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**(WESTERN AUSTRALIA) INC.**

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**YOUR COMMITTEE 1995 - 1996**

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**THE ROYAL AUSTRALIAN SURVEY CORPS****1915                      CELEBRATING 80 YEARS                      1995***Ex Min No. 491**Military Order No 396  
1915****Military Forces of the Commonwealth  
Formation of the Permanent Survey Corps****His Excellency the Governor-General, acting with the advice of the Federal Executive Council, has been pleased to approve of -*

- (1) A corps to be called the "Australian Survey Corps" being raised as a unit of the Permanent Military Forces.*
- (2) All officers, warrant officers, non-commissioned officers and men now serving in the Survey Section of the Royal Australian Engineers being transferred to the Australian Survey Corps with their present ranks and seniority.*
- (3) This Order in Council taking effect from 1st July, 1915.*

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Our 1994 Christmas gathering was held at the Grand Palace Chinese Restaurant located on the Esplanade and some 50 members and wives attended and enjoyed a banquet meal and the fine views across the river. It was unfortunate that the evening coincided with the Channel 7 Annual Christmas Pageant, which made it somewhat difficult to access the venue as all roads in that area were closed. However, a very happy and enjoyable time was held which well and truly made up for any inconvenience in reaching the venue.

In an attempt to attract more attendees and to free -up the Anzac Day Reunion the Annual General Meeting was held on the 31st of March. Our attendance - 7 of the 1994 Committee Members and 3 Ordinary Members. A very disappointing turnout. My thanks are expressed to outgoing Committee members Leon Griffiths and Peter Bowen and I welcome both John Willis and Leo Clifford on to the Committee. I also express my thanks to Jo Mazzarol for his contribution to the Association by way of the production of Westlink - thanks Jo. On a brighter note I welcome new members to the Association - Paul Faithfull, Stephen Bowler & Fred Bullock all ex members of the dishanded 2 Topo Svy Tp.

Appreciation is also due Alf Till who has undertaken the Annual Audit of the Association Funds.

Noel Clutterbuck and I are both working at Perth Logistic Battalion and are currently experiencing quite a few nostalgic moments as we receive into store from 5 Fd Svy/2 Topo Old Delf's, Vertical Collimators, B8 Stereoplotters, Wild T2's Kerns, the Lithographic Camera, Abney Levels and Silk Screen equipment. - all I presnme for disposal - truly the end of an era here in Western Australia.

ANZAC DAY 1995

A clear, crisp morning greeted those who attended the Dawn Services held around the State and in Perth, Ray Sargeant, Philip Bray, Jo Mazzarol & Barry Parker attended the Karrakatta based 13 Fd Engineer Sqn's Dawn Service. Also attending was Mike Venn and his son Sean. At the conclusion of the service a "Gunfire Breakfast" was served. During breakfast we caught up with Mel Stewart who was a cook attached to us during the 1968 Derby Ops (seems to be the venue for Mel as we had met him here in 1994) and also with WO1 Russell Larsen who is in a non-Corps posting as Army Cadet Co-ordinator.

The weather was still perfect as 19 Association members joined the march through Perth. We were all highly delighted to hear the Governor, Maj-Gen Jeffery comment "Well done Survey". Never mind that he probably made similar comment to most units - we felt that for once we must have been in step during the salute and treated his comment as a personal one to each of us.

Those marching behind our banner were:- Cedric Clutterhuck, Pat Wood, Geoff Helyar, Tom Sawyer, Jo Mazzarol, Gus Bottril, Don Taylor, Brian Firns, Ray Sargeant, Cliff Webb, Barry Parker, Peter Bowen, Philip Bray, Paul Wakeling, Leo Clifford and Fred Bullock. Eric Clutterbuck was represented by two of his grandchildren - Hannah Lourensen and Shane Clutterbuck under the watchful eye of Uncle Cedric.

We are indebted to two Cadet members from Armadale High School who carried our banner.

Following the march and service on the Esplanade we adjourned to 13 Fd Engineers at Karrakatta where we were joined by Hugh and Olive Taylor, Eric Clutterbuck, Graeme Reany and ex 2 Topo Svy Tp members Alan Rossow, Steve Jones and Gordon Jones.

Our after march reunions have not had the success as when they were held at 2 Topo and the Committee has been struggling to make alternative arrangements and although we are welcome at 13 Fd Sqn we feel that we need a place "of our own". We think we may have a solution for the future that may prove more satisfactory, especially to the our womenfolk and older members.

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 1995

MINUTES of the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the  
ROYAL AUSTRALIAN SURVEY CORPS ASSOCIATION (WESTERN AUSTRALIA) Inc.  
Held at Karrakatta on Friday 31st March 1995

1. OPENING OF MEETING

The President declared the Meeting open at 1907 hours.

2. APOLOGIES.

Nevis Cherry, Leo Clifford, Noel Clutterbuck, Leon Griffiths, Jo Mazzarol, Brian Mead, Neville Smith-Ryan, Alf Till, John Willis.

3. READING OF THE MINUTES OF THE 1994 AGM held on 25th April 1994.

The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Monday 25th April 1994 were read and accepted as follows:

Moved: Frank Cohen  
Seconded: Barry Parker

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MINUTES.

SURVEY CORPS MEMORABILIA.

The Secretary explained that 2 Topo Survey Troop had forwarded the items requested to the Battye Library and School of Military Survey Museum. The Museum acknowledged that it had not received all items to date and would advise the Association when they are received. The President advised the Meeting that the Association had purchased the Survey Corps Flag at an Auction held at 2 Topo Survey Troop for \$85. The flag has sentimental value to the Association. A question was asked of the meeting as to the fate of other Survey Corps memorabilia that was known to exist at 2 Topo Survey Troop.

The meeting was informed that the President and the Secretary attended the last Parade at 2 Topo Survey Troop and that no messages or signals were received from either DSVY or 5MD on the disbandment of the Troop.

**ACTION:** The President to contact 2 Topo Survey Troop to confirm details of dispatch.

5. TREASURERS REPORT.

A copy of the Audit report was circulated to Members and was accepted as follows :

Moved : Pat Wood  
Seconded: Eric Clutterbuck

The Secretary informed the Meeting that Alf Till had accepted to audit the Association's financial records.

6. CORRESPONDENCE.

The Secretary advised, that the Committee had dealt with the correspondence as it was all general business. The Association has received copies of Veteran Affairs magazines and they were available to members. Correspondence was also received from the Australia Remembers Committee.

The only item of note was from Albany Vietnam Veterans requesting a donation. This item is listed for discussion at Agenda item 7e.

**7. GENERAL BUSINESS.****a. ANZAC DAY.**

The Association has received an invitation to attend the Dawn Service at 13 Field Squadron RAE and the Gunfire breakfast afterwards. Members were urged to attend. The Association has been asked if it would like to lay a wreath at the Service. This was put to the Meeting however it was decided that we would not partake this year. Our banner at the March will be carried by Cadets from 52 RCU, this will enable more of our members to march with the main group.

**b. CORPS BIRTHDAY FUNCTION.**

The function is planned for the Leeuwin Barracks Officers Mess on Saturday 1st July 1995. Leon Griffiths has contacted the Mess Committee and they have accepted our booking but are yet to confirm it. The Mess Committee will be meeting in April and we should expect confirmation by late April. Leon Griffiths will provide full details of the organisation of the function at the next Committee meeting.

Don Taylor queried the cost of hiring the staff for the function. The meeting was told that the Committee would need to wait until Leon Griffiths had provided all costs and details, then they would discuss the organisation of the function further. Details were given of the invited Guests and it was stated that the invitations should be sent out as soon as possible.

The Secretary provided details of an alternate venue should it be required. The venue is the ANZAC Club located at the RSL Headquarters in Perth. A sit down meal or smorgasbord menu is available for \$25.00 per person

**ACTION:** The Secretary to check with the RSL if the ANZAC Club is available on 1st July 1995.

**c. WEST LINK.**

A letter of resignation has been received from the Editor Jo Mazzarol. The resignation was accepted at the last Committee meeting.

The President read out a list of duties that were expected to be carried out by the Editor. These duties were in line with those carried out previously by the Editor.

At the last Committee meeting a change of format was approved for WEST LINK. The magazine will now be A4 loose leaf format rather than a book. Expressions of interest in being the Editor of Westlink were called for - Barry Parker offered and his services were accepted by the Committee.

The President proposed a vote of thanks to Jo Maazzarol for the contribution and effort that he had put into WEST LINK since its inception.

**Seconded:** Philip Bray. The meeting was unanimous in its response.

**d. FEES for 1995.**

The Committee discussed the fees at the last Committee Meeting and due to the financial position of the Association agreed that the fees should remain at \$15-00.

**e. ALBANY VIETNAM VETERANS.**

Correspondence has been received requesting financial assistance in the building of a memorial at Albany. The Committee has discussed this and decided that it was not within the Association's constitution to make a contribution to the memorial. The Secretary advised the meeting that any of the Association's Vietnam Veterans could make a personal donation if they were interested. Further details are available from the Secretary.

**f. SICK PARADE.**

Neville Smith-Ryan is in Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital and when discharged is expected to go into a Nursing Home. Cedric Clutterbuck has visited him. The Secretary and Frank Cohen have been in contact with his wife. A Card has been sent to him from the Association.

Nevis Cherry has had an eye operation and is recovering well.

**8. ELECTION OF COMMITTEE FOR 1995.**

All Committee positions were declared vacant and the members present then proceeded to elect a new Committee for 1995.

Nominations were called for and as a result the following became the 1995 Committee.

**PRESIDENT**  
Ray SARGEANT

**Nominated:** Don Taylor  
**Seconded:** Pat Wood

**VICE PRESIDENT**  
Frank COHEN

**Nominated:** Eric Clutterbuck  
**Seconded:** Pat Wood

**SECRETARY/TREASURER**  
Philip BRAY

**Nominated:** Barry Parker  
**Seconded:** Mike Venn

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

**1. Cedric Clutterbuck**

**Nominated:** Eric Clutterbuck  
**Seconded:** Ray Sargeant

**2. Eric Clutterbuck**

**Nominated:** Cedric Clutterbuck  
**Seconded:** Ray Sargeant

**3. Mike Venn**

**Nominated:** Don Taylor  
**Seconded:** Warren Hall

**4. Pat Wood**

**Nominated:** Ray Sargeant  
**Seconded:** Eric Clutterbuck

**5. John Willis**

**Nominated:** Ray Sargeant  
**Seconded:** Pat Wood

**6. Leo Clifford**

**Nominated:** Mike Venn  
**Seconded:** Warren Hall

**9. OTHER BUSINESS.**

**FUNCTION VENUES.** Frank Cohen reported on his visit to the Old Perth Observatory. This could be a suitable venue especially as it has links to the first Surveys carried out in Western Australia. The Secretary has contacted the National Trust and it is however a requirement that one of the Association members is also a member of the National Trust before we can hire this venue.

There being no further Business the Meeting was declared closed at 2035 hours.

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President

.....  
Secretary

**STATEMENT of INCOME and EXPENDITURE**  
**for the PERIOD ENDING 31st DECEMBER 1994**

**INCOME:**

Subscriptions	800.00
Functions	1848.00
Sales - Survey Corps Shop	71.50
Bank Interest	12.89
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	2732.39

**EXPENDITURE:**

Bank Fees/State & Federal Taxes	11.25
Postage	33.90
Stationery	27.61
Functions	2084.55
Survey Corps Shop	214.00
Newspaper Obituaries	72.25
RSL Subscription	15.00
Survey Corps Flag	85.00
Photo Albums	34.75
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	2678.31

<b>INCOME</b>	<b>\$2732.39</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>\$2678.31</b>
<b>Excess of Income over Expenditure</b>	<b>\$ 54.08</b>

**STATEMENT OF ASSOCIATION FUNDS**

Opening Balance (Cash at Bank) 1st January 1994	1229.62
Excess of Income over Expenditure	54.08
Balance at the Bank as at 31st December 1994	1283.70
Balance Unsold Survey Corps Shop/Stamps	117.70
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Balance of Association Funds as at 31st December 1994	\$1400.40

I have examined the Books and Accounts as presented to me and in my opinion the Statement of Income and Expenditure and the Statement of Association Funds are properly drawn up, so as to represent a correct view of the Financial Transactions for the Year ending 31st December 1994.

Signed:- A.W. Till.....Auditor

P. Bray .....Secretary/Treasurer

J.R. Sargeant .....President

**RA SVY CORPS WESTERN AUSTRALIA NOMINAL ROLL**



RA SVY CORPS WESTERN AUSTRALIA NOMINAL ROLLS 1959 & 1960WESTERN COMMAND FIELD SURVEY SECTION

1959

3/37628	MAJ	L B J	SPRENGER
5/1172	LT	H	TAYLOR
5/448	WO2	F B	COHEN
5/418	WO2	A H	SIMPSON
1/1543	WO2	K R	BREMNER
5/432	SSGT	A K	STEWART
5/1878	SGT	H A J	BURGESS
5/606	SGT	N G P	ABBOTT
6/26	SGT	JTC	BOOTON
4/700	T/SGT	K J	MAZZAROL
3/3672	T/SGT	P H	WOOD
3/11031	T/SGT	B	UWINS
5/2715	CPL	P J	GIBLETT
5/2930	CPL	R	KEENE
5/2884	T/CPL	J	LAMBIE
5/2892	T/CPL	G M	ULLINGER
5/3005	SPR	C M	ROE
5/2758	SPR	L S	JOHNSTON
5/2882	SPR	J	GRUSZKA
5/2700	SPR	R B	JONES
5/2816	SPR	A W	HANCOCK
5/3068	PTE	J M B	SKATES
5/3065	PTE	A C	TSAKALOS
5/3196	SPR	R W	McKENNA
5/3123	SPR	E	MUIR
5/3258	SPR	C R	WALKER
5/3277	SPR	B J	PAXTON
5/3216	SPR	H A	WILSON

IN	5/3463	SPR	R J	CASWELL	6 Dec - 8 Comd
	VBP/370405	CAPT	A G	BOMFORD (RE)	5 Mar - Army Svy Regt

OUT		SSGT	A K	STEWART	7 Aug - Discharged
		SPR	H A	WILSON	3 Jul - Discharged
		CAPT	A G	BOMFORD	30 Sep - C COmd Fd Svy Sec

PROMOTIONS		SPR		JONES	T/CPL - 3 Apr
		LT		TAYLOR	CAPT - 7 Apr
		CPL		GIBLETT	T/SGT - 29 Jan
		T/CPL		LAMBIE	CPL - 5 Jun : T/SGT - 8 Aug
		SPR		SKATES	T/CPL - 11 Mar
		SPR		TASAKALOS	T/CPL - 11 Mar
		SPR		McKENNA	T/CPL - 2 Dec

WESTERN COMMAND FIELD SURVEY SECTION

1960

	3/37628	MAJ	L B J	SPRENGER	
	5/1172	CAPT	H	TAYLOR	
	5/448	WO2	F B	COHEN	
	5/418	WO2	A H	SIMPSON	
	1/1543	WO2	K R	BREMNER	
	5/1878	SGT	H A J	BURGESS	
	5/606	SGT	N G P	ABBOTT	
	6/26	SGT	J T C	BOOTON	
	4/700	T/SGT	K J	MAZZAROL	
	3/3672	T/SGT	P H	WOOD	
	3/11031	T/SGT	B	UWINS	
	5/2715	T/SGT	P J	GIBLETT	
	5/2884	T/SGT	J	LAMBIE	
	5/2700	T/CPL	R B	JONES	
	5/2930	CPL	R	KEENE	
	5/3196	T/CPL	R W	McKENNA	
	5/3065	T/CPL	A C	TSAKALOS	
	5/2892	T/CPL	G M	ULLINGER	
	5/3068	T/CPL	J M B	SKATES	
	5/3463	SPR	R J	CASWELL	
	5/2882	SPR	J	GRUSZKA	
	5/2816	SPR	A W	HANCOCK	
	5/2758	SPR	L S	JOHNSTON	
	5/3123	SPR	E	MUIR	
	5/3805	SPR	C M	ROE	
	5/3258	SPR	C R	WALKER	
	5/3277	SPR	B J	PAXTON	
IN	5/3229	SPR	N B D	CLUTTERBUCK	14 May - 2 Topo Svy Coy
OUT		SGT	J T C	BOOTON	25 Nov - School of Mil Svy
		SPR	L S	JOHNSTON	7 Jan - Discharged
		SPR	C M	ROE	10 Mar - HQ W Comd
		SPR	B J	PAXTON	14 Jan - HQ W Comd

## PERSONAL SNIPPETS - WESTERN AUSTRALIA

FRANK COHEN left Perth on the 21st April on what would appear to be a very interesting and unique itinerary taking about 10 weeks all-up. First stop, Istanbul via Singapore, thence by coach down the West coast of Turkey. Incidentally he was at Galipoli on Anzac Day. Then it's a boat cruise via Israel, which also visits 3 or 4 of the Greek Islands and finishing in Athens. Also included are visits to Kos, Crete, Santosi & Mykonos and a tour of Greece itself. Frank advised that he travelling light - all he needs on the Greek Islands is a towel. We'll try and elicit some of the more intimate details on his return!!!

RAY SARGEANT AND BARRY PARKER have just returned from a 2 week "nostalgia trip", Perth - Coral Bay - Exmouth via Yardie Creek - Millstream - Wittenoom - Newman - Meekatharra & Geraldton. Whilst at Wittenoom 'Noddie' celebrated his 59th Birthday with a stroll down the Kalamina Gorge (7 kilometres) - don't know who was most "knackered" he or L. Our return journey brought us into Mullewa mid-afternoon so we made the decision to go on over to Geraldton and personally collect ARCHIE HANCOCK'S annual fees. We found Archie at the Sun City Caravan Park, his home for the last 6 years or so. Although not enjoying the best of health Archie enjoys a carefree and relaxed lifestyle most of us would envy. When we enquired at the office as to his location we were informed that we were just in time to see him 'putting down' his latest home brew in the fabled "Hancock Cellars". How true, and the evening was spent reliving the past over number of bottles. He has a wealth of stories and antedates to tell and we are endeavouring to have him jot a few down for future telling in this magazine. Ray and I strongly recommend that any of his old mates travelling that way call in for a chat, inspection of the cellar and a few samples. (By the way we did remember to collect his dues.)

### PETER CONSTANTINE

Betty Hewitt advises that Peter is still in Lemnos Hospital (Gallipoli Wing) and it appears that he will remain there for some time. Although not as restless as before Peter is still unable to recognise his visitors.

## NEVILLE SMITH-RYAN

Neville has suffered a series of mini strokes and is currently residing at Hollywood Village Nursing Home. Neville is still quite mobile and has his own room. His wife has asked if it is possible for any of the members to take him out occasionally for a drive. It is requested that those intending to do so contact Mrs Smith-Ryan on 384 9562.

BARRY PARKER and wife, Helen, are off to the United States on the 17th July for 10 weeks to visit their daughter Alison, now married and settled in Santa Monica. On the agenda - visiting Florida to meet the "In-Laws", three days in New York and a 16day bus tour across the States back to Los Angeles, a week in San Francisco and a side trip to Mexico. Then home after a three day recovery period in Hawaii.

A Name From the Past - BRIAN SILVER. We have been in touch with Brian and believe we have 'signed him up again'. Reproduced here is a fax as received (still the same BWF Silver - short, sharp and to the point):-

TO: PHIL BRAY

Got out of the Army in 1976 joined the WA Police Force and after service in the CIB resigned in 1988. Am now self employed as a Licensed Investigator in Geraldton (MID-WEST).

I am still married to Deb and have two teenage daughters and a bitch of a Rottweiler called Bob-Bon.

My address: Lot 21 Hall Road  
Postal address: PO Box 1695  
WAGGRAKINE  
GERALDTON WA 6531  
Via GERALDTON WA  
Telephone: (099) 381816

Brian W F Silver  
22 April 1995

Ed Note - Require clarification on Rottweiler - is it a 'bitch' as in sex or 'bitch' as in temperament?  
Have you solved the case of the missing bottle of RAAF Pearce red wine yet Brian?

### ALAN ROSSOW

Congratulations to Alan on his recent award of the Defence Service Medal - 15 years service in the Army Reserve

GENERAL ITEMS"YOU WON'T BELIEVE THIS....."

Submitted by Eric Clutterbuck

It was a warm evening in late 1942. Spr Agren K (Kevin) of 1 Sect 4 Fd Svy Coy was stretched out on the seat of his compartment on the train taking him back to PERTH. The windows were open wide to allow in any draught of air.

The swaying and rattling of the train and the warm night air had lulled him into a state of drowsiness. Kevin had changed into an old pair of pyjama pants, which had a big split up the back - but it didn't matter, no one would see him and he was more comfortable.

As he lay there half asleep, he could sense the train start to gently topple over - "Got to get out" thought Kevin - he dived for the open window and threw himself out. The shock of hitting the ground brought him back to his senses. On picking himself up he was surprised to find he had no injuries - just a few bruises and scratches. Now fully awake (I bet!) he watched in dismay as the train chuffed off and out of sight.

*"What'll I do now!!"*

Heading down a road that ran parallel to the rail tracks he spotted a farmhouse. Banging on the door, he got no response. Back on the road again, he heard a truck approaching. Here he was - caught in the headlight's (masked for wartime) walking backwards up the road, one hand waving frantically, the other holding together what was left of his pyjama pants. The truck stopped and a very astounded lady driver listened to Kevin's tale "Hop in, I'll take you to an Army petrol point near here".

At the petrol point the chaps bundled Kevin into a truck and took him off after the train, catching it at the next stop. Kevin quickly scurried back to his compartment.

*"Where have you been Kevin?"*

....."YOU WON'T BELIEVE THIS -".

HOW I LOST WEIGHT WHEN I REALLY DIDN'T WANT TO

submitted by Mick Venn - 30 Mar 95

I was "lucky" enough to be involved with operation "NYAULUN KUP" PNG from Feb 77 to May 77 when I was detached to 8 Field Survey Squadron from my home port in Perth.

As a young Corporal with extensive Geociever experience, along with Sgt John Mobbs I was chosen to assist with the operation. Arriving in Wewak via Sydney and Port Moresby was only the start of an eventful trip.

After a 5 day voyage on L.C.H. Salamaua from Wewak we arrived at Nukumanu Island (East of Bouganville Is.) and along with Spr Hilton, commenced Geociever operations.

On the 28th Feb and 1st Mar, I was required to help with a Theodolite and Tellurometer Traverse and had to leave Spr Hilton on his own for 2 days to finish the Geociever station and pack up the camp.

On 2nd Mar I started to feel ill, growing progressively worse to 4th Mar and wasn't able to do any Tech work during this period.

On the 5th Mar we arrived at Mortlock Island in very bad weather. The next day I was feeling very sick and had a 40.5°C temperature. On the 7th the LCH travelled to Kieta (Bouganville Island) where it was arranged for me to see a doctor. After a blood test was taken it was confirmed that I had Vivax Malaria. The LCH returned to Mortlock Island and I was left on my own, still suffering, for two nights in the Kieta Hotel. At this stage I had lost in the vicinity of 9Kg.

I arrived back in Wewak (civil air) on the 9th March and, after seeing another doctor, I was to rest for at least a week. I think that it was only because there was a shortage of personnel on the operation that I wasn't able to return to Australia. For the remainder of the trip I was never 100% well and was unable to drink my share of the local brew.

On the 16th I arrived at Lobrum Naval Base (Manns Island) where Det 'A' was based. They had one Geceiver and 3 traverse parties.

From 17 to 22 March I stayed in base to help with the resupply of the traverse parties and assisted Bill Kemp with office comps etc. Between 23 & 25 March I completed my second and last Geceiver Station on Harengan Island.

For the remainder of my stay in PNG I was involved in various tasks which included clearing helicopter pads, annotation, PCP corrections, officer comps, duplication of Geceiver tapes and trying to put some weight on.

Since contacting malaria I had lost over 10Kg and, although I was never very backward in coming forward when food and drink was involved, my metabolism just wouldn't allow me to put on any weight.

After my return to Perth in May 77 I had numerous re-occurrences of malaria and found myself in and out of Holywood Hospital till finally the doctors "knocked" it out of me with a good dose of Quinine. It took some years to "nearly" return to my original weight and of course still have the "malaria bug" inside me somewhere. It's only now that I've reached the other side of 40 that I am actually considering going on a 'small' diet to loose 2 or 3 Kg.

One of the positive things to come out of all this is that the Red Cross Blood Bank classify my blood as "special" because of the different anti-bodies in it and have called me on numerous occasions to make donations.

Who would have thought that just one small mosquito would have such long lasting repercussions?

#### PERSONAL PROFILE - MIKE VENN

Married to a "Sandgroper," Annette, 2 sons Sean (21) and Darren (18). Lived and owned house in Greenwood (WA) for 14 years which has seen 3 lots of renovations and additions. On discharge, after 12 years full time in the Survey Corps, I started work for the Department of Land Administration W.A. I also had 4 good years with the ARES Survey Troop in Perth and left that with the rank of WOII.

In 1985 I started with the Bush Fires Board W.A. as a Liaison Officer and spent 3 years in Geraldton as the Northern Region District Officer. Returning to Perth in 1988, and still with the Bushfires Board, I am currently a Training Officer and develop training packages and curriculum for the 20,000 Volunteer Bush Fire Fighters in WA I have also been involved and had direct input to the development of the National Australian Fire Competency Standards and Specifications.

I plan to remain in Perth for the "duration" and am looking forward to an ongoing involvement with the Association.

My address is: 29 Waitara Crescent, Greenwood, W.A. 6024

NOTES FROM OTHER ASSOCIATIONS

(Survey Ex-Servicemen's Association of South Australia - April 1995)

**BILL CHILD**

"With sadness, we report the death of Bill Child late last year in Canberra, after a serious illness. Unfortunately, no other details are available.

He will be remembered by many Association members, who passed through the School of Military Snrvey at Balcombe in the mid-fifties, where Bill was the adjutant at the time"

**FRANK WHITE**

"I regret to report the death of Frank White, in Canberra about middle of March '95. He died from a brain tumour, after being ill for some time, and very probably his long term health would not have been helped during the years he was a P.O.W.

While in charge of records at Survey Directorate, Frank's dedication to the task was well known and very much respected. His meticulous presentation of every aspect of survey records rarely surpassed by others. Frank will always be remembered by his many friends."

**ALEX LAING**

"Alex is presently working in Papua New Guinea (between visits home) on a two year contract with the Australian Defence Aid Bureau, advising on a defence/PNG mapping project.

**EDDIE SCHULZE**

"Soon to be leaving Adelaide, perhaps forever. Eddy will be leaving for Brisbane in about the last week in April, to take up the position of project manager replacing the entire computer operations of the University of Queensland."

(Survey Ex-Servicemen's Association of New South Wales Bulletins 81 & 82.)

Bulletin 81 (Jan 1995) - A special Edition this Bulletin is entitled 'The Life Story of Lt.Col. H.P.G. Clews "The Major" or "Clewsie" to His Friends.

"The Major" died ou 22nd August 1980 and this publication is a compilation of several articles written by this Corp Legend over a number of years and the Association is to be congratulated for this publication.

*I would be only too pleased to copy this Bulletin for any of our members - please contact me should you wish a copy (Barry Parker 342 7245)*

Bulletin 82 unfortunately carried a large number of "Last Post" notices:-

Bob Burton - 15th May 1994

John Fenton - 16th January 1995

John Proudfoot - 30th September 1994

Jim Aitken - 24th April 1994

William Lambert Bartley (Bill) - 12th September 1994

George David Watson - 24th September 1994

Frank Reginald Dare - November 1993

Lucy Macdonald - 22nd September 1994 - wife of Brig. Don Macdonald

**LEN BEADELL**

The death of Len Beadell was reported in the "Adelaide Advertiser - 13 May 1995". Len will long be remembered for his achievement in the construction of the infamous 'Gunbarrel Highway' through the Gibson, Great Sandy and Great Victoria Deserts. He was a member of the Survey Corps during the Second World War.

**GENERAL INFORMATION****Defence Service Homes Scheme**

Thousands of eligible veterans and war widows are believed to be unaware of their entitlement to a low-interest loan under the Defence Service Homes Scheme.

In an arrangement between the Department of Veterans' Affairs and Wespac Banking Corporation, amounts up to \$25,000 can be borrowed at a fixed interest rate of 6.85 per cent over 25 years, irrespective of market rate fluctuations. The loan can be used to:

- buy a home or unit, to build, complete or extend a home
- renovate, repair or modify a home
- assist an eligible person to acquire a permanent right to reside in a retirement village
- re-finance existing home mortgages

Elderly people may be interested in taking out a loan to make their homes more comfortable for themselves. For example, they could install central heating (or cooling), put in a new kitchen, or improve access by putting in a ramp.

The loan can also be available to people who have taken up a similar offer previously but moved house, not realising they could take the loan with them.

Those who are eligible are members of the Australian Defence Forces who were engaged to serve overseas in wartime, as well as members of the peacetime forces who completed specific periods of service after December 7, 1972.

Members who first enlisted after May 14, 1985, are not eligible unless they served in Namibia, or they were discharged on medical/invalidity grounds before December 19, 1988, and were issued with a notice of eligibility or certificate of entitlement.

The widow, widower, or widowed mother/father of an eligible person may also be eligible.

**EDITORIAL**

With the loss of the facilities previously offered by 2 Topo Svy Tp in the production of this Magazine the Committee has had to rethink the production and layout of Westlink. I hope that this new format is acceptable to all our members. We have been extremely lucky in having as one of our newest members, Fred Bullock who has offered his facilities at Xerox to reproduce the magazine.

Most critical though to any publication is a bank of new items and to this end I appeal to our members to take a few minutes and forward to me a few notes either in a profile (see article on Mike Venn or an antedate relating to their service - again see item by Mike).