

The King Island World War 2 War Service Fund

During World War 2, Cecil Bramich 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.

Cecil wrote seven letters to the Fund from March 1943 to October 1945, where he expresses his appreciation.

TX 11616
2nd Branch Off.
9th A.C.S. 14 IF.
Australia
17-3-47

The Secretary,
King Island War Comforts Fund.

Cassie

King Island.

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I remain

Yours faithfully
Beal Bramich

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Pte Bramich C H.
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17-3- '43

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Pte. Brammich H.
109 St. H.C.S. & I.F.
Australia

16-6-'43

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In Conjunction with
Y. M. C. A.



(Use Official Address only)

From No. JX11616

Name Pte. Bramich L.H.

Unit or ~~Cross~~ 109 H.C.S. H.I.F. Australia Date 19/12/43

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MAIL YOUR LETTERS A.P.O.

DO NOT MENTION MILITARY ACTIVITIES.

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Pte. Bramich CA
107 A.C.S. H.Q.

Australia

30/12/43

Mr. J. E. M. Marshall
President King Island Sub. Branch.
P. S. S. & A. I. A.

Dear Sir,

Would please accept
my thanks and acknow-
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Yours gratefully
Bill Bramich

John

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Cpl. Bramich C.M.
109 A.C.C.S. A.I.F.
ABROAD.
17/12/44.

The President
R. S. L. Sub Branch
King Island.

Dear Mr Marshall

I am writing you to offer my heartfelt thanks and appreciation for the canteen order and Christmas card I recently received from the R. S. L. sub branch.

Would you please pass my thanks on to the other members.

It makes one feel real good to know the folk back home have not forgotten you.

yours Sincerely
Ceil Bramich

Handwritten signature or mark.

IMPORTANT—Any reference to shipping or troop movements will result in the delay or mutilation of your letters.

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9/6/45.

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Bonjournville

Secretary

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Curtis

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