU MAY BE ENTITLED TO A SPECIAL PACKAGE WHICH IS AVAILABLE TO VETERANS, WAR WIDOWS AND THEIR FAMILIES. 'PHONE 366-8333 FOR DETAILS;

IN CONJUNCTION WITH "AUSTRALIA REMEMBERS" THE RADIOWISE MEDIA NETWORK WILL PRODUCE A SERIES OF RADIO INTERVIEWS WITH WWII VETERANS. ANYONE WITH A "GOOD" STORY TO TELL IS INVITED TO CONTACT THE NETWORK AT 37 ALEXANDER STREET CROWS NEST NSW 2065;

CHRISTINE BELL OF 4 CLIFTON PLACE KAMBAH ACT IS SEEKING THE ADDRESSES OF SURVIVING MEMBERS OF 121 AUSTRALIAN SUPPLY DEPOT PLATOON WHO SERVED IN BOUGAINVILLE BETWEEN 1944 AND 1946;

EX-SERVICEMEN WHO SERVED IN THE PHILLIPINE AREA DURING WWII MAY BE ENTITLED TO BE AWARDED THE "PHILLIPINE LIBERATION MEDAL" WHICH THE PHILLIPINE GOVERNMENT PROPOSES TO STRIKE IN RECOGNITION OF THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE END OF THE WAR. FURTHER DETAILS SHOULD BE AVAILABLE SOON FROM THE SECRETARY;

THE 1995 REUNION OF PRISONERS OF WAR ASSOCIATION WILL BE CONDUCTED IN TASMANIA FROM 6-11 NOVEMBER. FOR DETAILS CONTACT THE ASSOCIATION; AND

FORMER MILITARY POLICE WHO WERE ASSOCIATED WITH THE FREMANTLE PRISON ARE REQUESTED TO CONTACT ANNE BRAKE, CURATOR, FREMANTLE PRISON - PH. 335-9473.... ???

SUB-WARDENS DUTIES:

SATURDAY 17 JUNE 1145 HOURS FOR 1200 RSL (STATE CONFERENCE)

SUNDAY 9 JULY 1045 HOURS FOR 1100 Z SPECIAL UNIT INTERNATIONAL

N.B. DUTYING IN THE PREVIOUS NOTICE WAS INCORRECT. THIS IS THE 15TH ANNIVERSARY OF Z SPECIAL UNIT AND WILL BE HELD IN THE PRESENCE OF HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR WHO WILL GIVE A SHORT ADDRESS

SUNDAY 30 JULY 1115 HOURS FOR 1130 MACEDONIAN COUNCIL OF WA

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OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY GRADUATES:

THE FACULTY OF HEALTH AND BIOMEDICAL SERVICES IS SEEKING EX-SERVICEMEN WHO WERE TREATED BY OCCUPATIONAL THERAPISTS DURING THEIR YEARS OF SERVICE TO COMPLETE A BRIEF QUESTIONNAIRE. THESE QUESTIONNAIRES WILL BE USED AS THE BASIS OF A BOOKLET TO RECORD THE WORK OF AUSTRALIA'S FIRST OCCUPATIONAL THERAPISTS WHO WERE INDUCTED INTO THE ARMY AND THE R.A.A.F. DURING WWII. ENQUIRIES TO BE MADE TO:- PEGGY FARROW SCHOOL OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY NORTH TERRACE ADELAIDE SA 5000.

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AUSTRALIA REMEMBERS - JUNE 1995

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>CONTACT</u>
16/18 JUNE	RSL STATE CONGRESS & ANNIVERSARY DINNER	RSL 325-9799
17 JUNE	AUSTRALIA PACIFIC BRANCH, RAAFA - ANNUAL DINNER. 1900 HOURS, AFA CLUB, BULL CREEK	TOM DEAN 332-8214
22 JUNE	AUSTRALIA REMEMBERS LECTURE - "MILITARY DEFENCE OF WA" - U.S.I.	NORM ASHWORTH 341-2602
26-28 JUNE	TOM STARCEVIC, V.C. ANNIVERSARY CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMES & DEDICATION - ESPERANCE ROTARY	090-711544
30 JUNE	RED CROSS CONFERENCE - "INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW"-SGIO AUDITORIUM	ANNE VAN DER BEEKE 325-5111
26 JUNE TO 21 JULY	EXHIBITION OF MEMORABILIA-CURTIN UNIVERSITY	M. WOODHOUSE 362-6255
26 JUNE TO 7 JULY	DRAMATISATION OF "LIFE AT HOME"-ABORIGINAL STUDIES CENTRE, CURTIN UNIVERSITY.	M. WOODHOUSE 362-6255

ALSO BEING HELD IN JUNE:

RED CROSS REFUGEE WEEK	ANNE VAN DER BEEKE 325-5111
RATIONING AND ST. JOHN - ST. JOHN AMBULANCE MUSEUM.	325-6065

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Veterans' Affairs - News Update

VETERANS' ADVICE NETWORK (VAN)

The Veterans' Advice Network (VAN) is an information and advisory service for veterans, war widows and their family. To use VAN's services you do not need a DVA pension or health care entitlement. VAN staff will answer questions about benefits and services available through DVA. Van will also provide you with up to date information and advice about services available in your local community. You can contact VAN by telephoning the enquiry service on (09) 3668444 or by visiting the Department.

DVA is now located in the AMP building on the corner of St George's Terrace and William Street, Perth. The VAN enquiry counter is on the 12th floor.

Veterans' Home Maintenance Helpline

Some members of the veteran community need access to home maintenance services to enable them to continue living in their own home. In recognition of this, the Department of Veterans' Affairs has arranged a Veterans' Home Maintenance Helpline which commenced on 4 April 1995.

Helpline provides:

- advice and information on home maintenance matters, including referrals to trades people (from 9am to 5pm Monday to Friday)
- referral to a reasonably priced Home Inspection Service (from 9am to 5pm Monday to Friday)
- advice and referrals to trades people for home emergencies, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

The matters you may need to phone about could range from replacing a fuse to installing a new bathroom. For large or small jobs, the Helpline will give you advice on how to proceed and suggest the right service to meet your need.

In the majority of cases you will need to pay for the work done by tradespeople. This may also involve the payment of a call out fee.

The Helpline number is *free* - 1800 80 1945

Insurance

The repairs that need to be undertaken on your property may be covered by insurance. First contact your insurance company if you think any damage to your home may be covered by your insurance policy.

In the case of emergencies ring the toll free number 1800 80 1945.

A Defence Service Homes Loan can be used to help pay for repairs or modifications. However, in considering using a loan, you will need to be sure that the cost of the work justifies the expense of the loan and establishment fee and mortgage documentation.

The Helpline wherever possible, will link you to Government subsidised services such as Home Help and Handyman Services.

If you have a trades person call to your home, the Helpline staff may contact you by telephone or post to ensure that you are satisfied with the service arranged.

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Entitlement Cards

In the recent Budget, it was announced that simplification of DVA health care arrangements is a high priority. This will be implemented by reducing the current four card entitlement system to two.

The change will bring the health care eligibility of SPBC (*red card*) and DTEC (*lilac card*) holders into line with that of PTEC (*yellow card*) holder. This will be a major contribution towards simplifying the present system. The *white card* will remain unchanged.

The two card arrangements will be introduced from 1 January, 1996.

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Reminder

An invitation is extended to carers to register with the DVA Carer Support Program. The information service is available by contacting the Carer Support Adviser, Lynne McHale on (09) 3668348.

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Volunteer Support Program

The Volunteer Support Program has been established to offer support to volunteers in both Ex-Service Organisations and other groups in the community who provide volunteer services to veterans and war widows.

If your organisation would like support for volunteers such as: organising workshops, planning events, fundraising ideas, assistance with funding applications, please contact the Co-ordinator Carole Gittens on (09) 3668344 or country callers 008113304 (ext 344).

Carole Gittens