

THE VOICE

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Korean Film Festival Opening



Like Australia, South Korea has its own film industry and, like Australia, it is sometimes left in the overwhelming shadow of its big competitors (China, in South Korea's case). To help differentiate its product with that of its Asian neighbours, the Australian Centre for the Moving Image in association with KOFFIA 2011 held a festival of Korean movies from 10-13 September, at the ACMI cinemas in Federation Square, Melbourne.

On Saturday 10 September at 3.30 pm, a mixed crowd of Korean nationals, those of Korean descent, film buffs and other interested people, filled the area outside the cinema for drinks and nibbles to kick off the festival. *Kick-off* is the appropriate word, for the reception was followed by a free screening of *A Barefoot Dream*, a film about **football**. The perfect subject for September in Melbourne.

Unfortunately, it was about that heretical code, soccer, played by the unenlightened rest of the world and not the true football known as AFL.* Even worse, it was shown on the afternoon of the Collingwood vs West Coast final at the MCG. Note to organisers: you might want to consider holding the next festival in early October.

For those who couldn't make it, *A Barefoot Dream* is the inspiring true story about a former professional soccer player who flees to newly independent East Timor when his business ventures in Indonesia collapse. There he finds himself coaching the national youth team.

For details of the other movies shown at the festival go to: www.koffia.com.au

*No, you NSW and Queensland heretics, rugby is NOT *football*. As players rarely kick the ball it is more a mobile *pass-the-parcel*.

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KVAA Inc. pocket badge	\$10.00	\$	Kapypong battle print	\$ 5.00	\$
KVAA Inc. lapel badge	\$10.00	\$	RAN print: Ships in Korea	\$ 5.00	\$
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President's Report



Vic Dey, National President, KVAA Inc.

The annual Memorial Service at St. Georges Church in East St. Kilda on Sunday 21 Aug. was, as usual, a memorable ceremony. The Church is already planning for the 2015 Service when it will be 100 years since the late Rev. A Gillison (a past Minister) was KIA at Gallipoli in 1915.

Our sincere thanks to the Ringwood RSL for hosting a luncheon for just under 100 veterans, wives and widows on Sunday 21 August. A wonderful luncheon, a great day, and again many thanks to the President, Members and Staff of the Ringwood RSL. Deeply appreciated.

The Veterans Digital Storytelling Project, being run by the Government in partnership with the Australian Centre for the Moving Image (ACMI) and the Shrine of Remembrance, recorded stories told by 12 Veterans over three days (Sept. 7-9). The stories and photos, along with appropriate background music will be preserved on a DVD for future generations. Ms Patricia Pollard and her staff are to be congratulated on the manner that they encouraged and assisted all veterans. No pressure, and we were made to feel relaxed by their attitude to us. The completed DVD will be finished in a couple of months and each veteran will receive a personal copy.

The upcoming Commemoration Service at Point Cook to be held on 19 October has become an annual ceremony, whereby those in attendance pay homage to our RAAF comrades who paid the supreme sacrifice during the Korean War. The ceremony is followed by a luncheon at the RAAF Sgt's Mess, Laverton.

The annual Korea Veterans Reunion to be held in Canberra on 21-22-23 October is taking shape with both Mrs Heather Wilson and Mrs Wendy Wade again working extremely hard to ensure that all present over the three days have a most enjoyable time. Their efforts over the past few years has been impeccable. So this year should prove a rewarding ceremony at the National Korean War Memorial at midday on the 22nd, and an entertaining evening with dinner and music of the 50s. Plenty of time to mix and chat with fellow veterans/wives/widows from interstate.

Summer on the way, warmer weather, less aches and pains, I hope. Take Care.

Media Releases Summary

The following is a summary of three recent media releases from the Department for Veterans' Affairs that may be of interest:

- **Pension Rate Increase.** Pension rates for some 320,000 veterans, partners and war widows and widowers increased on 20 September 2011. The increase was part of the bi-annual pension indexation process and will affect all DVA pensions, including the Service Pension, War Widow Pension and Disability Pension.

- **POW Recognition Payment.** Eligibility for the Prisoner of War Recognition Supplement payment commenced on 20 September, with the first full payments beginning on 6 October 2011. The \$500 fortnightly Supplement is a special recognition for Australians who experienced the harsh conditions of captivity during the WWII and the Korean War. More than 35,000 Australians were imprisoned during these conflicts. It will be paid in addition to existing Department of Veterans' Affairs (DVA) and other Commonwealth benefits. It is tax-free, exempt from the income test and indexed annually in line with the Consumer Price Index. Former prisoners of war in receipt of regular payments from DVA will automatically receive the payment.

For further information go to <http://www.dva.gov.au>

- **TIA & LOE Changes.** The Australian Government has announced the rationalisation of the temporary incapacity allowance (TIA) and loss of earnings (LOE) allowance as part of the 2011-12 Budget. As a result, TIA will no longer be payable under the Veterans Entitlements Act 1986 (VEA) from 20 September 2011, subject to passage of legislation. People receiving TIA, however, may be eligible to receive the loss of earnings allowance.

The Department is writing to existing TIA recipients to advise of the change and ask if they wish to claim the loss of earnings allowance. I anticipate that as a result of this mail-out, your organisation may receive some enquiries regarding TIA and LOE. While the loss of earnings allowance is similar to TIA, it does have several notable differences. The LOE is payable not only to the veteran or member, but also to any attendant who has accompanied them to receive treatment.

There is also no requirement for the period of treatment to exceed 4 weeks as is the case with TIA. However, to receive the LOE allowance, the veteran or member must have actually experienced a loss of earnings caused by the treatment of their incapacity. The LOE allowance is payable at the rate of the lost earnings, limited to a maximum payable amount of the Special Rate of disability pension under the VEA (taking into account the assessed rate of disability pension).

Notices

Sixty Third Regimental Birthday Luncheon

Royal Australian Regiment Association
(Victorian Branch)

Friday 25 November 2011
(5/7 RAR is the battalion to be honoured)

1200 hours for Pre-Dinner Drinks
1230 hours Call to Luncheon
1630 hours Bar Service Closes

Box Hill RSL Upton Room, 26 Nelson Road, Box Hill
(Ample parking available)

\$45.00 per person, includes a three course meal.
Beverages at own cost.

Dress:

Gentlemen - Lounge suit or jacket and tie
with medals or miniatures

For further details and/or an attendance form write to:
the Hon. Secretary, PO Box 94, Greensborough, 3088
or call Bob Richardson (03) 9434 2231
email: bob.rich1@bigpond.com

Seating is limited. RSVP by 14 November.

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Remembrance Eve Dinner

For War Service and National Service veterans and
their spouses.

Date: Thursday 10 November 2011
Time: 6.00 – 9.00 p.m.
Venue: Uniting Church Synod Centre
130 Little Collins Street, Melbourne
Meal: Entrée
Buffet style main course
Dessert of cheese and fruit platter
Coffee and tea. Drinks included
Cost: \$30 per person for veterans and spouses

Guest Speaker: Rev. Jackson Day
“Survivor Missions”

(Jackson Day is a United Methodist minister. He is a founding member and Executive Director, International Conference of War Veteran Ministers. He was a U.S. Army Chaplain in Vietnam in 1968-69. Jackson will speak about the obligation on those who survived their war service. Details of Jackson Day’s visit from the Creative Ministries Network.)

RSVP no later than Friday 28 October.

Please forward your contact details and payment to:
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PO Box 362, St. Kilda 3182

Enquiries: John Bottomley, Director,
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03 9827 8322 or
john.bottomley@cmn.unitingcare.org.au

Looking for Peter Chadwick

I am writing on behalf of my grandfather, Yong Soo Hou, who is a Korean War Veteran and would greatly appreciate help in his search for Mr. Peter Chadwick. Yong Soo Hou served as a Sergeant in the ROK Army from 1950 to 1953 and was attached to the British Commonwealth Division rear HQ in the KATCOM (Korean Augmentation Troops, Commonwealth) section around 1952 to 1953. This was in the Imjin River area.

My grandfather met Corporal Peter Chadwick, in 1952 to 1953, who was in the 1st British Commonwealth Division. Since knowledge of Canada was limited at the time, Peter’s advice was a key reason my grandfather had the confidence and motivation to immigrate to Canada with our family in 1968.

Peter and Yong Soo kept in touch for two years after the Korean War. Peter lived at 26 Halstead Avenue, Salford, M6 Lancashire, England in 1954 and worked for the Daily Express in Manchester. Peter served in the Territorial Army after the Korean War in England in September 1954 with a local unit in the Royal Artillery. Unfortunately, Peter and Yong Soo lost touch after 1954 possibly because Peter might have emigrated to Australia or New Zealand.

My grandfather, in his advancing age, is keen to reconnect and possibly meet with a former comrade in arms. If you are able to help in my grandfather’s search in any way, it would be greatly appreciated.

Matthew Hou
2nd Lieutenant, 1 Service Btn, National Defence
Email: Matthew.Hou@forces.gc.ca

HMAS Goorangai Memorial Service

All ex-Navy men and women, and/or their descendants are urged to attend. Help us to reflect on the loss of the Goorangai with all hands.

When & Where: Sunday, 20 Nov. Assemble 11am at the RSL at 9 King Street, Quencliff. Short march to Ocean View Lookout for service. Lunch at the RSL. *Reservations for lunch essential.*

Lunch reservations to Stan Yates at 3 Berkefield Court, Cheltenham Vic. 3192. Cheques payable to NCCV at \$20/person. Chat to Stan on 9583 6637. For other information or any matter concerning the NCCV please email the address below.

Naval Commemoration Committee of Victoria
Email: naval.commemoration.committee@gmail.com
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Clueless or Clued-Up?

A few days before D-Day on June 6, 1944, British counterintelligence agents swarmed into the Fleet Street offices of the London Daily Telegraph. They expected to arrest the erudite geniuses responsible for one of the cleverest espionage schemes of World War II.

For the month preceding the massive invasion, code words used in the top-secret D-Day preparations repeatedly appeared as answers to the Telegraph's popular daily crossword puzzles. On May 3, the solution to a four-letter word for "one of the United States" was Utah. Military planners cringed, for this was the code name for one of two French beaches where American forces planned to land. The other beach was coded Omaha, and that name turned up as the answer to a clue in the May 22 puzzle, "red Indian on the Missouri."

Eight days later – now less than a week before the invasion – the puzzle asked for the name of a bush that is "a centre of nursery revolutions." The answer: Mulberry, around which children dance a nursery rhyme. It also happened to be the code name for the concrete harbour facilities the Allies planned.

On June 2, nearly on the eve of the hush-hush operation, the Telegraph printed two puzzle solutions, each containing a word that fairly leaped off the page – a page that was now carefully scrutinized every day by concerned investigators: The solutions to the previous Saturday's puzzle included the word Overlord, the blanket code name for the entire D-Day invasion; and the solution to the June 1 puzzle included Neptune, the code for Overlord's naval operations. That was the final straw. Counterintelligence agents descended on the newspaper.

When they arrived, the agents discovered a foggy schoolmaster, Leonard Sidney Dawe, the senior crossword compiler who had been devising the newspaper's puzzles for more than twenty years. Dawe was interrogated, but the agents concluded that he was no nefarious Nazi spy, even though he could offer no reason why the code words sprang from his mind at that sensitive time. The agents remained as puzzled as the puzzle master.

If the puzzle was part of a spy plot, it was singularly unsuccessful. Operation Overlord caught German forces by surprise.

Source: *Library of Curious and Unusual Facts: A World of Luck*, Time-Life Books, Alexandria, Virginia, 1991

Seeing in the Dark

A regular diet of carrots so improved the eyesight of Britain's night-fighter pilots in the Second World War that they were able to sight and shoot down bomber after German bomber. That, at least, was the story put out by the British Air Ministry – and the one which was widely believed by German intelligence.

There is a grain of truth in it. Carrots do contain a substance called carotene, which is converted by the body into vitamin A. Vitamin A, in turn, aids the formation of visual purple, a pigment in the eyes which is essential for good vision in poor light. But other foods, including milk, butter and green vegetables, also contain vitamin A. So extra carrots make no difference to anyone already on a balanced diet.

The real reason for the success of British night-fighter pilots was the chain of radar masts along the south and east coasts of England. The 106m (350ft) high masts could detect a German bomber up to 160km (100 miles) away, giving the RAAF plenty of time to get its night-fighters into the air and onto the attack.

Ironically, radar had first been successfully demonstrated in 1934 by Rudolf Kuhnold, head of the German Navy's Signal Research Division. But by the outbreak of the war, Germany still had not produced an effective radar system – and Britain had.

Source: *Book of Facts*, Reader's Digest (Aust.) Pty. Ltd., 1994

The Bombing of Hawaii

One of the oddest missions ever flown by the U.S. Air Force occurred in late 1935, near the city of Hilo in Hawaii. It seems that the great volcano Mauna Loa was erupting at the time. A large lava flow was advancing in the direction of Hilo at the rate of about a mile a day. As the city was over 30 miles from the volcano, there was no immediate threat to its safety. However, some perceptive airminded officers saw a chance to make a few headlines and offered to stop the lava flow with some well-directed bombing. The offer was accepted. Planning began immediately.

On 27 December the B-10s – America's first "strategic" bombers – of the 23rd Bombardment Squadron took off, flew to the forward edge of the lava flow, and dropped their bombs so accurately as to score twenty "direct hits" on the mushy stuff. Then everyone flew home again. About a week later the lava flow halted its advance. While this development had nothing at all to do with the 23rd Bombardment Squadron, the public relations people went to work immediately, pointing out that the lava had ceased "within a week" of the bombardment. As a result, many people firmly believe the Air Corps had saved the city of Hilo from the fate of Pompeii.

Source: *Strategy & Tactics* magazine No. 119

Queensland Korean War Memorial Ceremony

Report by Ivan Ryan. Pictures by Joan Ryan.

Additional photos by John Moller.

My wife and I attended the unveiling of the Korean War Memorial in the Cascade Gardens, Broadbeach on the 20th August.

The veterans and officials started arriving early and by 9am the activities were starting to take place. Three marquees were set up, one for officials, one for veterans (no wives or carers) and one for performers. The wall of the memorial was very colourful with the white columns displaying 339 red poppies representing the number of service men killed in action. At the smaller columns between the murals, there were different coloured large wreaths of flowers and ribbons.

The program began with singing by two choirs, firstly the Seventh Day Adventists followed by the Brisbane Men's Choir. After the arrival of the official party we were given a welcome by three local aborigines who showed us a kangaroo dance. This was followed by Master Ra who performed a Korean spiritual dance. Then followed the Australian and Korean anthems. Mr Joseph Ahn, President of the Australian Korean War Memorial Queensland Committee, then introduced and welcomed all officials, veterans, friends, community members etc. Following addresses by Mrs Anna Bligh, Premier of Queensland and Assistant Communications for Minister Zu Bong Yoo, the premier and the Consul General were invited to unveil the Memorial of the Australian Army Serviceman. After the blessing of the memorial, many colourful wreaths were laid by all the officials and various ex-servicemen and women's associations.

A bus was supplied to take us to the luncheon and Celebration of Peace at the Albert Waterways Community Centre. After lunch we were entertained by the Seventh Day Adventist Choir and Korean dance and drums groups. A lovely day much enjoyed by the veterans, wives and all the Korean community present.



A Stalingrad Footnote

When the great Soviet offensive of 19 November 1942 left the German Sixth Army encircled at Stalingrad, there were only two possible courses for it to follow: it could attempt a break out with the Russian lines still thin, or it could hold until relieved. Within hours orders came down that Sixth Army was to hold.

This led to the destruction of the entire army. The customary explanation for this decision is to blame it all on Adolf Hitler. While there is a good deal of truth in that, there is some evidence that the disaster was as much a result of the pathologies of military bureaucracy as of Hitler's irrationality.

All German units at the front were required to report their fuel status to general headquarters on a regular basis. This was a routine bureaucratic requirement which helped the brass determine the capabilities of the armies, and was complied with typical German efficiency. However, as with all military organizations, it appears that filing inaccurate fuel status reports was by no means uncommon.

It appears that when each unit reported its fuel reserve it took the precaution of reducing the total by a few percentage points so as to maintain a little bit extra up its sleeve in case of emergencies. As the reports passed upwards – from companies to battalions, from battalions to regiments, from regiments to divisions, and so forth – each higher command deducted a few more percentage points from the reported totals, in order to maintain that little extra.

As a result, by the time the fuel reports passed from Army Group headquarters to *Oberkommando der Wehrmacht*, Hitler's administrative headquarters, the figures were considerably lower than the actual stocks on hand. As a result, when OKW considered the possibility of ordering Sixth Army to break out, it was forced to conclude that there was insufficient fuel on hand to insure success.

This decision, when linked with the Luftwaffe's promise to sustain the pocket from the air and the belief that a massive relief force could be organized quickly, appears to have been at the root of Hitler's decision to order Sixth Army to stand fast. So ironically, the Sixth Army might have been able to break out, had all those reports not been cooked.

Source: Strategy & Tactics magazine No. 130

WWII Factoids

Of the many secret proposals examined by the U.S. during World War II, one was of psychological warfare, which proposed to strike a blow at Japanese morale by painting sacred Mount Fuji red. This was only abandoned after someone calculated how much paint and how many aircraft would be required for the project.

During the Normandy invasion, barrage balloons protecting the British held port of Ouistreham on Sword Beach had to be cut loose and set adrift because, while they helped to keep enemy aircraft away, they provided an excellent aiming point for German coast artillery gunners at Le Havre, over the horizon about 30 kilometres to the north.

During the Japanese attack on Hong Kong in December of 1941, objections were raised when a platoon of Canadian infantry sought to take up "optimal" positions during the last ditch defence of the Stanley Barracks, because enlisted men were prohibited from entering the officers' mess.

The jeep, which went into production during WWII, took its name from the GP – general purpose – vehicle. Other names were tried out, including blitzbuggy, jitterbug, and iron pony. General Patton tried to popularise Peep, but it failed to catch on.

The most expensive military decoration in history is probably the Soviet Order of Victory, created on 8th November 1943 for award to high officers of the Soviet and Allied forces, which consists of a platinum star two inches across enamelled in blue and red and studded with 135 diamonds.

At the start of the German attack in 1941, the Soviet Union faced 98 percent of the combat strength (134 divisions) of the Germany army

In 1941, only one in five of RAAF bombers on raids over Europe managed to land a bomb within five miles of its target.

World War II was the first war in which the bombing of civilians was adopted as deliberate policy. Overall the Germans dropped 74,000 tons of bombs on Great Britain, killing 51,000 people. The Allies dropped nearly 2 million tons of bombs, killing 600,000 German civilians, 62,000 Italians, and more than 900,000 Japanese.

Four Types of Officer

I divide my officers into four classes; the clever, the lazy, the industrious, and the stupid. Each officer possesses at least two of these qualities. Those who are clever and industrious are fitted for the highest staff appointments. Use can be made of those who are stupid and lazy. The man who is clever and lazy however is for the very highest command; he has the temperament and nerves to deal with all situations. But whoever is stupid and industrious is a menace and must be removed immediately!

Attributed to German General, Baron Von Hammersteiner-Equord, Commander-in-Chief, The Reichswehr (no date).

Out & About

50th Anniversary of Diplomatic Ties Between Australia and Korea.



Vic and Edna Dey with outgoing South Korean Ambassador, Dr Woosang Kim, at a dinner at the Eureka Towers, Melbourne.

Tesselaar Tulip Festival: Turkish Weekend

18-19 September 2011



Peter Brooks (right) attempting to chat up a strong and silent model. One of them is a dummy. Your choice which.

2011 Peace Camp For Youth

4 July 2011



Sam Heath, grandson of KVAA Inc. NSW delegate, Merv Heath, and one of the 2011 peace Camp for Youth attendees, with the Member for Robertson, Deborah O'Neill

ANZAC Day

Alexandra Headland (Queensland), 25 April 2011



Editor: Here's one for the Better Late Than Never file...

Bill and Doreen Bailey from Arana Hills attended a rain interrupted Anzac Day service at the War Memorial Wall at Alexandra Headland (near Maroochydore) where a plaque to the late Harold (Dutchy) Atkinson was blessed.

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Maitland Park Ceremony

You would think that the populous Maitland/Hunter Valley region of NSW (near Newcastle) would since 1953 have hosted an official Korean War commemoration or two. After all, the Boer War, WWI & II and Vietnam veterans have received their due. Unfortunately, it took 58 years to so honour Korean War veterans.

On Wednesday 27 July 2011, around 80 people gathered at the cenotaph at Maitland Park for a remembrance service to pay tribute to those who served in "the forgotten war." According to veteran (and KVAA Inc. member), Alan Hunter, "...the organisers, Maitland RSL Sub-Branch, were so pleased with its acceptance that they are going to make this an annual event."



Korea War veteran, David Cunningham, at the memorial.
Picture By Kristy Hodgson.

The Allies Obtain A MiG

by Richard A Gilham

(ex-Leading Aircraftman, No.77 Fighter Squadron, 1953)

The armistice between North Korea and the United Nations was signed on the 27th of July 1953. On the 21st of September 1953, four Meteors had just left their security bunkers at Kimpo and were taxiing to the end of the runway to commence a mission along the 38th parallel to check that the armistice agreement was being adhered to.

The pilots of the Meteors were waiting for two American F86 Sabre jets to take off. Just as the Sabres became airborne, a MiG 15 appeared, travelling at high speed downwind towards them. One Sabre banked to port, the other to starboard. The MiG touched down about one third of the way down the runway and the pilot slammed on the brakes. There was a high pitched screech and large plumes of smoke appeared from the tyres as the pilot attempted to stop before the end of the runway. Unfortunately, he failed and the aircraft came to rest off the end of the tarmac in the dirt. As the Meteors were turning onto the runway, they switched on their gun cameras and took pictures of the MiG. Large prints of these photos were made and pinned up in the canteen later that night, even though the incident was meant to be highly classified!

The Australians were the first to arrive at the scene, and as the pilot, Senior Lt. Kum Sok-No of the North Korean Air Force, was out of the cockpit and walking around the aircraft, one of the Australians relieved him of his sidearm and waited for the military police to arrive. The captured pilot indicated he had broken away from a formation of four aircraft, and when the other three pilots realised what he was attempting to do, they tried to shoot him down. He realised it would have been unwise to attempt a circuit around the base, as the perimeter security battery would have fired upon him. He had decided to fly low over the hills and put the aircraft straight down on the strip.



F86 Sabre Jet (Photo by Author)

The following day an American Globemaster aircraft landed at Kimpo to pick up the MiG and take it to the American base at Okinawa for test flying. The outcome of

the tests indicated the MiG was not as sophisticated as the American F86 Sabre jet which was used in air-to-air combat against it. One of the few advantages the MiG had was the 2x23mm and 1x37mm cannons, as opposed to the .5 machine guns of the F86.

The Americans honoured their original offer, which was \$100,000 to be paid to any MiG pilot who landed his aircraft on an allied airfield, made up of \$50,000 for the aircraft and \$50,000 for the pilot. The offer also included asylum for the pilot in the U.S.A. So far as I am aware, the pilot received the money and subsequently travelled to the States. A rumour went around that he had been killed within four months of arriving there; however, according to the US Air Force Museum site he changed his name, became a U.S. citizen, graduated from University, and was joined by his mother.

Luncheon Invitation

KVAA Inc., in conjunction with Universal Peace Federation and Heidelberg Repatriation Hospital presents a Memorial Service and Luncheon on **18 November 2011**. All Korean War Veterans, their families and friends are invited to a special function at the Heidelberg Repatriation Hospital to observe:

- The 50th anniversary of diplomatic relations between Australia and Korea, and the 61st Anniversary of the Korean War,
- The 1st anniversary of the opening of the Kapyong Maryang San Memorial Bridge and the visit of the Little Angels Korean Folk Ballet to Victoria.

Program:

11:30am Memorial Service at the Garden of Remembrance, 12:00pm - 2:00pm luncheon in the Acacia Room

Program includes :

- Entertainment
- Presentation of the Little Angels Founder's Autobiography to the Korean War Veterans

Cost \$10 pp. **RSVP by 4th November** to Vic Dey [blueydey@bigpond.com.au or Phone: 94672750] or Alan Evered [evered@optusnet.com.au or phone: 98742219]

Military Hierarchy

The General

Leaps tall buildings in a single bound.
Is more powerful than a locomotive.
Is faster than a speeding bullet.
Walks on water.
Gives policy to God.

The Colonel

Leaps short buildings in a single bound.
Is more powerful than a switch engine.
Is just as fast as a speeding bullet.
Walks on water if the sea is calm.
Talks with God.

The Lieutenant Colonel

Leaps short buildings with a running start and favourable winds.
Is almost as powerful as a switch engine
Is faster than a speeding car.
Walks on water in an indoor swimming pool.
Talks with God if special request is approved.

The Major

Barely clears hut.
Loses tug-of-war with locomotive.
Can fire a speeding bullet.
Swims well.
Is occasionally addressed by God.

The Captain

Makes high marks on the wall when trying to leap buildings.
Is run over by locomotive.
Can sometimes handle a gun without shooting himself.
Dog paddles.
Talks to animals.

The First Lieutenant

Runs into buildings.
Recognises locomotives two out of three times.
Is not issued ammunition.
Can't stay afloat with a life preserver.
Talks to walls.

The Second Lieutenant

Falls over doorsteps when trying to enter buildings.
Says "Look at the choo-choo."
Wets himself with a water pistol
Plays in mud puddles.
Mumbles to himself.

The Sergeant

Lifts buildings and walks under them.
Kicks locomotives off the tracks.
Catches speeding bullets in his teeth and eats them.
Freezes water with a single glance.
He is god.

Headlines from 2029

- Ozone created by electric cars now killing millions in the seventh largest country in the world, Little India, formerly known as Australia.
- White minorities still trying to have English recognized as Australia's third language.
- Kookaburra plague threatens North Western Australia crops and livestock.
- Baby conceived naturally! Scientists stumped.
- Iran still closed off. Physicists estimate it will take at least 10 more years before radioactivity decreases to safe levels.
- France pleads for global help after being taken over by Jamaica... No other country comes forward to help the beleaguered nation!
- George Z. Bush says he will run for President in 2032.
- Australia Post raises price of stamps to \$17.89 and reduces mail delivery to Wednesdays only.
- A 10-year \$7.8 billion study concludes that diet and exercise is the key to weight loss.
- Average weight of a Australian drops to 115 kgs.
- Global cooling blamed for citrus crop failure for third consecutive year in Vicindia and New South India.
- Vicindia dams reach 100% capacity. State government pumps excess water to drought stricken New Zealand.
- Climatologists warn of an impending ice age. Recommend pumping carbon dioxide and methane into the atmosphere to warm atmosphere.
- Senate still blocking drilling in Canberra even though petrol is selling for 4532 rupees per litre and gas stations are only open on Tuesdays and Fridays.
- Tasmania executes last remaining Greenie.
- Supreme Court rules imprisonment of criminals violates their civil rights.
- Average height of professional basketball players is now nine feet, seven inches.
- New federal law requires that all nail clippers, screwdrivers, fly swatters, and rolled-up newspapers must be registered by January 2030 as lethal weapons.
- Australian Tax Office sets lowest tax rate at 75 percent.
- Southern Asia (formerly the Northern Territory) voters still having trouble with voting machines.

Maryang San

Outline Chronology of Events

By

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In 2004, Jim Hughes put together in note form the following outline of the battle we know as Maryang San. As it is the 60th anniversary of the battle, it seems appropriate to reproduce it here. If you don't know who Jim Hughes is then you are either a new members of this Association (welcome aboard) or...shame on you! You really should pay more attention. Hint: have a look on the Directory on Page 2. Of course, Major General Jim Hughes wasn't always Major-General Jim Hughes. In 1951 he was the less exalted Lieutenant J. C. Hughes of 4 Platoon and took part in Maryang Sang.

Tuesday 2 October 1951: 3 RAR trucked to the right flank of the Divisional boundary. Companies then moved by foot to individual night harbour positions using a successful deception plan.

Wednesday 3 October: 0300 hrs 4 Pl 'B' Coy commenced the advance. Moonless night and thick fog rose from the River Imjin. 4 Pl advanced some 3 kms to the North. Very good navigation by rotating lead section commanders. Skirted occupied Hill 199 and reached 'Kidney' feature. 4 Pl felt lonely!

0345 hrs 'B' Coy left their night position. Married up with 4 Pl on 'Kidney' feature about 0800 hrs. 'B' Coy obtained surprise by a silent attack on Hill 199, approached in fog from the North East. Own casualties were 3 WIA (including FOO), enemy casualties 5 KIA, 1 PW and 10 WIA. No counter attack.

0415 hrs 'A' Coy left their night position. Relieved 'B' Coy at Hill 199 about 1000 hrs. 'B' Coy returned to 'Kidney' feature. Both Companies dug in helped by enemy mortar and artillery fire! 1 KOSB failed to capture Hill 355. 3 RAR asked to assist.

Thursday 4 October: 'C' Coy captured two 220 features on the North East of Hill 355 and exploited to clear the summit. By 1215 hrs 'C' Coy held Hill 355 and handed over to the Adjutant & Intelligence Officer of 1 KOSB.

Friday 5 October: 'A' Coy launched a series of diversionary attacks across the South face of the features leading up to Hill 317. 'B' Coy captures feature 'Whiskey'. 'D' Coy captures features 'Victor' and 'Uniform'. Because of D Coy's heavy casualties they were reinforced by 6 Pl 'B' Coy. 'C' Coy returns from Hill 355 tasks. Later captured 'Baldy' and top of Hill 317. Reinforced by Aslt Pnr Pl.

Saturday 6 October: 'C' Coy extends its hold on Hill 317 by 9 Pl capturing feature 'Sierra'. Fusiliers failed again to capture Hill 217 and suffer heavy casualties. 3 RAR asked to assist by capturing the 'Hinge' (halfway between Hills 317 and 217). 'B' Coy tasked to capture the 'Hinge' on 7 October and moved to Hill 317.

Sunday 7 October: 0800 hrs 'B' Coy (with supporting fire) attacked and captured the 'Hinge'. Later, 'B' Coy were reinforced by 8 Pl 'C' Coy and 'C' Coy was reinforced by A Tk Pl. Enemy artillery and mortar fire received throughout day. Problems with casualty evacuation and ammunition resupply overcome by terrific effort. From 2000 hrs enemy shelled the 'Hinge' and Hill 317 continuously for 45 minutes. That night the enemy launched three regimental sized attacks on the Australians.

Monday 8 October: The Chinese were allowed to clear the battlefield without hindrance, thus no Australian clearing patrols. 1 KOSB commenced a relief in line of the Australian positions from 0900 hrs. 1 KOSB reported to HQ 28 Brigade that there were 120 enemy KIA 'B' Coy's perimeter at the 'Hinge'.

Postscript: The above article concerned the rifle companies of 3 RAR. It would be remiss of me not to mention the magnificent efforts by Support Company and Headquarters Company throughout the battle in support of the rifle companies. Further information is contained in Robert O'Neill's Official History (Part 2) and *The Battle of Maryang San* monograph produced by Bob Breen, which is full of detail.

A Not So United Kingdom

Within the United Kingdom during World War II, despite the mythos of national unity fostered by the popular media when depicting that era today, socio-economic tensions ran high. For example, despite the fact the *Essential Work Order Act* of March 1941 outlawed all strikes for the duration, during 1943 a total of 1.8 million man-days were lost to such labour disputes. That figure then rose to 3.7 million in 1944.

Source: Strategy & Tactics No. 266 Jan-Feb.2011

Salvage Matters

Among the many problems created by the German "Blitz" on Britain in the Second World War was that of what to do with the rubble. There were several solutions to the problem, some of them quite innovative.

Since many damaged materials could be salvaged, massive conservation effort was launched. This proved enormously successful, and a remarkable quantity of materials was recycled. For example, one instance, a warehouse full of sugar was hit with high explosive and incendiary bombs. When the fire went out some 75,000 tons of sugar had melted into a gooey mass, well seasoned with charred brick and wood and metal. The whole mess was loaded into casks and shipped off to special refineries. There it was processed so efficiently that it yielded some 61,000 tons of sugar fit for human consumption, plus 10,000 tons of residue which were used in airfield construction. Similarly, when nearly 700,000 tons of tobacco went up, it was reprocessed, with the resulting material mixed with lime and used for fertilizer.

Of course, not all the debris was so valuable, since most of it consisted of brick and stone. Nevertheless, uses were found even for these mundane materials. About a million tons rubble from London alone were used as foundation materials in the construction of airfields in eastern England. And a great deal of the rubble from Bristol was shipped as ballast to the United States, where some of it ended up fill along Manhattan's East River shoreline, where it underlies the F.D.R. Drive, thereby serving a dual purpose.

Source: Carl O. Schuster, Strategy & Tactics magazine No. 121.

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Military Humour

You Might be a Career Soldier If...

- your street addresses have been Howitzer Lane, Infantry Street and Helmet Drive...
- when in a strange place and needing a restroom, you ask where the latrine is...
- when you go camping, you first check for possible avenues of approach.
- each page of your vacation atlas has two routes marked.
- you can explain the Gallipoli battlefield better than directions to your house.
- the phone book lists your rank instead of Mr.
- your family calls you "Sir."
- no one understands the stories you tell because of all the acronyms.
- all your jokes begin with "there was this soldier, a sailor and an airman..."
- you ruin the movie for everyone around you by pointing out the unrealistic military scenes.
- you've seen *Patton* enough times to memorize his speech.

Overexposure

In London during World War II, two American privates found themselves sharing the same cell. One private asked the other, who was very hungover, "How did you manage to get arrested?"

"Well, I was out very late on a binge with a friend and he advised me to take off my uniform and shoes when I got to the barracks, and sneak up the stairs quietly so that the sergeant wouldn't wake"

"So what happened?"

"Well, when I got upstairs I found I was on top of a double-decker bus without any clothes on."

A Billet For Everyone

The recruiting officer had a hard time trying to determine to which branch of the service he should assign this volunteer. The trouble was that the would-be warrior was so dumb he could only count to ten.

"Where shall we place him?" he asked his assistants at the recruiting centre.

"Let's send him around to different camps to referee boxing bouts," suggested one.

Another had a better idea.

"Let's send him to a missile unit. He'll be very good at a countdown."

A Chief Of Staff Recruits A Pilot

The chief of staff of the US Air Force decided that he would personally intervene in the recruiting crisis affecting all of our armed services. He directed a nearby Air Force base that will be opened and that all eligible young men and women be invited. As he and his staff were standing near a brand new F-15 Fighter, a pair of twin brothers who looked like they had just stepped off a Marine Corps recruiting poster walked up to them.

The chief of staff walked up to them, stuck out his hand and introduced himself. He looked at the first young man and asked, "Son, what skills can you bring to the Air Force?"

The young man looks at him and says, "I'm a pilot!"

The General gets all excited, turns to his aide and says, "Get him in today, all the paper work done, everything, do it!" The aide hustles the young man off. The general looks at the second young man and asked, "What skills to you bring to the Air Force?"

The young man says, "I chop wood!"

"Son," the General replies, "we don't need wood choppers in the Air Force, what do you know how to do?"

"I chop wood!"

"Young man," huffs the general, "you are not listening to me, we don't need wood choppers, this is the 21st century!"

"Well," the young man says, "you hired my brother!"

"Of course we did," says the general, "he's a pilot!"

The young man rolls his eyes and says, "Dang it, I have to chop it before he can pile it!"

How To End a Tantrum

As a crowded airliner is about to take off, the peace is shattered by a 5-year-old boy who picks that moment to throw a wild temper tantrum. No matter what his frustrated, embarrassed mother does to try to calm him down, the boy continues to scream furiously and kick the seats around him.

Suddenly, from the rear of the plane, an elderly man in the uniform of an Air Force General is seen slowly walking forward up the aisle. Stopping the flustered mother with an upraised hand, the white-haired, courtly, soft-spoken General leans down and, motioning toward his chest, whispers something into the boy's ear.

Instantly, the boy calms down, gently takes his mother's hand, and quietly fastens his seat belt. All the other passengers burst into spontaneous applause.

As the General slowly makes his way back to his seat, one of the cabin attendants touches his sleeve. "Excuse me, General," she asks quietly, "but could I ask you what magic words you used on that little boy?"

The old man smiles serenely and gently confides, "I showed him my pilot's wings, service stars, and battle ribbons, and explained that they entitle me to throw one passenger out the plane door on any flight I choose."

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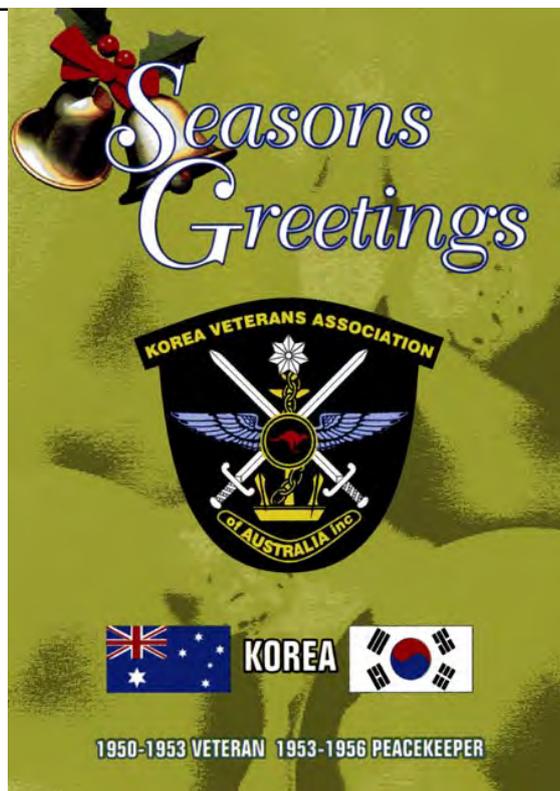
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Fog of War...A term used to describe a sense of confusion that seems to overtake a Commander at the commencement of a battle.

Sonnet No. 5

New morning sun brings forth her warming rays
while dying leaves drift gently to the ground.

Approaching winter soon will dampen days,
when ice will hang from barren trees abound.

Korea's changing beauty I have seen,
penned every scene for all the world to read.

I miss so much your sparkling eyes of green,
while for your love, my heart again will bleed.

The freezing snow will cover all that lives

I hope I will survive this daily fight.

A priest once said that Jesus Christ forgives,
though what I do, he could not see as right.

My helmet sits upon my weary head -

My rifle, now replaces pencil lead.

David J Delaney

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For my Uncle, Lawrence George Delaney,
1st Battalion RAR, who served in Korea.

Farewells

Stanley Barwise, 3400133, 3RAR,
on 25 September 2011

Henry Frank Laws, 2401003, 3RAR,
on 25 July 2011

Theo Nowak, 4400012, 3RAR
on 16 August 2011

Walter (Wally) Mackay, 51056, 3RAR
on 14 September 2011

William Albert Ryan, 21142 3RAR,
on 10 September 2011

*I am ready to meet my maker, but
whether my maker is prepared for
the great ordeal of meeting me is
another matter – Winston Churchill*

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The Ode

They shall grow not 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