

RACHEL,

THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING
ME TO PARTICIPATE IN YOUR
WORK. I HOPE THAT MY SMALL
CONTRIBUTION WILL BE OF SOME
VALUE TO YOUR ENDEAVOR.

Best wishes
Semper Fi.

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K IT MADE ME UNDERSTAND HOW MUCH MORE THE CIVILIANS IN AUSTRALIA HAD TO SACRIFICE SUCH AS RATIONING. EXAMPLE - ONE YOUNG LADY I DATED A NUMBER OF TIMES WAS ALWAYS WEARING THE SAME SKIRT & BLOUSE IT WAS ALWAYS CLEAN & FRESHLY PRESSED - WE DATED ENOUGH TIMES THAT I WAS COMFORTABLE ASKING WHY? SHE EXPLAINED SHE HAD NO RATION COUPONS. WHEN WE ARRIVED AT MOUNT MARTHA WE WERE ISSUED A BOOK OF RATION STAMPS. I HAD MY FULL BOOK SO I TOOK ^{HER} AND PURCHASED A SKIRT, BLOUSE & PURSE. IT TOOK ALL BUT 1 STAMP IN MY BOOK. I BOUGHT A DOZEN HANDKERCHIEFS FOR MYSELF AMERICANS HAD RATIONING BUT NOT TO THE EXTENT THE AUSTRALIANS DID.

6A I MET A GENTLEMAN BY THE NAME OF JOHN SEARLE WHO WORKED AT THE COMPANY WHO MADE TINY TANS FOR THE 'C' RATIONS WHICH WERE USED BY

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THE DISCUSSION OF OLD FRIENDSHIPS AND HAPPENINGS ALMOST EVERY STATEMENT BEGINS WITH "DO YOU REMEMBER"

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I AM EXTREMELY PROUD THAT I HAD THE PRIVILEGE OF BEING A U.S. MARINE AND SERVING IN WWII. HARDLY A DAY PASSES THAT I DON'T THINK OF THOSE FINE YOUNG MEN WHO DIDN'T COME HOME TO ENJOY THE WONDERFUL LIFE THAT THEY MADE POSSIBLE. WE ALL OWE THEM EVERYTHING

THE WAR - DEATH DESTRUCTION AND THE GREAT TIMES IN MELBOURNE ARE ALL A VERY IMPORTANT PART OF MY LIFE.

B- I WAS 21 YRS OLD WHEN I ENLISTED IN THE MARINES JULY 31ST 1941 I HADN'T REALLY SET TOO MANY GOALS THE WAR ALTERED THE COURSE OF MANY LIVES. I'M SURE I WAS A PART OF THAT