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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

It is easy for the media and those of us interested in Australia's strategic affairs to focus on the high profile operations being conducted by the Australian Defence Force and the forces of other nations in Iraq and Afghanistan. Even East Timor remains a place of great interest. However, recent media reports indicate the more immediate concerns we face are in the sea gap to the North-West of our continent.

Recently a boat carrying 35 suspected asylum seekers and two crew was intercepted by HMAS ALBANY near Christmas Island. It was the 24th illegal vessel to enter Australian territorial waters in 2010 with over 1200 personnel being detained on Christmas Island! Other media reports have indicated that, as a result of cooperation with Indonesia, thousands of potential illegal immigrants have not left the shores of that country after paying several thousand dollars each to 'escape' various war ravaged countries and undertaking hazardous trips across country and on the seas.

Further afield, HMAS PARRAMATTA and her 192 member crew are patrolling the Persian Gulf and the Horn of Africa. Their task is to provide security to maritime trade routes and conduct anti-piracy operations in the Gulf of Aden and between Yemen and Somalia. These varied but important tasks highlight the ongoing value of Navy assets in contributing to our security.

Meanwhile, in Afghanistan last month, a key Taliban insurgent commander was captured in an operation led by Afghan National Security Forces and the Australian Special Operations Task Group. It was reported that the Taliban commander had been responsible for directing attacks and roadside bombings against local civilian, Afghan and international security forces. This critical operation not only removed a key member of the Taliban but also reinforced to local people that the infant Afghan legal and justice system will be effective in building peace and security in their country.

Concurrently with these operations, an Australian-run Trade Training School is teaching young Afghan men valuable carpentry skills in Tarin Kowt. The School, established by the Australian Defence Force's First Reconstruction Task Force in 2006, has graduated around 200 young Afghan men. One of those graduates, who has been with the School since its inception, now holds carpentry qualifications similar to that of a 4th year apprentice in Australia and trainer qualifications in plumbing, and is currently teaching other young Afghans. As local work grows the skills learned at the School benefit the local community.

Brigadier Tim Hanna, AM

MONTHLY LUNCHEONS

Monday, 12 April 2010

Speaker: Mr Andrew Jackman
Director – Maritime, Defence SA

Topic: *"An update on the status of Defence Maritime issues in relation to South Australia".*

Monday, 3 May 2010

Speaker: Mr Stuart Ellis
Leading by Example

Topic: *"Emergency Management and its role in Homeland Security".*

Monday, 7 June 2010

Speaker: Major John Van'T Hof
9th Brigade Transit Security Element
Commander, Operation RESOLUTE

Topic: *"Perspectives of a Transit Security Element Commander conducting operations to protect Australia's borders and offshore maritime interests".*

All members are invited to attend our luncheons. Indeed you are encouraged to invite partners, friends and colleagues to join us and, if they like what they see and hear, to nominate them for membership. Please book in advance. If you are unsure whether or not your name is on the booking list, please check!

The dress code for the luncheon is neat casual, taking into consideration weather conditions. We usually assemble in Building 34A, Keswick Barracks, Keswick, at approximately 11.30 am for drinks and good fellowship. Members are asked to be seated by 12 noon when our President welcomes members and guests and lunch is served. The cost of the buffet is \$20 for members and first time guests and \$25 for non-members. We also conduct a raffle to help cover expenses. Our caterer has agreed to provide vegetarian meals and sweets for diabetics, but these must be ordered before midday on the Thursday before the lunch.

For those who do not have time to enjoy lunch, but wish to hear the lecture, chairs are provided around the perimeter of the hall. Please be seated before 12.55 pm, as the guest speaker will be introduced at 1.00 pm. The address is of about 30 to 35 minutes duration with 15 minutes for questions, after which coffee or tea is available. We aim to complete the program by 2.00 pm.

Cancellations must be advised to the RUSI-SA Office by midday of the Friday before the lunch. Subsequent cancellations will attract a fee of \$20. The caterers must be notified of the number attending by then and that number must be paid for.

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CURRENT ISSUES BRIEFING

Thursday, 15 April 2010

Speaker: Brigadier Philip Winter, CSC
Commander, Counter Improvised Explosive Devices
Task Force

Topic: ***“The Improvised Explosive Device Threat in
Areas of Operation”.***

Location: Bld 34A, Keswick Barracks

Timings:

6.00 to 6.30 pm Light meal and refreshments

7.00 to 8.00 pm Presentation and questions

8.00 to 8.30 pm Coffee and chat.

6.00 to 7.00 pm – Light Meal and Refreshments

Cost: \$25 per person, including the light meal and
refreshments

“Supporting Medical Research at the Repatriation General Hospital”

Ms Chris Jenner

Foundation Daw Park Incorporated

Presentation to the RUSI-SA luncheon
on 1 February 2010



Chris Jenner, Executive Director of Foundation Daw Park based at Repatriation General Hospital, Daw Park was our Guest Speaker for the February luncheon.

Appointed as Executive Director of Foundation Daw Park three and half years ago, a key focus area for Chris was to build the brand and profile of Foundation Daw Park with the Corporate, Academic/Research sectors as well as with the Defence organisations to create fund-raising opportunities, while at the same time build and strengthen strong connections with the community. Having been in the corporate sector for most of her working life, always with a personal involvement in community, it was with pleasure and a sense of excitement that she accepted and took up this role- very much because of the long, past and current involvement of her family in military service.

Australians are proud of our past and present service personnel and the roles they have and do play in defending our country, maintaining peace, and protecting our way of life. This is reflected in the increasing numbers, including the elderly through to the very young, attending ANZAC Day services and marches, visits to historical ANZAC Cove etc. We want to remember and demonstrate that we care about those service men and women who have served our country and those men and women who continue to do so.

The Foundation was established by Veterans in the 1990s because of their deep respect and love for the iconic Repatriation General Hospital (The Repat) which was established in 1942 to specifically provide health care to veterans and their families.

Today, the Repat is a 300 bed acute care training hospital that has strong affiliations with a number of research facilities, some of which have co-located with the hospital. It also has solid teaching foundations in all health disciplines, with a range of educational institutes, including Flinders University of South Australia

The Foundation's objectives were and are to raise funds and support medical research and facilities to benefit all veterans and the wider community using The Repat for their health

needs. To date, through the generosity of our wonderful supporters the Foundation, through its annual Grants Program, has provided almost \$800,000 towards research projects at The Repat, including: -

- Bowel cancer
- Sleep disorders
- Orthopaedics
- Diabetes
- Memory disorders
- Swallowing disorders
- Heart
- Mental health
- Spinal injury
- Stroke
- Nursing and
- Rheumatology.

Facilities provided include: -

- Wheelchairs
- Patient take-home kits
- Hexapod robot – orthopaedics
- Bariatric beds
- Computer for therapies
- CD players – patient relaxation
- Chapel CCTV upgrade and
- ECG machine – diabetes.

In 2006 the Foundation restructured at both the Board level and operationally with a focus on being sustainable in fast-changing and competitive environment. With this accomplished, at a strategic planning day held in May 2008, we set upon a journey towards 2020 when, based at The Repat, we envisaged that we would be a nationally recognised organisation significantly funding and supporting medical research into veteran health.

Since commencing our journey, we have embedded strong relationships with the Defence Industry, Academia, and Business generally. We have also developed a strong interactive relationship with the 3rd Health Support Battalion at Keswick Barracks, the Centre for Military and Veteran Health and similar organisations. All these relationships are dynamic and vital in ensuring the future success of the organisation.

Our high level corporate board, chaired by Commodore Bob Willis RANR, and our Patrons, His Excellency Rear Admiral Kevin Scarce AC CSC RANR, Governor of South Australia, Graham

Cornes, and the Hon Alexander Downer have been important in assisting us through their support of and attendance at our events, and continued interest in our development and growth.

The introduction of our program of major events and associated sponsorship has been key to building our brand and profile. These events; Remembrance Business Breakfast, ANZAC Commemoration Gala Ball, and last, but certainly not least, our South Australian Defence and Veteran Research Paper Day, have been recognised as relevant, have grown in popularity and attracted increased support since their introduction. In addition, a matrix of smaller events and activities from corporate boardroom luncheons to supporter morning teas and more, have been introduced to provide opportunities to continue to build relationships, create introductions and nurture interest and commitment to our cause.

In posing the important question as to why we should be supported, I return to my original comments that Australians deeply care about our Service men and women; old and young; past and present. Their continued interest in the ANZAC spirit attests to that! Foundation Daw Park, based at the historic and iconic Repat, provides people with the opportunity to personally make a difference to the health and wellbeing of past and current Veterans and their families. In turn, the learnings from the research undertaken flows on to benefit community, hence our Vision: Healthy Veterans and Healthy Community.

Ladies and gentlemen, I invite you today to consider supporting the Foundation. There are various opportunities in which you can choose to be involved or supportive, including: membership, donations, volunteering, attending our events, making a gift, or providing a legacy. I invite you also to visit our website; **www.foundationdawpark.org.au** for further information.

"The RSL and its Role in Defence."

Ms Samantha Jackman

Chief Executive Officer of the
Returned Services League of South Australia

Notes from the luncheon presentation
given on 1 March 2010.

Introduction

- I am newly out of the Navy and took on the role of CEO of the RSL-SA in June last year.
- Today I will be speaking about the RSL past present and future and its role in promoting informed debate and improving public awareness of defence and national security challenges. To do this I will pose some questions, which face both our organisations and hopefully provide some possible answers.

History

- As many of you are aware, the RSL in SA was formed at the Cheer-Up Hut on 8 December 1915 with the aim of upholding loyalty to our Nation and its Constitution and provide support for veterans who have served their country.

Currently

- Where are we now? We have about 145 Sub Branches scattered all over SA and NT and one in Broken Hill, all doing their best to keep those original aims of the RSL alive and well. We are processing about 400 welfare cases a year within the HQ alone, not to mention making considerable efforts to raise the awareness of veterans issues within both Government and the local community.

Future

Where are we going?

- Younger veterans: post Vietnam, reducing emphasis on 'returned'. The younger generation do not see themselves as veterans.

- Changing perceptions: no longer an old mens' drinking club, promoting awareness of what we do.
- Promoting RSL membership with current serving Defence personnel, becoming relevant, finding out what they want and giving it to them. More family involvement.

How do we achieve this?

- First and foremost we must be relevant to the current generation whilst maintaining our links with the past.
- Modernise our facilities, the old red brick building is a thing of the past.
- Modernise the way we do business, incorporate modern business practices.
- Restructure our organisation. Currently it is large and unwieldy. Make it more effective and efficient, ensure meetings are relevant and that the appropriate decisions are made and enable those in such positions to make them.
- Market ourselves in the modern communications environment, Internet, national database for membership management, e-newsletters, corporate sponsorship.
- More community involvement especially in rural areas, local clubs and sporting teams.
- At the end of the day, if the RSL does not do this we will cease to exist. That's not a maybe; it's a fact.

RSL and RUSI

Do we have a common purpose?

- Raise the issues facing Defence with in the Government and Business community. Be pushy with Government. That's the only way they will get our message but make sure that the message we are pushing is relevant.

- Assist Defence in raising its profile within the community and provide that link between those in and out of uniform. Once Defence sees that both our organisations are achieving outcomes on their behalf we will have more interaction with them.
- Ensuring Defence remains a priority even in harsh economic conditions. Never let the community lower its guard. It's a nasty world out there and no one knows that better than those gathered here today.
- Assisting Defence with perusing a transparency of purpose. Lets face it everybody is happier when they know what's going on. The public will be much more supportive of Defence if they feel they are a part of the bigger picture.
- Finally, ensuring that those inside and outside Defence remember and learn from those who have gone before them. Commemorations, memorials and historical research.

How do we achieve this?

- Relevancy is the key word.
- Adaptability: acceptance of change as being inevitable. Look to the bigger picture and hold firm to the higher purpose, that way we will ensure a bright future for both our organisations.
- Modernise our practices in line with a modern Defence Force. It comes back to relevance: if we provide a picture of an organisation from the Vietnam era it will not be relevant in our modern Defence Force, we must move with the times.

Conclusion

- You all know what I am going to say in conclusion: relevancy, it's the key issue; if we don't establish links with the current generation and give it what it wants, we will cease to exist.

- Both our organisations have many common purposes. We need to work with each other and other ESOs to achieve them.
- Accept that change is inevitable and don't accept the adage that "well that's the way we have always done it" and both the RSL and RUSI will have a bright and successful future.

VALE

The President, Councillors and members of the RUSI-SA Branch extend their deepest condolences to the family and friends of LCDR Ronald Clyde Penglase and Hazel Kruger who passed away recently. Both were dedicated volunteers for the RUSI-SA and will be sadly missed.

LCDR Ronald Clyde Penglase FDSC RFD VRD

Born in 1922, Ron was awarded a DSC during WWII for service on HMAS Westralia, leading a group of landing craft in the Far East. After the war, Ron studied accountancy at the School of Mines and was appointed to the Auditor General's Department where he became the Assistant Auditor General. Ron was a member of the Naval Reserve and helped with training until he retired. He was treasurer of the Victims of Crime organisation and a member of the Freemasons.

A member of the RUSI-SA since 1950, Ron served on the Council as a committee member, vice president and treasurer. He was the organisations auditor for 18 years and was awarded life membership in 1991.



VALE

Hazel Mary Kruger

Hazel was born in Surrey, and was a wartime evacuee to Wales. She emigrated to Australia in the early 1950s and worked in NSW, SA, Victoria and the ACT. In 1984, she joined the RUSI at the invitation of a legacy friend, the late Merle Draper and she really enjoyed being part of the volunteer team.

Hazel's interests included her church, local seniors group and craft classes; she loved to travel to unusual and interesting destinations.

RSL

The RSL would appreciate hearing from anybody who may be able to spend about two hours on Friday, 23 April 2010 anytime from 8.30 am until just after lunch to sell ANZAC badges in the City of Adelaide. Parking is available for volunteers at the

Parade Ground. The funds raised will all go to help the War Veterans Homes, the Ex-service Welfare Bureau and the Darby and Joan Cottages scheme.

Please contact Lew Keough on 8232 0322.

BATTLE OF THE CORAL SEA

Brief Background

From 4 May – 8 May 1942, the American and Australian navies fought together in the Battle of the Coral Sea, which was the first naval battle in history in which the opposing surface ships at no stage sighted or fired on each other - all attacks were carried out by aircraft.

The main Australian involvement in the battle was the allied cruiser force, commanded by Rear-Admiral Jack Crace (the Australian born Royal Navy flag officer commanding the Australian Squadron) comprising HMAS Australia, HMAS Hobart, USS Chicago and three destroyers. This task group was detached from the main carrier group by Admiral Fletcher to intercept and destroy the Port Moresby Invasion fleet that had sailed from Rabaul. Japanese torpedo and high level bombers attacked the cruiser force and although there were no direct hits, the subsequent strafing attacks caused casualties

In the case of the US forces, it was the fighters, dive bombers and torpedo aircraft from the USS Lexington and USS Yorktown which sank one Imperial Japanese aircraft carrier, severely damaged two large fleet aircraft carriers and caused the heavy loss of their experienced aircrews. This prevented these carriers from participating in the Battle of Midway the following month. During the Battle of the Coral Sea, the Japanese severely damaged USS Yorktown and USS Lexington. The latter was bombed and torpedoed, resulting in aviation gas fires and explosions and subsequently had to be abandoned and sunk.

The Battle of the Coral Sea thwarted the Japanese planned invasion of Port Moresby and ended the Japanese expansion southward. The Official History of the Royal Australian Navy

refers to the Battle of the Coral Sea as “Japan's first check.”

Commemoration

The Australian American Association in South Australia commemorates the Battle of the Coral Sea with a service and a dinner-dance, details of which are as follows:-

- **68TH ANNIVERSARY CORAL SEA COMMEMORATION SERVICE**

To be held at the Remembrance Columns in the Adelaide Botanic Gardens
10.30 am Sunday, 2 May 2010.
All welcome

- **68TH ANNIVERSARY CORAL SEA DINNER DANCE AND SHOW**

Festival Centre Banquet Room,
King William Street, Adelaide

Guest Speaker: Commander Michael Doherty
ADC RAN

The formal dinner will be followed by a spectacular USO style show featuring Bob Johnson's Big band with singers and dancers.

Cost \$95 pp includes pre-dinner drinks and a three course meal (\$850 for booking a table for 10)

*7.00 pm for 7.30 pm,
Saturday 8 May 2010.*

***For further information
please phone 8266 0007 or 0400 295 853***

RESERVES

RESERVE FORCES DAY 2010 – SOUTH AUSTRALIAN ACTIVITIES

Reserve Forces Day, which recognises and celebrates the service to our Nation of Australia's Reservists since Federation, will be celebrated in South Australia this year in three centres – Victor Harbor, Mt Gambier and Adelaide.

For the first time, Victor Harbor will conduct a March and celebration of our Reserve Forces on Sunday 20 June 2010. Commencing at 11.00am the March will proceed from Bridge Terrace, into Hindmarsh Road/Torrens Street, Ocean Street and down Coral Street and finish at the Rotunda in Grosvenor Square. The RSL Sub-Branch at Victor Harbor will provide a light luncheon and, during the afternoon, the Australian Army Band Adelaide will be conducting a Band Concert nearby.

At Mt Gambier, a wreath laying ceremony will be held at Vansittart Park at 6.00pm on Saturday 3 July 2010, followed by a Dinner to be held at the RSL & Community Club.

In Adelaide, a Parade and Luncheon will be held at Keswick Barracks on Sunday 4 July 2010, where ribbons will be presented to those Reservists and past Reservists who volunteered to serve overseas in operations or humanitarian missions and who were awarded a medal for that service. They will also receive a Certificate signed by Her Excellency, the Governor-General in recognition of their service. Those eligible to be recognized for their overseas service are asked to contact Captain Barrie Newman, Chairman of Reserve Forces Day Council – SA, PO Box 2183, Kent Town 5071, Tel 8362 1167, email: adelaidemint@bigpond.com

LIBRARY

The following books, papers and magazines have been added to the library recently. Malcolm Orchard provided the reviews. They are available for members to borrow and will be displayed at the next luncheon.

Non-Fiction

“*Arthur Phillip*” by Derek Parker.

In his forward to his recently published biography of Australia's first Governor, Arthur Phillip, Derek Parker notes that over the past two centuries since that appointment, commentators have ‘shown surprise that Arthur Phillip was chosen’.

He asks two questions: was it really so surprising, and, what did the Home Office and Admiralty expect of a man who was to navigate a fleet to the Antipodes, and when he got there, unload its cargo of unregenerate criminals and forge them into some sort of working colony?

Apart from the necessary seamanship, they needed a man with a cool head who understood men and how to control them, a man capable of governing himself, possessed of calm and understanding and a thorough grasp of reality, with complete loyalty to the crown and Government and a determination to plan and carry through an enterprise unlike any other within living memory. Fortunately, there were one or two men at the Admiralty who understood that Arthur Phillip possessed all these credentials.

Here Derek Parker covers Phillip's whole life, with, of course, a strong focus on his selection as Governor, the preparations of the First Fleet, its journey from England, the establishment of the new colony and Phillip's handling of the position of Australia's first Governor – no easy task....

The Royal Caledonian Society of South Australia Inc. donated this book to the RUSI-SA library.

"Fly" by Michael Vetch.

All over the world during WWII, thousands of young men who had never so much as been near an aeroplane left offices, farms and classrooms to learn to fly and fight in the greatest conflict the world has ever seen.

They fought over deserts, cities and jungles as single-engine fighter pilots, in heavy bombers as navigators, gunners and bomb-aimers, or as wireless operators in transport planes and flying boats. How do they feel about their dramatic days in the air? What is it they remember and what do they choose to forget?

Here, Michael Vetch uncovers some of the untold stories from the airmen of WWII: Australian, British and German.

Fly is a tribute to these airmen.

"Churchill and Australia" by Graham Freudenberg.

Winston Churchill was a titan of the 20th century, universally acknowledged as one of the greatest

leaders of his age. Yet his relationship with Australia was a troubled one, marred by conflict from the time Churchill was a junior Minister in 1907 to bitter disputes over the use of Australian troops in WWII.

Graham Freudenberg has written the story of this relationship. It is both an epic told with narrative verve, and an astute portrait of an extraordinary man, revealed with a true insider's knowledge of the political world, and drawing persuasively on previously neglected sources and documents.

"Goodbye Bobbie – One Family's War" by Marilyn Dodkin.

It is 1941. Australia is at war and there are fears of an attack on the homeland. Captain Bobbie Puffett, a doctor serving with the 10th Australian General Hospital of the 8th Division in Malaya writes to his parents Bob and Ethel and sister Del.

When the allies surrender to the Japanese in February 1942, Bobbie is one of the 15000 men of the 8th Division who disappear. It is 18 months before his family knows that he is a prisoner of war, but they continue to write.

This is one family's story told through letters. We learn of everyday life in wartime Sydney and service in the allied forces before the fall of Singapore. Most of all, the letters bring to life the pain of separation.

"An Imperfect God" by Henry Wiencek.

When George Washington wrote his will, he made the startling decision to set his slaves free; earlier he had said that holding slaves was his "only unavoidable subject of regret". Here Henry Wiencek explores the Founding Father's engagement with slavery at every stage of his life – as a Virginia planter, soldier, politician, president and statesman.

Washington was born and raised amongst blacks and mixed-race people; he and his wife had blood ties to the slave community. Yet as a young man he bought and sold slaves without scruple, even raffled off children to collect debts (an incident ignored by earlier biographers). The, on the revolutionary battlefields where he

commanded both black and white troops, Washington's attitudes began to change. He and the other framers enshrined slavery in the Constitution, but, as Wiencek shows, even before he became President, Washington had begun to see the system's evil, and he understood that the problem of this "peculiar institution" would be central to the American experience.

Wiencek's revelatory narrative, based on a meticulous examination of private papers, court records, and the voluminous Washington archives, documents for the first time the moral transformation culminating in Washington's determination to emancipate his slaves. He acted too late to keep the new Republic from perpetuating slavery, but his repentance was genuine. And it was perhaps related to the possibility – as the oral history of Mount Vernon's slave descendants has long asserted – that a slave named West Ford was the son of George and a woman named Venus; Wiencek has new evidence that this could indeed have been true.

George Washington's heroic stature as Father of Our Country is not diminished in this superb, nuanced portrait: now we see Washington in full as a man of his time and ahead of his time.

The above four books were donated by Malcolm Orchard.

"Great Southern Land" by Frank Walsh

A very comprehensive single-volume history of Australia, Frank Walsh's major new book draws on sources from Britain, the USA, South Africa and Canada as well as those in Australia to place the country's history fully in world context.

"Love and Hate in Jamestown" by David A. Price.

Love and Hate in Jamestown is a work of popular history, reminding us of the horrors and heroism that marked the dawning of the American nation.

"The Generals" by Benton Rain Patterson.

In December of 1814, American forces led by Major General Andrew Jackson moved into the city of New Orleans. For the next six weeks, Jackson's ragtag troops of militiamen, free blacks, Indians and pirates furiously defended the city against Britain's elite army, led by Lieutenant General Sir Edward Pakenham. In the bloody confrontation of the two

armies, the American underdog army decisively defeated Sir Edward Pakenham's British troops. Benton Rain Patterson leads readers through a central battle in American military history and subsequently brings the lives of these two great generals into full light.

"1788" by David Hill.

Never before or since has there been an experiment quite as bold as this. Eleven of the tiniest ships sailed for eight months over the roughest of seas, carrying 1500 people, food for two years and all the equipment needed to build a colony of convicts in a land completely beyond their experience and imagination. In Portsmouth, the fleet's preparation was characterised by disease, promiscuity and death. The journey itself was one of unbearable hardship, but also of extraordinary resilience, with the majority of the settlers and exiles making it alive to the new colony at Sydney Cove. There, however, they faced their biggest challenges of all: conflict, starvation and despair.

Combining the skill of a vigilant journalist with the magic of a novelist, David Hill brings the sights, sounds, sufferings and triumphs of the First Fleeters back to life. Journals, letters, reports and pleas to England are all interwoven here with the author's own insight and empathy to convey the innermost horrors and joys of the very first European Australians.

"Seize the Fire" by Adam Nicolson.

In *Seize the Fire* Adam Nicolson, takes the great naval battle of Trafalgar, fought between the British and Franc-Spanish fleets in October 1805, and uses it to examine our ideas of heroism and the heroic. Is violence a necessary aspect of the hero? And daring? Why did the cult of the hero flower in the late 18th and 19th centuries in a way it hadn't for 200 years? Was the figure of Nelson – intemperate, charming, theatrical, anxious, impetuous, considerate, indifferent to death and danger, inspirational to those around him, and, above all, fixed on attack and victory – an aberration in Enlightenment England? Or was the greatest of all English military heroes simply the product of his time, 'the conjuror of violence' that England, at some level, deeply needed?

“Clive Caldwell, Air Ace” by Kristen Alexander.

Clive Caldwell was officially attributed with 27^{1/2} victories and became Australia’s highest scoring fighter pilot in WWII. In addition, he became an ace in both the Middle East and Pacific theatres – the only Australian pilot to attain this status.