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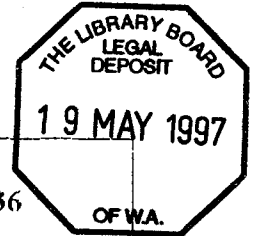
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MONTHLY LUNCHEON.

MONDAY, 19 MAY, 1997.

VENUE: GALLIPOLI ROOM, ANZAC HOUSE, ST GEORGES TCE., PERTH
TIME: 1150 HOURS FELLOWSHIP - 1230 LUNCHEON.
SPEAKER: LT. COMMANDER ALEX DONALD (Retd.)
SUBJECT: DIVING EXPERIENCES IN THE SEAS OF VIETNAM.

Alex was born in Western Australia in June, 1930 and attended Thomas Street School, West Perth. He worked in the South West until he joined the Navy as a recruit seaman. He was commissioned 14 years later and his last posting was as Commanding Officer Leeuwin. He retired after 38 years in the Navy.

(TOM HORTON)

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS:

COMMITTEE: 1215 hours 9 June, 1997. Anzac House.

LUNCHEON: 1150 hours for 1230 hours 16 June, 1997 Anzac House

ASSISTANT CASHIER FOR MAY MEETING: ROGER FITZHARDINGE
If unable to attend please advise Brian King - Tel. 318 - 8557 in time for him to get a replacement.

MARCH GUEST SPEAKER: Lt. Colonel Brian Gray (Retd.) gave a very interesting and informative talk on the Corps of Commissionaires. I'm sure each member who was present at our luncheon on Monday, 17th March, 1997 has a very clear understanding of the Corps' activities.

By the number of questions and the many who availed themselves of the pamphlets offered showed great interest in the talk.

(TOM HORTON)

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

Another Anzac Day has passed and it is heartening to see the increasing numbers attending at the various services. To stand on the memorial and look out over about 8000 faces, many of them children, was the best confirmation we could have that the Anzac traditions live on.

Breakfast proved to be well attended, the presence of members of the Naval, Military and Air Force Club swelling the numbers to about 120. Regrettably our old friend Tony Abbott, British Consul General, was a last minute apology due to him having to fly home because of the gravity of his mother's health. I regret to inform you that she died shortly after his arrival and we offer him the sincere sympathy of all at Highgate.

Since last meeting we have lost Past President, Dick Dawbarn and Max Brice OAM our Honour Avenue secretary for fifty years. Both these fine gentlemen will be sorely missed.

Phil Loffman's tremendous effort in producing a record, largely pictorial, of our history is in the last straight, so, if you have a contribution, make it now. There is no truth in the rumour that he had to gain access to police records for some of the photographs!

During May I have been granted leave to proceed overseas and commend you to the stewardship of Senior Vice President Tom Horton.

(DON MEREDITH).

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PENSION (FORMERLY WELFARE) OFFICER'S REPORT:

Extended eligibility to Defence Service Homes (DHS) loans to widowers of WWII women.

Initiative: Veterans who have previously been assisted on their own service and are widowers of WWII ex-service women are currently not entitled to a second loan based on their status as widowers. This initiative removes that discrimination by allowing for entitlement to a second loan by WWII war widowers whose spouses are ex-service women.

Background: This measure addresses the unintended discrimination against WWII widowers who have previously used their own entitlement to DHS assistance. Widows of such veterans are presently entitled to such assistance.

Implementation Date: 1 January, 1997.

(Q) To be eligible as the widower of a WWII ex-service woman under this measure, of what branch of the services must my wife have been a member?

(A) Widowers of members of the following services will benefit from this initiative:-

- The Royal Australian Naval Service; The Australian Women's Army Service;
- The Women's Auxiliary Air Force; The Australian Army Medical Women's Service; and
- Full time paid members of the Voluntary Aid Detachment.

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HOSPITAL VISITING OFFICER'S REPORT:

The only member of Highgate found secreted in the complexity of Hollywood for this last month was our worthy State Secretary, Jock Geldart. Actually, at the time he was packing his bongos in preparation for discharge. So, albeit on crutches, we hope to see him on Anzac Day.

The Sub-branch Notice has been placed amongst the host of notices in the main corridor leading from Reception - it is updated every Tuesday morning (all things being equal). Please check this notice whenever you visit Hollywood, for whatever reason, and take a minute to two to pop in on a comrade. God help any member hospitalised if the only face he sees is that of the HVO.

(LES STEWART).

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POETS' CORNER.

(This poem came out of Stalag Luft III in 1943. The author is unknown)

PRISON CAMP.

Day follows day in dull monotony,
The sun hangs heavy in the changeless sky;
Dust devils eddy down the sandy road,
The long drab rows of huts lie mute within
The shadows of the encircling wire -
And this is life.

The hours silent to eternity,
The days stretch into weeks, the weeks to years;
Time ages, yet the features do not change;
Time swoops along on feet that never move -
Feet fettered by the wire's weightless bond,
With night comes sleep.

And sleep brings dreams to flaunt these timeless days,
And life runs sweetly as it did before -
Bright eyes, sweet lips, cool drinks, good food, soft beds
The thousand fantasies of vanished peace
Til morning light returns with hopeless hope.

(Supplied by: Alan Saville).



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RETURNED & SERVICES LEAGUE HIGHGATE SUB-BRANCH

NOTES ON FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - 31st December, 1996

ACCUMULATED FUNDS - Increase of \$1229 in General Fund. A loss of \$814 in the Amelioration Account due to drop in Poppy sales and loss of \$8 in the Honour Avenue Fund. A donation of \$1000 to Legacy from General Funds decreased our funds available.

INVESTED FUNDS- Now stand at \$2422 at an interest rate of 8%. This deposit is part and parcel of our General Funds.

FUNCTIONS- Once again - well supported by Members.

POPPY DAY - Sales were down on last year of \$295 - but, conversely, expenses were down by \$295 also.

AMELIORATION ACCOUNT- All Poppy Day receipts and payments go through this account and any donations made by the Sub-branch must go to RSL welfare **AND NO OTHER.** Local donations, eg to Legacy, Red Cross etc. must come from General Funds Account.

HONOUR AVENUE - A great effort by all those concerned. A damn good effort. Thanks guys.

H. A. FENNELL.

**THE RETURNED & SERVICES LEAGUE OF AUSTRALIA
W.A. BRANCH (INC)**

**HIGHGATE SUB-BRANCH
BALANCE SHEET - 31 DECEMBER 1996**

	1996	1995
	\$	\$
<u>ACCUMULATED FUNDS</u>		
General Account	4595	3366
Amelioration Account	4231	5044
Honour Avenue	721	729
	9547	9139
 <u>REPRESENTED BY:</u>		
<u>CURRENT ASSETS</u>		
C/Wealth Bank Corporation A/C 925571	4892	3693
C/Wealth Bank Corporation A/C 910-679	701	709
C/Wealth Bank Corporation A/C 10198547	4231	5045
Capitation Fees in advance	3580	3460
Cash on hand	80	20
Town Country Bank Deposit 11642733 (3%)	2422	2249
Books	--	70
	15906	15246
 <u>LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES:</u>		
Subscriptions in advance	5710	5390
Donations in advance	649	717
	6359	6107
	<u>9547</u>	<u>9139</u>

I have audited the attached Financial Statements and other Accounting and Administrative records of the Highgate Sub-Branch RSL for the year ended 31 st December 1996 in accordance with accepted Accounting Standards and in my opinion the financial Statements give a true and fair view of the financial position of the the Sub-Branch as at 31st December 1996.

H A FENNELL FCPA CD
TREASURER

T J HAYDEN FASA CD
AUDITOR

**THE RETURNED & SERVICES LEAGUE OF AUSTRALIA
W.A. BRANCH (INC)
HIGHGATE SUB-BRANCH
STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 1996**

	1996	1995
	\$	\$
<u>AMELIORATION ACCOUNT</u>		
<u>INCOME</u>		
Poppy Day sales	5185	5460
Sausage Sizzle	--	713
Bank Interest	89	42
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	8264	6215
<u>EXPENDITURE</u>		
Donations War Veterans Homes	200	1133
Torchbearers for Legacy	-	400
R.S.L. Welfare Account	3090	1900
Poppy Day costs & half proceeds	2872	3167
Bank Charges	6	12
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	6078	5712
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<u>SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)</u>	(814)	503
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	1996	1995
	\$	\$
<u>HONOUR AVENUE</u>		
<u>INCOME</u>		
Contributions/plaques	-	115
Donations	460	250
Interest Received	17	19
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	477	383
<u>EXPENDITURE</u>		
Operating Costs	430	316
Administration Costs	55	84
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	485	400
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<u>(DEFICIT)</u>	(8)	(17)
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<u>ACCUMULATED FUNDS</u>	<u>GENERAL</u>	<u>AMELIORATION</u>	<u>HONOUR AVE</u>
Balance 1/1/96	3366	5045	729
Surplus/(Deficit) 1996	1229	(814)	(8)
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	4595	4231	721

**THE RETURNED & SERVICES LEAGUE OF AUSTRALIA-W.A. BRANCH (INC.)
HIGHGATE SUB-BRANCH STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 1996**

	1996	1995
	\$	\$
<u>GENERAL ACCOUNT</u>		
<u>INCOME</u>		
Subscriptions	8856	9309
Donations	1234	1124
Interest received	237	282
Functions	5095	391
Book Sales	--	30
Lunches	14360	57
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	29782	11193
 <u>EXPENDITURE</u>		
Capitation Fees	5285	5502
Newsletter costs	2290	1838
Stamps/Stationery/Phone	746	786
Funeral Notices	422	257
Donations - Mt Lawley Scouts/Rovers	1100	75
Bank Charges	37	21
Gratuities	100	100
Functions	5275	--
Lunches	12339	63
RSL Certificates	210	180
Public Liability Insurance	50	40
Audit	100	130
Seminars	85	123
Sub Refunds	--	31
Congress	319	310
Gong Repairs	225	--
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	28553	9322
 <u>SURPLUS</u>	 <u>1229</u>	 <u>1871</u>

FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK:
SUB-BRANCH PRESIDENT/TREASURER MEETING -
SATURDAY 10 MAY, 1997.

Commencing at 0930 hours and concluding at 1200 hours. It is proposed to discuss the 1996 Audit Report at the meeting as a priority.

CONGRESS MINUTES OF THE 1996 STATE CONGRESS.

Have already been distributed to Sub-branches and should be brought by delegates to the State Congress 1997.

A LETTER CONCERNING ASBESTOSIS IN WWII MERCHANT SEAMEN HAS BEEN RECEIVED FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS:

This covers advice concerning this affliction.

THEIR SERVICE - OUR HERITAGE:

This programme is being launched in schools throughout Australia. School and associated material packs will be available on the basis of one per Sub-branch from Anzac House within the next two weeks.

HEART FOUNDATION BALL - 10 MAY, 1997.

An invitation for members to attend the 1997 Heart Ball or subscribe to the Heart Foundation has been received by the State Office. Enquires - phone (09) 325 -9799.

(STAN CHASE)

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A WORD FROM THE EDITOR:

President Don and Alan Saville have generously agreed to proof read the News prior to printing. It is hoped that this exercise will result in an error-free publication. However please remember that it is a newsletter and not a lexicon. If your need is for a lexicon you may buy one from a good bookshop or your local newsagent!!

(TOM SCULLY)

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