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PAST PRESIDENT REVIEWS 1996.

Mr. Michael Casey, who headed CBICA Inc. last year, presented a report to the 1997 Annual General Meeting reviewing our Association's activities in 1996. This is what he said.

"The year just concluded was a busy one for the Executive and Members but possibly the two most important events were the Anzac Day March ceremony and luncheon, followed in August with the highly successful reunion held in Brisbane.

Approximately forty members assembled and marched on Anzac Day and following the disbursement these members joined several "non-marchers" at the Lawson Hotel in Ultimo for the annual luncheon. All members were delighted when Lester Truex was invited to ride during the march in a military vehicle with members of the A.I.A. including the former Premier of New South Wales, Sir Eric Willis.

The Anzac Day activities together with the wreath-laying ceremony held on 24 April were truly moving events.

The SIGINT Veteran's Reunion held in Brisbane over the weekend of 10-11 August was a memorable function and enjoyed by all who participated. It was the result of significant planning by the Sydney Executive headed by Helen Kenny and Associates in Brisbane, particularly Al Jenkin and Allan Campbell.

The visit to General Douglas MacArthur's office in the AMP building, Edward Street, was a trip down memory lane. It was particularly significant for me because as a young dispatch rider visiting headquarters on one occasion I travelled to the eighth floor by elevator with the great man myself!

The culmination of this delightful weekend was the cruise on the Brisbane River on the Sunday attended by most members and many friends including a representative of the Australian-American Association.

S.I.S. Reunion, Florida.

As mentioned in the mid-year publicity sheet many of our American associates attended a reunion in Florida in May. Central Bureau were indeed fortunate to be represented by Betty Chessell at this function and according to Betty (and the report) it was a great success.

The success of the year in the main can be attributed to the hard-working Executive including Helen Kenny, Norma Keeling, Madeline Chidgey, Dennis Moore, not forgetting our friend Ron Chidgey who has been for a number of years the Honorary Auditor

My sincere thanks to all these members.

THE FUTURE.

Following our visit to MacArthur's office, Frank Hughes has been very busy negotiating with some well-known identities in Brisbane with a view to turning the office into a Museum. More will be heard on this matter as time goes by.

With the advancing age of all members, consideration should be given to the winding up of Central Bureau in the not too distant future, say five years or so. We do not want to reach a situation when the last person left has to turn off the light – just a thought ! ”

EXECUTIVE NEWS .

From The President 's Desk .

Having spent the greater part of last year in overseas travel, I have just re-read the December Newsletter with the dual object of refreshing my memory on the events of 1996 and focusing my thoughts on those to take place in 1997. Knowing CBICA as I do it comes as no surprise to find that things went with their usual swing last year — the Brisbane Reunion in particular seems to have proved an outstanding success — and also that a number of important activities are already in hand for this year.

First there are the D.S.D's Fiftieth Anniversary Celebrations in which we have been invited to participate. They will take place in Canberra from 3rd to 5th April and amongst other things will provide yet another opportunity for us to be shown the hi-tech modern day interception.

The venue for the Anzac Day Reunion will be Phillip's Foote for this year only. I think all members will agree with me that Anzac Day is the most important on the Association's calendar and I urge all who possibly can to attend regardless of their feelings about the venue. A number of alternative options were raised at the A.G.M. and these will be open for discussion at the Reunion. So please come along and voice your opinions and listen to those of your mates. In the cause of unity, please do not either just stay away or go elsewhere.

Allan Campbell's idea of making General MacArthur's Headquarters in the A.M.P. Building in Brisbane a museum has the enthusiastic support of our Association and having just returned from the U.K. where every event in history is

commemorated and made into a (highly profitable) tourist attraction, I must say I am all for it. It is very pleasing to note that Frank Hughes has some useful connections in this area and may be able to assist us by “ pulling a few strings ”.

Finally may I extend to you all my very best wishes for a happy and healthy 1997. I did send Dennis a card containing this message some time near the end of last year but unfortunately it arrived too late for inclusion in the Newsletter.

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Hon. Secretary's Par.

Belated New Year greetings to all our members - more than 200 of them in Australia and overseas. As you know, Gordon Gibson is our new President (Gordon Rossmore Gibson), taking over from Mick Casey, who stepped down, but is now a Vice-President with Bruce Bentwich. Frank Hughes is now on the Executive with Jim Kennedy and John Shoebridge, while Norma Keeling remains as Hon. Treasurer, Dennis Moore stays as Publicity Officer, and I go on as Hon. Secretary.

Madeline Chidgey decided to step down as Vice-President. Thank you Madeline - and Mick - for your work for CB over the years, and Gordon Swinney for your time on the Committee.

VALE. At the Annual General Meeting we held one minutes silence in memory of Doreen MacPherson (nee Hughes) former WAAAF W/T operator at 21 Henry street, and of Naida McClean, who died on January 10, 1997. She was the wife of Les McClean. Our deep sympathy goes to him and his family.

Much of this issue, necessarily, is concerned with Anzac Day arrangements for Sydney, because this is where CBICA Inc holds its annual gathering, and where many of us live. But the Newsletter isn't limited to Sydney. Why not write to us from interstate, from America, and from the UK, telling us of memorable Anzac Days in your past, and of

your present plans. We welcome news, whether good or bad. Always let us know please if any member is on the sick list so that we can keep in touch.

News Intercepts:

Marion Winn has been in hospital but is back home at War Vets. Again. We hope that your treatment goes well. Our regards to you and Stan. **Athol Whyburn**, who lives at Berkeley Vale, on the NSW Central Coast, has rheumatoid arthritis, that painful and frustrating complaint. It keeps him confined to his room. He can't hold a pen, but was able to ring and say he couldn't come to our meeting. Thank goodness for the telephone, Athol. It breaks down isolation. We're thinking of you.

Myron Scougale, writes from Everett, USA, to say that he and his wife, **May**, fly into Sydney on April 24, and hope to join us at Phillip's Foote on Anzac day. May is Australian. She and Myron married in Brisbane 53 years ago next May. This will be their eleventh trip back to her home country. Myron won't be marching, but looks forward to meeting us at Phillip's Foote. We look forward to this too.. **Noni McNaught** and her husband, **Lachie**, celebrated their 51st wedding anniversary on February 16, 1997. They met as schoolgirl and schoolboy when both were at Inverell High (NSW). This was Lachie's home town, but Noni's birthplace was the tin mining village of Tingha, not far away. She loves "its lunar landscape and granite boulders". They've decided to go there for Anzac Day. They send wishes to all. We send congratulations to them.

Its good to have **Gordon Rossmore Gibson** and his wife, **Sue**, back from their travels. They visited my favourite place in England, Captain Cook's old port of Whitby. Whitby has another claim to fame, or ill-fame. It was partly the setting of Bram Stoker's novel, "Dracula". Recently I heard on the air that some Dracula followers wanted to have a ritual gathering in one of the local churchyards. Local authorities put a stop to it. This is by the way. I hope that President Gordon will find time to write of his journeying in Dracula-free areas. **Nancy Johnson**, of Bayview Garden Village, near Sydney's northern beaches finds it a bit far to join us on Anzac Day, and admits she hasn't been feeling well recently. I'll drive down to see her soon, but meanwhile pass on her regards to Cber's.

She belongs to the Book Collector's Society of Australia, as I do, but I'm a pure amateur in contrast to Nancy, who is remembered by all as Nancy Reichelt.

Col McDermid, of Merrygoen, central west of NSW, wrote at the end of the year to say that at last his district was enjoying a good season. Hope it still is, Col. He also enclosed a serio-comic anecdote which I'm passing to Dennis for future use. Have you ever tried that trick? (If this remark is cryptic it's meant to be. I won't spoil Col's story.)

May I tell you all that when **Dennis Moore** receives this material from me he has to put it all on his computer, and type out all I have written because I'm computer-illiterate. Thank you for your patience and help, Dennis. Perhaps by the millenium I'll have learnt

MacArthur's Chambers (the old AMP Building, Brisbane.)

This, too, is a continuing story, mentioned in past Newsletters. Those of us who went to Brisbane last year, and entered those eighth floor rooms, realise that this is an historic site - important for Brisbane, Queensland and the nation. MacArthur's old headquarters, in which many Cber's worked, should be preserved and opened to the Australian public and to tourists. Allan Campbell, a founder of the Australian-American Association and President of the General Douglas MacArthur Memorial, has fought for years to save the place. His few helpers have included Mr. John Negus, Federal President of the Australian - American Association and Mr. William Bentson, a former American serviceman. Allan, who arranged the exhibition we saw, has amassed photographs and documents (including one about the sinking of the Centaur). These should go into a museum on the site.

CBICA Inc. agrees - and at our Annual General Meeting in February resolved to support his endeavour and to write to the Lord Mayor of Brisbane, Mr. Jim Soorley, expressing this opinion. The Hon. Secretary is attending to this.

Some of our members, including Frank Hughes, have ideas which could augment Allan's. CB has no funds to put into the project, but rightly can give

its opinions. As Frank Hughes says: "The lives of many Australians were saved by what was done in this building."

Too many historic sites in other Australian cities are now holes in the ground, or topped by glassy skyscrapers. We'll continue this serial story in the next Newsletter - and hope for a happy ending.

DSD. In the December Newsletter we told you that the Defence Signals Directorate in Canberra would be celebrating its fiftieth anniversary in 1997. The dates set are April 3, 4 and 5. CB members, who were pioneers of Sigint in Australia have been invited to participate, particularly on Open Day (April 5). Lester Truex has been asked to speak and has agreed. Many of us would be deeply interested in hearing what Lester has to say, as he was one of the first Americans to come to Australia from the Philippines. The date and time of his speech have not been set. Dennis Moore is waiting to hear details from DSD. If you decide to go to Canberra, remember to submit your name to Dennis, as DSD will need to give the necessary authorisations. As you know, we're not having a combined reunion this year, so members who make the trip will go as individuals and will have to make their own accommodation arrangements. At the last Canberra reunion many of us stayed at the Eagle Hawk Hill Resort on the Federal Highway near the NSW border. Postal Address is P.O. Box 82, Watson, ACT 2602, and phone is (06) 241-6033. This could be worth considering but there's nothing official about the recommendation.

Wreath Laying Ceremony on Thursday, 24th April, 1997. Please note carefully that we are to assemble at 1815 repeat 1815 hours, a quarter of an hour earlier than normal. This is to fit in with arrangements made for the wreath laying parade with A.I.A. and Z Force by the Marshall. Bill Robinson, President of A.I.A., says that Colonel Mike Dunn, Director, Information Warfare-Army, will lay that Association's wreath. The old title, Director of Military Intelligence, has disappeared to be replaced by that above. No comment.

Anzac Day Venue. As explained in the December Newsletter, the cost of booking the Lawson and price per member has escalated way above the \$30

mark. Our then President, Mick Casey, made an executive decision that this was too expensive for most Cbers. We cancelled the Lawson booking. It was decided that in 1997 we'd have to try elsewhere.

Les McClean contacted the Manager of Phillip's Foote in the Rocks, who offered us the Anzac Day lunch for \$13. The Executive accepted this, but the decision is for 1997 only. We ask you to decide where we should go on Anzac Day 1998, and look forward to seeing a good roll-up at Phillip's Foote this year. We had hoped to have Edgar Kelson as a guest speaker, but unfortunately he had to decline. We regret this, and on behalf of CB send him our best regards.

Remember the old newsreels and the words "Time Marches On" ?

A cliché. Now, some of our members aren't up to marching on any more. Through age, frailty, and feet that can't keep up the pace, these Cbers have had to drop out of the Anzac Day march. They wonder if it would be a good idea to have a reunion lunch or dinner on a date other than April 25.

What do you think ? Should we stick to Anzac Day for lunch or have it at another time ?

Over to you for forthright comment.

Helen Kenny

Hon Secretary.

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Treasurer's Column

Hi everyone ! here I am back on deck and feeling O.K. I'd like to thank you all who sent me their best wishes & kind thoughts also 'phone and visits whilst in hospital. It's wonderful to know we have so many caring members in C.B., so again, thank you.

I've just returned from a trip to Brisbane to visit friends, enjoyed myself but the heat was really hard to take. Drove past the Hamilton Motel and Newstead Park and thought of the happy time we all had last August at our CB re-union. I guess we are all looking forward to 1998 for our next get together in Sydney.

Sorry that we won't be meeting at the Lawson for Anzac Day but it's the comradeship & getting together that counts no matter where, so with our usual good attendance for both the 'March' &

luncheon I'm sure we'll have another great and enjoyable day.

Mail Time.

Marj (Marshall) you have paid for 1997 so won't be due again until the beginning of 1998. So glad you enjoyed your very first C.B. reunion so much Doug (Trigar) & we look forward to seeing you in the future, hope you had a happy visit to your daughter. I sincerely hope Geoff (Day) that you health has improved although your problems are not easily overcome are they? but you may make 1998 re-union as you say. So sorry to read Athol (Whyburn) that you are now house-bound with rheumatoid arthritis, I do hope medication helps to relieve the pain. You say to excuse your writing; I wish my handwriting was as good. I read John (Warmington) you are still having problems with your right side. I do hope time will make an improvement. Thank you Joy (Granger) for your kind remarks & to know you enjoyed our last reunion. My last visit to the hospital wasn't the knee trouble but I must say the knee isn't as good as I had hoped, however, I've learned to live with it. 1996 was not a good year for the Lovett family, Brian, as your letter was dated 7th Oct. & I went into hospital on the 11th I was unable to answer it & make the correction you asked or even to ring you do hope I'm forgiven & am looking forward to seeing you & Heather on Anzac Day also Bruce, were his bypasses successful I do hope so? I was delighted with the U.S. stamps you sent me Graham (Lobb) thank you very much. What a bad time your husband has had Jean (Hicks) but I read in your note that you are getting back to normal hope all goes well for the future. Glad to read all went well with your cataract op. Earle (Heap). Thanks for your most interesting letter Myron (Scougale) & hope your health stays good to enable you to make that trip to Aussie. If you do hit Sydney hope you make contact with some C.B. members, your sub. paid 1996-7 & 8. So glad the days of leaking roofs etc. are over Nancy (Goldsteen) but now you have space problems that's a pest. The more I see of some retiring villages & nursing homes the more I hope to stay put but one can't see into the future. So glad to read that my quotation "deadline for complaints" was particularly liked, thanks Jack (Thorpe) & Lou (Harris).

I came across the following message written by Gen. MacArthur so thought I would use it to conclude my column.

MacArthur's Message.

Nobody grows old by merely living a number of years.

People grow old only by deserting their ideals....

You are as young as your self-confidence, as old as your fear; as young as your hope; as old as your despair. In the central place of every heart, there is a recording chamber; so long as it receives messages of beauty, hope, cheer and courage, so long you are young.

When the wires are all down and your heart is covered with the snows of pessimism and the ice of cynicism, then, and then only, are you grown old.

from "Time", vol. 63, 24 February, 1954.

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DSD 1947-97 : 50 YEARS OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICE .

The slogan above won the prize for some words to mark the occasion of 50 years of DSD's history. We have been invited to join in the celebrations. To use the words of the Editor of "Corporate Copy", a publication to keep DSD Staff, past and present, informed about the 50th, the response to the planned celebration has been tremendous. As well as ex CBer's some former FRUMEL people have been contacted. It is only to-day (28.02.97) that the final plans arrived. Pardon the haste and short notice but I must have the details of CBICA Inc people who wish to attend a function in the hands of the DSD organizer by 14 March, 1997. **SO I need your name, address, phone number and the name of the function(s) you wish to attend in my hands by 12th March.** You may write or transmit the information to me by telephone (02 9524 6267).

These are the events to which we have been invited.

FRIDAY APRIL 4th, 199710.0 - 11.00 1st floor DSD

Atrium-- Historic Talk: The Early Years by Central Bureau guest speaker. (DSD employees and invited guests, Central Bureau Association members and spouses only)

SATURDAY APRIL 5th, 1997

10.00 - 12.00 & 14.00 - 16.00 (Family Open Day) and 12.00 - 14.00 (Reunion BBQ). There will be tours of selected areas of the DSD complex, branch/ historical displays, and performances by DSD Choir. Some restrictions on access will be necessary for operational or safety reasons. A nominal fee may be charged to help catering costs. Our invitation is limited to members of CBICA Inc and spouses or partners.

If you have not participated in one of the earlier visits to DSD, this is a rare opportunity not to be missed. Indeed, it is a rare event for DSD to be involved in a celebration with such a public face and I understand that there has been world wide interest.

Remember, you will not be admitted to the DSD complex unless your name is on the list of guests supplied by CBICA Inc.

A LETTER FROM PIMLICO.

You don't need a passport to travel to this Pimlico. Pioneers who participated in the very, very early stages of Australia's Sigint war against Japan will recognise the name Pimlico. Using war-time powers the Royal Australian Air Force usurped two houses in Sycamore and French Streets, Pimlico, a suburb of Townsville, North Queensland. This was in March, 1942; before the activation of Central Bureau. The creation of Central Bureau and the American influence on the direction of Sigint in Australia, led to the acquisition of three more houses in Pimlico to accommodate the activities of the newly named No. 1 Wireless Unit. The Sigint people then occupied No.s 3 and 21 Sycamore

Street and No.s 24, 25 and 26 French Street.

RAAF Sigint veteran, Keith Carolan recalls those far off days even now. "On arrival in Townsville, in 1942, there was no accommodation available for most of us so we were forced to live underneath these houses (24 & 26 French Street) with no privacy from the neighbours. After some weeks, tents were obtained from the Americans, probably with the help of the inimitable Captain Brown, and we moved to a vacant block of land on the opposite side of the road ". It is Keith's recollection that No 24 French Street housed the Officers and No. 26 was used as the Unit mess and Orderly Room. In August of last year Keith and his wife Joan were in Townsville so, of course, he called at No.s 24 and 26. The houses are still there. Keith spoke with Hazel and Joe Dow, the owners of No. 26 and the Bennets at No.24. He told them about the connection between their homes and Australia's scrambling efforts to defend itself from the threat of a Japanese invasion. To give some substance to his account, on his return to Sydney, Keith sent to the current owners snapshots of their homes taken in 1942. He told them too, about the references to their homes in 'The Eavesdroppers'. Now "Newsletter" is delighted to reproduce *the letter from Pimlico.*

26 French Street

Pimlico

15th January, 1997

Dear Mr. Carolan,

We are delighted to tell you that we have obtained copies (3) of 'The Eavesdroppers'. They are part of the new reprinted copies 1996. One copy is ours, one went to my son in Melbourne, who wanted another for a friend.

So far I have read only the first few chapters, but I am looking forward to enjoying many hours of enlightenment. At last the unsung heroes are receiving recognition.

Thank you for introducing us to this fascinating book —and also for the photo of our house as it was in 1942.

Kind regards,

Yours sincerely

Hazel and Joe Dow.

(With acknowledgment to 'The Eavesdroppers' by Jack Bleakley, for the historical references to the RAAF at Pimlico.)

ANOTHER NAIL IN THE COFFIN .

The Australian Broadcasting Corporation's 'Parliamentary and News Network' is like a drug fix for news junkies. If you haven't found that channel it is located on the AM band in all Australian capital cities and at least one big town. When they are not broadcasting from Parliament House they present continuous news, weather, sport and current affairs. Just to round out the Australian news coverage they take transmissions from the BBC throughout the day and night. You don't have to wait for hourly news bulletins or half hourly news updates as you do on commercial radio or other ABC outlets. You get instant news gratification. Here is an example.

On 1st. February, 1997 the BBC WORLD SERVICE announced in its inimitable BBC voice that England's neighbour, that country at the other end of the troubled 'chunnel' rail-line, had given up morse code. January 31, 1997 was the very last day on which French marine services used morse.

According to the BBC the French announcement said that rather than France giving up morse code, morse code had given up France. It could no longer compete with satellite voice communication and other modern technologies in the provision of marine safety services.

France has joined five or so other nations which no longer use morse for marine communication.

The last message transmitted carried a nice touch of French passion.

"Calling all—— this is our last cry before eternal silence".

TARLAC 30th JUNE 1945 .

CBICA member Geoff Day calls it 'one of my essays'. His account of a day in Tarlac, Luzon Island, on June 30th 1945, is a rare first person account of a place significant to many members of our Association. As it was written in 1945 the account has not suffered from the distortions of

hazy recollections or the intervention of conscious or unconscious revisionist tendencies.

Geoff DAY'S Essay. 1945.

"Tarlac is a true example of a typical Filipino country town. Naturally, these days the place has been invaded by American troops, but the home life of the Filipinos has been left comparatively undisturbed. The chief function of the Americans is to maintain order and direct traffic; in fact there were more MPs than ordinary EM. (enlisted men). But the object I have here is to describe some of the life of the Filipinos.

The main railway line north from Manila runs through Tarlac, or rather past the outskirts of the City. It must have been quite a large marshalling yard before the war, for there was quite a lot of rolling stock on the lines and about a dozen American freight locomotives. There is very little activity there now, so I was led to believe that quite a lot of the rolling stock was out of commission, probably dismantled by the Japanese or "shot up" by the Americans. The railway station shows signs of damage, but is by no means beyond repair.

The town of Tarlac consists of two main streets, running parallel and across which run a number of interesting streets. On one side, the latter run as far as the embankment guarding the Tarlac River and on the other they lose themselves in the surrounding countryside. In fact it is difficult to see where the city finishes and the residential quarters begin and where they finish and the country begins. One can merely turn a corner and pass from the smell of the markets, into the smell of pigs and goats. As in Manila the characteristic smell of the East pervades everywhere; most of the new arrivals here dislike it intensely, but for some reason unknown, I find it quite attractive. Of course the smell of meat and fish in the market is not too wholesome, but is it anywhere ?

I think the Filipinos are the most attractive of the Eastern races I have encountered, with the possible exception of the Javanese. They always seem so happy and full of life and with a laugh always ready. Perhaps it is a reaction after the misery of the Japanese occupation.

We spent the morning wandering from one end of the city to the other. There are quite a few shops but so many of them deal in the same kind of business; mainly, there were drug stores,

bootmakers, barbers, beauty parlours and tailors; there seems to be more work done in servicing than in selling. This is probably because most of the selling is done in the market square, which is partly covered, partly open, with stalls scattered everywhere. It is here that most food stuffs are sold, and the smell is rather obnoxious. One has to pick one's way carefully through the vendors squatting on their haunches everywhere for fear of treading on their large, flat, round straw baskets which may contain fruit, fish or meat, and also not a few flies. It really is a wonder that the fish and meat can be wholesome after lying out in the sun; exposed to and crawled on by millions of flies and subject to dust kicked up by the multitude continually passing. But if the housewives didn't buy it they would go hungry. (*Would you believe some of us accepted rare invitations to share a meal with the family?* Ed.) Also in the market were wooden sandals, which are worn by all Filipinos (for one reason, leather is very scarce, and besides which, it has always been the custom, and awkward though they would seem to us, the natives manage them quite successfully). Then there were various articles of mercery, a couple of stalls selling clothing of not too good quality, local cigarettes in packets and frightful looking things they were too, and most of the odds and ends that one finds in Woolworths, much of it looking as though it had been there for years. There was a "butcher's shop" in one part, evidently the 'elite' of the meat sellers, but I wouldn't fancy eating their wares after the way the customers pawed it around. A dyke wall is the only thing which stops the town from complete inundation during the rainy season. Sometimes it rains for twelve days and nights continuously and it doesn't mess about when it rains either! The Filipino women do their washing in the streams; it is queer to see them squatting right in the stream, bashing the clothes with a wooden paddle (another characteristic of the East), using a large dish with soapy water, and the stream for rinsing. It wouldn't be surprising if the clothes were tainted a little, for the cariboo (a cross between an ox and a buffalo) also 'bathe' in the stream and they aren't particular as to the spot they decide to use for a latrine!

To be continued.

If you wish to attend one or more of the functions referred to in this Newsletter don't forget to let us know ASAP.

VALE.

It is with regret that we announce the death, on 1st March 1997, of our esteemed member, Mr. **John Pascoe**. John's home was in North Haven, NSW. The next edition will carry some information about John's service history.

IN BRIEF.

NORMA SMITH noted this headline in The International Express, dated 12 Feb., 1997. 'Germans set to save British Spy Base'. Apparently Bletchley Park has had a request for an eight million pounds grant from British sources rejected. Now it is claimed that the Bletchley Park people have been having discussions about collaborative ventures with the Heinz-Nixdorf Museum in Paderborn and Deutsches Museum in Hamburg. A film about Alan Turing, the now famous Bletchley Park character, was recently shown on BBC1, according to the same Newspaper.

Kana Lives.

If you find Kana a big turn off read no further. I will understand. If, however, some nostalgia remains for the times when you were proud of your intercept skills you may still tune in to morse code of the Kana variety. Days after announcing in the December Newsletter that I couldn't detect any Kana signals I found stations exchanging Kana traffic on or about 22.600 MHz at about 1500 hours eastern daylight saving time. Having noted John Vasey's interest I reported back to him and bemoaned my lack of skill. I missed more symbols than I copied and like most operators blamed poor sending; at least from one of the stations. John was in a consoling mood. He said that the 'poor sender' was probably operating from the heaving cabin of a fishing trawler pounding through a typhoon somewhere or other. The base stations machine send call signs etc. fairly regularly. The call signs copied include JOR, JOS, JNA and ? JFM. The assumption is that they are conducting marine communications networks.

JOHN STUMM has made an interesting donation for CBICA Inc. to place in an appropriate archive. More about this in the next issue.

AND as **MADLINE CHIDGEY** has left the Executive after years of work for our Association we will outline her record of service.