

The King Island World War 2 War Service Fund

During World War 2, Raymond (Ray) Heinrich received a Comfort Package or a Money Order from the King Island (Tasmania) War Service Fund, and then corresponded with the Fund.

In August 1940, the Island Fund was formally approved to operate independently from the State of Tasmania. It was run by a group of volunteers, led by Mr John (Jack) Marshall. John was an ex WW1 soldier, also the President of the local Returned Sailors, Soldiers and Airmen Imperial League of Australia (RSSAILA), founded on King Island in 1919. This is now known as the Returned and Services League (RSL) and the King Island RSL Sub branch is still in operation.

The fund distributed packages to locals who had enlisted and other people who had no connection with King Island. As a mark of respect 139 service personnel wrote letters of thanks, totaling approximately 530 letters – they form the basis of the collection. Further information on the Fund and its operation can be found on the Community Page.

The challenges for a service person during World War 2 to write a letter was to firstly find the inclination (often directly related to their mental condition due to combat), time, paper, a writing implement and a place under cover. Occasionally a letter was typed and the paper ranged from high quality to loose scraps, and as the war progressed supplies dwindled. With letterhead paper, naming a unit or organisation, do not assume that was where the person was when writing. Paper was borrowed and passed on to mates. Occasionally, a Telegram was sent where the emphasis was on brevity as each word added more to the cost.

The standard of writing is directly related to the standard of education and sometimes a friend or a Chaplain would write a letter on a person's behalf. Many of the letters were addressed to Mr Marshall (or just Jack), his wife, a member of the voluntary committee, or the RSSAILA. Some letters are very brief while others are detailed and mention other people, or events they have witnessed. The Marshall's also lost their son John while on Active Service, and some writers asked about John or acknowledged his death to the family.

For most of the war, letters were subject to censorship and this is often observed in a cutout section on a page – if the other side was written on it was also deleted. Many letters have the initials or the signature of the person who checked them prior to posting.

What follows is a scan of the original letter and a typed transcript, based on the original. Grammar or spelling has not been changed or corrected, and if more than one letter was written they follow in date order. Some of the original letters, although stored correctly, are very faint and fragile, but all have been included along with undated letters. They are perhaps the only surviving documents written by this person.

Ray wrote 12 letters to the Fund; two each in 1940, 1941 and 1942; one in 1943, four in 1944 and one in 1945. Over this period he was promoted from Private to Lieutenant. Although a South Australian, he lived on King Island before and after WW2, and his neat writing style and letter content reflects his work as a journalist and printer. He mainly expresses appreciation for the items, but occasionally mentions people and places. The Mr Birch mentioned was the proprietor of the King Island News.

RED SHIELD HUTS-HOSTELS
ON SERVICE with the TROOPS



Date 5. 9. 40

From

No. Sx 7717

R. L. HEINRICH

H.Q. Coy., 2/48 Bn.

WAYVILLE

"My strength is as the strength of ten, because my heart is pure"

Sif.

The Secretary
King's Own Service Fund,
London

Dear Sir

Would you please convey to the members of your committee, my very sincere thanks for the parcel which I today received from them.

It may be a source of some satisfaction to you all, & in some way serve as a compensation for the many hours of valuable time you give so willingly, to those who deeply appreciate the fellowships and the tangible expressions of your interest in us all. The spirit that lies behind this gesture, I can personally say, means a great deal to me, & the several months that have elapsed since my departure, have served in no small degree, to strengthen my regrets

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failed to express myself adequately, I
would be very grateful if you could
pass on my heartfelt "Thank you
all" & best wishes.

I am eagerly following King
Island events in the "News", & will
continue to do so.

I am fortunate in having been
chosen among those fellows to form
the 2/48th Battalion in the 1st
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bered as one of A.P.'s greatest.
I hope in the future that you may be
troubled to hear to the 2/48th has
also done its job well & that the
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Sincerely yours

Ralph Pennick
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5.9.40
SX7717
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WAYVILLE
S.A.

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It is the privilege of a newspaperman (even if he has temporarily exchanged his scope of usefulness) to wax somewhat garrulous, but if a mere "thank you" would have sufficed, please don't condemn me as boring, for, with printer's ink still circulating in my veins I am hoping to be able to write the story of how we took Hitlers scalp.

Sincerely yrs
Ray L Heinrich

AUSTRALIAN YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION

Patron: HIS MAJESTY THE KING



with
Australian Defence Forces

Think Clean
Talk Clean
Live Clean
Play the Game

Write Home First

Sx 7717

CPW R. L. HEINRICH

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H/Q Coy

2/48 Bn

WOODSIDE

S.F.

Secretary
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HELP YOUR COUNTRY ECONOMISE - WRITE ON BOTH SIDES.

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Cpl. R.L. HEINRICH 5.11.40
H.Q Coy,
2/48 Bn
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Please pass on my thanks & best wishes

Sincerely yrs
Ray L. Heinrich

We put up the biggest march of this war (in Adelaide) yesterday.

SX. 7717, Cpl. Heinrich, R.L.
H.Q.
1st Adv. Ordnance Workshops,
Australian Imperial Forces,
ABROAD.

11/3/41.

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I trust that everything is well with
you & yours — Believe me, dear Sir, very
sincerely

I remain
no.
Your truly
Ralph R. Smith

P.S. — I hope you won't mind me including
this together with a letter to Bucher
this once — I don't mean I am any type
of appreciative of your kindness — but I am
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I trust that everything is well with you & yours – Again thanking you very sincerely

I remain
Yrs.
Ray LS Heinrich

P.S. – I hope you won't mind me including this together with a letter to Birchie this once – it doesn't mean I am any less appreciative of your kindness – but I am short of stamps until next pay (you have probably had similar experiences) & I wanted to get it away as soon as poss.

Sx 7717 - CPL. HEINRICH, R.L.

1 ORD. W/STAD Coy.

H.F.O.C., H.I.F.

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6/5/41.

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W.A. DIVISION

*Received 14th May.
Arrived 30th May*

KEEP YOUR MOVEMENTS SECRET.

SX.7717,

Cpl. Heinrich, R.L.

1 Aust. Ord. Wkshop. Coy.

A.A.O.C., A.I.F., ABROAD,

8 Jan. 42.

Dear Mr. Marshall,

Please pass on my many thanks for the recent parcel and greetings, and the later Christmas card, to the respective organisations responsible. All arrived in good order and in good time for the festive season. I am no end grateful to you King Island folk who have been wonderfully good to me at all times since I left the Island.

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WRITE ON BOTH SIDES. IT'S A WARTIME ECONOMY.



W.A. DIVISION

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Ray H

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 is has I like to ourselves
 now on two left to ourselves
 we are particular fractions &
 have things going along with
 a real ring
 of not being exactly
 the "bag" are
 crying out
 for

BY AIR MAIL

AIR MAIL
LETTER CARD

IF ANYTHING IS ENCLOSED THIS CARD
WILL BE SENT BY ORDINARY MAIL.

Affix 3d
Stamp
here.

"E. Colorado"
K.D.

WHEN FOLDED THE LETTER CARD MUST CONFORM IN SIZE AND SHAPE WITH
THE BLUE BORDER WITHIN WHICH THE ADDRESS ONLY MAY BE WRITTEN.

S-77
 Sgt. Heinrich
 F.I.F.
 Channel Bank N.S.W.
 Newcastle
 5/7/42
 Dear Mrs Boardman for another
 letter from you & to you
 all for your contin-
 ued kindness
 in the
 matter

24
of gifts which
I have been
somewhat nervous in
acknowledging. Please
let me assure you however
that they are on the list
of the 100s I did receive the ~~honors~~
my friend of detached ^{while} I was still in
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near so I could get on my rights in the way of leave but, so that
get the time off to get on my rights in the way of leave but, so that
are, we cannot get on my rights in the way of leave but, so that
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usual grand job. Not only the "top" is ~~in~~ ⁱⁿ ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~way~~ ^{way} ~~of~~ ^{of} ~~leave~~ ^{leave}
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 Right
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 [Signature]

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“Eldorado”
KI.

SX7717
Sgt. Heinrich R.L
A.I.F.
Chauvel Camp
Muswellbrook N.S.W.

15/7/42

Dear Mr Marshall,

Many thanks from another letter from you & to you all for your continued kindnesses in the matter of gifts which I have been somewhat remiss in acknowledging. Please let me assure you however that they are nonetheless appreciated.

Yes I did receive the parcel of the 10th April while I was still on my period of detached duty at Liverpool.

I naturally got in touch with Birchie as soon as I could & my regrets are that I cannot get the time off to get over & see you all but, as things are, we cannot expect too much in the way of leave.

So John is still “over there” & probably into things from the news each day. The “boys” are certainly doing their usual grand job. My old battalion is probably in the push once more & in spite of the great pleasure of being home again I often wish I could be with those chaps I started off with. I have made a number of attempts of get back to the “foot-sloggers” but this is the hardest show of all to get out off especially now when men with infantry experience are being made additional use of for various things.

Still I guess that in what-ever show we are in we will have plenty to do before long.

Still, enough of that or I will be stepping on the forbidden ground & if the censor gets hold of it, it will be a trifle mutilated.

Life is extremely busy these days up here but that is how I like it. We are more or less left to ourselves in our particular functions & have things going along with a real swing. In spite of not loafing exactly the “boys” are crying out for action in large lumps & will not be found wanting when we start slugging the chaps.

As I believe has been the case almost everywhere, it has been terribly wet & cold back here in the New England Ranges but there are the usual compensations.

The camp is taking shape & is rather a good location in, near proximity, to a quite fair-sized town. It certainly is great to be among the big gum trees again & after the spell of desert life I can take all the rain that we get here.

I have been having a session or two with the dentist of late & have been feeling a bit down in the mouth (that is not meant to be a pun) but this is included just to fill up some of the paper rather than for it being an interesting point.

I haven't met any of the boys I know since my return & I am still trying to catch up with my two young brothers. As far as I can make out, we are in three different states & these camps are generally off the beaten track so that periods of leave (which are few and far between) do not allow too much in the way of de tours.

Had the opportunity not long ago of getting back to see the wife in South Australia but it was a matter of five days with a day & a half at home. However it was a break & one can now wait a few months to get the chance again if... (& “if” always stands out these days).

Well I must close for now with regards to all that might be interested, & to your-self in large measure

Sincerely yrs

Ray L Heinrich

5777
Lieut J. Zemancho
No 5 Post C.O.V. Base
4/9. F.M.F. School
Ingleburn N.S.W.
2/12.

Dear Mrs. Marshall

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Ray Bennett

SX7717
Lieut R L. Heinrich
No 5 Post O.C.T.U Course
H/Q E.T.M.E School
Ingleburn N.S.W.
2/12. [1943]

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SF 7717
Lieut R. L. HEINRICH
7118 First Base Workshop
Guantanamo 19.

Dear Mr. Boardell
Was home recently
in St. John the Baptist
and arrived from you
pleasure this. Please
accept my very warm
thanks again & love to

you personal note on the
back of the enclosed card.
It means a very great
deal to me, from such
friendly expressions, that
one is not forgotten by folks
who whom he has lived
so very much latter
days.

Just as I am
making the list of the
listed conditions of "Some-
where in latter years
land" waiting for the most
now which will take
me to see latter days
(in more ways than one).
Had the pleasure of
meeting up with Lieut
Ted Jett a few days
ago (he is posted to a
post near here). You
will probably recall
him as having carried
out relieving duties at the

back on the Island, he
asked me when writing, to
say a general hello to his
friends there.

So much for now has
been. There is not much
that I can say, & perhaps
if there was it would be
the type of note which
the "papers" that he says
is tedious. At any rate,
it is not yet to say yet.

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SX7717
Lieut. R. L. HEINRICH
2/118 AUST BDE WKSHOP
AUSTRALIA 10/1 [1944]

Dear Mr Marshall

I was home recently in SA. when the Canteen Order arrived from you folks over there. Please accept my very sincere thanks again & also for your personal note on the back of the enclosed card.

It means a very great deal to know, from such tangible expressions, that one is not forgotten by folks with whom he has lived in very much lazzier days.

Just now I am making the best of the heated conditions of "Somewhere in Northern Queensland" waiting for the next move which will take me to even hotter spots (in more ways than one). Had the pleasure of meeting up with Lieut Ted Trott a few days ago (he is posted to a spot near here). You will probably recall him as having carried out relieving duties at the bank on the Island. He asked me, when writing, to say a general hello to his friends there.

So much for now however. There is not much that I can say & perhaps if there was it would be the type of news which the "powers that be" say is taboo. At any rate, it is OK yet to say yet

All the best to all who might be interested

Sincerely yrs

Ray H

SX.7717,
Lieut. R.L. HEINRICH,
DDMG,
1 Aust Corps (AIF),
AUSTRALIA,
26 Mar 44.

Dear Mr. [unclear]

Many thanks for another parcel from the Service Fund committee. Please convey my very sincere thanks to them all. There is no question that you are doing a really great job on the Island for the boys that have gone away. With the news much brighter these days than they have ever been it is to be hoped that it will not be long before we are all thanking you in person. When I say that the news are brighter I do so because I think that we can afford to disregard the apparent annoying delays in some quarters because, after all, things can always be worse and by jove they have seemed bad at times in those early days. I don't think that it will be long at all before we come out right on top of things.

I don't know if I have written you since I met Len Morrison some time ago. I have not had many opportunities of meeting King Island boys but when I do it is the immediate signal for a long train of reminiscences. Believe me, I do miss the times I once spent on the Island and you can take it that I will very smartly moving back

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Talking about letters, I had an experience recently when, after a long letter-less period, I was inundated by fifty letters in one mail. Ye Gods !! I questioned my ability in the first place to even read them all but that has now been accomplished and I am now making good progress in replying to them too. It is really a newspaperman's dream but it staggered even me for the moment. Also, about the same time, I received the first of my Christmas parcels which has been following me for the best part of three months. In spite of this it was in first class order.

Of course, this parcel I acknowledged from you was dated the 8 Mar. and therefore made fairly good time.

Life continues to proceed quite uneventfully

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How are your boys ? I have heard nothing of them except for your occasional comments. I hope that they continue to have the best of luck and are well. Please give them my regards and also anyone else who might be interested in my doings. If they care to drop me a line I will do my best to reciprocate although I cannot promise much in the way of news.

Unlike the the conditions further south, we have had no end of rain with upwards to ten inches in a matter of four days at one stage. Just now there is still plenty of rainbut of a more subdued variety than the first part of it. It is certainly a contrast to what conditions were like when I began my travels again in December for the "drink" was then very scarce.

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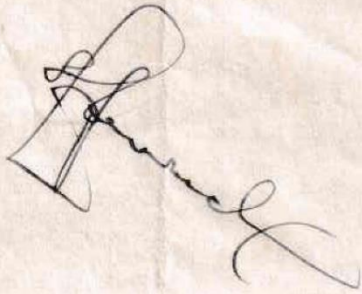
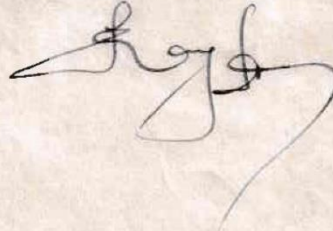
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LEUT. R. W. FEINRICH
1/2 BATT. INF. T.P.S. WEST
FUST. REG. 412
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Regards to all of you
Ever truly yours
J. E. M.

has no end indeed to
my fact that not long
ago as I have not so far
King Island in my travels
J. E. M.

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KING ISLAND

SX. 7717
LIEUT. R L. HEINRICH
2/2 AUST. INF. TPS. WKSP
AUSTRALIA
27/7 [1944]

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All continues to be well with me although I am having a very busy time.

Guess you will all be feeling as happy as we up here at the splendid nature of the war news.

Perhaps it will not be in many months ere I will be saying my thanks to you in person for your consistent kindnesses during my absence

Regards to all of you

Sincerely yrs

Ray L H

Was no end pleased to meet Jack Keating not long ago as I have met so few King Islanders in my travels R L Heinrich

S-7717
LEUT. R. L. HEINRICH
2/2 Aust. Inf. Tro. Wksp. A.E.M.E.

H. R. G. L. D.
28/11

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I trust that your
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Sincerely yrs.

Ray L Heinrich

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R L Heinrich

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S. 1111
LEUT R. H. HENRICH

1222 AUST. INF. TRS. WYSP. A. E. M. I.

Australia

29/5.

Dear Mrs Marshall

I am indebted to the League Service Fund for a parcel & I would be pleased if you would pass on my thanks to those responsible. I don't think there is any other community in Australia who are so consistent in their attention to their soldiers & service men generally. I do very sincerely appreciate these gifts not only from the point of view of their usefulness but for the spirit which motivated the gifts.

Let me hope long that I can express my thanks personally for one of my first letters of call with King Island.

You may or may not have guessed that I have again gone on my travels & on a good way from the shores of Australia at this moment. I suppose you all are getting a lot of satisfaction at the fact that the A.I.F. has the flag flying once again & we are all very confident that the day is not far distant when we will be knocking at the door at Tokio with the same message as they gave to Germany. I guess it will probably be a pretty hard road but I will be worthwhile.

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Please pass on my kindest regards
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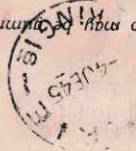


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