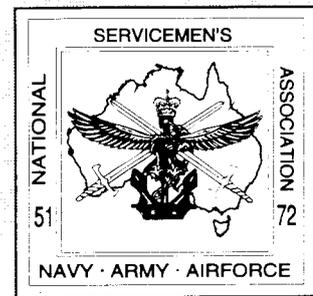


NASHO NEWS



No. 10 November 1993
BRISBANE SUB-BRANCH

NATIONAL SERVICEMEN'S ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Here we are almost at the end of another year, it has been a very fulfilling one in more ways than one.

Firstly we have now got a branch in South Australia, where the membership is growing very well and there is also a lot of interest in the Association in Western Australia.

Some of our members will be going to Canberra for the service for the burial of the Unknown Soldier. We will also be represented by some of our South Australian members and we should feel proud of the fact that we were invited to attend this function by the organisers. I for one wish all those going a safe and rewarding journey to Canberra.

Our representatives to carry our banner for Brisbane Sub-Branch will be Graham McKenzie, John Sinclair and John Harper. From South Australia Branch will be Don Richards, Gary Brown and Tony Van Rhoda on behalf of all our members I wish them all the best and must thank them for promoting our Association.

As you may know by now I have moved to Toowoomba because of relocation of my work. However this does not mean that I cannot be reached. On the contrary I am at the moment trying to get this part of Queensland going again, so remember that I am only a phone call away.

SOCIAL CALENDAR 1994

First up I must thank Powers' Brewing for sponsoring our calendar again for 1994. Our social calendar has 6 very important events again next year. The first is Sunday 27 February which will be our first barbecue and General Meeting. We will be changing our meeting place back to the John Burke park (under the Story Bridge, south side). We have found it too

difficult to get barbecue areas at Southbank. Everyone will be reminded of these events as they happen in the Nasho News.

Our second get together is our biggest. ANZAC Day march and lunch at the Mayfair Crest Hotel. Keep this day free!! Our third outing is for our wives as well. Our Annual Dinner Dance will be held on Saturday night 25 June at a place to be arranged.

Then on 28 August our AGM and Barbecue day. This will again be held at eh 8/9 Battalion Enoggera O.R. mess the Rams Retreat. Then a short drive to John and Sue Sinclair's home at Bli Bli on 30 October for a great day.

Then to finish off the social year and have a drink for Christmas it's back to the John Burke Park on Sunday 18 December. We have plenty of Calendars to give away so if anybody wants some more please contact me or any Committee member.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish everybody the best for the Christmas and the New Year, and also to thank the Committee members for all their help over the past twelve months.

KEN COATES

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They also serve who only stand and wait.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Fellow Nashos. I'd just like to say thank you for the attendance at our barbecue held at Bli Bli.

All in all everyone had a great time receiving at least 15 phone calls and meeting new members to be.

I think this will become an annual event. As you know myself, Graham and John will be representing the National Servicemen's Association at the Entombment of the Unknown Soldier to be held in Canberra this month.

We will be staying for a week and in that time we will be canvassing local RSLs for prospective members.

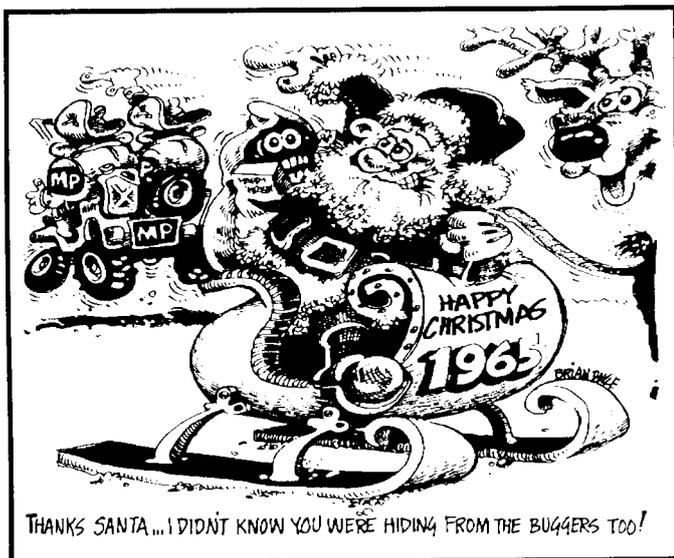
Out of one little advertisement we received over 15 phone calls showing there is a number of ex National Servicemen out there who would like to become a member of the National Servicemen's Association.

Again I would just like to say thank you for your attendance. if we stick together we will have a voice.

JOHN SINCLAIR
PROUD NASHO

SPECIAL THANKS

A special thank you to 2791068 for making and donating a new banner for the Association. The banner was finished in time to go to Canberra with our representatives for the burial of the Unknown Australian Soldier and will be used on ANZAC Day and for other functions. Thanks again from the Committee and members.



TREASURER'S REPORT

There is a membership application form in this Newsletter. If members are renewing their membership they only need to put their name and address, but new members need to give full details for our records.

On behalf of the Committee I would like to make welcome all our new members from the Sunshine Coast. Because of John and Sue's very successful Bar-B-Q on the 26 September we now have 20 new members plus lots of enquires. We the Committee would like all our members to be salesmen and help us to sell the National Servicemen's Association. Everybody must know another Nasho so spread the word.

I have 5 members that have paid me for badges which I have not forgotten. We hope to have more badges by the end of this month. As soon as they arrive I will get them out to you. Don't forget we have plenty of merchandise for sale.

WHAT A GREAT IDEA FOR CHRISTMAS.

PETER

EDITOR'S NOTES

Hello again.

This is our last Newsletter for 93. We are getting better with every edition. I hope everybody enjoys reading them. I will be using a cartoon supplied by Mr Brian Doyle. This cartoon will be a regular feature now in the Nasho News.

Commencing next year the months will change for the Nasho News to February, April, June, August, October and December. These Newsletters should be out two weeks prior to our events. Everybody will get a free calendar as a reminder of all our important days (I hope). This means more participation by members in all our activities.

I am still looking for photos, stories and letters for next years editions. Come on, make my job easier. I would like to take this opportunity to wish all our members and their families a Merry Christmas and a Great New Year.

All the best, PETER RYAN



BLI BLI GENERAL MEETING

John and Sue Sinclair's Bli Bli home was the venue for our September 26 General Meeting and family Bar-B-Q.

The meeting was attended by some 40 members and their wives. Many of the ex Nashos who attended did so for the first time after seeing a notice John had placed in the local Sunshine Coast Daily.

During the Bar-B-Q a reporter from the Sunshine Coast Daily visited us and took notes etc. of our proceedings and a photograph of the youngest and oldest ex Nasho who were at our function. The youngest was Gary Mouy from Budrim and the oldest Geoff Darracott from Caloundra.

Their photograph appeared in Monday's edition of the Daily.

Also attending the meeting and Bar-B-q was Adrien and Brian Kennedy from Canberra. Perhaps disappointing though was the low number of Nashos from Brisbane in attendance.

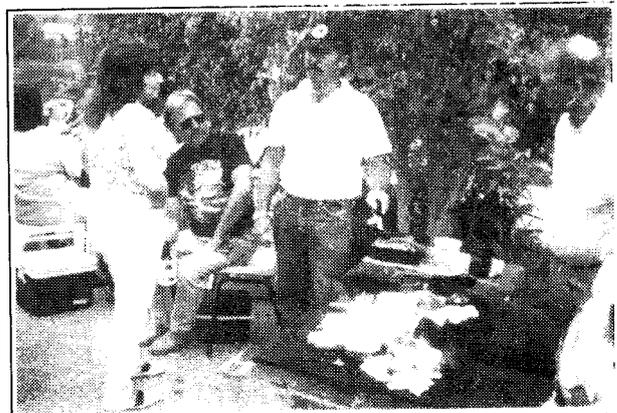
John and Sue once again provided tit-bits prior to the Bar-B-Q and those of you who did not attend the meeting missed out on the very tempting tit-bits and scrumptious prawns. Yours truly had your share instead.

September 26th was also rugby League Grand Final day for the Warfield Cup between Brisbane Broncos and Sydney's Storm.

After our Bar-B-Q several members and their wives adjourned to the Mudjimba P.S. to watch the Grand Final on TV monitors and to drink beer for their members and our Nashos. It was a good day and there was a lot of support for us.

Thanks Mudjimba P.S. for your hospitality.

IAN WOOD
Secretary



John Sinclair is center grilling steaks for his guests at our last General Meeting and B.B.Q. day

SECRETARY'S REPORT

By all accounts the outing at John Sinclair's was very pleasant. I unfortunately missed the event due to my daughter's wedding.

The Executive Committee has been very busy. Our last meeting at my place on 22 October 1993 covered many issues including:

- ❖ Consent of members to supply personal information to the War Memorial.
- ❖ Progress with new badges and pocket insignia
- ❖ A national newsletter (Peter Ryan is negotiating with NSA South Australia on its feasibility).
- ❖ Visit of John Sinclair, John Harper and Graham Mackenzie to Canberra in November 1993 (expected to include talks with the National RSL and the War Memorial).
- ❖ NSAA "events calendar" for 1994 and related publicity and sponsorships.
- ❖ "Life" membership and other term memberships (5 years and 10 years) with incentives of discounts.
- ❖ Incorporation proposals and the status of the Toowoomba branch and its members and officials.
- ❖ Legion of Frontiersman and availability of privately struck "Nasho" medals.

These matters will be open for discussion at our next General Meeting so please feel free to make your contribution to the decisions that the Association makes. It is your association and it will only be as successful as all the members make it.

See you at our next meeting. If I do not catch up with you beforehand, best wishes for the festive season to you and your loved ones.

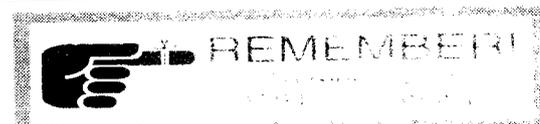
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Secretary

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general meeting.



MY MATE BLUE

“Why remember?” they said, for the umpteenth time.
“What’s all this marching and medals and stuff?
Why build this chapel under the sky,
Isn’t enough, enough?”

Well I remember my mate Blue,
And you’d remember another.
A combination of many things,
For a mate is just like a brother.

There were some joined up of their own free will,
The Nasho’s were chosen by lot.
The system made sure we were will mixed up,
Convinced we were all mis-be-got.

They took us and trained us and kitted us out,
Airmen in blue, and an Army in green.
White for the Navy all spick and span,
They scrubbed us all shiny and clean.

They taught us the things that we needed to know,
In ‘Contact’ and “Ambush Drill”.
Canungra and Shoalwater Bay at the end,
The polish applied to our skill.

Then the learning was over, and the protests
went over
Our heads, like a mist of the morn.
We went off to another war over the seas,
In Vietnam, we were sorta, reborn.

Remember the smell of dried fish in the sun?
Remember the sound of the ‘wet’?
Remember the craters all over the place?
Remember the day they called ‘Tet’?

Remember we walked in the dust and the mud,
And slept on the ground like a dog,
And carried our packs from the Dat to the sea,
Through the Rubber and Bamboo we’d slog.

There were many who walked ahead of me,
And some who were walked further back.
The forward scout way out in front,
As we crept along the track?

Remember the shots that broke the still?
Remember your mate whisked away?
Remember knowing he couldn’t come back?
Remember, remember, ‘that’ day?

That’s why I’ll march when they sound the call,
Till the day I can march no more.
I’ll remember the boys I marched with then,
When we carried the green Claymore.

They said it was unwinnable.
Those armchair strategists.
Yet we never lost a single fight,
With the Vietnam communists.

The war was lost back here in Oz,
With the nation cut in two.
I wonder what he made of that,
My old mate Blue?

Why wear you medals and march to the shrine,
For things that are long in the past?
Why stand about this chapel today,
With the Colours set half to the mast?

Well, you and I came home in one piece.
Well, may-be a bit mixed up.
But we all remember many a man
Who drank from the fatal cup.

So, I will march, when the marching’s on,
And wear my medals too.
To honour all those brave young men,
and my old mate called Blue.

Some say we should live in peace,
So that conflict shall be no more.
I’ll drink to that, though still I ask
Is there nothing, worth fighting for?

Well the folly and greed in the human race
So clear for us all to see.
If only wishing could make it so,
We might live in harmony.

But there’s something there that messes it up,
Be there two men, or a million more.
And we have to deal with the demon within,
And the dragon that stands at the door.

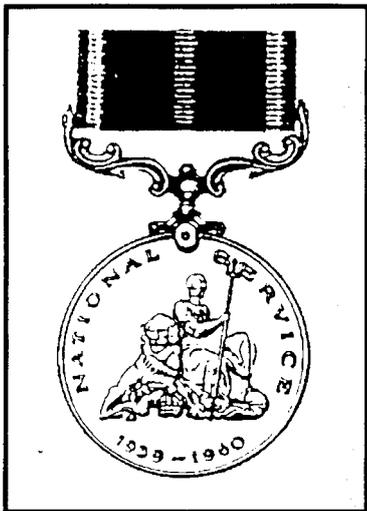
So for those who flew in the sky above,
Or sailed on the China Sea.
The Sapper who crawled in the earth below,
The Guns, and the Infantry.

For the Tanks, the Cav and the Sigs on the go.
The Truckies, the Padres, and all.
The Nurses and Doctors, supply and postmen
Whose support was there at the Call.

I will march, to ‘remember’ them
As life goes on to the end.
Though I creak and ache and my hair grows thin,
I shall reach the river’s bend.

And then one day somewhere above,
In heaven or paradise.
We shall meet again and laugh once more,
Through the tears and the sacrifice.

Father Stan Hessey
Central Coast and Hunter Valley
Vietnam Forces Association (Inc)



NATIONAL SERVICE MEDAL

Our Secretary, Eddie Spring, received a letter from Lt Col J Henley who is the Queensland area representative of "The Legion of Frontiersmen of the Commonwealth", about a British National Service Medal which is also available for us to purchase. Cost is approx. \$47 Australian. If any of our members are interested they can write to Lt Col Henley at P.O. Box 75, Zillmere Qld. 4034.

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MEMBERSHIP FEES

It has been brought to my attention by our Treasurer that we have far too many non-financial members. **WHY!!!**

This is our last newsletter for 1993. Membership fees will be due in January for the 1994 year. We have supplied a renewal application for Membership in this newsletter.

Our records show that we have only 50% of membership that are financial. Our growing Association is only \$10.00 per year, compared to other Military Associations' membership fees of \$15 to \$20 per year with 2 or 3 newsletters. We give per members 6 newsletters per year to ensure they are kept informed of all important news and happenings.

Starting 1994 the Committee in its wisdom will only send 3 newsletters to non-financial members. It is not fair for some members to carry others and for them to receive the same benefits for no outlay. Please ring Peter if you need to check on your membership.

Next year we will give members the opportunity of buying 5 year, 10 year or life membership. Remembering that we may need to increase our membership fees somewhere down the track the Committee agreed on \$50.00 for 5 year membership, \$90.00 for 10 years and \$150.00 for a life membership with a life membership badge.

KEN COATES
SUB-BRANCH PRESIDENT



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