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ANZAC EDITION 2011

96 years is more than a lifetime for most of us. That is how long ago, on 25 April 1915, at around 0600 hrs, Australian soldiers as young as 15 were towed and rowed into the wrong place the Turks call Ari Burnu and we know as ANZAC Cove. Those who planned the landings did not take into account the drift factor caused by the tide along the shoreline. Nor did they properly evaluate the intelligence that strong enemy gun positions were well established along the Straits of the Dardenelles. The result is history now. Battle ships and other naval fleet vessels, including a Australian submarine, lie on the bottom. The chief architect later went on to become a British Prime Minister. The sheer topography of the area made it impossible to advance as the battle plans demanded. The Turks and German advisors had a field day with the sitting ducks for the next 9 months.

The slaughter of the Australian Light Horse Regiments, at the Nek in particular, by being ordered to charge into the Turk machine gun nests 3 times, is a testament to sheer bloody idiocy and utter disregard for better plans from the field. When the evacuation was ordered for the remaining Australian troops, over 8000 had been Killed, Wounded, or, Maimed. Within a very short time, those still able were re-equipped, formed into new units and deployed into France and Belgium in 1916, aka The Western Front. The legend of Gallipoli was not yet well known, however, the next 3 years was even more catastrophic for an entire generation of young Australian men. The battle fields in those countries are commemorated with cemeteries established on the grounds where thousands of

Commonwealth soldiers fell. On the first day of the Battle of The Somme, British regiments lost over 60,000 men. Entire UK county villages were wiped out. The OAWG has provided many thousands of dollars for the building and refurbishing of the cemeteries at Fromelles and Villers-Brettoneux. These two sites are now considered to be as important as Gallipoli and services are attended by Federal ministers.

The French and Belgians are also very mindful of the role that keeps over 48,000 Australians in these two cemeteries.

Now, remains are being uncovered of those hundreds of New Zealanders that were in close proximity to their Aussie mates.

LEST WE FORGET

INAUGURAL MALAYA & BORNEO VETERANS DAY

The inaugural Malaya & Borneo Veterans Day will be celebrated on the 31st August 2011. Some of our Branches are well along the track of organising the service and have secured grants of up to \$3000 from DVA to defray costs associated with the event. The grant application(s) task is not difficult and the benefits far outweigh any perceived angst. The grant can be for

costs such as printing of invites, Orders of Service, and catering for refreshments after the service.

2011 is the 45th Anniversary of the Cessation of the Indonesian Confrontation. It is significant. Those Branches without a proper dedicated Malaya Borneo Memorial should seriously consider making application to DVA

for up to \$4000.00 to erect one. DVA offices are staffed with Commemorations Officers who will assist with clarifying the paperwork and amounts that can be applied for.

This year also marks the 51st Anniversary of the end of the Malayan Emergency. Contact your Branch for details.

SA NT NOTES

The President and Vice Pres have had meetings with the SA Governor, DVA and the Chairman of the Consultative Council of Ex-Service Organisations to brief them on the role of the NMBVAA Inc and the planned Malaya & Borneo Veterans Day Remembrance Service. As a member of the Consultative Council, the SA NT Branch will be able to have input with discussions relating to submissions to DVA. Every state has one.

AWARENESS OF THE NMBVAA INC

It is said that copying is a form of flattery.....seems that is so because the amount of "copying" being attempted by some other small groups, is a task that is placing them a distant second for all events. **BUT**, management committees of all Branches are responsible for the ongoing recruitment of new members and the regaining of former members. The comment, "Never knew you existed" is a testament to the lack of pub-

licity and promotion undertaken over the life of the association. There is an obligation to share the task(s) and not expect a few individuals to continually do the hard yards. It is now 16 years since the formation of the association, the earlier perceived image of a "Private Club" is long gone. The number of eligible former Armed Forces Members is barely touched and the way to make them aware is very simple..... Start using the old boy net and RSL news papers.



The Great Wall of China

NATIONAL LIAISON DUTIES

Malaysia & UK— Ian Davenport.
NZ—Brian Selby.
FESR—Reg Poole.

INVITATION TO ALL FORMER MEMBERS

ALL FORMER MEMBERS of the NMBVAA Inc, in every state, are invited to form up with, and march with the local members of the NMBVAA inc on ANZAC Day. This day is a sacred day in the Australian calendar, and as such, certain personal beliefs should be put aside. There are many members who have mates in either camp. There is a choice available. There is only one

National organisation, regardless of other titles and it has been that entity since well before any others, representing the men and the women who were engaged in the prescribed areas.

There is only one, ONE ONLY National Banner, regardless of others displayed. All states and territories are members of the NMBVAA Inc...not separate bits and

pieces. Projects being undertaken by the NMBVAA Inc are for the benefit of all our members and will be engraved in history as those of a united ESO. Previous communications from NHQ to former member groups have been ignored, or, replied to with personal opinions of individuals, not those of the members. The offer is made again to join us on ANZAC Day behind the National Banner of the NMBVAA Inc.

WEB SITE DESIGN

Our web Master, Dave Barton, has most generously donated his skills, time and ideas to the renewing of the NMBVAA Inc web site. In addition he has also registered other domain addresses in order that we will never again be plagiarised and put in the totally unacceptable position of being duped and made to seem like a neutered ESO. Never Happen Again !! Submit your contributions via your Branch initially.

WEB SITE UPDATE

The NMBVAA Inc web site is "live" and working well. As with these types of publications, there will always be "works under construction", usually with updates. Every member is encouraged to submit articles for consideration, particularly for home state items. Pictures add to the overall presentation and items should be forwarded to your Branch initially.

LOST MEDALS

Defence Honours and Awards has advised that members who have lost their medals, or those of relatives, in the recent floods and fires can now apply for replacements. The paperwork and criteria have been made significantly easier for those affected.

Contacts are: 1800 111 321 and via the web at www.defence.gov.au/medals

WALTER MITTY

As ANZAC Day approaches, the frauds and Walter Mittys come out of the woodwork. Particularly those who wear SAS and Commando insignia. There are also some who wear foreign commemorative medallions as Campaign Awards.

There is a international web site www.anzmi.com that exposes these mental dwarfs. Have a look at some of them in your area. You'll be astounded !



The legendary Bugis St in downtown Singapore was demolished and disappeared into the mists of fables

NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

With ANZAC Day drawing near we prepare to remember those close to us who served and those who died. We yarn with mates of days gone by and recall events and times which may be sweet or sad memories. As members would be aware, we have a new web site up and running at www.nmbvaa.org.au and we are seeking content of interest. This is your chance to have some of those memories recorded for all to read. I invite all members to submit historical or humorous stories to be added to the web site as a living history of the Malayan Emergency and of the

Indonesian Confrontation. Submissions need to be made by email to my address at davenport@pcug.org.au Please do not send hand written articles it creates a huge amount of work that needs to be rechecked before posting on the web site. Ask a family member to assist you, or your local MP may have a staffer who can assist with typing and email as well. Using a floppy disk is also ok.

Please avoid using real names if the story is of a non-fictional

nature, to avoid embarrassing any people who may feature in the story.

If the stories are overly long, we reserve the right to edit them and an edited copy will be provided for accuracy checking prior to posting on the web site.

We look forward to receiving some interesting and funny submissions from you.

Terima kasih.

Ian Davenport
National President.



The entrance to SANDAKAN Memorial Park. This site is maintained by locals and funded by OAWG.

CARBON WHAT !!!!!!!.....

Have you noticed that the term "Global Warming" has become a lot less used ? That's because new buzz words have replaced it with "Climate Change". Guess what ? The planet has actually *cooled by 0.7 deg over the last century*. True.

The target now appears to be CO2 emissions and is being pursued by everyone it seems. The yarn that Australia is leading the fray is rubbish. There are some 30+

European countries that have had a carbon price in effect since 2007, or, earlier !! Australia is now in the top 5 nations for carbon emissions per head, the top 2 are the USA and China, some argue that India is up there also. Renewable energy with wind farms is not gaining as much as proposed and the recent disasters in Japan have dealt nuclear energy some blows.

Get thiswhen that volcano erupted in Iceland last year, the CO2 emissions completely wiped out the entire to date efforts to reduce green house gas emissions in just 4 days !! When Mt Pinatubo erupted in 1991, it emitted more harmful gasses than the whole of the earth's population since time began ! So, will the new Carbon Tax stop volcanos ? You tell me.



MALAYA VETS

Did you serve with Australian or Allied Armed Forces between 1948–1960 in the **Malayan Emergency**, or 1962–1966 in the **Indonesian Confrontation** or since then on the Peninsula, Ubon, Timor ? **Sign On Now** by contacting your nearest Branch. Details on pg 4.

FOO WAS HERE

LEOPARD TANKS never saw any active service with the Australian Army. The Dept of Defence announced that these massive units would be made available to interested RSLs after decommissioning. The Editor, when President of the Marion RSL, submitted a bid for one of the tanks in 2006/7. Defence has now advised that Marion RSL will receive a tank for posterity.

It will compliment the 40MM Bofor, M60 GPMG machine gun and the 7.62 SLR all made possible by the Editor.

NMBVAA Inc Branches that do not have a permanent "home" could consider adopting a local RSL, or, a kindred ESO and supporting bids for such items "made safe" to be displayed permanently for the wider community to see.

3RAR OLD FAITHFUL

A new Memorial dedicated to those who were with, and are currently serving in 3RAR, was unveiled on the Pathway of Honour, Torrens Parade Ground on 27 March 2011. The Battalion was formed at the end of WW2 and deployed immediately to Japan. Active Service in Korea, Malaya and SVN has followed. Deployments since have been to the Solomons, East Timor, Iraq and currently in Afghanistan.



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COMRADESHIP for those who served in Malaysia, Sabah, Sarawak, Singapore, Ubon, the Thai-Malay Border, Brunei and Timor during WW2, the MALAYAN EMERGENCY and the INDONESIAN CONFRONTATION post WW2.

To ASSIST members in times of need.

To REMEMBER with Pride, Respect and Gratitude, those who made the Supreme Sacrifice in the line of duty and to ensure those who fell are represented on ANZAC Day in Australia and Remembrance Day abroad.

To PROMOTE the Association and its Aims.

To STRENGTHEN TIES with Malaysia and Singapore.

THE NATIONAL MALAYA & BORNEO VETERANS
ASSOCIATION AUSTRALIA INCORPORATED
ESTABLISHED JUNE 1995

APRIL
1 1921 First AIF Disbanded
2 1917 Pte JC Jensen VC Noreuil France
4 1916 First action at Villers-Bretonneux
5 1951 3RAR Operation Rugged Korea
6 1952 1RAR arrives Korea. Deployed till Sep 1953
7 1916 First action for AIF Western Front
7 1918 Lt PV Storkey VC Bois de Hangard
7 1967 Maj PJ Badcoe VC SVN
8 1917 Capt JE Newland VC Lagincourt
8 1917 Sgt JW Whittle VC Boursies and Lagincourt
9 1917 Pte TJB Kenny VC Hermies France
9 1942 HMAS Vampire sunk off Colombo by Japs
10 1941 6 Div suffers heavy losses in Greece
23 1951 3RAR Battle of Kapyong commences Korea
25 1916 First ANZAC Day commemorated in Sydney

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CONFUCIOUS SAY ...

*If you spin Oriental per-
son around...Does he be-
come Dis..Oriented ?*

FOOT NOTE

We gratefully thank Dr Andrew Southcott MP for printing this news letter. Terima kasih Tuan.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

ANZAC DAY 2011
FORM UP POINTS

OUR MOST SINCERE
CONDOLENCES AND
DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO ALL
OUR MATES, FRIENDS AND
FAMILIES IN NEW ZEALAND
IN, AND AROUND,
CHRISTCHURCH

AMEN

ADELAIDE
Pulteney St between Grenfell
St and North Terrace.

BRISBANE George Street.

CANBERRA ANZAC Parade.

HOBART Murray St
opposite Hadley's Hotel.

MELBOURNE Cnr Russell
and Flinders Sts. South side.

BENDIGO Pall Mall opp TAFE.

GIPPSLAND Local RSLs.

PERTH Adelaide Terrace opp
Council House.

Are You a Lexophile ?

A Will is a Dead Giveaway.

*Local Area Network in Australia—
LAN down under .*

A calendar's days are numbered.

If you jump off a bridge in Paris— you are in Seine

Acupuncture— a jab well done.

*Two silk worms had a race, they ended up in a
tie.*

Don't join dangerous cults, practice safe sects.

*A soldier who survived mustard gas and pepper
spray is now a seasoned veteran.*

Sign at a Drug Rehab Centre- "Keep Off Grass".

Atheism is a Non-Prophet organisation.

*She was only a whisky maker, but he loved her
still.*

A plateau is a high form of flattery.

Chicken crossing road is poultry in motion.

Leong Chee Woh

DO YOU KNOW WHY ?

Sheep do not shrink in rain ?

There isn't mouse flavoured
cat food ?

People order a double burger,
large fries and a Diet
Coke ?

You never see a headline
"Psychic Wins Lottery" ?

Is "abbreviated" such a long
word ?

Doctors call what they do
"Practice" ?

If flying is so safe, why do
they call the airport the
Terminal ?

Banks leave the vault open
and chain up the pens ?