

WE LIVED IN EAST PERTH
75 EDWARD ST.

OUR DAD
JOHN PATRICK WALSH
2/11 BATTALION
WX1907

CAPTURED IN CRETE
1941

PRISONER OF GERMANY

ARRIVED PERTH 1945.

DIED IN WAVENLEY NSW.
1-8-1978

OUR MOTHER DIED 1967

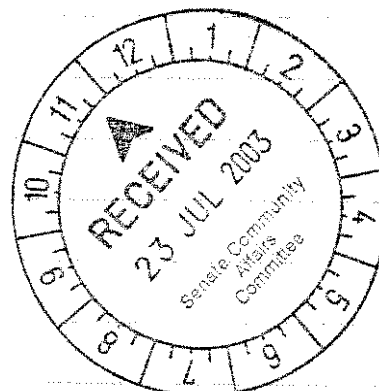
ALL THESE MOTHERS GOT ROUGH TREATMENT
BY THE WEST AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT

NONE OF MY BROTHERS & SISTERS
WERE TO SEE THEIR PARENTS
AGAIN

WE WERE NEVER TO BE A FAMILY
AGAIN

J P Walsh

THOSE DADS WHO DID COME BACK FROM THE WAR
COULD NOT FIND THEIR CHILDREN OR WIVES
THOSE MOTHERS HAD NO ONE TO TURN TO FOR HELP



THE LAST TIME I SEEN MY BROTHERS & SISTERS

MY NAME WAS JACKY WALSH IN THOSE DAYS
CHANGED TO JOAN PATRICK WALSH 1958

BORN 27-3-1931

BILLY BORN 16-4-1932 PASSED AWAY 24-2-1997

MOUNT BARKER HOSPITAL

LAST TIME I SEEN HIM 1980

TERRY BORN 19-10-35 LAST TIME I SEEN HIM 1969

PASSED AWAY 1997

GEORGE BORN 22-5-1936 LAST TIME I SEEN HIM
1996 LIVES IN VICTORIA

BARRY BORN 14-7-1939 LAST TIME I SEEN HIM 1980
PASSED AWAY 8-12-1988

THERESA BORN 30-4-1933 LAST TIME I SEEN HER
1975 LIVES IN VICTORIA

ANNE BORN 23-12-1938 LAST TIME I SEEN HER
1975 LIVES IN VICTORIA

J.P. Walsh

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TO

THE SECRETARY

SENATE COMMUNITY AFFAIRS.

CAN YOU IMAGINE WHAT ALL THOSE MOTHERS. THE PAIN & SUFFERING ALL THOSE MOTHERS WENT THROUGH TO HAVE THEIR CHILDREN TAKEN OFF THEM BY THE WEST AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT. THROUGH THE WAR YEAR WHEN ALL THOSE DAD WENT OFF TO SERVE THEIR COUNTRY THEY THE CHILDREN WERE MADE A WARD OF THE STATE & NEVER TO SEE THEIR PARENTS UNTIL THEY TURNED 21 YEARS OF AGE.

A LOT OF THOSE MOTHERS NEVER SURVIVED. THEY WERE WERE LEFT DESITUTE & NO ONE TO TURNED TO FOR HELP. ALL BECAUSE THEY ASKED FOR ASSISTANCE FROM THE GOVERNMENT & DECLARED UNFIT TO LOOK AFTER THEIR CHILDREN. THE BASIC WAGE WAS ONLY ABOUT 5 POUNDS WEEK. OUR MOTHER HAD FIVE BOYS & 2 GIRLS

THOSE MEN WHO DID COME BACK FROM THE WAR COULDN'T FIND THEIR CHILDREN.

MOST OF THE CHILDREN WERE NEVER TO SEE THEIR PARENTS AGAIN

OUR MOTHER, FATHER & CHILDREN WERE NEVER TO BE A FAMILY AGAIN.

WHY WERE THE GOVERNMENT JUDGES POLITICIANS POLICE & CHILD WELFARE WERE ALLOWED TO GET AWAY WITH THIS. A MASSIVE COVER UP.

THIS IS ONLY A PART OF MY STORY.

J.P. Doolan

THE CHILD WELFARE & POLICE COULD NOT GET THOSE CHILDREN WHO RAN AWAY BACK QUICK ENOUGH. THEY SEEN THE BRUISES ON THEM & WOULD NOT LISTEN TO THEIR COMPLAINTS.

THAT WEST AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT IN POWER DURING THE WAR YEARS

MADE US A WARD OF THE STATE OF WEST AUSTRALIA UNTIL WE TURNED AGE 21 YEARS & NOT TO SEE OUR PARENTS UNTIL THEN

THEY ABANDON US TO THE CATHOLIC CHURCH & SENT US INTO A LIFE OF HELL.

NO ONE DARED TO SAY ANYTHING ABOUT ANY RELIGION TILL ABOUT THE 1990 YEARS.

THAT GOVERNMENT ALSO TOOK THE BABIES OFF THE UNMARRIED MOTHERS & ADOPTED THEM OUT.

THE GOVERNMENT IN POWER DURING THE WAR YEARS OF WEST AUSTRALIA FAILED IN THEIR DUTY OF CARE TO PROTECT ALL CHILDREN. THEY STOLE FROM THEIR MOTHERS. THEY BRANDED US AS STREET KIDS & NO ONE WANTED ^{US} THE CHURCH DENIED WASHED US AS STREET KIDS & WE WOULD ALL END UP IN JAIL WHEN WE GREW UP.

WE LIVED A LIFE OF HELL IN THESE ORPHANAGES CASTLEDANE, CLONTAR & BINNOON, TANDUN & ST JOSEPHS SUBIACO FOR GIRLS

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TAKEN FROM OUR MOTHER BETWEEN 1939
NOVEMBER OR MARCH 1940

I, MY FOUR BROTHERS & TWO SISTERS
WE WERE THE SONS & DAUGHTERS OF OUR (DAD) WHO
SERVED HIS COUNTRY IN WORLD WAR 2.
ANY MOTHER WHO ASKED FOR ASSISTANCE FROM THE
WEST AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT DURING THE WAR
YEARS. THE MOTHER WAS PUT DOWNED UNFIT TO LOOK
AFTER HER CHILDREN

THE GOVERNMENT WORKED IN WITH ALL THOSE
CHURCH LEADERS TO FILL UP ALL THOSE INSTITUTIONS
& GOVERNMENT INSTITUTIONS.

THERE WAS NO BETTER TIME TO TAKE AWAY ALL
THOSE AUSSIE WEST AUSTRALIAN CHILDREN WHILE
ALL THOSE DADS WERE SERVING THEIR COUNTRY.
NO POLITICIAN HAS RECOGNISED THOSE SONS &
DAUGHTERS OF THESE MEN WHO SERVED OUR
COUNTRY AUSTRALIA. NO FEDERAL OR ~~THE~~ STATE
POLITICIAN FROM WEST AUSTRALIA.

THAT STATE GOVERNMENT OF WEST AUSTRALIA IN
POWER DURING THE WAR YEARS. WAS RESPONSIBLE
FOR THE DESTRUCTION OF HUNDREDS OF WEST
AUSTRALIAN FAMILIES. MOST OF THOSE CHILDREN
WERE NEVER TO SEE THEIR PARENTS AGAIN.
THOSE ENGLISH CHILDREN WHO CAME OUT BEFORE
THE WAR SUFFERED THE SAME PROBLEMS AS WE
DID. THAT GOVERNMENT KNEW WHAT WAS GOING
ON IN THOSE ORPHANAGES

I, MY FOUR BROTHERS & TWO SISTERS TAKEN FROM OUR MOTHER ABOUT 10.30 PM AT NIGHT.

BY THE CHILD WELFARE, POLICE & SALVATION ARMY TAKEN TO THE CHILD WELFARE HOME IN MOUNT LAWLEY.

I WAS PUT IN A TRAIL HOUSE AT THE MOUNT LAWLEY HOME. A FEW DAYS LATER I WAS TAKEN TO A CHILD WELFARE COURT HOUSE BEHIND ANZAC HOUSE THAT JUDGE GAVE ME TELL I WOULD NOT ANSWER HIS QUESTIONS ABOUT MY PARENTS.

THE HEAD QUARTERS OF THE CHILD WELFARE WAS IN HAY STREET EAST.

MR YOUNG WAS IN CHARGE OF THE CHILD WELFARE

I, BILLY, TERRY, GEORGE SENT TO CASTLEDARE MARCH 1940

THERESA, ANNE, BARRY SENT TO ST JOSEPHS SUBIACO.

AGES FROM 8 YEARS DOWN TO ABOUT 7 MONTHS

AFTER ABOUT THREE DAYS MR YOUNG PICKED ME UP FROM CASTLEDARE. TO GET MY YOUNG BROTHER & SISTER FROM ST JOSEPHS. I HAD TO LOOK AFTER THEM FOR ABOUT SIX MONTHS AT CASTLEDARE. THEY WERE SENT BACK TO ST JOSEPHS FOR THEIR SISTER TO LOOK AFTER THEM.

I, + BILLY SENT TO CLONTARF ABOUT 1941 MARCH
THE 1942 MARCH I + BILLY SENT ^{TO} TANDUN.
THE AIR FORCE TOOK OVER CLONTARF MARCH 1942
ALL THE BOYS FROM CLONTARF SENT TO TANDUN.

1945 WE WERE SENT BACK TO CLONTARF
I DID THE WASHING + LOOKED AFTER THE CHURCH
UNTIL I LEFT CLONTARF AUGUST THE 1ST 1947
FROM SLAVERY TO SLAVERY SENT TO A DAIRY
FARM AT SERPENTINE WORKED ABOUT 14 HRS.
A DAY SEVEN DAYS A WEEK FOR FIVE SHILLINGS
THE CHILD WELFARE GOT 2 POUNDS A WEEK OF
ARINE I STAYED THERE FOR OVER FIVE MONTHS
I RAN OFF. MILK TRUCKY HELPED ME. GOT A JOB
AT PLAISTOWES IN WEST PERTH.

CHILD WELFARE TRIED TO TAKE ME AWAY BUT
THE PLAISTOWE BROTHERS + FOREMANS STOOD UP
FOR ME

IT TOOK ME TEN YEARS TO FIND MY BROTHERS
+ SISTERS THEY THE CHRISTIAN BROTHERS MADE
SURE THEY SENT THEM IN ALL DIRECTIONS TO
FARMS TO WORK. THE CHILD WELFARE NEVER
CHECKED THESE PLACES OUT SOME OF THESE
CHILDREN WERE TO SUFFER THE SAME ABUSES
AS THEY DID IN THESE ORPHANAGES.

THIS ^{IS} ONLY A PART OF MY EXPERIENCE IN THOSE
ORPHANAGES.

J. B. Wall.

THE SECRETARY
SENATE COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

The politicians have had a go at the Governor General Peter Hollingsworth about sexual abuses while he was the archbishop but now it's time for the Federal and State politicians to come clean in relation to Western Australia. What did they know, that went on in these orphanages? Castledare, Clontarf, Bindoon, Tardun and St Joseph's. It was a life of Hell. Sexual abuse, bashings, flogging, starvation, slavery, screams of children who wet their beds and so on. Cold showers. Those English children who came out before the war and those Aussie children, the sons and daughters of those men who served our country have not been recognised.

Mr Kim Beazley and Senator Andrew Murray have united in a bid for the child migrant inquiry. Well, Mr Beazley and Senator Murray, what about the English children? The part-Aboriginal children? The Aussie children? You should have known about those children in those barbaric orphanages during the war years. That Government in power during the war years knew what was going on in those orphanages for every child who ran away. The child welfare and police could not get them back quick enough!!! They had seen the bruising on them and would not listen to their complaints.

Why did the senate inquiry of WA select committee of 1996 deliberately exclude Australians. Their terms of reference restricted them to child migrants. What an insult! While this inquiry did much to expose the satanic conditions under which children were incarcerated, they did nothing to help the Australians survivors. Not one politician wanted anything to do with us. We, the Aussie children, the English who came out before the war and those part-Aboriginal children who were with us.

The Western Australian Government in power during the war years destroyed hundreds of families. Most of those children were never to see their parents again. We were not allowed to see our parents until we turned 21. The Government worked with the churches to fill up those institutions. All those mothers could do nothing. They had no one to turn to for help. What happened to the army pay which should have gone to those mothers? Those fathers who did come back could not find their children. They were scattered around all those institutions.

I, my four brothers and two sisters were taken from our mother in about March 1940 and put into the Mount Lawley Child Welfare Home. We were aged from eight years down to about eight months. I was put up before a judge and asked questions about my parents. I can still go to that same area today where that court house was and where we lived. We stayed at the Mount Lawley Home for about two weeks, then were sent to Castledare and my two sisters to St Joseph's. We were sent into a life of Hell.

The files on the Walsh family were destroyed on March 24, 2000 by the child welfare administration. Also, there are no files on the Walsh family in any of the orphanages, Castledare, Clontarf, Bindoon, Tardun and St Joseph's. In those past years, no one could say what was going on in these institutions for no one could say or speak against the Catholic Church. One person who did

take on those Catholic Institutions was Bruce Blyth, P&B Press Publishers. He has been fighting them for 10 years but the court Government in power at the time used the trump card, the statute of Limitations.

Those politicians who stood shoulder to shoulder with the Catholic Church and all those judges, solicitors and QC must be wondering now, for all Hell the truth is coming out all over the world, about the Catholic Church and all the sexual abuse. The Western Australian Government was our guardian until we were 21 years of age but failed in their duty of care. They put us in those orphanages. They failed to protect us from all those abuses.

I was just over 16 years of age, sent to work on a diary farm at Serpentine in 1947. I got five shillings a week for working 15 hours a day. The child welfare received two pounds a week. After about four months, I ran off. The milk trucky helped me. I worked at Plaistowes sweet factory. The child welfare found me after about three weeks. They tired to take me away but the foreman and the Plaistowe brothers stood up for me.

A lot of those unmarried mothers had their babies taken off them and adopted out during those war years. In about March 1941, I went from Castledare to Clontarf. In 1942, the airforce took over Clontarf and those of us that had been there were sent to Tardun. We lived in a tin shed. We had to push out the farm machinery. There we lived in red dust and washed in horse troughs until we finished building a wing onto the old building. The food was always fly blown so we used to steal the molasses and wheat, boil it up and live on wild birds and animals. Tardun was no different to Castledare and Clontarf for all the abuses. The only time we were happy was when they gave us a holiday at Geraldton for about three weeks in 1943.

In Bindoon, the boys really got it rough. I was only there for about 10 weeks and somehow managed to keep out of the way of the beast, Brother Keaney. Some of those boys spent the rest of their lives in Royal Perth Hospital. Brother Cusack was in charge of all the cement work. He took about 10 of us from Clontarf to Bindoon. We got the cement free from Swan cement works but we had to bag it up out of the pit.

When Carmen Lawrence was leader of the Labor Party in Western Australia, she was briefed on these orphanages for about an hour but turned her back on it when she went into Federal politics. Australia doesn't need politicians like this in Federal politics. Thirty thousand signatures were taken in Western Australia, demanding an inquiry into these orphanages but there has been a massive cover-up. Not one politician has mentioned a word about the Aussie children, the sons and daughters of those men who served our country.

This happened in every state in Australia. I shall not forget that life of Hell that the Western Australian Government put us through. There is a story to be told, of each of these orphanages, Castledare, Clontarf, Bindoon, Tardun and St Joseph's Subiaco. That Western Australian Government in power from 1939 failed in their care to protect us from child abuse. The Western Australian Government since 1996 have passed us off as English Children. What an insult! It is time for the politicians to come clean!

Yours faithfully,

John Walsh.

