



CENTRAL BUREAU INTELLIGENCE CORPS ASSOCIATION

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SPY FOUND DEAD.

The Sydney Morning Herald headed the story "Spy Found Dead." The Telegraph-Mirror sub-editor was more flamboyant. "Spywriter's Deadly Sex Game", he announced.

Bodmin, in Cornwall, U.K., is an appropriate location for a story tinged with mystery. It is close to Bodmin Moor and people have unpleasant experiences on English moors, according to fiction writers. Moors are hosts to fogs and mists which trap adventurous trekkers who get lost and fall into deep ponds. Weird beasts prowl moors. On 31 August a Sydney TV station reported that a frightening monster on Bodmin Moor was actually filmed on video last month. The logical explanation points to the beast being a giant feral cat which has been roaming the moor for some time.

Bodmin is not like other English towns. It was not a product of the industrial revolution as were towns in the North of England nor do its inhabitants have a lot in common with the harsh commercialism of London. In living memory some Cornish folk still spoke their own language. On or about February 18 this year a certain Bodmin landlord, who was owed some A\$12,000 in back rent, decided that he should have a talk with his tenant. He approached the house, could arouse no one and gained entry. The walls were plastered with pornographic pictures of black women. That is what the Telegraph-Mirror report said. The landlord could make out something else. It was the body of his tenant. Ropes twisted around ankles and the neck were intertwined through a pulley system strung from the cottage loft. The body was not dressed conventionally. It wore black oil skins and a World War II gas mask. Death was caused by choking.

The newspaper report, prepared by a London correspondent, said that the dead man, aged 63 and a bachelor, was thought to have been playing a solo sex game similar to tragic Tory MP, Stephen Milligan who was found dead, the week before, dressed only in women's stockings and suspenders with a plastic bag over his head.

The body in the Bodmin cottage was that of the man who, in 1991, wrote the following, probably from his desk in the house. "Tim James, Director of the Defence Signals Directorate (D.S.D.) refused to let me see any files relating to Eric Nave's work with Central Bureau in 1940-41, claiming that to do so would harm relations with a foreign country and endanger the security of the Commonwealth." This same man also wrote that when he sent a letter to the Royal Australian Navy by airmail to try to find Commander Nave, of whom he had read in Howard Baker's

diary, they replied by sea mail eventually stating that no one of that name existed.

The body had a name. It was James Rusbridger, variously described as M.I.6 officer, an international commodities broker, a former British spy, a security services expert and a spy writer. We know now, of course, that in the long run he did receive and acknowledge a great deal of help from Australian authorities. He met with the late Eric Nave and his wife and spent some time in their Melbourne home. Eric Nave's name appears as co-author with James Rusbridger of the book "Betrayal at Pearl Harbour"; (reviewed briefly in Newsletter 1 of March, 1992.) Abraham Sinkov was also interviewed by Rusbridger to gather information for his book.

The Telegraph-Mirror report refers to an earlier book by Rusbridger called "The Intelligence Game", published in 1989, which set out the modus operandi of secret agents. He referred in the book to the death of anti-nuclear activist, Helen Murrell who was alleged to have been killed by British agents. The report also said that "a book he later planned to write with retired R.A.N. Capt. Eric Nave was banned by Whitehall." Sometimes journalists can get it wrong.

Perhaps the reporter was on track when he said that James Rusbridger was a cousin to Peter Wright, author of "Spycatcher". Newsletter recalls that in his notes appended to "Betrayal at Pearl Harbour" Rusbridger was sarcastically critical of attempts by the British Government to ban Peter Wright's book in Britain and Australia. Also recalled are Malcolm Turnbull's efforts to assist Peter Wright in the Australian court.

Association member Lester Truex heard a report of Rusbridger's death broadcast by Malcolm Stewart from London on Radio 3AW (Melbourne). It occurred to Lester that having regard to the bizarre details in the story perhaps some attempt was being made to discredit Rusbridger. If we accept the old adage that truth is stranger than fiction maybe someone, somewhere for some reason was trying to do just that. Rumour also surrounded the death of Dr. Alan Turing.

EXECUTIVE NEWS.

From The President's Desk.

V.J. Day 15 August 1994.

Once again ex-service personnel and families gathered in Martin Place, Sydney for the Commemoration Service and wreath laying ceremony. This service marked the 49th anniversary of the cessation of hostilities in World War II.

A small group of members represented C.B.I.C.A. at this ceremony.

After a prayer "Remembrance of the fallen and prayer for peace" and an address delivered by an R.A.A.F. chaplain, a hymn "O God our help in ages past" was sung, the official guests placed wreaths on the Cenotaph. His Excellency the Governor placed the first wreath followed by representatives of Federal and State Governments, The Returned and Services League of Australia and a number of other dignitaries. Then a number of representatives of ex-service organisations and units placed their wreaths on the Cenotaph, again I was privileged to place a wreath on behalf of the members of C.B.I.C.A.

After the conclusion to this solemn ceremony in the middle of a bustling city I wonder how many present cast their thoughts, as I did to that day 49 years ago.

Special general meeting of Central Bureau Intelligence Corps Association.

This meeting, as notified in the June 1994 Newsletter, was held to discuss and vote on the proposal whether our Association should apply to be incorporated. After spirited discussion the members voted and it was unanimous in favour of the Secretary initiating procedures for incorporation. It was recognised the additional work load to be undertaken by our Honorary Secretary, Gordon Gibson, attempting to find his way through this bureaucratic minefield, and I can assure him the members and Executive Committee will rally to the cause when required. The ordinary Executive meeting followed the 'Special General Meeting'. The question of a new banner was raised and any moves for a new banner had to be deferred until our Association name is accepted by the Department of Consumer Affairs.

It is with deep regret that we advise of the death of Tony Carson on August 16. In the June Newsletter Tony reviewed "Codebreakers" under the heading 'Bletchley Park Revelations'. On Saturday 27th. August a number of C.B.I.C.A. members joined a large group of family and friends, at the Northern Suburbs Crematorium to farewell Tony. An obituary to Tony Carson which appeared in the Sydney Morning Herald on 24th August 1994 is summarised later in the Newsletter.

An interesting couple of hours were spent by a group of C.B.I.C.A. members at the Powerhouse Museum to view a German Enigma machine prior to this recent acquisition going on public exhibition.

On behalf of those who were fortunate to be present at this special viewing I would like to express our sincere thanks to the staff of the Museum who were on hand to make this visit both interesting and enjoyable. Special thanks to Matthew Connell, Curator- mathematics and computing, who organised the occasion. A more detailed report is included later in this Newsletter.

I look forward to re-newing acquaintances with many members at Jamberoo in November.

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HON. SECRETARY'S PAR.

1. Combined Reunion No. 6 Jamberoo Valley Lodge November 12-14.

Although it is often later than we think it is nevertheless never too late to mend so if you missed the September 17 deadline by an oversight you can still secure your booking by contacting Sean on 042 360269 or by writing to Jamberoo Valley lodge, P.O. Box 44 Jamberoo, N.S.W. 2533. Be sure to mention C.B. as we are still being offered a special deal: single room \$239, double \$185, triple \$165 (all per person) and including all meals from lunch on Saturday to breakfast on Monday. At last report deposits had been paid on 30+ rooms involving about 60 members and friends, but 10 rooms were still available and it would be great to see them all filled for what should be a really super week-end. So for any reason if you have been wavering make the decision now to join us at this new venue which "blends the peace and freshness of its natural environment with the standards and comforts of a modern resort".

2. Incorporation of C.B.I.C.A.

At the Special General Meeting held at the Combined Services Club on Monday, 15th. August the following resolution was carried unanimously.

That the Honorary Secretary be authorised to make application to the Department of Consumer Affairs for the incorporation of the Central Bureau Intelligence Corps Association as the Central Bureau Intelligence Corps Association Incorporated.

The following implementing resolutions were also carried:

(1) That the Hon. Secretary be appointed as the Association's Public Officer and make application on the prescribed form for reservation of the name, Central Bureau Intelligence Corps

Association Incorporated, enclosing the required fee of \$18.

(ii) That the following sub-committee be formed to attend to all subsequent steps required by Consumer Affairs to complete the incorporation of the Association: A. Roberts, G. Gibson, D. Moore, N. Keeling.

If you think all that sounds ominously bureaucratic I can assure you we are already well and truly entangled in the red tape. We have, after a not unexpected delay received two rather terse and slightly enigmatic responses one of which seemed on interpretation to indicate that the fee had risen from \$18 to \$25 and the other that Consumer Affairs could not accept our name because permission had not been given by the Department of Defense (sic). A few unhelpful phone calls later a letter was drafted and sent off to said "Defense" Department somewhere in Canberra, to which as yet no reply has been received. Don't hold your breath! Although I know what we are doing is right and that Dennis Moore was right to bring the matter up I sometimes wish we had remained in blissful ignorance of the dangers of being unincorporated.

3. Memorabilia and Archival Material.

We have been advised by Arthur Skimin, a senior RAAF officer at Defence Signals Directorate in Canberra that an historical display has been set up within the D.S.D. building and Arthur has expressed his interest in the possibility of receiving additional historical items from members of our Association. Over the years the Executive Committee has received numerous items of this kind but I must confess they have not been systematically filed. This seems a good opportunity to remedy the situation so we have written to Martin Brady, Director of D.S.D. suggesting the possibility of holding our reunion in Canberra next year and making one of the functions a visit to the historical display at which the memorabilia already collected could be viewed by members and any items at present held by them could be donated to the museum. A reply is still being awaited but more of this at a later date.

4. New Members.

Talk about a split personality! I was beginning to think I had developed one when I received an application for membership from Gordon R. Gibson. Fortunately in this case the R. stands for Richard, not Ross. A belated welcome to you, Gordon. I must have been subconsciously influenced in some way because I omitted you from the list of new members in the last Newsletter. Gordon who lives at Kelso, near Bathurst, served with 6WU in Leyte and Luzon and is already well known to quite a few of us as he attended the Anzac Day Reunion.

Looking forward to a really pleasant week-end at Jamberoo. Be there if at all possible.

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TREASURER'S COLUMN.

Hi, everybody!

Time is drawing near for our Jamberoo reunion — rooms have been booked for all members who have sent deposits so all is going well, all we need now is a fine weekend, warm enough for a swim in their lovely pool, so looking forward to seeing you all.

A few of us spent a very enjoyable couple of hours at the Powerhouse Museum, thanks to President Aub., to view the Enigma Machine which was purchased at Sotheby's auction in England for \$30,000 so it's a very valuable war time possession. It will be for public viewing at a later date. If any one is interested in a RAAF band compact disk or cassette featuring big band swing music write to:-

Flt. Lt.. D.C. Worrall

Commanding Officer

Air Command Band

RAAF Base, Richmond 2755

and include \$20 for CD or \$15 for the cassette. I received same and thought it quite good, it is named "Orange Coloured Sky".

A couple of months ago I spent a terrific weeks holiday at Coolangatta staying at the Bombora Resort. I enjoyed it so much I just felt like recommending it to anyone who felt like getting away from it all & being well and truly looked after with lovely home cooked meals with a great variety, interesting coach tours every day, entertainment each evening, swimming pool, walking distance to the beach with views overlooking the park from the modern accommodation.—a really great place. If you would like the phone number which is free it is 1800074363.

As always I enjoy receiving mail from members so here are a few answers:-

Yes, Diana your subs are up to date & glad you'll be at Jamberoo, do hope you had a great time in England & thoroughly enjoyed being with your two grandchildren you hadn't seen.

Yes, Betty I did enjoy the rest of my holiday spending 4 days at Coffs Harbour with an Ex WAAAF on my way home: was lovely talking on the phone to you & arranging about rooming with Margaret Mc. Cafferty, pity the rain spoiled our meeting but glad that we'll meet up at Jamberoo.

Thanks for the newsy letter Dai, & hope we'll meet at the WAAAF reunion in Brisbane next March.

I'll be staying with my AWA friend at Corinda.

So glad you, ll be joining us at Jamberoo after all Ronnie (O'Neill) & that you've been able to arrange transport.

Thanks Margaret (Raymond) for your best wishes & cheque for

\$15. As you were up to date having paid for 1993-4 on 14th. October 93 you are now well in advance paying \$10 for 1995 & \$5 towards 1996. No, Mararet, I can't remember your Uncle being in Hut 20 in the Park where we worked.

So disappointed that you won't be with us at Jamberoo, Heather & Brian & thanks for your well wishes & also for the banner donation. I received a card from Joy in Iceland a few days ago, that girl sure gets around. Hope to see you next Anzac Day.

I do hope that you will meet up with folk you know, Gordon (Gibson from Kelso) at Jamberoo, some wireless unit people will be there.

It was so nice having a phone chat from Coolangatta Allan (Osborne) & do hope your health has improved with the new medication, we'll miss you at the reunion.

To finish off with my usual few words:-

It's easier to say what we believe than be what we believe.

Norma Keeling.

ENIGMA.

"Something very difficult to understand" says the dictionary about the word Enigma. It is a bit of a conundrum to work out how an early model condom and a World War II German Enigma coding machine were, earlier this year, packaged together in an Australian quarantine building. But more of that later!

A small, very ordinary wooden box sat in the centre of a white clothed table all by itself. Coffee and tea cups were on other white clothed tables along with milk and sugar and nibbles and tea and coffee urns. When the very small group of C.B.I.C.A. members present in a private room in the Powerhouse Museum were told that this particular box was bought at Sotheby's London Auction rooms earlier this year for A\$30,000 the box seemed less ordinary. Indeed it gained stature when the Museum curator donned immaculate white gloves before he carefully raised the lid. What was revealed was not all that spectacular. We saw a very ordinary looking typewriter keyboard—in the familiar QWERTY configuration. Behind the keyboard, towards the back of the machine was a panel of small circular glass segments each with a letter similar to those on the keyboard. Beyond that there were three adjacent wheels in the vertical plane. On the front of the device under the keyboard were some small electrical plugs and connectors.

Despite its mundane appearance this box of advanced 1930's technology has reserved a place in history as one of the few remaining examples of the famous German Enigma machine. The Germans built several thousand of them but world wide only about 150 have survived. To code a message the German operator configured the electrical plugs according to the setting

for the month, set up three of the five wheels or drums according to the setting for the day and used the keyboard to punch in the plain language message. Each key push lit up a letter on the panel above the keyboard, which had to be copied manually, to painstakingly build up the coded message. At the receiving end a similarly configured machine would be used to key in the coded message to reveal the plain language version, letter by letter, on the glass disks.

The war-time history of the Powerhouse machine is not known. It is believed that the machine was manufactured in 1940 by the "Chiffneur Machine Company". Early this year it was placed for auction at Sotheby's by an anonymous private European owner. The fact that the vendor could guarantee a clear title to the machine made it an attractive proposition for the Powerhouse Authorities.

C.B.I.C.A. Executive appreciates the efforts of President Aub. Roberts who personally arranged this private viewing of the Enigma for a very small group of Sydney members. We also appreciate and were impressed by the very thoughtful and efficient staff of the Powerhouse Museum in Sydney who made the visit such a pleasant occasion. When the machine is placed on permanent display, along with old German film clips showing an Enigma in action, perhaps we can arrange another viewing for a greater number of members with appropriate notice.

About that enigmatic reference to condoms and code machines. The Powerhouse people had two purchasing teams in London this year—one to bid for Enigma and the other to acquire material for a display on the history of contraception. By misadventure both purchases were placed in the same package addressed to Sydney. The material from which the condom was made was subject to quarantine inspection——so the Enigma joined the condom in quarantine.

THE LIBERATION OF THE PHILIPPINES AND C.B.

A perk of the retirement lifestyle——on dull days one can watch the Midday Show for the want of something better to do.

Some weeks ago Derryn Hinch interviewed an old gentleman who had served with the R.A.N. in World War II. Among other things this veteran said that apart from the Royal Australian Navy, Australians did not participate in the liberation of the Philippines. Only the Navy had that role for Australia. It immediately occurred to this viewer that all of those W.U. people who sailed to Leyte with the invasion fleet and the many hundreds of people in the R.A.A.F. W.U.'s and the Army and Air Force people in C.B., who served in Leyte and Luzon from the early days of the invasion until after the war's end, might well be a bit miffed by that claim.

Soon after Derryn signed off the telephone rang. It was Eric Fuller, one of our three members from Orange, N.S.W. Eric served with Six Wireless Unit and landed at Tacloban on Leyte

on 27 October 1944. You can't get much closer to "D" Day for the Philippines than that. Eric wasn't miffed, indeed he was quite philosophical about it. He said that in his post war experience it is common for people to be unaware that hundreds of Australians served on the ground in the Philippine Islands; even his fellow ex-service types are unaware.

The ex Navy gent did, however, make one accurate revelation. In celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of the liberation, the Government of the Philippines is issuing a commemorative medal to the liberators. Hinch's guest added that Australians who thought they might qualify could write to R.S.L. Headquarters in Canberra. So I did; does that make me a "gong hunter"? I sought information on behalf of our members with Philippines service. The R.S.L. sent back to me one only printed form of application with no note or letter. Words on the form call for its completion and referral to the appropriate Army, Navy or Air Force records office together with photocopies of evidence of the service claimed. The records office is supposed to endorse the form, if the service can be verified, and forward the endorsed form back to the R.S.L. I sent my completed form to the Defence Department, Air Force Records Section some weeks ago and I await a result.

It is my understanding that applications for the medal may also be made in respect to qualified ex-service people who have since died

My form came in response to a letter to "National Headquarters, The Returned & Services League of Australia Ltd., G.P.O. Box 303 Canberra A.C.T. 2601".

SPARE A THOUGHT FOR OUR SUCCESSORS.

We knew who our enemy was! We knew his intentions. He defeated Australians in battle; took Australian prisoners; rained bombs on our northern towns; sunk a well lit Australian hospital ship; carried out a submarine attack in Sydney harbour and lobbed a couple of shells on Sydney's Eastern suburbs. Australians in cities and in the countryside contemplated their fate should enemy forces land on our shores. With good cause we believed the propaganda which our Government issued about the cruelty of the Emperor's soldiers.

We also knew that each and everyone of us in Central Bureau and its field units were contributing to the destruction of the enemy and his ships, aircraft and equipment. Whether any one of us was troubled by conscience I don't know but there is a good argument that our "mission" was justified. Spare a thought, then, for our successors in the Defence Signals Directorate. Well known journalist Brian Toohey often has thoughts about D.S.D.

Writing in the Sun-Herald on 24 July, 1994 Mr. Toohey refers to "the huge effort D.S.D. puts into intercepting Indonesian communications." He also claims that our Foreign Minister has agreed for the Australian Secret Intelligence Service (ASIS) to upgrade its official liaison with the Indonesian intelligence agency BAKIN. According to Mr. Toohey much of the intelligence

gained by both ASIS and D.S.D. involves the activities of Indonesian citizens against whom BAKIN and the Indonesian armed forces would be likely to act.

The suggestion is that there is Australian and Indonesian co-operation in formal and informal trading of information. Mr. Toohey seems to be pointing to the East Timorese and other dissidents as being Indonesia's most obvious intelligence targets. He also refers to a warning which former ASIO Chief, Alan Wrigley, gave at a conference at the Australian Defence Force Academy at Canberra last November, about pressures to provide information which could easily lead to people being harmed.

Back in the nineteen forties it seemed so clear cut. As Australians we eavesdropped on the enemy and used the information gained for our protection and his destruction. Brian Toohey paints a much more confusing picture about the mission which drives eavesdropping in the nineteen nineties.

ARMY SIGNALLERS LEAVE A MARK

Reporter: BETTY CHESSELL

Our members may recall that in the June 93 Newsletter, a request was published asking Army Signals personnel to write to me describing the type of work they did during their time with Central Bureau as the Signal Officers Association of Queensland were endeavouring to place plaques in all places in Queensland where Army Signal people served during the war years.

It is pleasing to report that three have already been put in place around Brisbane. On Friday 5th August '94 a ceremony was held at No 21 Henry Street to dedicate a plaque placed in the entrance porch beneath the one which Dr Abe Sinkov unveiled in 1988.

Roma Hodsdon and I were invited to be present and as Ian Allen who was O.C. Cipher Section was not available to do the unveiling, I was given that privilege and felt very honoured.

The wording inscribed on the plaque is:-

'In recognition of the service given by the men and women of the Royal Australian Corps of Signals at this site during World War II

.....They passed this way.....'

Members of the Queensland Signal Officers Association were present with their wives who kindly supplemented the morning tea, provided by the Army, with delicious eats. Also present were Keith Jarrott (53 Aust Wireless) and his wife as well as Lorraine and Ian Buckingham (6 WU) who were holidaying from Melbourne and drove from Coolumb to join the pleasant gathering. Mr. and Mrs. Look, just back from an overseas tour, again gave permission for us to use their front lawn and as usual were most hospitable.

Roma and I visited the old garage at the rear of the building which still looks the same as when we knew it and worked in the cipher office. We wondered how everything fitted in :- the operators, the mechanics, the setting-up tables, desks etc. It was wonderful to go back there now and recall the friendship, the fun, the excitement of those days when we were engaged in such interesting work.

Betty Chessell

ANZAC DAY ON NORFOLK ISLAND.

Brian Lovett marched on Anzac Day but not down Martin Place. He marched in Kingston, Norfolk Island. There were 120 marchers and many more onlookers. Lieut. General John Grey, Chief of General Staff in Australia and Norfolk Island Administrator, Mr. Kerr took the salute at the Kingston Cenotaph and gave addresses. Brian noted that General Grey and Colonel Lewis Millett of the Canadian Army were on the flight that carried him to the Island on April 23, 1994.

Not on the flight was the pipe band that was to have provided the beat for the Anzac March. They were on that vintage DC3 which took off from Kingsford Smith airfield on Sunday, 24 April and crashed into Botany Bay. The aircraft was built in 1942 and had war service. It had been chartered by the Army for the trip to Norfolk via Lord Howe Island. Naturally there was much consternation at Kingston when they heard about the crash and relief that there were no serious injuries.

Brian has sent to "Newsletter" photocopies of reports in the "Norfolk Islander" about the March and the DC3 crash. Obviously impressed by his visit he writes "The tour we were on was of 8 days duration and we had a terrific time, will probably go back there some time."



Vale; William Anthony CARSON.

Tony told me that he became quite emotional as he typed his review of 'Codebreakers' and recalled his colleagues at Bletchley Park. The obituary in the 'Sydney Morning Herald' confirms his acute social conscience. A colleague of Tony's on the Mental Health Review Tribunal described him 'as a champion of the dignity of disadvantaged people.' This veteran of the sigint war served at Bletchley Park and Central Bureau and took part in the landing on Borneo. He had a career in Western Australia in post war years and 'retired' to Sydney where he served on the Guardianship Board, the Board of Sydney Hospital and joined The Smith Family in 1986.

It was in 1986 that his challenging crossword puzzles began a

long run in the Herald. His cryptics, published under the name of "Swan" in the BBC magazine 'The Listener' and later in 'The Times' of London are considered by many to be the most challenging in the world according to the Herald writer. Perhaps this could be expected of a codebreaker turned cryptic maker.

Tony was a few weeks off his 71st birthday when he died on August 16. Our sympathy goes to his wife Judy, his children and grandchildren.

PEOPLE

H. Roy WARD, as he prefers to be known, sends his regards to everyone and expresses best wishes for a successful get together at Jamberoo. He himself has declined because he must refrain from a "frantic lifestyle". On July 2 Roy had a heart attack; on August 4 he endured open heart surgery and has spent most of the time since in hospital because of 'some complications'. Your C.B.I.C.A colleagues return your good wishes, Roy, and hope for your speedy recovery. Perhaps you will have to accept a less frantic lifestyle and get fit for a reunion in Canberra next year.

Frank HUGHES is also recovering from a serious heart attack. We are looking forward to Frank's address planned for our reunion dinner at Jamberoo and he intends to keep his appointment. The journey from Bowral in N.S.W. to Jamberoo is not all that long. Nevertheless, Frank, listen to your doctor. Don't risk it if you are not up to the stresses of reunions and public speaking. Best wishes from the membership.

A CLOWN OF AN INNINGS

This reader's images of priests of the Anglican Church in Australia are of persons in well cut greyish suits and clerical collars, clean shaven with nice clean accents more akin to standard Oxford English than 'Orstralian'. On Sundays and at funerals they seemed apart from the crowd and looked down on their congregations from high on the pulpit, gowned in flowing robes. Childhood images to be sure and I admit to having very few contacts with priests in later life.

Bill Carter's musings, as he calls his writings, quickly dispel those images. Just for starters the caricature on the book's cover displays the author in a fulsome beard. Indeed, Ken Parker, of St. Peter's Vicarage, Mornington, in the forward to Bill's work says that when he met Bill Carter in the 1970's he was not certain if it was Ho Chi Minh or Confucius he was encountering—and it wasn't only the look of the man.

Obviously the Revd. Wm.. J. Carter is a philosopher, but not necessarily Confucian. He, himself, was not awed by his clerical collar referring to himself on day one as 'the brand spanking new dog collar deacon'. The readers among our membership should relate to Bill's words. Some effort is required to become fully

involved as Bill does call upon his readers to be somewhat more than superficial.

He was born in 1922 and grew up in Australian suburbia. Most of us can relate to that. He attended teachers college, played serious cricket and enlisted in the RAAF in 1942. In Brisbane he 'was introduced to the mysteries of wire tapping' and then posted to a Wireless Unit. In a very specific way he does not claim to have won the war for his country.

It is difficult to be objective about a book such as 'A Clown of an Innings'. I suspect that the view one takes of this work depends very much upon the interaction between one's own personal experiences both religious and/or secular and Bill's account of the impact life's journey is making upon him and, he notes, it isn't over yet.

I found it to be a fruitful exercise to share this cricketing priest's musings.

"A Clown of an Innings" by Bill Carter was first published in Sept. 1993 by Spectrum Publications Pty. Ltd., Richmond Victoria.

IN BRIEF

MATES on a MARTIN MARINER.

John Stumm's letter stirred recollections for Kenneth Price. "I happened to be aboard that Martin Mariner in 1945" writes Kenneth from South Australia. "I think we landed at Cooktown and were treated to lunch of roast chook and Xmas plum pudding at midday in a temperature of well over 100 degrees."

"Landing at Finschhafen for the night, I remember a rugged take off. The Martin Mariner was overloaded so we had to bounce off the ocean swell coming in between the islands, west and north of the harbour."

"On the flight later from Hollandia to Leyte, I remember some interesting incidents with landing wheels. I also remember being looked after by 'HMS Tyne', a destroyer-mother-ship in Leyte Bay." "I shared a tent with John Stumm in San Miguel."

"I and Roger Joyce (now dead) were sent North to Japan on a DC3 which crash landed on a Tokyo Bay emergency strip south of Tokyo. This was two or three days after Japanese capitulation. Lots of fun!"

WAAAF MUSEUM

Eve Scott, author of the book "A Woman at War", writes that she has been contacted for information to help in the establishment of a "museum for WAAAF's who did their rookies at Bankstown in 1941." The museum is to be in Sydney. Eve believes that some C.B.I.C.A. members may have been

WAAAF rookies at Bankstown in 1941. She may be contacted through "Newsletter" for more information and for the museum's address.

THE EAVESDROPPERS—LEATHER BOUND

Jack Brown from Myrtle Bank in S.A. places great value on his copy of The Eavesdroppers, by Jack Bleakley. Says Mr. Brown, "I had my copy leather bound and it looks marvellous and it will now be preserved for all times." He sent newsletter a photograph of the bound book that looks impressive.

Jack paid \$50 plus \$5 postage and packing to have his single copy bound. Bulk orders would cost \$45 per copy. Newsletter has the address of the bookbinder in South Australia so highly recommended by our member from Myrtle Bank.

GEOFF BALLARD BACK IN LONDON.

As we have noted before C.B.ers are a tough lot! Geoff. Ballard with two new 'bionic hips' is back in England at this time. He is a guest speaker at another Enigma reunion in Bedford. His topic is the Australian perspective concerning Sigint operations. Says Geoff, "we are medically cleared to go - so we're for it!"

Although he generally supports the idea of holding archives in the one place, at D.S.D. in Canberra for instance, he believes it might be difficult to get everyone to part with their precious items.

If we all played the game according to the rules none of should have walked away with any significant archives anyway.

FOR the DECEMBER EDITION.

Keith Carolan lunches with the Dakota pilot who saved his life at Merauke and we look at some of our member's legitimate archives. Have you ever heard of "Union Jack UP" or "SALT"?

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