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PRESIDENT'S PAR

VP Day 2005

On Saturday 13th August, CBICA members took part in a march through Sydney streets, commemorating the 60th anniversary of the Japanese surrender. In view of the short notice and lack of publicity for the event it was not surprising that numbers of marchers and spectators were small, making it a fairly low key affair. However due to the efforts of Joy Granger and Helen Kenny in producing and posting a special message to all members giving details of the march arrangements, CBICA was well represented. Our thanks are also due to Rob and Ian for once again acting as our banner bearers. There was too an unexpected spin off from the absence of cheering crowds. So quiet were the streets that as we marched past the Town Hall saluting base the voice of Governor-General Major General Michael Jeffery, could be clearly heard saying "Thank you Central Bureau for the work you did". There was also a pleasant little get together after the march in a cosy café where we all thawed out on an unusually chilly morning.

Brisbane Reunion

It was gratifying to have such a good attendance at this reunion where as for the march, members received notification of final arrangements only through the special message. On Tuesday 23rd August at 3.00pm we assembled at the MacArthur Memorial Museum, where we were welcomed by Executive Officer Ian Willoughby and shown an interesting video of war time Brisbane, which brought back a lot of memories. Other highlights were the replica of General MacArthur's office, a Japanese flag captured at Milne Bay and signed by Aussie soldiers, and examples of the work of Damien Parer, the famous WW2 photographer.

Dinner at the Irish Club followed and was a huge success. The venue was highly congenial, the happy hour was truly happy – after all it was the Irish Club – and the meal was delicious. Speeches were at a minimum though we simply had to extend a special welcome to guests of honour, Bill Caelli and Elenor, Les Smith and Eunice of Queensland University of Technology, and Mac Jamieson and Irene of the Queensland RAAF WU Association. A gem of a letter to the Herald by Helen Kenny refuting the statement in an ABC program that no Australians accompanied General MacArthur on his "I shall return" to the Philippines mission also had to be heard by all. Mac Jamieson recounted an amusing incident in a war time RAAF mess where he gave an unexpected response to the routine "Any complaints?" Mac raised his hand, having investigated the meal. "There are weevils in the spinach, Sir," he said. The officer looked at the food then at Mac. "If you don't want to eat it, you can go without," he said. These were hungry times in Port Moresby. Mac swallowed the weevils.

On Wednesday 24th August we were the guests of David Parker, Curator of The Australian Intelligence Museum at Canungra, and received right royal treatment, including door to door transport in the mini bus, a slap-up luncheon in the Mess and truly fascinating account of the many interesting exhibits in the Museum including, believe it or not, a special section on Central Bureau. We all left firmly convinced that the Museum is in the capable hands of a man who is an enthusiast and totally dedicated to his job. Many thanks to you David for a great day out.

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HON. TREASURER'S REPORT

On August 21 I attended a very enjoyable and interesting luncheon at the Roseville Memorial Club, hosted by the RSL Sub-Branch, the theme being "Where were you on 15/8/1945?"

Addresses were given by: A member of the Merchant Navy; an Army man; an Air Force navigator who flew 32 missions over Europe with the RAF before returning home, and Mrs Alice Penman, one of 200 VAD's who travelled to the Middle East aboard the "Queen Mary".

Each recounted wartime experiences up to VJ Day.

The President then asked if anyone else would like to say a few words. Following incorrect information in the SMH and on TV Channel 2 (see Helen Kenny's letter) I took the opportunity to have my say.

The SMH stated General MacArthur insisted that only American troops should return with him to the Philippines. The maker of the TV documentary did not know that detachments of RAAF No 6 Wireless Unit were at the landings at Leyte and Luzon (Signals Intelligence.)

I then gave a brief history of Central Bureau from its formation in Melbourne in 1942 to the end of the war, saying that CB involved Australian Army and AWAS, RAAF and WAAAF, British, Canadians as well as Americans (men and women), totalling 4,000 in all.

For myself I told of my 21st birthday on August 8, 1945. That day I had leave and hitch-hiked to Angeles, a town about half way between our camp and San Miguel and Manila. On return Flt/Lt John Walsh informed me I was one of a detachment from 6 WU who would be heading for Okinawa any day – and then Japan.

Thank heavens that did not happen. I was homeward bound on September 9, 1945.

Mention was made of the 30-year secrecy moratorium and our activities, hence CBICA was only formed in 1975 and gradually its existence became known.

Included in the audience were the Hon. Dr Brendan Nelson and the Hon. Barry O'Farrell – the first being Minister for Education in the Federal Parliament, the second being Deputy Leader of the Opposition in the NSW Parliament.

I concluded mentioning that Wing Commander Roy Booth, C.O. of the RAAF section, lived at Lindfield, NSW, the suburb north of our luncheon venue.

After my address some mentioned they had no idea what the Intelligence Services did nor of CBICA – which has regular meetings at the Roseville Club.

Jack Corrick. Mrs Meg Corrick of 49, Sixteenth Avenue, Renmark, SA 5341, who married Jack in 1980 is endeavouring to contact anyone who served with 6 WU in the Philippines and who knew her husband. He told little of his wartime service. She has had some response to a note in VetAffairs Journal – including replies from some of our members, but this has not helped her research. If you should remember Jack, who died in 2002, she would like to hear from you.

Subscriptions: Included with this Newsletter is a statement of account to 30 members who have not paid this year's subs. Please check and forward your remittance as soon as possible to

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HON. SECRETARY'S PAR

Well hello! Your slightly tatty correspondent is still recovering from the VP Day march in Sydney and from two separate reunions in Brisbane... So, on with the motley.

In Sydney we marched in 5° Centigrade temperature. Banner bearers were Rob Moore and Ian McBride (son and grandson of the late Dennis Moore.) Marchers were Gordon Gibson, Ivan Au Prince, Frank Hughes, Madeline Chidgey, Ailsa Hale, Bruce Bentwitch, Helen Kenny and Joy Granger.

Firstly, appreciation to Ian Willoughby for enabling us to view the MacArthur Museum after normal

hours. As had been indicated to us previously, it is far from complete due to lack of funds. However, the present set-up is of very high quality. Our thanks also to Les Smith of Q.U.T. who had arranged a private room for our dinner that evening and a welcoming sign to the Irish Club (noted the superb heritage ceiling in the ballroom). Last, but not least, our gratitude to Curator David Parker who organised transport and visit to Kokoda Barracks, Canungra.

Considering the necessity to change dates and short notice we had a good roll-up on both 23 and 24 August. We were: Stan & Maureen Baylis, Noni Benn, Ian & Lorraine Buckingham (Vic), Professor Bill & Mrs. Caelli (Dr Eleanor Crosby), Judy Carson, Betty Chessell (Q), Gordon & Sue Gibson, Joy Granger, Frank Hughes, Mac and Irene Jamieson (Q), Helen Kenny, Brian Lovett (Tuncurry), Diana Parker (Vic), Doug & Nell Pyle, Les (QUT) and Eunice Smith, Peg Teague. Sadly, Madeline Chidgey had to leave following the Museum inspection with the news of her sister's death. Margaret McCafferty and sister Joan Rooney (Q) were unable to join us at dinner but lined up next day. Preceding a very pleasant dinner, President Gordon passed on messages of good wishes and regret at inability to attend from Barbara Kitching (Blackall), Jean Robertson (Toowoomba), John Stumm (Albany Creek), David & Noeline Hansen, Joyce & Raymond Bradney (Vic), Jean Hicks (Yeppoon), Heather Williams (Barrington NSW).

Fortunately it was an early night as at 8.30am (very cold) we were lined up at Roma St station to be farewelled by Ian and Lorraine Buckingham who were heading off to Coolumb. Very comfortable transport and great driver. Cleared the appalling traffic and headed fast towards Beaudesert (remembered that from years ago when I turned off and took the Lions' Road through beautiful scenery to Kyogle (NSW). After turning off we passed through Coomera, steadily climbing through what must have been dairying country, now being developed – one rather ordinary estate was named Tuxedo Junction!! Further on, in one of the loveliest valleys I've ever seen, was a splendid development. Dairy cattle now apparent and large well-filled earth dams noted. The area very dry and burning off apparent. So to Canungra and Kokoda Barracks – a green oasis (recycled water) and well

laid out. We were welcomed by David Parker and Nancy Goldsteen whom he had driven up from Southport. A welcome morning tea, then a fascinating tour of the Intelligence Museum – so much to take in. A larger building is being prepared to cope with the ever-growing collection of intelligence memorabilia by the Curator. May his health enable him to continue this great work. We then repaired to the elegant mess for a delightful lunch (learned later that meals are contracted out)...Thus sustained, we had a short talk by one of the lecturers, followed by a tour around the complex. No photos but visual memories of diverse troop activities. A fast trip back to Brisbane and all agreed it had been a marvellous day. Sorry for the travelogue but thought it may be of interest to those who have never been there. That's my lot for now. Hope there wasn't anything else I had to tell you. Cheers!

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IMPORTANT NOTICE

Our annual mini-reunion will be held at the Roseville Memorial Club (a short walk from the railway station) at 12 noon on Friday, 11 November (Remembrance Day). For those interested there is a Memorial Service in the Club's garden from approx. 10.30 a.m. Please let Treasurer Bruce (9417-1427) or Secretary Joy (9981-2397) know if you are coming; it helps the Club's catering. Hope to see you there

Joy Granger.

HISTORIAN'S REPORT

Attached is a copy of the "Pathfinder" newsletter containing news of the latest bit of recognition that has come the way of the CB set-up in WWII. Jack Brown's manuscript will be published by the Office of Air Force History in the RAAF Heritage series of books early in 2006.

I might mention that on 10 September I was an invited speaker at a symposium hosted in Melbourne by the Australian-American Association

and the Naval Historical Society of Australia (Vic) on “Reflections on the Pacific Naval war – 60 years on.” Although I was asked to talk mainly about naval aspects of the Coral Sea battle, the opportunity arose to acknowledge the part played by FRUMEL and Central Bureau to the Allies’ eventual success.

Perhaps members of CBICA have noticed articles that have been published recently under my name in the Australian War Memorial’s magazine *Wartime* (Issue 31, Jly 2005) and the 60th anniversary series of magazines published by *The Australian* to commemorate the end of the Pacific War (Part 11, 18 August 2005). Both were written specifically in response to requests for pieces that dealt with the role of Central Bureau, so there is growing if belated recognition of this aspect of the war effort.

Since getting back from overseas at the start of July, I have been absorbing details from the mass of material that I photocopied in London and Washington, since at the time there was time to do little more than register that a file contained material that referred to CB. I have also been accessing a collection of research notes assembled several years ago by an academic colleague who was actively working in the Sigint field and who offered to make this material available for my project.

There has also been some fruitful contact with Dr Ian Pfennigwerth, who has practically completed his biography of Captain Nave...As might be expected, this touches on Nave’s time with CB in Brisbane, and I have yet to extract some material in my own notes that might help (or at least interest) a fellow researcher.

At present I am contemplating research visits to Melbourne and Brisbane, but am unable to settle on firm dates because of current commitments as RAAF historian. Hopefully, October will provide a suitable opportunity to undertake the first of these field trips.

Cheers,

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Heritage Winner

The Chief of Air Force, RAAF, Air Marshall Geoff Shepherd and a panel of judges, recently announced the winners in the Art and Literature sections in this year’s Heritage Awards Scheme. The results, published in “*Pathfinder*” declared Adelaide author, A.J. (Jack) Brown to be the winner of the main prize for Literature with his “*Kata Kana Man.*”

“*Pathfinder*” wrote:

This is an account of his war service in 1942-46 with the RAAF’s top secret wireless units (WU) which worked on intercepting coded Japanese radio transmissions for Central Bureau, General MacArthur’s signals intelligence outfit based in Brisbane for most of the Pacific War. Beginning his work as a kana operator (katakana being symbols in the Japanese alphabet or syllabary representing Japanese and Chinese sounds) with No 1 WU at Townsville, Brown moved to New Guinea in 1943, serving at Port Moresby and subsequently Nadzab, Biak and then Hollandia. In October 1944 he joined the nucleus of a new unit, No 6 WU, which was headed to the Philippines and the Leyte landings.

Battling ill health after the war, Brown took a sales job with Harris Scarfe Ltd. before moving into the plastics business and eventually into wholesale jewellery. It became a matter of sore grievance for him that there was little official recognition given within Australia to the major contribution made by Allied signals intelligence to helping to win the war or at least shorten its duration. In part this occurred precisely because of the highly secret nature of the work in which the WUs (with Australian and American Army signals units) had been engaged, which meant that little documentation had found its way into the records.

[Jack Brown is mentioned in Jack Bleakley’s “The Eavesdroppers” (P 177). He was one of 18 Australians who embarked on LST 700 (Loading Ship Tank No 700) which left Hollandia for the Philippines on October 15.]

“Sore Grievance”

Many CBers share Jack Brown’s sense of “sore grievance,” and this was especially so as the sixtieth anniversary of VJ Day approached. When Helen Kenny read in the Sydney Morning Herald that the ABC’s forthcoming program “Road to Japan” was due for showing and that MacArthur took no Australians north to the Philippines, she rang the ABC and fired off a letter to the SMH, hoping for a correction. The letter was not printed. We print it here.

To: “Letters” Sydney Morning Herald

The Herald’s “Guide” of August 15 previewed the ABC TV Documentary “Road to Tokyo”, which will be shown on August 18 naming it “Show of the Week”.

The documentary, marking the 60th anniversary of the Japanese surrender, includes historic film, interviews with veterans, grim wartime scenes, and shows Sydney’s jubilant celebration at war’s end.

But...one paragraph of the review reads: “Here is General MacArthur’s broken promise to include Australian troops in his ‘I shall return’ mission to the Philippines.”

MacArthur did not break this promise. He took Australian troops with him to the Philippines and would have taken them on to Japan.

They belonged to the RAAF Wireless Units, to Central Bureau, and to the Australian Special Wireless Group. They were skilled in Sigint (signal intelligence), and by intercepting Japanese Morse (called kana), by traffic analysis, and codebreaking traced the movements of Japanese troops, shipping, and air force..

These men of the RAAF and AIF worked in secrecy. For 30 years their work could not be known. Several books have come out over the years, the American “SIS Record”, Jack Bleakley’s “The Eavesdroppers” and Geoffrey Ballard’s “On Ultra Active Service” being among them. Only now is the official history of Central Bureau being written by the RAAF historian, Dr Chris Coulthard-Clark. (CB was called the Bletchley Park of the South Pacific).

Few know that members of 1 Wireless Unit took part in the American invasion fleet bound for Leyte, that in the Philippines Australians served in San Miguel, Tarlac, Inopacan and other places, that some were dubbed the “Foreign Legionnaires”. Photographs show them in their slouch hats.

Next week, some of these veterans will hold a reunion in Brisbane, on August 23, visiting MacArthur’s former headquarters in the old AMP building, now MacArthur Chambers. It is now a museum. Women as well as men will be there, for AWAS and WAAAF also worked in Central Bureau. Although MacArthur and his Chief Signal Officer, Major- General Akin, requested that the women should go north, the Australian Government blocked this.

Only in the late 1990s did those who served in the Philippines receive a medal from that Government. Ex-Servicemen wear it on Anzac Day. Few know what it means, and some doubt that Australians even went to the Philippines. Let the doubt be removed and their work recognized. It is claimed that their efforts shortened the war by two years.

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(For information of Letters Editor, I worked with Central Bureau as a cipher operator before becoming a journalist after the war. From 1965-1980 I was on the SMH.)

IN BRIEF

Group-Captain Arthur Skimin (Retd) sent a “quick note” to President Gordon Gibson asking him to let the CB team know that he appreciates receiving the Newsletter and finds the articles interesting.

“Bruce Bentwitch’s recollections of his WWII experience with the free ride in the B24 Liberator made interesting reading. You might let Bruce know that his RAAF colleagues of these days are in the final stages of rebuilding a B24 down in Werribee. It will eventually go on public display. While I am not sure that they will go to the detail of incorporating the wire cages in the bomb bay, the

finished project should bring back memories for Bruce.”

Arthur Skimin, formerly with DSD, recalls that back in the 1980s the then Director Army Intelligence transferred a substantial collection of WWII material to the Military Intelligence Museum Canungra, and that a mixed collection of photos and material from CBers was in that collection – including a photo of “Pappy” Clark. He added: “Despite Chris Clark’s busy life since moving from the Australian War Memorial to RAAF Historian I still manage to stay in touch with him. It is pleasing to see that he is making progress with the WWII Sigint History Project.”

[It was Arthur Skimin, who, travelling from Point Cook at our 2000 Melbourne reunion, urged that our history should be written. It was also at Point Cook that we met David Parker, Curator of the Military Intelligence Museum. From our point of view, no meetings could have proved more helpful.]

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Queensland Wireless Units

Mac Jamieson, Hon. Secretary of Queensland Wireless Units for 20 years, wrote in their July newsletter of the annual luncheon reunion at the Irish Club, Brisbane.

Fourteen attended. After lunch they had a round table discussion.

Mac wrote: “In the light of diminishing attendance, maladies, plus Father Time, we have reluctantly decided to abandon future reunion luncheons. However, this may not be full stop. President Bruce Cooper and I will confer from time to time and we may be able to have a morning tea or something along those lines.”

NOTES FROM THE NORTH

For various reasons we could not be in Brisbane for VJ/VP Day. Veterans were marching in Sydney and other places; the MacArthur Museum had functions arranged. So we arrived the next week to find that the City of Brisbane, with impeccable (or rather, peccable) taste was celebrating Japan Day.

Posters announced this. Martial Arts experts fronted up in Queen Street Mall to bow, grapple, and to hurl one another with thuds onto a wooden stage. More bows. Soon Japanese drummers were to follow.

It was quieter around the corner in Edward Street, where the old AMP building – now MacArthur Chambers – looks much the same as it did when General Douglas MacArthur, Commander-in-Chief, Allied Forces, South West Pacific Area and his staff made it their headquarters. The MacArthur Museum is on the eighth floor, where he had his office. Most of the building has been turned into self-contained luxury flats.

To reach the eighth floor, visitors go first to a security desk, then to the MacArthur Museum. A pamphlet about it declares: “See a story of Brisbane at War,” and informs visitors that the Museum is open from 10am to 3pm on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Sundays, admission prices being \$4 for adults, \$2 for concessions/children and \$10 per family.

The museum, many years in planning, is still unfinished. Changes in ownership of the building, political disagreements, some anti-MacArthur sentiments, plus lack of funds, have contributed to this. (Thousands of dollars have been raised. Still not enough.)

At the Museum, Lieut-Col Ian Willoughby (Retd) welcomed the group. He is the new executive officer of The General Douglas MacArthur Memorial Trust, having just taken over from Lieut-Col John Dwyer (Retd.) The Museum’s historian/librarian, Helen Taylor (not present) is also a newcomer.

Some in our group had worked in the building when MacArthur was there, when Major General Spencer Akin controlled Signal Intelligence for the SWPA. Others had visited the eighth floor in 1996 when the late Allan Campbell, single-handed, had arranged a display of photos, documents and archival material. This former RAAF officer, CB member, and founder of the Australian-American Association was, at the time, President of the General Douglas MacArthur Memorial. He was then over 90 and determined that the records should be preserved. He had arranged the display in General

MacArthur's office, where (according to our 1996 newsletter) the General's chair was in place.

Nine years ago there was much mention of CB. This time the third and second letters of the alphabet – CB – were invisible, unheard. Ian Willoughby led us past a large photograph of the General to a theatre where a black and white documentary film was showing.

Afterwards, we learnt from Ian Willoughby, who welcomed us with courtesy, that Stage Two of the building is now being financed to double the area, that the furniture in General MacArthur's office is all reproduction except for his table found by John Dwyer on a farm near Warwick. The only other piece of original furniture is General Sutherland's desk, given to the Museum by the AMP. Then Ian Willoughby asked for questions.

After explaining that the present display included a collection of Damien Parer photographs (on loan) a Japanese flag bearing the signatures of soldiers who captured it at Milne Bay, wartime issues of the Courier-Mail, and pictures of MacArthur and his family, Ian Willoughby asked for questions.

Judith Carson: (Former cryptographer) Are you going to explain about the sacrifices people made when they served in the war, so that Australians can have the lives we live today. The young and middle-aged know nothing.

Ian Willoughby: Yes – it's a question of how we do it.

Helen Kenny: Do you know what happened to the archives collected by the late Allan Campbell?

Ian Willoughby said that a library was still being established. He did not know where the Campbell archives were.

Gordon Gibson: A lot of us here played humble or more prominent roles with Central Bureau in the South West Pacific. We know that General MacArthur established Central Bureau almost as soon as he arrived in Australia – April 1942. May I ask if the Museum will be making efforts to show CB as an integral part of the Museum?

Ian Willoughby: "Yes, certainly."

He spoke of future plans – perhaps a section of the Museum could show MacArthur in Japan. The Museum is to approach the Japanese Government for funds towards this. There is still not enough money. The list of donors includes the Federal and

Queensland Governments, also private contributors, but nothing has come from the Government of the USA.

Gordon Gibson: Thanks on behalf of us all for the welcome – and the typical Queensland hospitality. We old guys feel unrecognised. You have assured us that the Museum will be an ongoing thing.

Before leaving, Helen Kenny passed a copy of the "SIS Record" to Ian Willoughby, this being a donation to the Museum's library from the mathematician, Dr Peter Donovan. The book – rare now – was compiled in 1946, and is an historical and pictorial record of the Special Intelligence Service in the Far East 1942-1946. The book, dedicated to Captain Clarence S. Yamagata, Captain, Signal Corps, was produced for the Americans, but some Australians obtained it.

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We left then for the Irish Club, discussing our reactions to the Museum on the way. General verdict: most disappointing.

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It was like finding a lucky four-leafed shamrock to walk into the Irish Club and to see "Welcome CB" signs directing us to the bar and dining room. (Les Smith had organised the signs.) Thanks to him and Joy Granger, we had a room to ourselves in the club which has made us welcome before.

Gordon Gibson made a short speech, greeting guests, and saying Cbers were happy to be back "in our home town, Brisbane." Others would have liked to be with us, but illness and distance prevented this. Bruce Cooper, Wireless Units president, lives at Robina, on the Gold Coast, so could not come, but Mac Jamieson, Wireless Units secretary, was there with his wife, Irene.

Mac grew up in Gippsland, on a dairy farm, and during the war went to the Philippines twice, the first time as a kana interceptor aboard General Akin's PCEV 848. His wife, Irene, worked in Brisbane during the war at Paul's Frocks, in the Brisbane Arcade. This firm, a protected industry during the war, made clothes for servicewomen, but also provided high fashion.

Irene says: "Mrs MacArthur, very slender and dark used to come in for fittings of cocktail dresses to be

worn at functions. She always brought the Amah and little boy, Arthur, with her.” (What happened to “Little Arthur”, to whom the people of Brisbane gave a goat and cart for his birthday – the fourth, I think?)

After years of talking to Eunice Smith on the telephone, we met at last. “Now I can put a face to your name,” said Eunice, who voluntarily, and with great patience, helps to put out the Newsletter.

Peg Teague, former WAAAF W/T operator in MacArthur’s headquarters, remembers how she and other girls would come off shift in that building, and go down to the waiting tender in Edward Street which would take them back to Victoria Park. Crowding around the tender would be hopeful American servicemen, trying to make dates.

Professor Bill Caelli, of the Queensland University of Technology, said that kana is still being used in abbreviated form, that “kids at school still recognise it.” He spoke of UU - a universal code developed about 15 years ago. Up on a screen, at a touch, will come Japanese, Chinese, whichever language is sought.

These are only samples of conversation I heard. It wasn’t a late night. We dispersed, ready for the trip to Canungra next day.

David Parker, Curator of the Museum of Australian Military Intelligence, was there to meet us.

For years he has been gathering information about Intelligence members and their work. Last August, through our Newsletter, he appeared for a photo of “Pappy” Clark – Captain S.R.I. Clark – who served in the Middle East with No. 4 Wireless Intercept Section A.I.F. before returning to Australia and the newly founded Central Bureau.

He wrote that the Museum had a hallway featuring a selection of Australian Intelligence Corps members who had received decorations or awards for operational or wartime service. Pappy Clark had received the M.B.E. in 1945, as well as the American Medal of Freedom with Bronze Palm – an honour given to non-Americans.

David Parker was anxious to display “Pappy” Clark’s photograph and citation in the hall if a good

enough photo could be found. CBers helped in the search.

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We walked down the hallway. Faces from the past regarded us: Bridges, Monash, Longfield Lloyd, Piesse and “Look!” said Frank Hughes. “There’s Bill Rogers’ father.” Yes, Brigadier J.D. Rogers, C.B.E. MC and DMI in World War II was present. There was no “Pappy” Clark.

The tour went on. The Australian Intelligence Corps, formed in 1907, claims to be the oldest such corps in the Commonwealth. Its motto is “Forewarned, forearmed,” or, in Latin, “Praemonitus, Praemunitus.”

There was much to see: weapons, documents, old photos, the famous poster “A call from the Dardanelles – Coe-ee, won’t you come,” details about the Anzac Wireless Squadron, an intercept unit established in Mesopotamia. The story carried on through a 1930s prediction of the Japanese war, almost to the present, to photos of Saddam’s weapons in Iraq. Then we walked around a corner. Here was a new wall, with photographs of CB in Australia, the islands, Hollandia, the Philippines, of Wireless Units at work. David Parker handed Gordon Gibson a parcel, asking him to undo it. Gordon did so, “unveiling” a photo of “Pappy” Clark. It was placed, temporarily, beside the others on the wall, where the Filipino medal was also on show.

“The photo was taken in Syria”, explained David. “It will be put in the hallway with the others.”

Gordon had a look of pleasure on his face. The Look was catching. “We’ve never seen a mention of ourselves, even yesterday at the MacArthur Memorial, until we got here,” he said, thanking David. We echoed the thanks.- H.K.

VALE

With sadness we report the death of Stan King a member of 1 WU. He was one of four Kana interceptors chosen by Gen Akin to sail with him on PCEV 848 to Leyte Gulf. Jack Bleakley recalls Stan telling him of an intercepted message telling Japanese aircraft to “concentrate on the three – stackers” – HMAS Australia and Shropshire.