

# Central Bureau Intelligence Corps Association

NEWSLETTER  
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## BI-CENTENNIAL REUNION 1988

The Association's Executive Meeting was held on Monday, 10th August, and plans are going ahead for next year's Bicentennial Reunion.

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SYDNEY. As our American visitors (and, we hope, some of the "Brisbane 12" from the United Kingdom) will be in Sydney on Anzac Day and plan to march with us, we are hoping for a good attendance, not only on ANZAC DAY, but at the PICNIC at LANE COVE RIVER PARK on Wednesday, 27th April. A letter from Bob Bevan suggests we carry our National Flag during the March, and another suggestion was that we try and get a United States Flag and a Union Jack as well.

BRISBANE. The plaque for 21 Henry Street is completed and it is hoped that it will be placed in position at midday on SUNDAY, 1ST MAY, with Dr. Sinkov doing the honours. This will of course be dependent upon the time being suitable to Mr. and Mrs. Look, the owners of 21. The placing of the plaque will be followed by a PICNIC at ASCOT PARK.

With regard to attendance and accommodation, it will greatly facilitate our arrangements if you will complete the attached form and send it promptly to our Secretary, Gordon Gibson.

Please bear in mind that EXPO 88 takes place in BRISBANE.

MELBOURNE. Before the above dates and events, the American contingent will be in Melbourne, and we are sure that our Victorian members will be arranging a get-together in Melbourne, as well as joining in the later activities in Sydney and Brisbane. More news later.

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## OTHER NEWS

Just after the last Newsletter was issued, we received the very sad news of the death of Alf Bobin. Alf and his wife Daisy marched with us on Anzac Day last year, though he was even then in indifferent health, and his death will be a great loss. Alf was always enthusiastic and conscientious in getting out the Wireless Units Newsletter, and encouraging W.U. personnel to join our C.B. Association. We sympathise with Daisy and the family and with all of Alf's W.U. colleagues in their loss.

Our sympathy is extended also to John Walsh, now of Heathcote, N.S.W., in the loss of his wife in April.

On the sick list are Joy Linnane, recuperating after major surgery, and Mac Maroney. Mac suffered a severe heart attack right after returning home to Mont Albert, Victoria, after the Anzac Day Reunion, and is only now back on his feet. Our good wishes are with Joy and Mac, and any other members who are at present feeling below par.

Can anyone supply any information on Clyde (or Clive) Costello, please? We believe his home town was Melbourne.

NEW MEMBERS: Welcome to the Association from the Executive - Jack Brown, Keith Carolan, Gordon Chapman, Vince Edwards, R.H. Fisher, Clarrie Hermes, Al Jenkins, Bill Kalbfell. It was great to meet with some of you on Anzac Day.

An interesting letter was received from Phil Dynes who was with "Z" Special Force after some time with C.B. Phil was involved in the Memorial Service at Leyburn in Queensland from where, in February 1945, six Liberator Bombers took off to drop highly trained Commandoes behind enemy lines. A Memorial Cairn was dedicated to the 46 young men who failed to return.

Jim Williams recently gave a talk on his experiences as a Kana Operator to the WAAAF Branch of the Air Force Association. Jim is another of our members who fits 40 hours into a day.

Our intrepid Treasurer/Traveller, Norma Keeling, has just returned from Adelaide where she contacted Ted Correll, and had lunch with Ken Price and his wife, who intend coming to Sydney and Brisbane for the Reunions. Norma has also made her debut as an actress this year, in a local Drama Society, and did a terrific job!

Geoff Ballard and his wife Beth have been in Sydney these last two weeks on fund raising activities for Amnesty International. Geoff retains his boundless energy and continues with The Book which is eagerly awaited as a record of C.B.'s accomplishments.

Very recent Sick Parade items from two of our Melbourne stalwarts and regulars at our Anzac Day Reunions in Sydney -- Percy Pledger has had another spell in hospital after a fall, but is home again now and battling on. Lester Truex had major surgery on July 2nd - 10 hours 'on the table'! He should be almost back to normal by Christmas and in the meantime expects to have a visit back home to the United States. Lester and his family must have been very anxious and we are thankful that he now looks forward to good health once again, and soon. Our best wishes for your travels, Lester.

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We have not been overwhelmed with photographs suitable for copying, nor have we received your contributions about your life in Central Bureau. Too bashful? Too busy? We really appreciate items of interest for your Newsletter. Thank you in anticipation.

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The Annual B.B.Q. will be at Gordon and Sue Gibson's home, SUNDAY, 8TH NOVEMBER. More details in the next Newsletter.

Best wishes to all.

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Please remember to give your attention to the attached Questionnaire and send your response to Gordon Gibson as soon as you can.