



NEWSLETTER

MARCH, 1989

Our ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING was held on the 10th February with 11 members present and many apologies received from near and far. Treasurer Norma Keeling reported a balance in the bank at 31st December, 1988 of \$374.68.

President Michael Casey reported on the year's activities, stating that 1988 was probably the most significant year in the history of our Association, with the high-light being the gathering at 21 Henry Street, and the unveiling of the plaque by Dr. Sinkov who honoured us with his attendance at functions in Melbourne, Sydney and Brisbane.

He thanked all those whose efforts had ensured the success of our activities, mentioning in particular the ladies who undertook the catering, and indeed all Executive Committee members had played their part, and thanks were given also to Hon. Auditor, Ron Chidgey.

Mike, our President since Ted Eckert died, and Madeline Chidgey, our very special Publicity Officer for the past five years, did not wish to stand for re-election, and for this year of 1989 the following were elected to be our Executive Committee:

<u>President:</u>	Jim Williams	<u>Secretary:</u>	Gordon Gibson
<u>Vice Presidents:</u>	Dennis Moore	<u>Treasurer:</u>	Norma Keeling
	Aub Roberts	<u>Publicity Officer:</u>	Marion Winn

Executive Committee: Madeline Chidgey, Noni McNaught, Mike Casey.

Appreciation of the great contribution made during their terms of office by Mike Casey and Madeline Chidgey was expressed at the Meeting, and a Minute to this effect was recorded.

Allan OSBORNE now lives too far away to be on the Committee, but we hope to have his company, with Meg, on Anzac Day.

It was a great pleasure to have John DAVIES, recently retired as Professor of French at Adelaide University, at the AGM. He was visiting Sydney and joined our Association on the spot. Thank you to John LAIRD in Canberra who let him know that C.B.I.C.A. existed. There was much reminiscing with those who had known John well at CB.

Your new Publicity Officer approaches her task with some apprehension, following on from Madeline, so I rely on your goodwill and patience. There is a lot to be said this month, so here we go ...

ANZAC DAY 1989, SYDNEY

Of importance, are two changes from our past arrangements.

Firstly, the Re-union will not be held at Phillips Foote, but at the HOTEL LAWSON, 383-389 Bulwara Road, Ultimo. That may not be a street well known to you, so we are giving you a map. Access at the end of the March can be by foot, by car, by monorail, or possibly by bus. Please refer to the map on the back of the enclosed notice.

Secondly, as we are committed to an attendance of at least 50 to 60, it is essential that our Treasurer, Norma Keeling, receive payment beforehand. When you arrive at the Hotel, Norma will provide your receipt, which will be your "meal ticket"!

Norma and Gordon Gibson have visited the Lawson and arranged that a comfortably furnished private room (the Bar Room) will be available for us from 12 noon to 4 p.m., with a Smorgasbord Luncheon: hot and cold dishes, desserts, tea and coffee. The cost is \$18.00 per head.

I am sure you will appreciate the need to complete and return the tear-off slip on the enclosed notice as soon as you can, together with payment if you are able to join us.

We hope that these two changes - location and payment in advance - will meet with your approval and co-operation and we look forward to ever increasing numbers at our Re-unions.

A further bulletin on the proposed re-union in NOVEMBER -

Now that we have received a positive response from our Victorian members, arrangements are being made for the get-together in Melbourne on the 11th and 12th November this year. We expect to place a wreath at the Shrine of Remembrance on Saturday, the 11th; and on Sunday, the 12th, there will be a Barbecue Luncheon in the lovely gardens of Parliament House. Food and liquor are provided and the cost will be around \$15 each. (We do our own cooking!)

We are grateful that this venue is being made available to us through Roy Ward, who was formerly an M.L.C. in the Victorian Parliament.

Members of the A.S.W.G. Association and the ex Wireless Units Associations are being invited and we should have a grand time.

So between now and November, keep fit, check with your friends and relatives in Melbourne for friendly accommodation, and allow at least Saturday, 11th and Sunday, 12th November for your CB colleagues.

Firm details will be given in the next Newsletter. In the meantime, we would be pleased to receive a note from you if you intend to visit Melbourne from South Australia, Queensland, the A.C.T. or New South Wales.

Re-unions are great times for remembering people, places and events, and many letters expressing enjoyment of the events in 1988 have come from America and from our own members. One of our ladies wrote of the visit to 21 Henry Street -

"It was an unforgettable day. We will never walk that path again, which made those too few hours so precious."

PERSONAL PARAS

We deeply regret to advise of the death in Melbourne on February 2nd of STEWART SOUTHAM a fine fellow and very popular at CB. Lester TRUEX arranged an insertion in the newspaper and attended Stewart's funeral, together with Pat GILL, Geoff PATIENCE and Ted BROWN. Stewart and his wife Hillyar, also from CB, attended our Anzac Day Re-union in 1986 with other Melbourne members, and we were delighted to see him again after so many years.

He will be greatly missed by his family, friends and business colleagues, and we extend our deep sympathy to Hillyar and her family.

SOUTHAM. — Stewart. All associated with the Central Bureau Intelligence Corps. Association express regret at the passing of a true gentleman, a loyal and dedicated colleague during WWII and in subsequent years. Our sympathy is extended to his dear wife Hillyar, and their family.

SOUTHAM. — Stewart FNIA. The National President. Councilors and Administration are very saddened by the death of our longest serving National President and first Life Member, Stewart Southam, who contributed in so many ways to the Institute and the accounting profession. His wise counsel as well as his genial personality will be greatly missed. Deepest sympathy to Hillyar and family. — National Institute of Accountants.

NEW MEMBERS: A warm welcome to Ivan AUPRINCE, John DAVIES, and Les DOWNER. Les Downer is another introduced into the Association by John Laird. We hope you will all join in our activities this year.

John LAIRD has recently had an anthology of Australian war literature published - "The Australian Experience of War. Illustrated Stories and Verse." Published by Mead and Becket, Sydney. Price \$39.95. A review in the Sydney Morning Herald mentions "the subtlety, balance and astuteness of his selections, particularly of the prose extracts, which reveal a surprising range of subject matter and point-of-view.Laird is also to be complimented for his recognition of Australian comic writing about war".

Don LAIDLAW was honoured in the New Years Honours List and we congratulate him on the recognition for the service he has given to secondary industry, the S.A. Parliament and the community. So far as we know, Clarrie HERMES is the only other CB-ite to be so honoured.

Madeline had a letter from Al JENKIN, Brisbane. Al has kept in touch with Mr. and Mrs. Look, owners of 21 Henry Street, who remain friendly towards our members and activities. It is hoped that Al and Eunice will be in Sydney for Anzac Day and also in Melbourne in November.

Peter and Molly COLLESS also hope to come from Brisbane to Melbourne in November, health permitting. (Molly made that special CB cake which was so speedily devoured at No. 21!)

And here we give a reminder to other EX WIRELESS UNIT PERSONNEL that the AGM of your Queensland Association will be held in Brisbane on SUNDAY, 13TH AUGUST, and it seems that quite a few interstate members are contemplating the trip north.

As we go to press, Joy LINNANE is in hospital at Gosford, looking fine and recovering well after major surgery. The doctors are pleased with her progress and she hopes to be fit enough to be at the Re-union at the Lawson.

Pat GILL had a heart by-pass operation in October and is doing well - he is giving a little time to his business but hopes to phase out gradually, and visit Europe later on.

Mac MARONEY reports that he spent the Christmas vacation having a total right hip replacement - the left hip was replaced in 1982. He says he is now bionic! and not many people can claim to get a hip for Christmas! Charles STEPHENS of Port Macquarie was to enter hospital around mid February for a complete review of his left hip replacement, the socket for which had come adrift. That sounds very painful and we wish him well, and look forward to seeing him when he is fit.

Bob BEVAN, now living in Rockhampton, is another who has had some surgery during the past couple of years and is pleased with the progress he has since made. Fay also is much improved in health. We expect Bob's attendance at the Lawson next month.

Another founding member of our Association, Bob FROST, is not in the best of health, and to him and Annette we send our greetings and good wishes.

John WALSH has been disappointed by delays in arrangements for surgery for cataracts and skin problems, but remains cheerful.

To any others who are feeling poorly, we send our best wishes.

Message from Secretary, Gordon Gibson:

In future, printed name cards will be available for members attending our functions but there is a rule to be followed! They must be handed back to me as you leave.

THANKS to all those who sent donations towards our expenses in 1988. Without your generosity, our Treasurer Norma would have lost her cheerful spirit in a struggle to balance the books, and so she and the Executive members are very grateful for your help.

Frances (Reeves) CURETON'S husband Jack suffered a major stroke in March last year and died in October. He served from December 1939 to December 1945 in Sunderland Squadrons Nos: 10 and 40. Our sympathy is extended to Frances and her family in their loss.

Geoff Ballard will let us know when his long awaited book will be available. He and Beth are very busy on behalf of Amnesty International.

The Cenotaph, Martin Place, Sydney

As you view the Cenotaph on Anzac Day, either marching, from the side lines, or on TV, you may like to glance at the statues. Norma KEELING supplied this information.

"The bronze statue of the sailor depicts No.3059, Leading Signaller John William Varcoe of the R.A.N., a characteristic sailor wearing the rig and equipment for fighting ashore.

He was born at Bakers Swamp, NSW on July 20, 1897, educated at Dubbo Public School and enlisted in the R.A.N. on June 3, 1913. He served on HMAS Pioneer, December 1914 to November 1916, German East Africa and on HMAS Parramatta April 1917 to November 1919 and was awarded the D.S.M. on May 17, 1918. He died in October 1948.

The model for the soldier was Regimental No. 6, Private William Derby of the 15th Infantry Battalion and 4th Field Ambulance A.I.F., who died in Brisbane in January, 1936, aged 66 years. Sir Bertram Mackenzie, the sculptor, was impressed by his physique, athletic bearing and stern warrior-like cut of face."

Our Personal Paras on page 2 started with sad news about our loss of Stewart Southam. Now as I finish my first Newsletter, I do so very sadly and let you know that BOB BURNSIDE died today, 8th March. He was one of our founding members and a former President.

Bob's neighbours, not having seen him this morning and unable to raise any response, went into his home and found that he had died - as he wished, in his own home.

More will be written about Bob in our next Newsletter, but now is too soon.

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Marion Winn
Publicity Officer.