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NOTICE OF INVESTIGATION

The Repatriation Medical Authority (The Authority) gives notice under section 196G of the *Veterans' Entitlement Act (VEA)* that, as there are grounds for such a review, it intends to carry out an investigation pursuant to subsection 196B(7) of the VEA, limited to matters relating to the following contents of Statements of Principles Instrument Nos 5 & 6 of 2008 concerning **posttraumatic stress disorder**.

The Authority invites the following persons and organizations to make written to the Authority in respect of the investigation:

- a) a person eligible to make a claim for pension under Part II or Part IV of the *Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986*;
- b) a person eligible to make a claim for compensation under section 319 of the *Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 2004* (MRCA);
- c) an organisation representing veterans, Australian mariners, members of the Forces, members of the Peacekeeping Forces, members within the meaning of the MCRA, or their dependants;
- d) the Repatriation Commission or the Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Commission; and
- e) a person having expertise in a field relevant to the investigation.

The Authority will hold its first meeting for the purpose of this investigation **10 December 2013**.

Under the VEA, the Authority is required to find out whether there is new information available about how **posttraumatic stress disorder** may be suffered or contracted, or death from **posttraumatic stress disorder** may occur, and the extent to which **posttraumatic stress disorder** or death from **posttraumatic stress disorder** may be war-caused, defence-caused, service injury, a service disease or a service death.

Persons wishing to make a submission should obtain a copy of the *RMA Submission Guidelines* from the RMA website (www.rma.gov.au) or by contacting the RMA Secretariat on 07 3815 9404.

All submissions must be in writing and received by the Authority no later than **22 November 2013**.

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- A. The definition of alcohol dependence and alcohol abuse; and
 - B. Any consequential effects on any factors with regard to alcohol dependence and alcohol abuse.
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SPECIAL DATE

- 14th September 2013
Peace Keeping Day
- 15th September
Breakfast Meeting at
Sub Branch Office
- 28th September 2013
Meet and Greet
- 12th October 2013
Palmwoods RSL
Reunion
- 11th November 2013
Remembrance day

I DIDN'T KNOW THAT

- 1) More than half of the coastline of the entire United States is in Alaska.
- 2) Antarctic is the only land on our planet that is not owned by any country. Ninety percent of the world's ice covers Antarctic. This ice also represents seventy percent of all the fresh water in the world. As strange as it sounds, however, Antarctic is essentially a desert. The average yearly total precipitation is about two inches. Although covered with ice (all but 0.4% of it is ice), Antarctic is the driest place on the planet, with an absolute humidity lower than the Gobi Desert.
- 3) Canada has more lakes than the rest of the world combined. Canada is an Indian word meaning 'Big Village'.
- 4) Next to Warsaw, Chicago has the largest Polish population in the world.
- 5) Woodward Avenue in Detroit Michigan carries the designation M-1. So named because it was the first paved road anywhere.
- 6) Istanbul, Turkey is the only city in the world located on two continents.
- 7) The full name of Los Angeles is: El Pueblo de Nuestra Senora la Reina de Los Angeles de Porciuncula it can be abbreviated to 3.6% of its size: L.A.
- 8) The term 'The Big Apple' was coined by touring jazz musicians in the 1930's who used the slang expression 'apple' for any town or city. Therefore, to play New York City is to play the big time- The Big Apple.
- 9) There are more Irish in New York City than in Dublin, Ireland; more Italians in New York City than in Rome, Italy; and more Jews in New York City than in Tel Aviv, Israel.
- 10) There are no natural lakes in the state of Ohio..... everyone is man-made.
- 11) The first city to reach a population of 1 million people was Rome, Italy (in 133B.C.) There is a city called Rome on every continent.
- 12) Siberia contains more than 25% of the world's forests.
- 13) Chances that a road is unpaved in the U.S.A. = 1% in Canada = 75%
- 14) The deepest hole ever drilled by man is the Kola Super deep Borehole, in Russia. It reached a depth of 12,261 meters (about 40,226 feet or 7.62 miles.) It was drilled for scientific research and gave up some unexpected discoveries, one of which was a huge deposit of hydrogen so massive that the mud coming from the hole was boiling with it.
- 15) The Eisenhower interstate system requires that one mile in ever five must be straight. These straight sections are usable as airstrips in times of war or other emergencies.

SUICIDE AWARENESS

The Minister for Veterans' Affairs, Warren Snowdon, announced today that a new website, Operation Life Online, has been launched to assist veterans, Australian Defence Force (ADF) members and their families in learning about suicide prevention.

The website is the latest addition to Operation Life, The Department of Veterans Affairs' (DVA) suicide prevention and mental health resource.

Operation Life Online provides advice and resources for the veteran and defence communities, and is designed to raise awareness of suicide, from recognizing warning signs and risk factors to learning ways to help in times of crisis.

Mr. Snowdon said that Operation Life Online will offer advice to people in need of immediate assistance, regardless of the time of day or their location.

"It is a tool to build resilience and to provide a direct channel to help when needed," he said.

Operation Life workshops are also available for people who are concerned about family, friends, mates or others in the veteran community. Attendance is free and people can register through the Veterans and Veterans Families Counselling Service (VVCS). Tragically, suicide is the leading cause of death in Australia for men under 44 years and women under 34, and current and former serving members of the ADF are not immune from this loss. However, support is available and awareness of suicide risk, could help save a life.

Mr. Snowdon reminded the veteran community that free mental health treatment is available for eligible veterans without the need to lodge a DVA compensation claim, they just need to contact DVA on 133 254.

Access to Operation Life Online is via DVA's At Ease mental health portal www.at-ease.dva.gov.au

Veterans and their families can access 24 hour counselling and support through the VVCS on 1800 011 04. In the event of an emergency, call 000.

VVCS and Veterans Line can be reached 24 hours a day across Australia for crisis support and counselling 1800 011 046.

President's Luncheon Theme 'Women in Service'

Today we are remembering the women that served in all aspects of past and present wars and confrontations. We are celebrating the dedication, support and gutsyness of the women that assisted our troops. Around 78,00 women enlisted in the various services and 6,000 were posted overseas for service with the Australian Army during World War 2.

We are especially remembering the Australian Military nurses that served and sustained their serving brothers through the aftermath of war.

There are now many books being written about the lives of these women and they make most interesting reading, stories that many of us have been unaware of until recently. There were Queensland nurses involved in some of those stories and we have found in the archives some of them with a connection to Beaudesert, Sister Selwyn-Smith sailed on the Dunlance Castle and arrived at Murdos Harbour on the morning on August 5th 1915, then transferred to the HMT Simla the next night they transferred to the pier at West Murdos, were met by a Staff Sergeant with bagpipes playing them into camp. She remembered how desolate it was and that the only person insight was an English Tommy standing by a bag of potatoes. By the 13th August 1915 they were treating 900

patients, carting water from the Greek well 4 miles there and back day and night.

Most of the cooking was done on a small methylated spirits stove and many times the very strong wind frequently blew the bread and jam off the plates.

When the cold weather came many of the men had been frost bitter which resulted in the surgeon having to amputate their feet.

Sister Cynthia Thiedeke another connection to Beaudesert is buried with full honours in the Colombo Kanatte General cemetery in Ceylon or Sri Lanka as we know it today. Other nursing Sister with connection to Beaudesert is Sister Dorothy Harrison, she was one of 8 Army nurses to land at Jacquinet Bay, New Britain, they were among the first white women to return there since the Japanese occupation in January 1942, Lieutenant Martha Willey served in The Australian Military Forces from 1942, Lieutenant Willey has a connection to Beaudesert through her nephew our President Mr. Errol Guilfoyle.

Women have served and today continue to serve in all our Defence Forces, serving our Country with great honour and distinction. We salute you all.

Presented by Ms. Carol Castles ex WRAN Nurse.

THE IMPERIAL CAMEL CORPS

No account of the Australian Light Horse would be complete without reference to the Imperial Camel Corps because many in its ranks were trained as light horseman, and on its disbandment the Australian component formed the nucleus of the 5th Australian Light Horse Brigade.

An urgent need of the desert war in Egypt was met by the formation of the Imperial Camel Corps which served first against of the Senussi on Egypt's western frontier, and early in 1916 was transferred to the eastern frontier against the Turks.

The corps was raised by calling for volunteers from all the British forces then in Egypt and returning from Gallipoli, and included men from Britain, India, Australian, New Zealand; in fact the main component consisted of Australians. Of the four battalions, each approximately 700 strong, two and a half battalions were Australians. They were mounted on fast riding camels from the Sudan and India, and organized for field operations as a Brigade including Monk-Kong and Singapore Mountain battery of six nine pounder guns of all Indian personnel and Scottish machine gun company of 8" Vickers. With a Welsh Field Ambulance it was a truly Imperial formation. The camels, of which the Brigade had approximately 3,500 including remounts, were purely for mobility, the troops fighting as infantry. It was largely due to their mobility in waterless country that they were invaluable in desert operations. They moved at about four miles per hour and could engage in operations extending up to 7 and even 8 days without water, the animals each carrying about 8 gallons for their riders and sufficient grain for themselves, The Brigade was commanded by Brigadier General C.L. Smith VC, MC.

No1 Battalion was commanded by (then) Lieutenant Colonel S.F. Lanley DSO who later became principal of Melbourne Boy's High School, and commanded an Infantry Brigade in World War II. Survivors of the Corps are found through Australia and New Zealand as well as Great Britain. Esprit de Corps was very strong amongst Camelliers.

After training in Egypt early in 1916, the Brigade played an important part in the battle of Romani in Sinai, then at Magdaha ba, Rafah and in the battles of Gaza. It was due to its mobility that it was generally thrown into battle between and horsed troops and the infantry. They were a formidable fighting force as they were able to put about 1,700 rifles, over 50 Lewis guns, 8 Vickers and 6 nine pounder mountain guns into the firing line - more than twice the strength of a light horse Brigade.

At time first battle of Gaza they lost some 600 killed and wounded and succeeded in fighting their way across the main Gaza - Beersheeba road when they were ordered to retire due to tragic disagreement between the force commanders. In all the battle casualties of the Brigade in these and succeeded battles at Kheweilfeh (Beersheeba), the Jordan Valley and trans-Jordan amounted to over 1,600 officers and men, a very high tally for any mounted formation.

Such was the Brigade's reputation it was described by General Allenby as "that fine fighting force". It fought in practically every battle in Egypt and Palestine from early 1916 until early 1918, when owing to the nature of the terrain the camel could not effectively operate, and so the Brigade was disbanded.

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VALE 2013

Fredrick Hodel 19th January 2013

Darcy Finglas 25th March 2013

Leslie Hume

John Sinclair-Paton 11th April 2013

Trevor Stroud-Watts 29th June 2013

Lest We Forget

Bits and Pieces

Thank you to the RSL bus

Terry Adams from Tamborine is full of praise for the RSL bus and its volunteer drivers.

"On behalf of all the patients transported from their homes to the hospital and clinics where they receive medical treatment for their illness, I would like to thank the volunteer drivers and staff of the sub branch of Beaudesert for giving their free time to take us for treatment. I would also like to thank the women and men who helped raise monies for the purchase of vehicles to use," he said.

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Health Information

Do you have feelings of inadequacy?

* Do you suffer from shyness?

* Do you sometimes wish you were more assertive?

If you answered yes to any of these questions, ask your doctor or pharmacist about Cabernet Sauvignon. Cabernet Sauvignon is the safe, natural way to feel better and more confident about yourself and your actions. It can help ease you out of your shyness and let you tell the world that you're ready and willing to do just about anything.

You will notice the benefits of Cabernet Sauvignon almost immediately and, with a regimen of regular doses, you can overcome any obstacles that prevent you from living the life you want to live. Shyness and awkwardness will be a thing of the past and you discover many talents

you had. Stop hiding and start living.

Cabernet Sauvignon may not be right for everyone. Women who are pregnant or nursing should not use it. However, women who wouldn't mind nursing or becoming pregnant are encouraged to try it.

Side effects may include:

Dizziness, nausea, vomiting, incarceration, loss of motor control, loss of clothing, loss of money, loss of virginity, delusions of grandeur, table dancing, headache, dehydration, dry mouth, and a desire to sing Karaoke and play all-night rounds of Strip Poker Truth or Dare, and Naked Twister.

Warnings:

* The consumption of Cabernet Sauvignon may make you think you are whispering when you are not.

*The consumption of Cabernet Sauvignon may cause you to tell your friends over and over again that you love them.

* The consumption of Cabernet Sauvignon may cause you to think you can sing.

* The consumption of Cabernet Sauvignon may create the illusion that you are tougher, smarter, faster and better looking than most people.

Please feel free to share this important information with as many people as you feel may benefit!

Now just imagine what you could achieve with a good Shiraz.....