



CENTRAL BUREAU INTELLIGENCE CORPS ASSOCIATION MARCH 2017

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

March already! I hope the year has started well for all our CB members and readers. It's hard to believe the new committee and I have been in our roles for more than a year already. Time goes so quickly, but we enjoy our work for CB very much.

ANZAC DAY 2017

With Anzac Day fast approaching, I'd like to share some information about this year's commemorations.

This year's Anzac Day March will again follow the new route introduced last year. The RSL is endeavouring to address logistical issues and teething problems that last year's changes created, such as the need for clearer signage, so we are hoping this year's event should be smoother.

The March will officially start at the intersection of Martin Place and Elizabeth Street, with dispersal at Liverpool St, as far left as possible. Key information, including the March route map is available on the RSL website:

<http://www.rslnsw.org.au/commemoration/anzac/index.html> - and in the next issue of Reveille. We have also included a copy of the March route map in our newsletter.

CB's form up area is at position 16 on the March route map, on the corner of Phillip and Hunter Streets, at 0845 hours. Our esteemed Banner Bearers, Rob Moore and Mark Brackley, will be there to meet you at our form up area and the Marshals have been briefed so will also be able to direct you.

If Veterans would like to march and feel they need some support, we encourage marching with a support buddy/carer in the form of a family member, ideally, or CB member marching as a descendent.

There are no Land Rovers available unfortunately, but there will be Maxi Taxis for anyone who would like to be transported during the March. The Maxi Taxis are separate to the taxis that form the procession at the start of the March.

Veterans wishing to be transported in a Maxi Taxi are requested to be on the corner of Phillip and Hunter Streets by 0830 hours - and to complete the form provided in the newsletter. Seating will again be available - on St James Road for Veterans who would like to sit and watch the March (this area is marked on the March route map).

The Act of Remembrance will be observed as units march past the Anzac Memorial in Elizabeth Street, which is clearly marked on the March route. There will be a larger wreath and a marshal positioned on the side of the road to notify contingents when to give their eyes left and bands to commence a drum tap.

If anyone has any questions or concerns about the March, by all means please contact me (my contact details are at the end of my Report).

I am really looking forward to seeing everyone who can make it to what is always a very special and memorable occasion, our Anzac Day luncheon.

ANZAC EVE

The traditional Wreath Laying Ceremony will be held at the Cenotaph on Anzac Eve. Last year, my dad, Gordon Gibson, was the only CB representative to take part, and this year we'd love to see more CB members participate in this moving service if you are able to make it. If you would like to take part in the short ceremony, please let us know by completing the form included in the newsletter.

David Dufty's Book: The Secret is Almost Out!

David Dufty's book, which we can now reveal will be called "*The Secret Code Breakers of Central Bureau*" (brilliant title) will be published in June. David will be in attendance at the Anzac Day luncheon and will be able to answer any questions you might have about his book. I can't wait to read it!

Records of Historical Value

If anyone has any historical items that they would like to donate to the Australian War Memorial in Canberra, please contact me and I will be happy to explain the process involved to do this.

Let us know your thoughts

Our wonderful newsletter, which would not be possible without our amazingly talented Publicity Officer Helen Kenny and Secretary Bruce Goudge, is a great way of keeping in touch with CB news, but communication is a wonderful two-way street and I really enjoy hearing from our members too.

I recently had a lovely call from Anne Brown (Jack Brown's widow) to thank the CB Committee for the newsletters and let us know how much she enjoys reading them. Thank you Anne, and congratulations on becoming a great grandmother to baby Jack - what a beautiful tribute to his great grandfather.

I'd love to hear from you too. If you have any feedback, any news to share, if there is anything you'd like to see in the newsletter, or if there is anything you would like us to address in the running of CB, please send me your ideas and suggestions.

I'd especially love to hear about CB members and past members who we may be able to profile in upcoming editions of the newsletter.

You'll find all my contact details below, so by all means please get in touch.

All my very best wishes.

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CBICA ANZAC EVE & ANZAC DAY ARRANGEMENTS **2017**

WREATH LAYING CEREMONY: Monday, 24th April 2017

Members to assemble 1815 hours, Cnr Pitt St and Martin Place (near the old GPO) for Wreath Laying Parade. Medals to be worn. Please advise of your attendance on the form below.

ARRANGEMENTS: Tuesday, 25th April 2017

Please assemble 0845 hours, on Cnr Phillip Street and Hunter Streets (at form up position 16 on the March route map provided in the newsletter) under our green and gold banner (the form up area is on Phillip Street and as groups go through they will make their way around to the start position at Martin Place).

Our wonderful Banner Bearers will be at our form up position to meet marchers.

PLEASE NOTE THE MARCH ROUTE REMAINS THE SAME AS LAST YEAR

Formation to be 8 abreast: This year, transport in Land Rovers has been replaced by Maxi Taxis, and for those requiring transport during the March, please see form below – we need to know how many. Please answer as soon as possible, and provide your phone number. Form up for the Maxi Taxis will be at 0830 hours on Cnr Phillip Street and Hunter Streets.

Please also contact Katy Denis if you would like to watch the March from the seating on St James Road – she will give your name to the RSL to reserve you a seat.

Conveyance via wheelchairs with a carer is welcomed by the RSL and wheelchairs can be hired by your GP should you not own one. Alternatively, please contact Katy for a list of companies offering wheelchairs for hire on Anzac Day (**Katy Denis' contact details are following the President's Report.**)

REUNION LUNCH:

After the March, from 1200 hours, lunch again will be in the “Windows Room”, Pullman Sydney Hyde Park, 36 College Street, opposite Hyde Park. Cost of lunch will be \$55 per head (drinks extra of course).

As always, members are welcome and warmly encouraged to bring wives, husbands, family and friends to the lunch. AIA, WU and ex-ASWG personnel are also welcome.

Please wear nametags if possible, and RSVP to all functions A.S.A.P. including the need for transport during the March on the form below. We'd appreciate the RSVP for the lunch (plus appropriate cheque) as soon as possible.

Very restricted, free, disabled parking for CBer's. Please contact Annette A.S.A.P.

MEMBERSHIP FEES FOR 2017 are now due. Please send your **cheque for \$15 (Veterans) \$20 (Assoc. Members)** to:

Annette Salmon, Hon. Treasurer, 9 Albion Avenue, PYMBLE NSW 2073.
Cheques should be made payable to CBICA.

TREASURER'S REPORT

We're coming up to Anzac Day and it's time to start thinking about the march and the annual reunion luncheon at the Pullman Hyde Park Hotel (Windows Restaurant) on the 25th April. This year the cost of the lunch is again \$55 per person (not including drinks) and we are hoping that as many of you as possible can be there, along with family and friends. Last year we had around 60 people and had a great time catching up with old friends and making new ones. **PLEASE FORWARD THE LUNCHEON PAYMENT (\$55) TO ANNETTE ASAP.**

There will be some free parking spots available in the hotel car park so please let me know if you need one as numbers are limited.

CBICA finished 2016 with a small surplus but some members are yet to pay their subscriptions for 2017. Most of our income goes to fund the quarterly newsletter and postage so we really appreciate your ongoing support. Special thanks to Alan Bentwitch for auditing our books, once again very generously free of charge.

This year veterans' annual subs remain at \$15 but associate members' subs have increased to \$20 per annum. Please forward payments together with your Anzac Day forms to my address below.

If you are reading this newsletter as an interested relative of a CBer or as a researcher please consider joining CBICA as an Associate Member. We'd love to share information and experiences with you.

On that note, after some interesting correspondence, we are very happy to welcome a new Associate Member to CBICA, Philip Grimsley.

Philip is the son of 1WU kana intercept operator, Phyllis (Brownson) Grimsley. Phyllis was one of the original group of 13 WAAAF's who trained at Point Cook and worked in Melbourne, Townsville and Brisbane. Philip has shared some photos which include Phyllis and we are hoping to get your assistance in identifying her friends. (See story and pics next newsletter!)

I'm writing this while on holidays on the sunny Mornington Peninsula. Trevor and I have escaped from a very wet and stormy Sydney and are really enjoying this beautiful part of the world!

Which reminds me, if you need overnight accommodation for Anzac Day, the Pullman Hotel has offered a 10% discount for CBICA members who quote the code word ANZAC when making their booking.

I wish all of you the very best for Anzac Day and am looking forward to seeing many of you again at the luncheon.

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SECRETARY'S REPORT

March is already with us, and so are plans for “The March”. Wherever you are – Sydney, NSW, Interstate or across the world, our thoughts come together as we gather for our Annual ANZAC Commemoration. As the number of CBers dwindles, we look to family and friends to perpetuate their memory, and ANZAC Day is a wonderful occasion to do this.

If you have a gathering, please feel free to report it to us so we can acknowledge it in Newsletter. Be it only two or three, or maybe, as in Sydney, where we are optimistically looking at some 60 CBers, families and friends gathering in the “Windows Room” at the Pullman Hotel, after the March. Do send a report to Katy, Helen, or myself.

We had the CBICA AGM at Roseville on 6th February. Present were, Gordon Gibson, Helen Kenny, Katy Denis, Annette Salmon, Rob Moore, Mark Brackley and the undersigned. Allan Norton and David Dufty sent apologies. We wish Allan well as he continues to improve, and our good wishes go to other CBers who may not be enjoying good health at the moment. Sadly we noted the passing of David Hansen, and it was good that four members of CBICA were able to be present at this most moving funeral. Our thoughts are with Noeline during this time.

At the AGM there was much discussion of finances. Members stress the importance of Newsletter, and the valuable work performed by Helen (96 this month) but sadly the increased cost of postage is putting considerable stress on our finances. For this reason, we are seeking new Associate Members, at \$20 per head, and we are currently maintaining Full Membership for CBers at \$15. If you have not paid your dues for 2017 please do so. Annette has payment details in her “par” !

We also discussed the launch of David Dufty’s Book, “Secret Code Breakers of Central Bureau”. Gordon has read the final draft and is extremely impressed with its accuracy, readability and he finds the detail “Extremely comprehensive and thorough”.

Plans are in hand for a launching in Canberra in June, and your Committee is hopeful we can co-ordinate this launch with a formal visit to Canberra by CB.

As ANZAC Day draws near, we think of this special time for all of us, and our families, and I also seek your ongoing support of CBICA through your continued membership.

Bruce J Goudge

(Hon) Secretary

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BROWNSON PICTURE

The caption for the photograph reads: *Ex-service women at Legacy Lodge, Townsville. Back row, 4th, 6th and 7th from left: Phyllis May Grimsley nee Brownson (25 Aug 1920 – 23 July 2009; Stella Lilian Saunders (1 Nov 1915 – 23 Oct 2012) and Doreen Edith Garlick nee Brownson (17 March 1923 – 31 March 2012).*

Philip Grimsley of Concord West NSW sent us the photo. His mother, Phyllis, was a WAAAF Wireless operator who intercepted Japanese coded transmissions and was barracked at Roseneath, Queensland in WWII.



Ex-service women in 1983 at Legacy Lodge, Townsville. Back row 4th, 6th, and 7th from left: Phyllis May Grimsley nee Brownson (25-Aug-1920 – 23-Jul-2009), Stella Lilian Saunders (01-Nov-1915 – 23-Oct-2012), and Doreen Edith Garlick nee Brownson (17-Mar-1923 – 31-Mar-2012).

“This was the total knowledge of my mother’s war service until photos and information were recently sighted in your ozatwar web-pages and on those of the Australian War Memorial and the National Archives of Australia. “One other aspect of my mother’s experience was

apparent. That is, there was a close and lasting bond with her air-force buddies, who I now understand were part of 1WU.

“In the 1980s my mother introduced me to Joyce Enid Linnane of Lane Cove NSW, Larina Lucy Dale in Launceston, Tas, and Doreen “Dawn” Olive McMahon in Sylvania Heights NSW. Later, Joy “Linnie” moved to Wyoming, north of Gosford. She attended a reunion of six in the early 1990. As far as I know, neither she nor “Laurie” Dale married. I have no recent knowledge of them. Dawn died in 1984 and is buried at Scarborough Cemetery, north of Wollongong.

“Another WAAAF buddy was known since my childhood. Stella Lilian Saunders (1915-2012) frequently came to our home in Townsville, and in later years attended ex-service gatherings in Northern Queensland with my mother.” (Philip Grimsley)

His mother married Leading Aircraftman Peter Grimsley. They later divorced. Philip, youngest of her three sons is seeking service records for his parents. His mother died in Townsville, aged 88. He thanks Newsletter for keeping history alive.

REVIEW OF: “BREAKING TELEPRINTER CIPHERS AT BLETCHLEY PARK”

edited by James Reeds and others, Wiley - IEEE Press, 2015 (786 pages)

This is a deeply researched and heavily annotated version of the 1945 “General Report on Tunny” written by Jack Good and various colleagues from Bletchley Park, immediately after WWII.

Tunny was the code word used there for the enciphered teleprinters used for very high level German signals traffic. The reading of Tunny confirmed that the deception over the location of the D-Day invasion had actually worked.

The book is not light reading but does reveal the depth of the mathematic, radio, mechanical and linguistic work behind what must be considered the greatest cryptological achievement of the era.

A chapter by Sandy Zabell makes it clear that Alan Turing’s work on statistics at Bletchley Park was of the greatest importance. This appears to have developed from his encounter with JN-25 in early 1940 so the Japanese ciphers turn up in this saga.

A few years ago I had the pleasure of discussing with Jim Reeds the difficulties in getting to the heart of WWII cryptology. It emerged that the teleprinters project developed in much the same way as the Donovan-Mack work on Pacific War cryptology. Neither was easy, neither was readily accessible to those without technical background. Yet, cryptology was central to the way WWII evolved in Europe, the Atlantic and the Pacific.

The Copeland and Gannon books on the breaking of the teleprinter cipher also have commendable merit.

[This review was kindly provided by Dr Peter Donovan, University of New South Wales, co-author with Dr John Mack, of “Code Breaking in the Pacific”, Springer Publishing, 2014]

ANIMAL SCULPTURES

Not counting the BIG PRAWN, the BIG RAM and other huge creations enticing visitors to towns and some parks, many animals have military and civil memorials.

- TRIM: Matthew Flinders’ cat sits on a windowsill of the NSW State Library;
- BILLY: the council street sweeper’s mate is at Balmoral Beach –the dog seems very happy;
- IL PORCELLINO: a replica of a famous Florentine PIG stands outside Sydney Hospital. His snout is burnished to a shine. Young women stroke his snout, wishing to have babies;
- VICKSBURG: A fox terrier smuggled into Australia in 1942 was the mascot of the Vicksburg A Battery, 120 F.A. 32 division, USA. A lorry killed him in Southport Qld. A small cairn in a park between Logan Village and Tamborine bears a tribute to Vicksburg;
- THE DONKEY and its master SIMPSON: who carried wounded down the slopes of Gallipoli are outside the Australian War memorial in Canberra;



- **PIGEONS:** Are recognised for their bravery – not by statues, but by the award of the DICKIN MEDAL, instituted in Britain in 1943 for Conspicuous Gallantry or Devotion to duty while serving in military conflict – often awarded posthumously..

Although the first recipients of the award, in December 1943, were three pigeons serving with the Royal Air Force, all of whom contributed to the recovery of air crew from ditched aircraft during the Second World War, the medal has now been awarded 68 times - to 31 dogs (including Diesel), 32 WWII messenger pigeons, four horses and one cat. It is considered the VC for animals.

The most recent, *Diesel*, had worked for a French Police Unit for five of her seven years, and was the first dog killed on duty. She was due to retire the next Spring. On 18 November 2015, Diesel died of multiple gunshot wounds from suspected terrorists in the Saint-Denis area of Paris, while searching for suspects involved in the November 2015 Paris attacks. *Diesel* was awarded posthumously and this is the 68th Award.

So many animals have toiled for humans, in war and peace! Do we know of an award for bullocks or mules?

VALE

DAVID SINCLAIR HANSEN

3rd November 1925 - 27th January 2017

Noeline Hansen writes, “It was such a tribute to the ‘care-for-each-other’ sentiment of the CB group to see four members of the group attend David’s farewell service, giving up their time and braving Sydney traffic on a wet morning. Rob Moore kindly brought the banner to go on the coffin, and Sue and Gordon and Katy brought their loving attendance. David’s medals were on display and Teddy too. We had some lovely happy times with the CBers since the 30 years were over.

The Chaplain, Ross Cochrane, cleverly wrote his address stressing the code words in the Bible that were so important in the war years.”

That David was engaged in codebreaking Japanese signals in the Pacific from an American naval base in the Philippines was unknown to the family for 30 years as David’s war service was governed by the Secrets Act ... credit came later in life. David’s daughter Julie spoke in the eulogy of spy games played by young granddaughter, Rosie, and the discovery, which prompted the then 12 year old Caleb to declare “Grandpa’s famous!” when daughter Ruth and her sons visited Bletchley Park for a hands-on experience of the work of decoders in those times.

Of pioneering Scandinavian stock, David’s parents were teachers in Hornsby when they married post WWI. When David was two years old his father died and his mother did an admirable job raising their son to be resourceful and resilient. He was a Boy Scout and helped build a holiday cottage at North Katoomba while later in life, if he wasn’t tinkering around with a hammer in his workshop, he’d be fixing the Christmas tree lights, setting a tent



for his grandchildren, giving a sawing demo or setting up a racing car set on the lounge room floor. Family remember David's perseverance under trial... one to strap himself in and finish the race, despite considerable discomfort, whether handling a boulder in the rally track or a bump in the metaphorical road.

A youthful adventurous spirit emerged, with escapades to the country with cousin Bob Houston, heading west of the Great Divide, cycling and camping as they went. Then the two signed up.



David enlisted in the RAAF a few days after his 18th birthday.

The day after enlisting, he was sent to Tocumwal and several weeks later to Signal School at Point Cook. Records list... RAAF Command Headquarters in Melbourne, followed by 5 Wireless Unit at Strathpine, before 'moved by air' to Manila in the Philippines, then back to Strathpine.

At some time David was assigned to 21 Henry St, Ascot. David was discharged on 26th April 1946 as a Leading Aircraftman.

Back in Sydney, in partnership with a family friend, David opened a business in Alexandria, manufacturing rotary bathroom cabinets. But it was soon rotating Noeline on the dance floor that took his attention after they met at a family wedding. David was a stylish gentleman! Motor bike rides to The Blue Mountains, bushwalking and gymkhanas with the MG Car Club featured in the courtship, and Noeline and David married in the early 1950's. They were blessed with three loving daughters.

Much of this man's life came down to working hard to support his family and caring for elderly relatives. David was employed as a clerk by Mayfair Hams at Homebush. His rally performance lead to sponsorship from VW and Mitsubishi! David competed in Australia's first truly international rally, the Southern Cross Rally, as well as many CAMS events. His driving talent was put to use zipping around the city in several courier jobs before moving the household to West Chatswood and opening a sub-newsagency in Greville Street. David and Noeline made *friends* of their customers, the shop a favourite neighbourhood destination.

The year 2000 was a highlight for David, who volunteered as a driver for foreign dignitaries attending the Sydney Olympics. With a taste of such an atmosphere, David, with Noeline, went on to volunteer for the Disabled Olympics as well!

A move to Vimiera Village marked the start of a slowing down but David continued to play lawn bowls and never lost his interest in motor sport on TV, always owning the remote even if Noeline had to reset it for him!

At Shalom Centre for the past few years David was content, even with the confinement that came with immobility. His smile relaxed and eased distress in family and visitors and lifted staff above the mundane daily care. To Noeline, darling wife of 66 years belonged his

devotion. When David could no longer attend CB meetings, she stood in for him, bringing her Bletchley Bear, and found many friends among us.

MEMORIES

H.K. then H.F. or “Friz” for Frizell” . In March 1942 I’d just turned 21 when I was called up for the AWAS. I trained for a fortnight at “4th Killara”, now the site of Lourdes Retirement Village. Here we marched around leafy suburban streets being told (ungrammatically) to lay down in the gutter should there be an air raid.

Remember in these dreadful years our divisions were overseas, the 8th lost at Singapore, HMAS Perth sunk in the Battle of Java Sea, Darwin and Broome bombed – and our isolation seemed complete.

But Pearl Harbour had brought USA into the War and in March General MacArthur had reached Australia. So here we all were. After learning how to clean a greasetrap (what was a greasetrap?) I heard my future – I was to go to Victoria Barracks in Sydney where under Intelligence I’d learn to be a cipher operator. The Official Secrets Act had been ignored.

So, in April I presented myself at the Barracks, wearing a summer dress, an AWAS Armband on the left sleeve and carrying a man’s greatcoat. The only uniform I’d been given – seems they weren’t ready yet! All the same, I’d been given an NCO’s rank and a number – N390997 – later an “F” was inserted after the “N” to show I was female.

The cipher office was upstairs facing the green Barrack Square and its old sandstone buildings. Two men, a Lieutenant and a Sergeant met me and introduced me to the grinning AWAS who were to teach me cipher.

They were identical twins – Joan and Betty Harvey, who, with Joan Macdonald, wife of my history lecturer at Sydney University, had completed the first cipher training course at Randwick Race Course.

It was cipher – a form of book cipher. The books must be guarded. No stranger must even enter the cipher office. There must always be two personnel in the office. The work was secret. Very. Stop me I’ve told this story before, but the desk in the office had a small gun in a drawer. A revolver? Not mine. The Office had a stable door opening into a verandah. One day, working alone in the office (and I shouldn’t’ve been) I heard a man’s voice saying, “Good afternoon young lady, and what are you doing here?”

The stranger was an Officer – quite high ranked I thought. He was red-faced and jolly as if he’d just come from the nearby Officers’ Mess.

“Good afternoon, Sir,” I replied. “I’m working. This is the Cipher Office.”

“Can I come in and have a look?” he asked.

“Only cipher people can come in, Sir.” I said. “It’s secret.”

The Officer laughed, opened the stable door and said, “but how could you stop me?” he joked. He came closer.

I fumbled in the drawer and produced the weapon. “WITH THIS!” I said, raising it. He moved like lightning, wrenched it out of my hand, shouted, “NEVER POINT A GUN AT ANYONE,” and disappeared. His red face had paled.

I never saw him or the gun again, but soon afterwards (was it a co-incidence?) we moved to another office which had no stable door, with an entry through the Sigs Office. New staff came – men who'd served in the Middle East, a young lad out of Timor, and a new Officer, Captain E. took over – a WWI veteran, very disciplined and precise.

We worked hard, like members of a family. The cipher messages hurriedly moving troops northwards as the Japs – in New Guinea and Papua came closer.

This was April 1942 – the month in which an organisation called Central Bureau was formed. I had no idea that in January 1944 I would join it and go to the address 21 Henry St Ascot Queensland.

Please share **your** memories with us in upcoming Newsletters! Therese Henry has submitted a wonderful account of her father's service, complete with photographs, to be published in the next Newsletter.

HOSPITAL TALK

You've heard it and don't need to be a cryptologist to decipher it!

Questions most frequently asked:

- Number 1, Number 2. Answer "Yes" or "No".
- 1-2-three-e-e-e-e Used when you're on a slide from stretcher to bed, or being moved up the bed.
- 1-2-3-4-5-6-7-8-9 This is the scale of pain. The higher the number the greater the agony. Hope it's low.
- 99 – say 99 and take a deep breath. Dr listens to chest.

Days have changed since nurses wore veils, you sat to attention in the army hospital when Matron made rounds and Doctors wore white coats. All gone, like £.s.d. and old weights and measures (avoirdupois).

Now some doctors wear name badges. Other say straightaway, "Good morning. Call me John."

Sisters are sisters, but equally trained men aren't sisters. There are RN men and RN women. Those letters once stood for Royal Navy. Still do.

Once staff were mainly Australians, now doctors and nurses come Britain, Ireland, India, Nepal and China. Just add 2 + 2 together.

My gratitude,
Patient ABCD

IN BRIEF

Has Australia changed?

Vic Lederer the former Captain Lederer who came here before the war said, "No-one locked the doors – you could take the dog for a walk at night without worrying that someone on drugs would jump out with a knife and attack you."

H.K.: “Yes Vic – I lived with my parents and never had a door key. Their front door was closed, the hall light on. I just had to push the door and I was in. And my Mother’s voice always called, “Is that you Darling?”

More news from Vic in the next Newsletter.

BEARS’ CORNER



Marney Dunn The oldest bear in a CBer’s collection must be Mummy Bear who is over 70 now, but doesn’t look it. Two Mummy Bears, each holding a baby were brought back from England at the end of WWII by Wing Commander Edley Anderson, who had been serving there as a Doctor with the RAAF.

The Mummy and Baby bears were for his twin daughters Marney and Gillian.

It is sad, but the babies have been lost now, but the mummies survive. Marney Dunn of Taringa, Queensland, is the widow of well-remembered Hugh Dunn. She cherishes her blue pantalooned bear.

Geoff Parker, son of Dianna Parker and Helen’s Godson lives in Melbourne. After receiving a surprise present of a Bletchley Bear from H.K. he wrote back saying “Bletch” had settled well in Melbourne. “It’s getting cold down here so he’s happy to keep his jumper on.”

Last year Geoff and Di came to the Anzac Day Reunion in Sydney. Any hope for this year?



Bev and Rob Isdale from Chermside, Queensland, made a CBICA badge for their Bletchley Bear.

He is now an honorary member of our organisation. They have pinned a Bletchley badge close to the heart of this bear which is a replica of Alan Turing’s Teddy.

In moments of concentration Turing would speak aloud to his silent companion.



SECURITY BREACH

[Some time ago Dr Peter Donovan, mathematician and author, drew Newsletter's attention to Philip Ayres's book, "Owen Dixon" (The Miegunyah Press, ISBN 0 522 95045 6)]
 Sir Owen Dixon, a judge of the High Court, was appointed by Labor Prime Minister John Curtin as Minister to Washington (Ambassador) from 1942 to 1944.

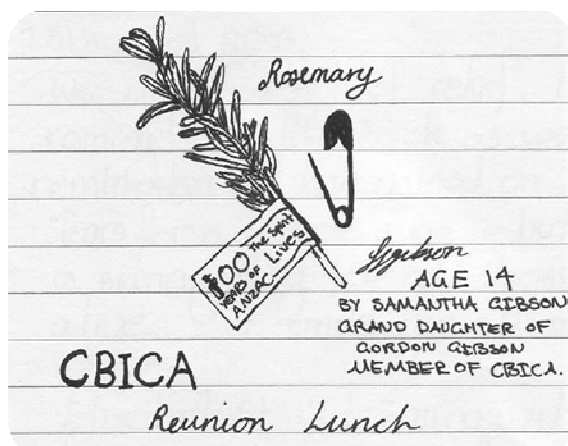
Curtin himself was new to the role of P.M., having taken office in October, 1941, less than two months before Japan came into the War.

Before Owen Dixon left by flying boat for the U.S.A. on April 26th, 1942, he had seen Darwin bombed. He had talked with General MacArthur and had also met Australian Service and Intelligence Chiefs. MacArthur had briefed him on strategies against Japan. Dixon's flight to America took six days. (His family followed by sea.) Back in the Asia-Pacific Region, disasters and battles followed – the Coral Sea and Midway.

At the Pentagon, Dixon had a "devastating meeting" with US General George C. Marshall. Dixon told Marshall that it was advisable that the American Chiefs of Staff keep the Australian Government advised of any decisions that were made. Marshall then "extracted" from Dixon a solemn promise not to tell Government what Marshall was about to reveal. Marshall spoke of the Battles of Coral Sea and Midway. At one stage the Australian Government had nearly destroyed Australia because they had said publicly the Japanese forces had congregated in the Marshall Islands, a thing known only through breaking Japanese Cypher, as the Japanese must have been aware.

General Marshall said that the Australian Government repeatedly had broken security. He was frightened of it, knowing he could not tell it anything with safety. He kept hidden from Dixon that the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the day before, had ordered the retaking of New Guinea, New Britain and New Ireland.]

SAMANTHA GIBSON



Hi, I'm Samy.

I live in Turrumurra and go to Ravenswood School for Girls.

My favourite subject at school is Visual Art.

I enjoy and spend most of my time reading and drawing both realistic drawings and doodles.

In my family there is Mum (Cathryn), Dad (Dean Gibson), my Brother (Tim) and myself, and our two very loved cats Shadow and Tigerlily.

Thank you so much for the honour of having my drawing in the Newsletter in 2016.

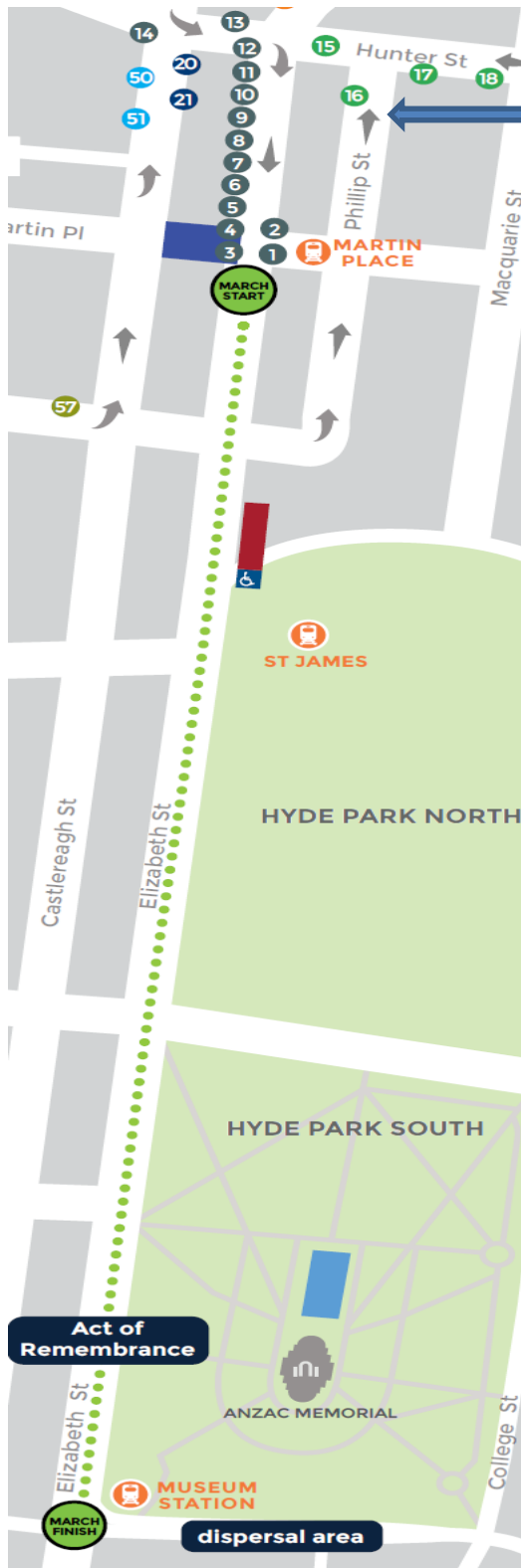
*[It's sad that the ANZAC Day March can't go past the Cenotaph and swing into George St. That's dug up for the establishment of Light Rail. It's impassable. Our wonderful tram system was replaced over fifty years ago. Now the "Brains of NSW" are replacing it with Light Rail. ***&!!@&&** (Polite expletives.) From an old tram rider.*

My sincere thanks to Scott McSkimming at Kwik Kopy, North Sydney, and Bruce Goudge for their assistance in production of Newsletter.

No matter where, I hope ANZAC Day is indeed, truly a Commemoration, and a time for us to share memories and friendship. - H.K.]

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Assemble by 0845 hours at Point 16

(In Phillip St at the corner of Hunter Street – Rob & Mark will be there with the CB Banner.)