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The President and ROTA Inc. members wish to extend our condolences and deepest sympathy to the families and friends of our departed comrades:

**VALE**

They shall not grow old as we that are left grow old. Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun and in the morning, we will remember them

LEST WE FORGET

MITCHELL, William Richard (Bill), WX10233, 2/43 Bn  24 August, aged 101
THORP, Brenda, Ladies Auxiliary, Life Member, 17 September 2018, aged 92
LAWRENCE, Reginald Edward OAM, Life Member, 3725294, 14 NSTB, BoM, 7 October 2018 aged 83
WADE, John James Joseph, WX7265, 2/28 Bn, 7 October 2018, aged 100
COREY, William Thomas, SX5389, 2/43 Bn, 10 October 2018, aged 101
SKERMAN, Allan Porter, QX4520, Cpl, 2/9 Bn, 19 October 2018, aged 101

Our thoughts and prayers are extended to all families at this sad time.

Rats of Tobruk Association Inc.

Secretary’s Report, Victorian Branch – December 2018

As our year comes to a close, we can reflect on those who have passed on and we especially remember Reg Lawrence OAM our past Secretary/Treasurer & hall keeper who took the association from its “nearly closing its doors situation” in 2007 to the vibrant association that it is today. He was instrumental in introducing a new category of membership the “Affiliate Member” which enabled our membership base to grow. Thank-you Reg.

We commemorated our first Memorial Service with the 1st Carpathian Rifles Brigade at the Shrine of Remembrance in Melbourne in late August, this will become an annual event on the 28th of August each year. Over 250 people attended on a wet, blustery Melbourne day joined by the Presidents of Poland, the RSL, the Shrine of Remembrance, the ROTA and five veterans on the day. Thank-you to all for your support.

On behalf of the Association I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a happy and healthy 2019. To all our sick members we wish you all a very speedy recovery.

Graham Gibson
Secretary

REMINDER (for those who have booked)
Rats of Tobruk Association Inc. Victoria Branch
Christmas break-up party
Sunday 9th December 2018 starting at 12.30pm
You may bring your own wine if you wish
Eulogy for Reginald Edward LAWRENCE given by ROTA secretary Graham Gibson

I first met Reg about five years ago when I went to my first Rats of Tobruk meeting as an adult. Reg welcomed me and a strong friendship then developed.

Reg became involved with the Rats of Tobruk Association in 2001 after Rayda NOBLE, who had been the assistant Secretary, had to step down due to her husband’s illness. Reg then took up the role and he could see that the meetings were poorly attended and looked like the association was about to close its doors; he spent the last 10 years or so resurrecting ROTA ably assisted by his wife June. He was responsible for advocating a change to the constitution so that a new category of membership called “Affiliate Members” was introduced, he could see that without this, the association was doomed to failure. Thankfully-today a robust membership can be directly attributed to Reg’s work.

One of his major contributions was to connect various community groups including the Royal Children’s Hospital Foundation with the ROTA. The donation of $1.5 million from the sale of Tobruk House enabled the Rats of Tobruk name to be associated with the RCH Neuroscience Fellowship; where each year a recipient receives the award. Reg encouraged the idea of leaving a legacy that would ensure that the name of the ROT lives on.

Reg connected so many of the community to ROTA, he encouraged new members and the association to respond to numerous requests for information about a descendant’s relative and their time in Tobruk. As Secretary he was responsible for many functions at Tobruk House such as Anzac Day, Tobruk Sunday at Puckapunyal, school visits, events at the Shrine of Remembrance and visits by special people such as the RCH and two Governor Generals. He maintained the hall and could be found at Tobruk House most Sundays cleaning up. He was instrumental in arranging the veterans to address school children at the hall to pass on the history of the Siege of Tobruk and in his spare time he provided gardening assistance to many veterans and visits to the sick as well as helping with funeral arrangements.

On Anzac Day, Reg would come to Tobruk House & set up-then he would pick up the 7th Division AASC banner & head up to the assembly point in the centre of Melbourne & along with his NSAA mates, they would carry the banner down St. Kilda Road to the Shrine of Remembrance. The boys/veterans of the 7th DIV AASC were very grateful for this ongoing support. Ron Williamson past President of both the 7th Div AASC and the Rats of Tobruk Association, was eternally grateful for this close bond of friendship & support that he shared with Reg.

I would like to close with a quote from Donna Aranyi’s , OA Award submission for Reg and June.

“In my humble opinion, I believe Reg & June evoke attributes representative of what I’d like to describe as the ‘Australian Spirit’ at its best- hospitality, empathy, kindness, generosity, respect & unconditional commitment to a cause that they feel passionate about, a service driven existence, always asking “What can we do to help?”
One of the last Rats of Tobruk, South Australian Bill Corey OAM, has died. He was 101.

The news was announced on Wednesday afternoon, by Premier Steven Marshall who paid tribute to the “humble”, “selfless” digger.

“On behalf of the State Government, I send my sincere condolences to the family and friends of Mr Bill Corey OAM,” Mr Marshall said.

Mr Corey was born in Riverton, grew up in Walkerville and attended Adelaide High School, before enlisting in 1940 at the age of 22.

In 1941, Mr Corey took part in the Siege of Tobruk. Those soldiers who held the garrison of the port of Tobruk during the fierce fighting became known as the famous Rats of Tobruk.

He then went on to serve with the 2/43rd in El Alamein and Syria. In 1943 he fought in New Guinea before taking part in the campaign to recapture Borneo from the Japanese in June 1945.

“Bill had the great honour of cutting the ribbon to officially open the Anzac Centenary Memorial Walk, and there could not have been a more fitting person to represent the veterans’ community at that wonderful occasion,” Mr Marshall said.

“Bill Corey typified the humble nature and selflessness of our diggers, and was very generous with his time in speaking with members of his community and many school children about the Anzac legacy.

“We owe Bill and his fellow servicemen and women a great debt of gratitude for the sacrifices they made so that future generations could enjoy the freedom and way of life we have today.”

Bill Corey OAM in 2016 near the site of the ANZAC Memorial Walk. Picture: Calum Robertson  

Bill Corey, aged 22 when he enlisted.
In April this year, Mr Corey opened the Anzac Pavilion at Endeavour College, Mawson Lakes. Mr Corey had been a part of Veterans’ Day at the school for the past five years, and relished talking to history students.

“I’ve been to a lot of schools and that is one of my interests. It keeps me on the ball. I don’t just sit down and rot away,” Mr Corey said at the time. It’s not just about the war though, as Mr Corey also describes how he and his family lived 100 years ago – with horses and carts, but no motor car or electricity.

“It’s very hard for them to imagine but they love to hear about it,” he said.

“I don’t feel like an important person, but I do know I represent WWII.”
ALLAN SKERMAN Remembered in the Mackay Daily Mercury

Another of our precious Rats was remembered in the local paper, the Mackay Daily Mercury, on the 24th October in this story sent to us by Rob Spark.

Allan’s family was also presented with a tribute created by our good friend, Frenchman Pierre Seillier. Pierre has created a number of these beautiful collages as shown below. If you would like Pierre to produce one of these for a departed veteran, please contact the ROTA secretary.
NEW MEMBERS
We welcome the following new members to ROTA:

Peter McDonald  Carol Goodwin  Debra Goodwin  Vicki Munday  Mark Mell
Peter McDermott

Your membership helps to ensure the legacy of the Rats of Tobruk

2019 MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTION
DUE FOR PAYMENT ON 1st JANUARY 2019

All Affiliate members are reminded that next year’s subscription is due for payment on 1st January. The annual subscription remains at $30 for 2019.

Please note that individual payment requests are not normally sent to members. The cooperation of members by responding to this notice and paying their subscription as soon as possible would be greatly appreciated.

Members are also requested to complete and sign the 2019 Annual Subscription Payment Form when making payment. The form is included in this edition. Please forward this completed form either by email or normal post. The addresses are shown below.

If you are paying by EFT, ensure you include a unique reference such as your surname and membership no. If you pay by an actual bank deposit please ensure you send details to ratsoftobruk41@gmail.com or to the Secretary, ROTA, 44 Victoria Ave, Albert Park, 3206. This is important for correct matching of payments, as bank deposits do not have adequate referencing.

Please note that Tobruk Veterans are exempt from paying the annual subscription.

SPRING CLEANING FINDS

Some of our wonderful ladies (Karolina Sevcikova, Christine Mulvaney and Glenda Garde) have been doing a bit of “Spring Cleaning” at Tobruk House and amongst the odds and ends found in dark places was the very first Minutes Book. It contains the meeting notes from the inaugural meeting on 2/10/45 through to 26/4/50

This wonderful record of the formation and development of our Association contains many interesting stories of great historic value. For example, in December 1946 there is reference to a request to the Australian Government to provide assisted immigration to members of the Polish Carpathian Brigade. This followed an earlier similar request from the Queensland Branch of ROTA. (There is a copy of this and two related stories about Polish immigrants further on in this issue.) The minutes also set out quite clearly the aims and expectations of those early members, a valuable resource in making sure that we respect the ideals of our organisation. We will bring some of these to you in coming editions of Tobruk House News.
HISTORY REVEALED

A very special and emotional morning on Saturday 15th September at the Malanda RSL Sub Branch for the unveiling of an original mosaic hearth made by the Rats of Tobruk during World War II. (It was part of a fireplace used by soldiers as they undertook jungle warfare training in the area prior to redeployment to New Guinea)

The mosaic has been classified as a Historic Artefact of national significance by the Australian War Museum and was discovered at Tinaroo Dam, west of Cairns earlier in the year when the Dam was at its lowest level.

It was recovered with the support of the Malanda RSL Sub Branch, the Indigenous Traditional Owners and other supporting community members and groups seen here with Rats Henry Tranter and Gordon Wallace.

Bruce Muller represented his Dad, Arthur George Muller QX3048 and his Mum’s brother Uncle Bert, Albert Henry Rath QX3066 who were both Rats of Tobruk along with the Descendants of the Rats of Tobruk QLD. Bruce made a presentation to Henry Tranter on behalf of the Descendants of the Rats of Tobruk Queensland. Gordon Wallace who is 97yrs of age travelled from Brisbane. Henry Tranter lives in the Atherton Tablelands and is 100yrs of age.

Congrats to Fairlie Sandilands, Malanda RSL for her outstanding coordination, planning and management of this historic event.

Special thanks to Betty Murphy from Descendants of the Rats Queensland for sending in this story.
THE POPPY TRIBUTE

The Flanders poppy has long been a part of Remembrance Day that marks the Armistice of 11 November 1918. It is also increasingly being used as part of Anzac Day observances and at the funeral and memorial services for service personnel.

During the First World War, red poppies were among the first plants to spring up in the devastated battlefields of northern France and Belgium. In soldiers' folklore, the vivid red of the poppy came from the blood of their comrades soaking the ground. The sight of poppies on the battlefield at Ypres in 1915 moved Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae, a Canadian, to write the poem In Flanders Fields.

Moina Michael, from the American YMCA, was so moved by McCrae’s poem that she decided to wear a red poppy as a way of keeping the faith. A meeting of international YMCA secretaries, in November 1918, agreed to uphold this tradition. The poppy soon became widely accepted throughout the allied nations as the flower of remembrance to be worn on Armistice Day and at commemorative services.

The poppy has also become very popular in wreaths used on Anzac Day. In Palestine, where poppies grow abundantly in the spring, at the Dawn Service in 1940 each soldier dropped a poppy as he filed past the Stone of Remembrance—and an officer laid a wreath of poppies from Mt Scopus.

And there is a special Australian connection to the poppy tradition. In 2013, Lynn Berry and Margaret Knight set out to make a modest 120 woollen poppies to “plant” at the Shrine of Remembrance in Melbourne for Remembrance Day to honour their fathers: Wal Beasley, of the 14/32nd Battalion, Second Australian Imperial Force; and Stan Knight, of the Queen’s Own West Kent Regiment in the British Army.

For Lynn, a fabric and textile artist from Melbourne whose grandmother taught her to knit when she was five years old, it was a deeply personal project to pay tribute to her late father. When people saw Lynn and Margaret making their poppies, they became intrigued and wanted to know more.

“People started to say to us: ‘We’d love to join you. Can my mum make some? Can my sister make some? Can my grandmother make some?’ And I said to Margaret, ‘This could be a much bigger project if we wanted it to be.’

The pair set themselves a new goal of 5,000 poppies, and in June 2013, the 5,000 Poppies project was born. They thought it might be “a bit of a stretch”, but that with a little bit of help they would probably be able to manage it.

“We thought we could make 5,000 poppies and do a really lovely installation in Federation Square in the heart of Melbourne for Remembrance Day,” Lynn said. “But I was interviewed on Radio National … and it went viral – immediately. People started sending us poppies, and we had our first 5,000 poppies by Remembrance Day 2013.”

It was then that Ted Baillieu, former premier of Victoria and chairman of the Anzac Centenary Committee in Melbourne, asked Lynn and Margaret if they would be interested in putting together a display for the 100th anniversary of the Gallipoli landings. He introduced the pair to award-winning landscape designer Phillip Johnson, and together they created a stunning tribute garden at the Melbourne Flower and Garden Show in March 2015.

But in the meantime, the poppies kept rolling in, and a month later they unveiled a massive community tribute honouring the original Anzacs in the heart of Melbourne.

“It was going to be a very small installation for Anzac Day, [but] we had no idea what impact it would have on the community at large,” Lynn said. “Sometimes we would open the mail, and we would have 5,000 poppies
in one mail, so you can imagine the size of it: it used to cover the floor ... and we ended up with nearly 260,000 poppies, and we covered the steps of Federation Square.”

On the morning of Anzac Day 2015, they moved the entire installation onto Princes Bridge, providing an emotional backdrop for Melbourne’s Centenary of Anzac commemorations. “It was the most amazing experience of my life to see those marchers, marching through,” Lynn said. “But it didn’t end there.

In May 2016, they took the tribute to the Chelsea Flower Show in London, where thousands of people flocked to see the installation in the grounds of Royal Hospital. Among them were the Queen, the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge, Prince Harry and the then future British Prime Minister Theresa May.

From there, the 5,000 Poppies project travelled to the battlefields of France in July 2016, where 26,000 handmade poppies were placed at the foot of the “Cobbers” sculpture in the Australian Memorial Park to commemorate the centenary of the battle of Fromelles.

The story continues with this October 5 2018 article from the ABC News website:

**World War I armistice centenary to be marked with 62,000 handmade poppies at Australian War Memorial**  By Jon Healy  ABC News

Remembrance Day this year marks the 100th anniversary of the armistice that ended World War I.
About two million man and woman hours have been committed to a stunning display at the Australian War Memorial.

A field of 62,000 poppies, each one representing an Australian life lost in World War I, has been unveiled in Canberra, with each handcrafted flower telling its own story.

One of almost a million blossoms knitted and submitted for the project bears the name and number of veteran AG Perkins, 2719. He was killed in action on the June 8, 1917.

The man who decided where Mr Perkins' memory would lie, designer Phillip Johnson, brought to the field a photo of his great-grandfather, Richard Frederick Johnson, who died in the final months of World War I, just over 100 years ago.

*Phillip Johnson's great-grandfather, Frederick, died in World War I.* (ABC News: Jon Healy)

Every poppy in the field is unique in background and appearance, made by volunteers as far afield as Turkey and France, where so much Australian blood was shed, and many include personal flourishes. (ABC News: Jon Healy)
On Friday 4th October 2018, the sea of red, faded red, green and any other flourishes the volunteers chose to include, was the realisation of a six-year dream.

"We started this project on such a small scale and it became huge," Ms Berry said.

"Not all of those days were easy, but we stuck with it because we knew how important it was. People just kept sending poppies to us and we knew that we had to do them proud. So we did."
In the end, far more than 50,000 people put their knitting needles to good use.

While the team was supported by a host of helpers, curating so many emotional stories of sacrifice and suffering became too much for the woman in charge at a certain point.

"There was no time to take a physical break but I used to type up all the dedications that people sent, and I had to stop doing that. I had to give that job to somebody else to do because it is overwhelming," Ms Berry said.

"Those stories of love and devotion and pain and anguish through the generations, it's palpable. I held onto them. There was a time when I could tell you every story of every poppy that I had, and I had to let that part of it go so that I could actually do the work."

After Remembrance Day, which this year marks the centenary of the armistice, Ms Berry expects more than a million poppies will be disseminated to various individuals and organisations to benefit Legacy.

Her team will also have an installation at Parliament House at the end of the month, while other services around the country will put the handcrafted blooms on display in the coming months. After Remembrance Day, which this year marks the centenary of the armistice, Ms Berry expects more than a million poppies will be disseminated to various individuals and organisations to benefit Legacy. Ms Berry knows her job is far from done. "We've still got work to do."
Lynn Berry (right) was a woman in demand as dozens of volunteers embraced her in Canberra. (ABC News: Jon Healy)

The tradition of ‘dropping a poppy’ has continued in ceremonies at the Shrine, War Memorials, at memorial services and remembrance occasions. Funerals for (ex)military personnel are increasingly adopting this very moving and involving tradition. ‘Rat’ families are welcome to ask ROTA for assistance in incorporating a poppy tribute in the funeral service for any past military family members.

A large number of those attending the recent memorial service for Jack Caple at Scots Church in Collins Street Melbourne chose to take part in the poppy tribute. Over 200 people were there to hear moving tributes to Jack from members of his family. Scots Church is known for its very fine pipe organ which was given a good workout on the two hymns. The organist commented that it was the best singing he’d heard in a long while!
For many years now (since 1987), the Land Army girls have held their annual luncheons at Tobruk House. It was with a heavy heart that President of their association, Nance Ormsby, announced that they would be disbanding, and that this would probably be their last lunch.

Nine Land Army girls attended, as well as their carers, who included many of the girls’ daughters. It was decided that their Land Army banner, which they proudly marched behind in Anzac Day marches, would probably go to Anzac House, and any funds held by the association would go to Legacy. ROTA also donated the cost of the lunch to Legacy, which was much appreciated by all present.

Nancy thanked everyone for their friendship over the years, and vowed that, despite their official disbanding, the girls would certainly continue keep in touch. There were a few tears, but it was nevertheless an enjoyable occasion if the hum of conversation and laughter in the hall was anything to go by.

The girls were assured that they are welcome at Tobruk House any time.
It’s not often that we recognise the face on a stamp as “one of our own”, but in October the Rats of Tobruk Association President Bob Semple was honoured as a representative of the armed forces for their 100 years of Repatriation stamp issue.

A set of two one dollar stamps were issued to mark this special occasion. Bob is on the first stamp as pictured here. The second stamp (shown on the First Day Cover on the next page) features Able Seaman Elizabeth McCallum marching on Anzac Day 2017 in Mornington, Victoria, with her then-95-year old grandfather Major Alec Weaver (Ret’d).

As with all new stamp issues there was a special First Day Cover and we have 10 of these special covers signed by Bob, nine of which we are offering at a silent auction, to be concluded at the Melbourne Christmas Party. (The tenth will be retained in our archives collection.)

There will be an accompanying letter with each from the Secretary of the Rats Of Tobruk Association authenticating Bob’s signature.

If you would like to participate in the auction please send your bid using the following official bid form (by mail or email) to The Secretary before December 8. (Details on the form)

We will also be accepting last minute bids at the commencement of the Christmas party. Once all bids have been received the committee will assess the bids and determine the winners.

The winning bids – the top 9 offers – will be announced at the Christmas Party on December 9.

All money raised will go to our Royal Children’s Hospital Rats of Tobruk Neuroscience Fellowship Fund. This is a great opportunity to obtain a very special memento and we ask members to share this with any friends, family or work colleagues who may be interested.
Silent Auction Bid

For a signed First Day Cover of the 100 Years of Repatriation

by Mr Robert Semple OAM, BEM

Bidder’s name: ................................................................. Contact Phone No: .........................................................
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highest bid, No 2 signed First Day Cover will be awarded to the 2nd highest bid & so on until the 9th highest Bid.)

** First Day Cover number 10 will be permanently archived by the Rats of Tobruk Association Inc.
Postal bids close on receipt of last mail at Tobruk House on Friday 7th December 2018
Email & hand delivered bids close at Tobruk House Christmas breakup on Sunday 9th December 2018 at 12.30 pm

Bid nominal value: $.................................................. Bidder’s signature: .............................................................

Please forward completed form to: The Secretary, ROTA, 44 Victoria Avenue, Albert Park, VIC. 3206

Or email a scanned copy to The Secretary (Graham Gibson), ROTA: ratsoftobruk41@gmail.com
I will start this report with an apology. Up until two years ago, I took it upon myself to place a report on the activities of the Band. After retiring in 2016, I decided to take a back seat in Band affairs.

Well, at the Band’s recent Annual General Meeting, I was elected as a Committee member and will endeavour to keep the members of the Association both here in Victoria and interstate, up to date with the activities of the Band, so here goes:-

The Band has recently returned from appearing at the Basel Military Tattoo in Switzerland. This Tattoo is arguably the biggest Tattoo in the world, second only to The Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo in Scotland.

On the 11th November, the Band will perform with other Melbourne bands at the Shrine of Remembrance, to commemorate the signing of the Armistice to mark the end of World War I, one hundred years ago. The service will be at 5:00pm and is to coincide with other services around the world. The tune the Bands will play is “When the Battles O’er” which was written by Pipe Major William Robb of the Argyll & Sutherland Highlanders. The Band will also perform with Andre Rieu at Rod Laver Arena on Saturday, 17th November.

They have also received an invitation to return to China in October 2019. This will be a Tattoo like format, as well as street parade and performances in and around the city of Nanchang. However, at this time, no decision has been made by the members, as to whether they will take up the offer.

Anyway, all for now. Wishing everyone all the best for Christmas and 2019.

Ken Butterworth
The Rats of Tobruk Memorial Pipes & Drums Inc.
The Batman Avenue Drill Hall mentioned here was often used as a meeting place for the Rats of Tobruk Association prior to the purchase of our Tobruk House in Albert Park.
The clipping here is from The Daily Telegraph November 30 1946. It illustrates how from the earliest days the Rats of Tobruk were keen to remember their Polish mates and provide practical assistance (as also recorded in the first minutes book – see below). We have reprinted the full text from the article below.

**TOBRUK RATS BRING OUT MIGRANT**

The widow of a Polish soldier brought to Australia by the Rats of Tobruk Association arrived in Sydney last night in the liner Orbita.

She is Mrs. Helena Nowah, of Zapomanowo, Poland. Orbita brought 325 passengers from London and 10 European migrants from Port Said.

Mrs. Nowah's husband fought with the Australians at Tobruk and was later killed at Cassino, Italy. She said she had written to the association in Sydney, asking if it would guarantee her passage to Australia.

"The association has brought me here, and got me the sort of job I always wanted— on a farm," she said.

"All my life I have read books about Australia, and I have always wanted to come here."

Mrs. Nowah escaped to Yugoslavia after three months in a German labour camp.

A charming brownette, with an engaging personality, she speaks excellent English. Mrs. Nowah will leave today for Young to work on an orchard.

An excerpt from the minutes of the Rats of Tobruk meeting on 19th Dec

**TOBRUK HOUSE VISITS**

Members may not be aware of this, but we often have visitors to the hall who call in outside of our monthly meeting times. Visitors are always welcome to inspect the hall, especially our interstate members, who may have limited time in Melbourne. Recently we were visited by Terry and Debbie O'Toole from Geraldton W.A. after they contacted us and requested a ‘look through’ Tobruk House. They have visited the hall before, and on one of these visits left with us some information about Terry’s grandfather, Harold Samuel Russell NX39180, 2/1 Australian Ordinance Workshop.
ANNUAL VISIT BY WARRANDYTE PRIMARY SCHOOL

On Wednesday 17th October the Grade 6 pupils from Warrandyte Primary School visited Tobruk House to learn more about the siege of Tobruk as a part of their scholarship project. We welcomed a large group of 47 children and their teachers and carers for a busy morning where they received accounts of various committee members about the activities of different sections of the military during the siege. Of course, the highlight was Bob Semple’s table and his first-hand experiences.

This year we were also very pleased to welcome members of the Military Vehicles Association who arrived with two vehicles which were parked at the front of the hall. The children loved the opportunity to sit in them and hear about how they would be used.

Graham was master of ceremonies and he was ably assisted by Glenda, Heather, Karolina, Christine, Helen, Alexander and of course our president Bob.

Our President Bob enthralled his audience with his first hand description of the events of the Seige.

The girls and boys loved sitting in the old Army vehicles and hearing about how they were used.
At every table the children were eager listeners, soaking up the information for use in their essay project.
Most children enjoy playing ‘dress-ups’ and our young guests were no exceptions.
LOOKING FOR INFORMATION ...

1. The Hatband.

One of our readers, Mary Matthews (daughter of K H Ross QX 13557), found this hatband recently and is trying to discover where and when it was used. If you can shed any light please send your thoughts to the ROTA Secretary.

2. Calling HMS Kipling families

The following request was received recently from Robert Dodd.

“I am the unofficial researcher for the HMS Kipling families group, which now sadly has only one serving member of the crew left who is 94 and who served with my father on the ship in the Mediterranean theatre before being sunk off Libya on 11.5.1942 by JU88s after an intensive and lengthy bombardment from which they were rescued by HMS Jervis. I understand that past of the duties undertaken by the ship was to supply the Australian and Polish troops who so gallantly held Tobruk, as well as evacuating casualties to Alexandria. I note from preliminary research that HMS Kipling achieves a mention in the account of one of your comrades and wonder whether you have any archive material in which there is further mention of the Kipling. I understand completely that your comrades were wholly engaged in the battles and that taking down fine detail/photographs was not their top priority, so forgive me if this sounds a hopeful request.”
The success of the Tobruk siege owes a great debt to the ships of the Royal Navy such as the Kipling. The following story comes from The Tyneside Advertiser, March 1942.

If you can assist Robert Dodd with any recollections or stories about Kipling please contact the ROTA Secretary

3  Rats database project

Betty Murphy from Descendants of the Rats Queensland is chasing enlistment photos (or in uniform), name and number of all our Veterans. She writes:

“I am going to do a project with photos of all our Australian Rats of Tobruk Veterans. To be placed on a quilt banner for the 80th Anniversary of the Siege. Hopefully. Any help from members and the Rats of Tobruk Association with photos would be greatly appreciated. I need name, unit and number. Photos and information can be emailed to descendantsoftheratsqueensland@gmail.com

4  Calling 7th Division Supply Column descendants

We are trying to contact all descendants of veterans who served in either the 7th Division Supply Column or the 7th Division Australian Army Supply Column, (both titles refer to the same group). Could you to provide us with your contact details please. There is a small range of memorabilia that has become available and that you might be interested in. We will forward the details of the memorabilia to you once we have your contact information.
JOSEPH HENRY DANIELS remembered by his son Jeff Daniels
An extract from a family history written by Jeff called “Tales From The Long Paddock 2 Little Boys

Joseph was born in 1901, and even by the standards of the day he had a difficult childhood, which included being made to walk, aged about six years, from Adelaide to near what was to become Canberra, the national capital. It was a distance of about 1300 km, quite away for anyone, let alone a small child to have to walk - and all because his father wanted to preach the Word of the Lord to the towns and villages along the way.

One of the consequences of childhood that was often spent on the move was that he attended school for only about six weeks in his life and didn’t learn to read until his 20s. He was nevertheless a great lover of words whether spoken or written, and he especially enjoyed poetry in which at times he found solace and at other times a touch of humour. From his phenomenal memory he could recite many a long poem at social gatherings. Amongst his favourites, but by no means the longest, was a version of the traditional Paddy McGinty’s Goat, a piece which these days may be considered as bordering upon the politically incorrect.

When life became more settled for him Joseph became qualified as a blacksmith and farrier and work for various employers in a variety of trades. Later he worked for the South Australian railways as a special ganger with oversight of the maintenance of an extensive length of track. He left the position to serve in World War II.

In the early 1940s his military service took him with the Australian Imperial Forces to the middle east including Tobruk. His main tasks which he spoke of during this time included maintenance and repair of innumerable pieces of metal such as picks and parts of tanks and other damaged objects. Beyond that he spoke very little about the war to his family.

BILL THE BASTARD LIVES ON IN THE JERICO CUP

Following on from our earlier story in the Tobruk House News we are pleased to report that the Jericho Cup will run on December 2 to celebrate the heroic efforts of Bill the Bastard. The Jericho Cup will be the longest flat race in Australia at 4600m. (The Melbourne Cup is 3200m.) It will be run to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the original Jericho Cup, which was run in 1917 over three miles in the desert sands near the city of Jericho in Palestine.

The race was part of a meeting held with the sole purpose of diverting attention from the Australian Light Horse’s famous charge at Beersheba. It was won by one of Australia’s most famous war horses, a ‘waler’ (the colloquial name given to the famously tough Australian horses) called Bill the Bastard, who was legendary for his headstrong nature and his incredible endurance.

Some of the old horse’s stubbornness appears to have rubbed off on the Bill behind the modern day Jericho Cup, which will run at the famous Warrnambool course in regional Victoria on December 2. Former transport company owner (and ROTA Patron) Bill Gibbins not only came up with the idea and the funding for the Jericho Cup, but convinced Racing Victoria to back the unique concept.

“I had to win them over,” he says. “They thought I was a bit of a fruit loop to start with.”
Bill Gibbins has put up the race's $300,000 purse for each of the next four years, and scheduled a support card of seven other races linked to the Light Horse's Middle Eastern adventures. He's even travelled Australia to research and design the trophies that will be presented on the day, each of which has a unique connection to the Jericho Cup story.

"It's got to possess me a bit," Gibbins admits cheerfully.

Gibbins read the story of the Jericho Cup when he was given a copy of Roland Perry's 2012 book *Bill the Bastard* by a friend, who teased him with the same nickname.

"I threw it in the corner and a few months later I thought I'd better read it in case someone asked me about it," Gibbins recalls. "I couldn't put it down."

He marvels at what the young men of the Light Horse must have felt as they set sail from Albany in Western Australia for the Middle East, and at the heroism of their horses.

"If a dog is a man's best friend, then the horse is his best worker," Gibbons says, adding he's been thrilled at the deep connection those in the racing community still feel with the Light Horse.

For many trainers and owners, the race is particularly attractive because it is only open to horses bred in Australia and New Zealand. The Jericho Cup provides a chance to snare a big purse without competition from the overseas imports who now dominate the staying ranks.

Gibbins is looking forward to this year's Jericho Cup, but also has an eye on building it up to become a significant event on the racing calendar.

"I'd love it to sit somewhere between Melbourne Cup and ANZAC Day. I'm happy to run second," he grins.

This article was taken from a story by James Thompson which appeared in The Financial Review on August 24 2018.
SOME NATIONAL COVERAGE OF THE RATS’ STORY
The Australian newspaper ran a large double page spread in The Weekend Australian of November 3-4, the result of an intense project by the author James Walker, who spent countless hours to cover the story. He focussed on 5 of our veterans – Bob Semple, Keith Clarkson, Gordon Wallace, Ern Brough and Ernie Walker. If you missed the story, it is available on line for subscribers. We are hoping to obtain a soft copy so we can feature the full story in THN.

AFTERNOON TEA AT GOVERNMENT HOUSE
Three of our Rats were honoured with an invitation from Dame Quentin Bryce to enjoy afternoon tea with herself and the Governor of Victoria with other special guests at Government House recently. Bob Semple, Keith Clarkson and Ern Brough shared stories and many laughs at the intimate gathering in the conservatory. A formal photograph to record the event was taken in the vestibule.

Pictured from left to right: Michael Bryce, Karolina Sevcikova, Keith Clarkson, Dame Quentin Bryce, Bob Semple, The Governor of Victoria the Hon. Linda Dessau, Ernie Brough, Anthony Howard, Dr Graham Killer.
The Rats of Tobruk Association have so generously supported the Rats of Tobruk Neuroscience Fellowship for many years now. Sarah, our Fellowship recipient for 2017, has written about the role and her experience in a previous issue of THN. Here is Dr Eunice Chan, another recipient’s, story.

“My name is Eunice and some of you may recall meeting me a few years ago. I was fortunate to carry out the fellowship in 2013 and it provided me with the opportunity to gain specific expertise in the assessment and treatment of children with complex epilepsy. Many children with epilepsy and their families face daily struggles and access to specialist care can make an incredibly palpable and meaningful difference in their lives.

The impact of the fellowship continues five years on and beyond. I apply the knowledge and experience I have gained from the role in my everyday work now, providing care to children as a paediatric neurologist at The Royal Children’s Hospital.

Thank you so much to the Rats of Tobruk for your ongoing support of this fellowship!”

YOU ARE INVITED!

For anyone who is contemplating making a donation or a bequest in their will to a charity, the ROTA Neuroscience Fellowship Fund is a most worthy consideration.

If you would like to know more about where the money goes and how your contribution will make a difference, you are invited to attend the annual award ceremony for the 2019 recipient of the Rats of Tobruk Neuroscience Fellowship on December 4 at 11am. BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL

Please contact the ROTA Secretary to book your place for this special event.

For more information about assisting the Fellowship you can contact Jessica Frean, Bequests and Planned Giving, RCH Foundation (03 9345 6389 or email: Jessica.frean@rch.org.au)
In accordance with the Association Rules (2017), at the 2019 Annual General Meeting (AGM), all positions on the Committee of Management will be declared vacant and elections held for these positions. Nominations are sought to fill these positions. All nominations must be on this Nomination Form.

The following rules apply:

- Only a member entitled to vote at general meetings (must be financial), is eligible for nomination.
- Only a member, who has been a member of the Committee for the 12 month period prior to the AGM, is eligible for nomination for the positions of President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer.
- An eligible member can nominate himself or herself; or with the member’s consent, be nominated by another member.
- Completed nomination forms must reach the Secretary by 31 January 2019. (Completed forms can be sent by mail to Tobruk House, 44 Victoria Avenue, Albert Park, Victoria, 3206 or electronically to ratsoftobruk41@gmail.com)
- The Committee has the discretion to reject a nomination, where the form is not correctly completed.
- A member can be nominated for more than one position.

I hereby nominate: ____________________________

for the position of ____________________________:

- [ ] President
- [ ] Vice-President
- [ ] Secretary
- [ ] Treasurer
- [ ] Ordinary Committee Member

Nominator’s
Name: ____________________________ Signature: ____________________________ Date: __________

Nominated Person’s Consent (only required where nominated by another member):

I, ________________ accept this nomination.

(member’s name)

Signature: ____________________________ Date: __________
Rats of Tobruk Association Inc - Application for Affiliate Membership

Please forward this application together with payment of $60 to:
The Secretary of ROTA, Tobruk House, 44 Victoria Ave, Albert Park, Vic, 3206.

Name: ___________________________ ______________________________
Title ___________________________ Surname _________________________
Address: _______________________________ __________________________
Suburb / State ______________________ Post Code ___________________
Email: _______________________________@________________________
Contact Phone No: ___________________

Please Print Clearly
Are you over 18 years of age: YES or NO
Are you or have you been a member of the Military Services: YES or NO
Are you a descendant / relative of a Rat of Tobruk: YES or NO
If yes please print his details below:

Given Name (s) ____________________________ Surname ____________________
Service ID __________________ Unit __________________________

My relationship to the veteran is: __________________________________________

Reason for wanting to join: _____________________________________________

Payment Details:
Payment of $60 ($30 Joining Fee plus $30 Annual Subscription) must accompany the application. Payment can be made by cheque, money order, cash or electronic funds transfer (EFT). The Association does not have credit card facilities. If you are paying by EFT, it is important that you include a unique reference so that the payment can be matched to the application. A suggested reference is the letters 'NEW MBR' followed by your surname. e.g. 'NEW MBR Cummings'.

Bank Account Details:
Account Name: Rats of Tobruk Association  BSB: 013 223  Account No: 2102 51748

The EFT ‘reference’ I have used is: ________________________________

If you pay by EFT, you can scan this application and email it to: ratsoftobruk41@gmail.com This will ensure your application is processed promptly.

Privacy Clause:
Information requested in this application form is necessary for the association to determine your eligibility for membership, maintain the members register and to keep you informed about the association, its activities and products. It will not be provided to third parties for direct marketing purposes. As a member you have the right to inspect the members’ register.

Promotional Photos:
At the Association’s functions, photo’s may be taken for promotional purposes and publication in the Tobruk House News. By attending any of these functions you give permission for the use of your image in the manner described above.

Annual Subscription:
By joining the Association, you agree to pay the Annual Subscription when it falls due on the 1st January each year. The amount of the Annual Subscription is set by the Committee of Management, prior to the start of each year.

Association Rules:
By joining the Association, you agree to abide by the Association Rules and policies approved by the Committee of Management from time to time. These are available on the Association’s website www.ratsoftobrukassociation.org.au

Applicant’s Signature: ___________________________________________ Date: _______________

Membership Approval: ___________________________________________
Delegate of the Committee of Management

Contact Email: ratsoftobruk41@gmail.com Contact Phone No: 0434 693 190

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Membership No:______________

Name: ____________________________________________________________________________  
Title                Given Name (s)                                                                             Surname

Contact Details:
(Only complete if details have changed)
Address:  ________________________________________________________________________  
Suburb / State  Post Code

Email:  _____________________@_________________  Contact  Phone No: _________________

Payment Details:
The 2019 Annual Membership Subscription is $30 and is due and payable on 1 January 2019.  
Please note that if payment is not received by 31 March 2019, your membership will be suspended.  It is also pointed out that the Association’s rules state that a member is taken to have resigned if the member’s subscription is more than twelve months in arrears. Payment must accompany this form.  Payment can be made by cheque, money order, cash or electronic funds transfer (EFT).  The Association does not have credit card facilities.  If you are paying by EFT, it is important that you include a unique reference so that the payment can be matched to the members register.  A suggested reference is your membership no and surname.

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If you pay by EFT, you can scan this form and email it to:  ratsoftobruk41@gmail.com  
A receipt will only be sent by mail if a stamped self addressed envelope is included with this form.  Where you have an e-mail address, a receipt will be sent electronically.

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Member’s Signature:______________________________  Date:____________________

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Total amount to be paid: $__________

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Delivery times will vary, depending on available stock. Clothing items could take up to 4 weeks from receipt of order. The Rosewood Plaque could take up to 6 weeks.

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(Please Print)

Email Address: ____________________________ @ ____________________________

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Suburb: __________________________ State: __________ Postcode: __________

Please forward completed form to: ‘Merchandise Officer, ROTA, 44 Victoria Av, Albert Park, Vic, 3206.

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All enquiries to the Merchandise Officer (Glenda Garde) email: ratsoftobruk41@gmail.com Phone: 0419 318 924
Monthly Remembrance Services are held on the third Sunday of each month for units that are no longer able to make the pilgrimage to the Shrine. Monthly weekday memorial services commemorate specific units and their efforts in conflict and peacekeeping missions. Did you know there are over 160 services held at the Shrine every year. Visit shrine.org.au/services for a full calendar.

SPECIAL EXHIBITIONS

FLOWERS OF WAR
The appearance of cornflowers and poppies on the battlefields at the end of the First World War symbolized for many the fragility of life and the hope of rebirth. This collaborative work of art comprises enameled floral emblems of remembrance, inspired by those found on the battlefield and at home.

FOR HUMANITY
Medicine in war and peacekeeping since 1945
What does it mean to save lives as others are taking them? Medics on the front line give gripping accounts of their experiences. Stories of immense trauma are offset against moments of touching humanity.

REMEMBRANCE MAGAZINE
Important stories of courage in the face of adversity. Released every April and November. Available in the Shrine store or online at issue.com/shrineofremembrance

TALKS & EVENTS
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