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At the time of writing this message I am on the eve of attending the 60th National Congress of the League to be held in Canberra. Accompanying me will be Senior Vice-President Len Turner and State Secretary Doug Bruce.

Entrusted to us, as your representatives, is the task of putting forward those resolutions carried at our State Congress and dealing with about 145 additional items on the National agenda.

There are 65 items relating to repatriation, 24 touching upon defence service homes and 50 items relating to defence — food for thought for those who say the work of the League is finished!

On the matter of membership, we will present the resolution carried at our own State Congress regarding "Service Membership". We are conscious of the dramatic effect this will have on the overall membership of the League if our proposal is adopted.

Nevertheless, we at the State Executive level are deeply concerned that out of a potential of about 45,000 persons who are eligible to be members of the League in this State we can muster only 11,500.

In my inaugural message to you on assuming the State Presidency I requested each and every one of you to undertake a personal endeavour — to enlist at least one new member into the League this year if you did nothing else.

Can you, at this time, truthfully say that YOU have carried out that task on behalf of the organisation you represent?

If the answer is yes — well done; but do not stop at one new member, there are many more who should join and who are waiting, like your neighbour, to be asked to "come in".

If the answer is no — will you now endeavour to do your share and thus ensure our lifeblood — our membership — increases through your own personal efforts.

DIFFICULT TIME

We go to Canberra at a difficult time, the country is moving towards the position where extreme elements could well seize the opportunity for political advantage.

The stability, the good order, the progress and even the security of Australia are threatened by the internal disunity that is rampant at this time.

The League again appeals to National and State Parliaments to give leadership in this time of crisis and urges opposing political factions to join forces in making an appeal to Australia for responsible behaviour.

Australia faces grave problems indeed, but they can be resolved by a united effort and by a determination to demonstrate, by our membership of the League and as citizens, that we are a people able to justify our good fortune in being Australians.

Seasons Greetings

The State President, Mr L. Phenna, JP, MAIW, on behalf of the State Executive and Anzac House staff

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Geraldton Regional War Veterans' Home was declared open on Saturday by a man who was not there. The official opening, by the immediate past President of the West Australian Branch of the RSL, Mr Percy Pearson, was made by means of a tape recording.

Mr Pearson is a patient in the Hollywood Hospital in Perth, where he recorded the message for the ceremony.

The plaque celebrating the opening was unveiled on Mr Pearson's behalf by State President Len Phenna.

The home, in Gregory St, is the second in Western Australia and the only one outside the metropolitan area.

The building, which provides accommodation for eight ex-servicemen and a caretaker couple, cost about $110,000, the Chairman of the War Veterans' Home Board, Mr Len Turner, revealed.

Of this, $13,000 had been provided by RSL Sub-branches in the northern area. A similar amount had been given by the War Veterans' Home Board, the State Government had provided more than $7000 and the Federal Government over $76,000.

Mr Phenna, when congratulating all associated with the Geraldton home, which is an annexe to the home at Mt Lawley, said that a similar project was envisaged for the Albany area. He hoped that this would reach fruition next year.

The official party, representatives of RSL Sub-branches from as far afield as Carnarvon, Mt Magnet and Morawa-Gutha and the general public were welcomed by the Geraldton Sub-branch President Mr Stan Moore.

He also is chairman of the Geraldton War Veterans' Home committee.

The President of the Gascoyne Sub-branch at Carnarvon and Secretary-Treasurer of the Carnarvon-Gascoyne Memorial Theatre Fund, Mr Brian Magennis, presented the committee with a cheque for $1000.

This was the Memorial Theatre Fund's third donation and took its total contribution to $6000.

A donation of $100 was received from the Morawa-Gutha Sub-branch.

In proposing a vote of thanks to those who officiated at the opening ceremony, Mr Clem Burns of Geraldton also thanked the Department of Correctional Services for its work in preparing the grounds at the home.

At a barbecue held at Birdwood House on Saturday night, Mr Phenna presented a Certificate of Service to Mr Jack Ramsay, a former Northampton Sub-branch President and a foundation member of the Geraldton War Veterans' Home committee. Mr Ramsay now lives in Perth.

Mr Phenna also thanked the Geraldton RSL Women's Auxiliary, under the leadership of Mrs T. Ashplant, for its good work and for its assistance in the project.

Ian G. Gilbert, assistant-secretary, War Pensions Division of the United Kingdom Department of Health and Social Security, will visit WA between Friday, November 21, 1975, and Wednesday, November 26.

Mr Gilbert will discuss the position of British ex-servicemen in WA as part of a country-wide tour.

He will visit Repatriation institutions and hold discussions with senior Repatriation officials.

For further information please contact Bill Donovan at the Department of Repatriation and Compensation (phone 21 0131, extension 290).

The newly appointed State President of the RSL, Len Phenna, the State Secretary, D. H. Bruce, and their wives, were entertained at a dinner arranged by the local Sub-branch members at the Commercial Hotel, Three Springs in October.

About 15 local members and their wives attended the dinner. The State President urged all members to encourage all ex-servicemen to join the RSL, as otherwise the organisation could wilt within five years and become deficient unless greater support was given to the aims and objects.
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By MIKE HALL (State Executive)

During August I had the opportunity to visit the North-West and decided it would be a good chance to meet Sub-branch officials and members.

Accompanying me was my wife Dorothy and the President of the MTT Sub-branch, George Stacey, and his wife, Lou. George is a former member of the State Executive, and also State Secretary of the Royal Life Saving Society.

EXMOUTH

This was the first Sub-branch visited and we met President Jim Purvis and other members at the Truscott Club, which is situated next to the RSL hall. Everyone here is in good spirits and the Sub-branch have every right to be proud of their new hall.

On the way to Exmouth we called at Coral Bay, which is a very nice spot for a holiday.

Leaving Exmouth, we took a short-cut through Bullara and Girallia cattle stations and picked up the main North-West Highway again at Barradale road-house. Continuing on the sealed road, we arrived at Karratha, which is the overflow town of Dampier.

DAMPIER

On making inquiries at the local police station I was informed that Merv Wilson, who is President of this Sub-branch, was at Hamersley Iron — so off we went and I had a good talk with Merv (who, incidentally, has made a good recovery from his bad accident last year) concerning this Sub-branch.

There seems to be a lack of interest by eligible people, and my opinion is that Karratha and Dampier could be one Sub-branch, with alternate meetings in each town.

I see no reason why a good Sub-branch could not be made here. I am sure that a visit from perhaps the State President or Vice-Presidents, with good notice, would give a fillip to residents of these two towns.

Whim Creek, the old copper mining town, was an interesting place on the way to Port Hedland, which we reached just before sunset.

PORT HEDLAND

No visit to this town is complete without seeing popular Bert Madigan, President of the Sub-branch, and his equally entertaining brother, Val.

We had to wait for a time before seeing them because on their way home from Marble Bar they had the misfortune to turn their car over, but fortunately both escaped unhurt.

I have to report that Jimmy Edwards, from Mt Edgar, is still in good health and, to all who know these three men, I can assure you they are keeping well. Bert told me that Anzac Day this year was one of the best they have had.

As anyone who has visited this area knows full well, the road from Hedland to Broome is unsealed and very dusty, and we inhaled our share of this great land.

Many famous cattle stations are passed on the way — Pardoo, Nita Downs, Mandora (home of the De Pledges), Anna Plains, Frazier Downs, Thangoo and the La Grange Mission.

There is only 618 kilometres of this road and without mishap we arrived at Broome, home of the pearling industry.

BROOME

My meeting with John Knox took place in his butcher's shop. It doesn't matter where people meet, it is what transpires that counts.

This Sub-branch is working with the Horse and Rider Club here, and this is good for community welfare and the League in general. Again "no complaints" was the answer to my query.

DERBY

A little more sealed road was now our good fortune and calling at Derby I unsuccessfully called at George White's home. He was absent, so I can only offer my apologies to him.

A visit to the Boa Tree, now called the Prison Tree, and seeing the longest cattle watering-trough in Australia were two interesting items on the trip.

Our next stop was Fitzroy Crossing. As it was Sunday, the petrol station there is closed between 12.25 pm and 3.30, yes, you guessed it, we arrived during these hours and if anyone has been there you know what we went through.

At 4.20 we left Fitzroy — more unsealed road to Halls Creek (no relation) which we reached at 8.45 pm. It is amazing the number of animals killed on the road by cars, etc, kangaroos, cattle, emus, donkeys, birds.

On one occasion we came around a bend and there must have been ten to twenty horses standing in the road — no mishap!

Another time an eagle took off immediately in front of the car, I did not think we could miss it — but we did, and just as well, because it measured at least six feet from tip to tip.

KUNUNURRA

Magnificent scenery and good roads heralded our arrival at Kununurra. I could not see the President here but had a good talk on things with Secretary Ron Hodnett, who is also manager of the Ord River Club.

WYNDHAM

As Wyndham is only 65 miles away I just had to see Fred Oxenham and Pat McDonald. I
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met Fred at his place of toil and this meeting took place on a railway flat-top, nice and cool and relaxing.

Leaving Fred I went past the meat works and on to Pat's home. The only complaint Pat had was that service personnel up here were finding it hard to manage with prices so high.

I told Pat I would pass this on, and to you, Pat - I have informed our State Secretary and also Peti Ellis, of our Repatriation Committee. As I told you, it is up to the Government to decide, but we will do our best.

No visit to this area is complete without seeing the Ord River Dam and Lake Argyle and we did just this. A most awe-inspiring sight if ever there was one, and I say to all of you - if you haven't seen the North-West, you haven't seen anything.

GASCOYNE

Retracing our steps, the next sub-branch I visited was Gascoyne, whose Secretary is Rodney Charles, son of our popular and dedicated Welfare Officer, Bob Charles, of Anzac House.

His main worry is war service loans and homes - and again, Rodney, I have passed on your request.

GERALDTON

I spoke with Johnny Spendlove in Geraldton and visited the War Veterans' Home Annex and was most impressed with it. Congratulations to Geraldton on a job well done.

So, after nearly three weeks, we arrived back in Perth, tired but happy, knowing we had seen the North-West and visited and spoken to many RSL members.

To sum up - it is a "must" that more visits to remote areas be carried out by the State Executive. Personal touch can do more than a multitude or correspondence. Though he is a busy man, I urge our State President, if at all possible, to visit this area.

LETTER TO MEMBERS

Many Avenues of Assistance

Whilst we are all feeling the effects of inflation and the political unrest which is disturbing our country at the present time, we cannot afford to ignore the generosity of the many organisations which rally to the cause of those in need, at various times throughout the year.

This generosity is made possible only by the hundreds of people who contribute to one cause or another to help his fellow-man.

To belong to such an organisation - one of which is the RSL - is something of which one should be extremely proud. Our organisation has the welfare of the community, as a whole, at heart, but mainly the welfare of ex-servicemen and women.

The individual may not have had cause to explore the many avenues of assistance available to him through the RSL.

Indeed, he may not even know they exist, whether he be an ex-serviceman or not, but there is generally a time in most peoples' lives when a little help and assistance can make a tremendous difference, and the advice of the administrative officers at the RSL is always readily available to those who seek it.

With our country in the throes of political upheaval, our members may have more need of the RSL than they ever before realised.

Our organisation cannot be run on a shoe-string, so why is it, when the RSL and its officers give so readily of their time, day and night, that more help is not forthcoming from our members.

By this I am referring to the levy which has recently been imposed - the "large" sum of $2 per member, which will help the League to continue to function as the largest welfare organisation in Australia, and one, I repeat, to which each and every member should be proud to belong.

SMALL PRICE

Two dollars is a small price to pay for the wealth of assistance that is available to one and all.

With 1975 drawing to a close, 1976 will see a further increase in subscriptions. Irrespective of the decision which will be made at the National Congress in October, there will be a levy.

For example, if the subscription is increased to $8 the levy will be $2.

However, be that as it may, let us make 1976 our best year ever, with increased membership, with subscriptions paid willingly, and with the knowledge that it is for the best cause ever.

RSL OPPOSES MOVE FOR THE ABOLITION OF SCHOOL CADETS

To strengthen the case of the decision of National executive and State branches, all members of the League are requested to contact their federal members of Parliament to oppose the moves outlined by the Minister for Defence to abolish the school cadets.

It would seem that the majority views of the Australian public have been ignored. The public opinion poll conducted by the Millar Committee on the subject produced the following results:

For continuance of cadet training, 76 per cent. Against, 18 per cent. No opinion, 6 per cent.

School cadet training has always been regarded as an integral and economical part of our national defence preparedness; other tangible national advantages such as the moulding of character, self-discipline and the development of the spirit of citizenship amongst our young men have always been regarded as important by-products and justifies even more the continuance of the cadet scheme.

Arguments against the continuance of the scheme only serve to highlight the inadequacy of their current equipment, instructors and training. The problems involved need looking into, not the abolition that has been proposed.

The saving of $10 million is no justification for the abolition of cadet training. The sum involved only represents government expenditure of doubtful value in supporting the arts.

GOOD REASON

Most communist countries promote the military training of their school children, and obviously have good reasons for doing so. They also train with modern combat weapons. The children of the State schools will be the ones who are disadvantaged, as they will now be denied the opportunity of joining a school cadet unit, which is of a voluntary nature.

Is the Minister's action justified?

WHAT OF OUR FUTURE? DO WE JUST SIT BACK AND LET AUSTRALIA SUFFER.

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Finally, it was decided that if he could obtain a first-aid certificate from the St John Ambulance Association, Field Ambulance might accept him.

The examination was passed and he was enrolled for the 12th Australian Field Ambulance, having first convinced the doctor that the loss of two toes would not impede him in his duties.

Mr Aberle described World War I service as the hardest physical work he had ever tackled.

"Often a stretcher had to be carried up to three miles under fire from the front line, through the mire and turbulence of the forward trenches, to safer areas behind the line": he said recently.

"By comparison with the Western Front in France the guns in Gallipoli were merely light artillery."

At Amiens, Raille, Fasschendael, Pozieres and the Somme, the artillery barrages were tremendous.

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"Men became sick of the killing and stretcher-bearers had to be resilient and tough."

"When a man has been wounded he is usually very frightened, and his main worry is to get to safety."

"We took a lot of time pacifying the wounded before we could carry them out of danger."

His battle baptism was at Gallipoli, with the Second Division, both as an infantryman and a member of the Ambulance Brigade. Service in France followed, where he won the Military Medal.

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DEMobilised

MKR Aberle was a Warrant Officer when demobilised in 1918 and returned to WA to work with a firm of wool-brokers.

That year he became a foundation member of the Army Medical Association, formed to help disabled war veterans find jobs.

The association included army medical personnel from doctors to ambulance men. RSL service commenced in 1918 as a member of North-east Fremantle Sub-branch.

During 1949, with nine other ex-servicemen, he helped to found Bicton-Palmyra Sub-branch. He was founding President and again took the chair in 1950, in 1966-67, and in 1968 at the age of 82.

In 1970 the Queen honoured him with a British Empire Medal.

As a youth he was a first-class gymnast, and this no doubt played a part in his great endurance and survival as a stretcher-bearer.

Now in 1975, aged 89, he can look back on an excellent army and civilian record and recall with pride the scores of friendships that have been made.

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The Poppy Day Proceeds?

A Sub-branch journal stated recently that the proceeds of the Poppy Day appeal were divided between the War Veterans' Home and Sub-branch amelioration funds. This is not correct.

In order that any misconceptions about the Poppy Day fund distribution can be removed, here are the facts.

The fund provides help for aged ex-servicemen and women in dire need. It is conducted under the provisions of the WA Aged Sailors, Soldiers and Airmen's Relief Fund Act, 1932-58. This Act directs:

1. That the annual Poppy Day appeal shall be conducted by the RSL and by none other.
2. That each Sub-branch shall remit one half of the net proceeds of the annual appeal to the State Secretary for payment to the WA Aged Sailors, Soldiers and Airmen's Relief Fund Trust.

DISCRETION

3. That such moneys shall be applied by the trust, in its discretion, for the benefit of aged or invalid ex-servicemen and women who are eligible for League membership, or to the widows of such eligible ex-servicemen.

The remaining one half of the net proceeds of the appeal may be retained by each contributing Sub-branch for the benefit of its amelioration account.

The appeal is State-wide and over the past five years has contributed more than $18,500 to the WA Aged Ex-servicemen's Trust Fund and a similar amount to Sub-branch amelioration funds.

In the same period the trust fund has paid out more than $65,500 by way of relief, and has been saved from serious depletion only by interest earned by the capital fund, and latterly by grants received from the Anzac Day Trust.

It will be necessary to keep the appeal going till we can be sure that the last old soldier to fade away will be able to do so in reasonable comfort and dignity, and not in misery and want.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

THE CROWNING GLORY QUEST . . .

With the resignation of Percy Pearson from his official posts, among which was his membership of the Joint Committee of Torchbearers for Legacy and the RSL, responsible for the conduct of the Crowning Glory Quest, it has become necessary to reform the Joint Committee.

Mrs A. Rowe, who is well known to members of the RSL as State President of the Women's Auxiliary and also well known to Torchbearers as a member of the State Executive of Torchbearers for Legacy, with many years' service to her credit, has been appointed chairman of the Joint Committee.

RSL representatives on the Steering Committee of the Crowning Glory Quest are State Senior Vice-President Len Turner, and a member of the RSL State Executive, Jack Wagland.

It is intended to launch the 1976 Crowning Glory Quest on November 28, 1975, at Legacy House, 64 Mill Point Road, South Perth.

Many girls have already indicated their intention of taking part in the contest. This augurs well for the 1976 quest, which is offering some very interesting prizes to candidates.

Never before has the RSL or Torchbearers for Legacy needed a successful outcome of the quest more than they do now, as the RSL War Veterans' Homes and Welfare Programme, also Legacy's assistance to the dependants of deceased ex-servicemen, are becoming more costly every day.

We look to the RSL Sub-branches to do everything they can to encourage girls to enter the quest and whenever possible assist them with their fund-raising undertakings. A little encouragement from RSL members means a lot to those young women who are endeavouring to help our cause.

GREETINGS . . .

GREETINGS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF REPATRIATION AND COMPENSATION

"The Deputy Commissioner (Colin Williams) is very grateful for the opportunity to express in our magazine to all its readers the best wishes of the Department's staff and himself for their good health, prosperity and happiness over Christmas and 1976."

"He particularly appreciates this opportunity to convey greetings, rather than through individual cards and messages sent only to Presidents or Secretaries of Sub-branches or affiliated organisations.

"The staff of the Department renew their pledge to assist wherever possible any ex-serviceman or woman — or dependants of those who served — with courtesy and kindness; and all members of the staff regard it as a privilege to serve those who served their country."

"THE ODE"

It is surprising to note on visiting Sub-branches that the Ode is incorrectly recited. Being an important function to the League and members alike, it is essential that the correct wording is used.

For the information of all Sub-branches the Ode is as follows:

They shall grow not old,
As we that are left grow old,
Age shall not weary them,
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The Joint Committee of Torchbearers for Legacy and the RSL, who conduct this quest to help finance the work of the War Veterans’ Home and Legacy are planning to launch the 1976 quest on Friday, November 28, 1975.

Already several girls have indicated their intention of entering the new contest and it is hoped that Sub-branches will encourage and assist as many girls as possible to take part in what has become a most important fund-raising event.

The thanks of the organisers are due to the tremendous support which has been given throughout the quest by STW Channel 9, the Sunday Times and Radio GKY.

Without this wholehearted support it would be impossible to conduct a successful quest, and success in an undertaking of this kind is most important to the well-being of the War Veterans’ Home and of Legacy in WA.

To these organisations we express our gratitude.

All agreed that this was the best final so far and the Naval Officer in Charge, WA, Commodore D. A. H. Clarke, MVO, DSC, RAN, ably presented the winners with their prizes and crowned Miss Marilyn Wray, who was sponsored by Highgate Sub-branch, as the 1975 "Miss Crowning Glory".

The "Charity Princess" title went to Miss Judith Anderson, who was sponsored by Bayswater-Meltham Sub-branch. She and her committee raised $3517.

Miss Linnea Phillips, of Tom Price, was awarded the "Girl of the Golden West" title, and Miss Helen Green was the winner of the "Special Award of Merit".

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The WA Branch Headquarters conducted their Fathers’ Day outing for the junior recruits from HMAS Leeuwin. The day’s programme is made available by the kindness of metropolitan Sub-branches who defray all expenses.

This year, the Commander of HMAS Leeuwin gave complete co-operation and 166 boys were taken down to Fairbridge School, Pinjarra, 54 miles south of Perth, where they were met by the President and members of the Murray Sub-branch who were their hosts for the day.

A few words of welcome were said by Mr J. M. Harries, Sub-branch President, at the Sub-branch Hall, and from there the recruits proceeded with officials and were shown around the Alcoa Refinery, North Pinjarra, from where they were taken to Fairbridge.

There the Women’s Auxiliary met them. A most enjoyable barbecue and refreshments were provided by their hosts for the use of the school and presentation and called upon the Tivoli Club of WA Executive, attended the function and had a few kind words to say.

REVUE SHOW

Following festivities at Anzac House, the boys were taken to Applecross Memorial Hall, where the Tivoli Club of WA entertained them to an excellent revue show. The junior recruits enjoyed every moment, and the entertainers appreciated the reception received after each item.

At the conclusion of the concert, Mr Phenna thanked the artists for their tremendous presentation and called upon Petty Officer Ron Carkeet, who was in charge of the boys, to support his remarks.

Finally the boys left for Leeuwin at 10.30 pm, having enjoyed a thoroughly good day’s outing, cheering the concert party as they departed.

Letters

BRICKBATS AND BOUQUETS

As one who has had to pen a few of the former, it is indeed a pleasure, on behalf of our Association, to find oneself in the other role.

While we have expressed our personal thanks to Bob Charles for the grand manner in which he handled the funeral arrangements for our late member Cyril Cameron, we felt that your Executive should also know that we greatly appreciated Bob’s involvement.

This was no simple, straightforward task but a most involved exercise, and we were thankful for the diligence and tenacity displayed to ensure a fitting service for one who has given so much himself, more particularly as a hospital visitor, to his fellow-members.

And so in saying, “Thanks, Bob, for a job well done”, we felt that fellow workers should know that his efforts were appreciated. —
LEN ANDERSON (Hon Secretary, 2/16 Battalion, AIF Association).

THANKS

Dear Sir,

On behalf of the Committee of the Association and all Polish ex-servicemen living in Western Australia, we wish to thank you very much for your decision to accommodate Mr Rudolf Florek in the War Veteran’s Home.

Since the Polish Ex-Servicemen’s Association was founded in Western Australia, in 1956, we always enjoyed good relations with the RSL, but this latest decision has cemented our friendship.

Mr R. Florek is very happy, living with Australian old Diggers. We can assure you that he is an amiable man, very religious, and will easily assimilate with Australian ex-servicemen.

Once again, thank you very much and God bless you all.

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THE LISTENING POST

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The beginning of November was the start of a very busy time for executive members — first the packing of the Christmas cheer parcels, then the personal delivery of each one, followed by the round of Christmas functions when we join kindred organisations to exchange seasonal greetings and discuss work programmes for the coming year.

The conference next year will be in June, and agenda items, etc, will have to be in hand much earlier. Don't forget to put forward ideas for the 50th conference in 1977. Suggestions can be collated and discussed next year.

On Wednesday, July 30, Mrs Rowe and I attended the civic reception to the Lord Mayor of London, a very colourful affair. We both enjoyed the Laurel Club dinner on September 11.

Members of the Executive, together with representatives from a number of auxiliaries, helped Belmont Auxiliary celebrate their birthday on September 24.

48th BIRTHDAY

The Victoria Park Auxiliary celebrated their 48th birthday the following night, and Mrs Sullivan, Junior Vice-President representing the State President, presented Mrs Long and Mrs Kerridge with their Life Membership badges.

On Friday, September 26, Mrs Rolfe and Mrs Holder presented prizes to the winners of the Auxiliary’s trophies for bowling at the War Veterans’ Home.

On Monday, October 6, Mrs Rowe, Mrs Lowe and I drove to Katanning to a luncheon given by the Katanning Auxiliary. It was a very pleasant trip, and we enjoyed meeting all the members again.

Veanie, Madge and I were guests at the 5th anniversary birthday dinner held by the Millen Auxiliary, and Veanie presented Mrs Fuller with her Certificate of Service.

On Saturday, October 18, Mrs Lowe and Mrs Jolley met Mrs Mayo, OBE, Federal President of the War Widows’ Guild, at afternoon tea at the War Veterans’ Home.

Glad Rolfe and Madge visited

Perenjori Auxiliary on September 25 and 26 and had an enjoyable barbecue.

It is greatly appreciated by all executive members when a country branch asks them to visit, as we can meet many more members.

On Wednesday, October 29, Veanie, Joy, Madge and Glad visited Bunbury Auxiliary, had lunch and a meeting with the members, all of which was most enjoyable.

Visits to Bassendean and Northam were made in November, and the State President and State Secretary placed a wreath on Remembrance Day.

Our State President has been elected chairman of the Miss Crowning Glory committee — quite an honour, and we wish her well.

This will be the last publication this year, and may I take the opportunity, on behalf of all members of the executive, to wish all other members and their families a very merry Christmas and a healthy, happy New Year.

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2/11th Honours Marcus Polioudakis

"Tribute paid to a Cretan fighter" was the heading in Perth Sunday newspaper "The Independent" to an article written by Brian Paddick on the visit to WA, at the invitation of the 2/11 Association, of Marcos and Alice Polioudakis.

"The red carpet was rolled out for visiting businessman Marcos Polioudakis — he met the Premier, Sir Charles Court, drew a State lottery, paid official calls on the Lord Mayor and the Greek Consul, and was wined and dined". The article continued:

But the real purpose of his journey from Crete to Perth was not revealed until Friday night when he was made an honorary life member of the 2/11th Association. The presentation culminated in an amazing association between Mr Polioudakis and Australian troops dating back 34 years.

"It was during the 1941 defence of Crete by the 2/11th — basically a WA unit — and the 2/1st from NSW, that Mr Polioudakis grew to respect and admire Australian troops. With the support of Cretans, the Australians inflicted on the Germans the most decisive victory of the early World War II campaigns."

"Mr Polioudakis lost his father and grandparents in savage reprisals carried out by the Germans when they eventually captured Crete. He subsequently joined the under-ground and was actively engaged for more than two years in helping or taking 100 men — the remnants of the two Australian battalions — off the island from their hiding places in mountainous country."

"About six years ago Mr Polioudakis set up a committee and organised finance to construct a war memorial to the Australian troops at Stavromenos, a small village in the heart of the early battlefields."

ALL EXPENSES

"In May this year he paid all expenses for 50 ex-servicemen who travelled from Australia to Crete for the unveiling ceremony."

When the 2/11th Association held the function of welcome a few days before the old Cretan fighter received his life membership, Col L. E. Le Souef, OBE, ED, gave the address of welcome. He said:

"About 34 years ago, the 6th Australian Army Division sailed from Egypt to Greece to assist that heroic country to repel a threatened German invasion."

"That was in March, 1941, and by the end of April a defiant but battered division had been forced to evacuate Greece and thousands of exhausted troops were to see Crete for the first time.

"These troops came to Suda Bay in a variety of sea transport. They had lost practically all their equipment and in the majority of cases the sum total of their possessions was the uniform they wore."

After discussing the privations and the hardships suffered by the Australian troops on Crete, Col Le Souef continued:

"Marcus Polioudakis experienced at first hand the terrible period about which I have spoken, and from that holocaust he developed a great affection and respect for the Australian serviceman."

"Though I speak of events that happened half a lifetime ago, his presence here tonight personifies a friendship and respect between two countries that, in most cases, can only emanate from a situation in which the people of these countries have united and suffered for a common cause."

We are proud to be able to report the visit of Mr Polioudakis and to place on record the conferring of life membership upon him.

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PRESENTATION OF BOWLS PRIZES

The annual presentation of prizes for the 1974-75 season was made at a gathering at the home on Friday, September 26, 1975. The presentations were made by the donors of the trophies.

Ray O'Connor Trophy: Singles handicap. Harry Kaplin; runner-up, John Kenyon.
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President's Prize, Consolation Plate: Phil Rose.
State Executive Women's Auxiliary Prize: Pairs handicap. Mrs E. Wilson-Geoff Horsfield; runners-up, Morrie Schenberg and Phil Rose.
Lonnie Trophy: Singles handicap. Mrs Wilson-Geoff Horsfield; runner-up, Harry Broadhurst.
Alex Hodgson Prize for best non-prize winner's score. Bill Wilson.
RLS Shop Gift: contribution to success of the season. Geoff Horsfield.

A presentation was made by the Chairman of the Board. Mr L. Turner, to Frank Berthold for services rendered as Hon Secretary, and for organising the competitions.

Entertainment was provided by Michael, Donna and Laurie Litote, an American family, with some excellent renditions of country folk-singing.

The evening concluded with an excellent supper in a very relaxed atmosphere.

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Members of the Soldiers’ Children Education Board in each State include representatives of the universities, the departments of education, denominational and private schools, headmasters’ and headmistresses’ associations, ex-servicemen’s and war widows organisations.

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It is interesting to note that the present chairman of the Board in WA, T. Sten, PBE, MA, Dip Ed, the League’s representative, has given 36 years continuous service to the Board.

FOURS TROPHY TO CLAREMON'T

The RSL Morrie Crew Perpetual Fours Trophy bowls carnival is a most popular event, and the recent play-off aroused great interest.

Continuity of play is usually governed by the weather. This year it was in our favour, with glorious conditions for bowls.

The event was keenly contested between Wally Cloutman’s team from Claremont and Jim West’s team, from Wembley. Wally’s team won and the Claremont Bowling Club now has the honour of holding the cup for 12 months.

Wally’s team mates were Jim Groves (leader), Jack O’Meara and Alan Quann. Jim’s team mates were C. Criddle (leader), H. Adams and E. Powell.

Presentations were made at Anzac House the following Sunday afternoon, with a buffet tea and liquid refreshments till 10 pm. It was a perfect finale to a tremendous weekend of bowling.

A prominent figure and also his wife were regrettably absent, due to Morrie’s recent illness. May I say, on behalf of all RSL bowlers, that we wish you a speedy recovery, and good health to prevail.

Only one country team entered — from Broomehill, skipped by Jack Thompson. We would welcome a greater number of players from the country areas.

The annual event will now be a permanent fixture, to be held in early October, governed by RWABA rules in sectional play over five games. Members, make this carnival a “must” by marking the first weekend on your 1976 calendar.

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A military sergeant when war broke out in 1939 and in camp at Rockingham at the time, Fred was sent to Claremont camp to join the Army Service Corps.

Promoted to lieutenant, he sailed on the “Queen Elizabeth” in July, 1941, to a posting at Tel Aviv in the Services Training Regiment.

This was followed by service in Palestine and Tripoli, a period in charge of petrol convoys from Beirut to Tripoli, and carting supplies to various depots throughout Lebanon.

A posting to Java followed, and he joined a force commanded by Brigadier Blackburn, VC.

PRISONER

Fred was taken prisoner by the Japanese in 1942. From Changi prison he was sent to Bangkok to work on the railway line from Thailand to Burma.

Changi Prison was crammed by the Japanese with 10,000 prisoners of war. Its normal peacetime limit was 600 civilian prisoners!

During its war-time occupancy, space was so restricted that men had to sleep in sitting positions.

After the railway line was completed, a transfer was made to a camp in Kanchan Buri.

The night when peace was declared, Fred was in a cattle-truck, part of a convoy en route to another jungle camp.

Whilst working between Java and Thailand he acted as Adjutant to Sir Edward Dunlop.

PROMOTION

Promotion to Captain followed and he had the onerous task of acting as second-in-charge to Major (now Sir) William Watkins-Wynne in the building of a 10,000-bed hospital in Nakhonpotam.

When my wife and I were in England not so long ago we spoke to Sir William in Oswestry (Shropshire), a market town where he is now the Queen’s representative in that area.

He told us that they had a multi-racial team of 500, including Australian, Dutch, English and Polish servicemen on the hospital project, and spoke in glowing terms of Capt Smedley’s work.

Fred joined the RSL in 1945 and the Bicton-Palmyra Sub-branch a few years later and in more than 20 years active membership has held various offices, including Treasurer for a long term.

Other interests covered membership of the TPI for 12 years, with a term as President of the Fremantle and District Social Club. He is now serving as a Vice-President of that Association.

He is also a member of the Widows and Orphans’ Guild and enjoying retirement with his wife in their Melville home.

Fred can look back on a store of memories in his distinguished war service and RSL record.

MISS BETTY O’HARA RETIRES: After 19 years of faithful and dedicated service Betty retired a few months ago, because of ill health. She was Secretary to the War Compensation Officer and the longest-serving member on the staff. Betty is pictured being presented with the Certificate of Appreciation by the then State President, Percy Pearson.

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The home is also looking for a donor or donors for a cafe bar, also a water cooler or garden seats.

Any Sub-branch or association willing to assist should contact the Superintendent at the War Veterans’ Home, 51 Alexander Drive, Mt Lawley, or phone him on 72 1811.

ON BUGLE OR DRUMS

“Reveille” — a word that at first sight, and if you didn’t know, looks extremely difficult to pronounce, is another of those words borrowed from the French in the same way that “san fairy ann” (C’est ne fait rien) was borrowed.

It is, of course, pronounced “revally” — which is fairly close to the correct French pronunciation, and it is the trumpet or bugle call sounded in all military barracks and camps to awaken the soldiers and tell them to get up and dress.

It can also, the Oxford dictionary tells us, be sounded on the drums.

Like the last post, it is used at military funerals and commemorative services — on Anzac Day, for example — to signify the resurrection of the body after death and the awakening of the soul into a new life.

GOOD CLEAN FUN is a couple taking a bath together.

GENERAL SPEAKING, women are.

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1975 sees the army consolidating the lessons it learnt in Indo-China, going back to the Second World War to study the techniques of open and desert warfare, and facing up to the huge problems, which confront the military planner when shifting men and material around this vast country.

The soldier today is also different. Gone are the days when, at the outbreak of hostilities, the citizen picked up his rifle and headed for the front. Warfare in the seventies is a complex undertaking, and to carry out their mission Diggers today undertake extensive, sophisticated and continuous training.

For the Officer, training starts at one of the Royal Military College, Duntron, or Officer Cadet School, Portsea. Duntron offers a four-year course to carefully selected young men.

The first three years of the course are devoted to tertiary studies. For Duntron is affiliated to the University of NSW and offers its cadets degrees in arts, science and engineering.

The final or fourth year is devoted to military studies designed to equip the cadet to fulfil his role as a lieutenant in the army.

EDUCATION

The course at Portsea is different. The cadets undertake a vigorous 12-month training programme, which gives them an in-depth military education, and equips them to be second lieutenants in one of the army’s many corps.

In order to complete its mission, the army concentrates on two things — manpower and equipment. And, to keep the equipment going the army employs its own skilled tradesmen.

Such tradesmen are trained as apprentices at the Army Apprentices’ School at Balcombe in Victoria.

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With four years’ apprenticeship training behind them the army tradesmen are well-equipped to keep the military mobile.

Today’s Digger is different. Whether he comes from Duntroon, Portsea or Balcombe, he’s a specialist and has the skills and knowledge necessary to take his place in a modern Australian Army.

EX-SERVICEMEN

PLENE NOTE

Members of the respective ex-servicemen’s association are asked to note the following changes in meeting times and personnel.

The Korea and South-East Asia Forces Association will meet in the Anzac House basement at 8 p.m., on the second Monday in February, April and July in 1976. The date of the annual general meeting in October will be advised.

The State President is J. Gerke, 1 Gerald St., Como, WA. 6152. The State Secretary is B. N. (Noel) Conigrave, 2 Strode Avenue, Hamilton Hill, WA, 6163 (phone 353693).

The State President of the 2/16th Battalion, AIF, Association is T. Kirkland, 15 Woodland St, Woodlands, WA, 6018.

Congratulations . . .

Congratulations are offered to Sub-branch trophy winners. Trophies were presented at the annual State Congress by Air-Commodore L. S. Parker.

The Col Collett Trophy was won by Albany, with Geraldton runners-up.

The Newdegate Cup was won by Bayswater-Meltham. The runners-up were Returned Sisters.

The Mary Cornell Award went to Highgate, and the runners-up were Bayswater-Meltham.

The Geraldton Shield was won by Northampton, with Harvey runners-up and the Merv Williams Trophy was won by Bayswater-Meltham, with Albany runners-up.

In the ARMS Games the Archbishop Riley Memorial Perpetual Challenge Shield was won by Wembley-Floreat: the Bill Holder Memorial Shield by 1975 winner — City of Perth; and the Yellow Cab Cup by Mt Hawthorn.

MORE SUPPORT NEEDED

Members of the City of Perth Sub-branch are reminded that the general meeting is held on the second Tuesday of each month, in the basement of Anzac House, at 8 p.m.

The Women’s Auxiliary meets at the same time in another room. We urgently require more assistance from our members; particularly for committee work and hospital visiting and to keep the Sub-branch functioning efficiently as it has done since 1916.

- Please do your best to attend, as this will give great encouragement to your officials.

On behalf of our President, Bill Hood, I wish all members health and happiness for Christmas and the New Year.
ASSOCIATIONS OF EX-SERVICEMEN

GALLIPOLI LEGION OF ANZACS
Meets in the Visitors Room, Anzac House, on the third Tuesday of the months of February, May, August and December, at 11 am.
President, J. Lanigan, 85 Powell Street, Uartt Hill, 6060 (24 1151).
Secretary, G. D. Shaw, 98 Epsom Avenue, Belmont, 6104 (65 2342).
Treasurer, J. Anderson, PO Box 164, Claremont, 6010.

16TH BATTALION AND 4TH BRIGADE ASSOCIATION
Committee meets third Monday (2 pm) at Anzac House (basement) Perth. President, W. Lilleyman, 52 Chandler Ave, Floreat Park (67 4050). Secretary, H. Ganson, C/- 11 Fothergill Street, Fremantle (35 2458). Women's Auxiliary meets same time, same place.

2/16TH BATTALION ASSOCIATION
President, T. W. Scott, 250 Corinthian Rd, Riverton. Secretary, W. H. P. Hood, 93 Guildford Rd, Mt Lawley, 6050 (71 5245). Meetings 1st Wednesday each month in Visitors Room, Anzac House, Perth.

2/4TH M. G. BATTALION AIF ASSOCIATION
President, E. W. Wallin, 69 Constance St, Nollamara, 6061 (49 1409). Secretary, P. R. Tonkins, 2 Devlin Place, Morley, 6062 (76 9514). Treasurer, D. A. C. Quinn, 5 Hadley St, Safety Bay, 6169 (095 27 3385).

THIRTY-NINERS' ASSOCIATION
Meets Anzac House 4th Wednesday each month. President, J. P. Hall, 12 Lockhart Street, Como (60 3552). Secretary-Treasurer, F. C. Pennell, 21 Siddows Way, Booragoon (64 1097).

11TH AND 2/11TH BATTALIONS
President, L. Thomas, 76 Tweedale Rd, Applecross (64 2503). Secretary, H. G. Armstrong, 496 Great Western Highway, Greenmount (94 1431). Committee meets 3rd Wednesday each month at Anzac House. Reunion in Ballroom September 26 (9.30 pm).

MIDDLE EAST VAD ASSOCIATION, WA
Contact Officer, Mrs N. Payne, 11 Hurlingham Rd, South Perth (67 1035). Meetings as called. Annual Reunion nearest Saturday to November 23.

RAE ASSOCIATION
Meets 2nd Sunday March, June, September and November at WACA ground. Secretary, H. O'Doherty (24 1802).

10TH LIGHT HORSE ASSOCIATION AIF
Meets fourth Friday in March, August and November at 1.30 pm, at Anzac House. Committee when called. President, J. Fitzmaurice, DCM, 11 Mahlab Avenue, Doubleview (46 1262). Secretary, J. Syme, Cdg CDM, CDE, 28 Marquis Street, Bentley (68 2946).

2/28TH BATTALION-24TH ANTI-TANK COY ASSOCIATION
President, J. N. Lethelean, 208 McDonald St, Joondanna, 6060 (24 3431). Secretary, W. Goggin, 17 Elizabeth St, Bayswater (71 3748). Annual Reunion Show Week.

LIMBLESS SOLDIERS' ASSOCIATION ("Wingles and Stumples")
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48TH BATTALION ASSOCIATION
President, R. W. Lewin, 57 Hensman Street, South Perth, 6151 (67 5139). Secretary, S. S. Power, 1138 "Wandana," Subiaco, 6008 (81 6208). Asst and Sec Secretary, T. J. Tapp, 5 Lanark Street, Mt Lawley, 6050 (71 2929). Meetings held Imperial Hotel, Wellington Street, Perth, when called.

28TH BATTALION AIF ASSOCIATION
Meets Anzac House 2.30 pm second Tuesday. President, P. T. J. Green, 157 Alexander Drive, Dianella (76 5460). Secretary, Harry Kahan, 2/42 Rutland Avenue, Victoria Park (61 8230). Annual reunion Anzac House Tuesday of Show Week 1975 at 2.30 pm.

DUNKIRK (1940) VETERANS ASSOCIATION
(WA BRANCH)
Meets first Friday each month at Anzac House (7.30 pm). President, G. Rock (47 1530). Secretary, A. Gillies, 20 Princess Road, Claremont (31 3117).

PARTIALLY BLINDED SOLDIERS' ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA, WA BRANCH INC
General meetings held in Railway Institute Retired Officers Room, Wellington Street, Perth, at 8 pm on first Thursday each month except January, President, W. H. Grant, 70 Hobbs Avenue, Como (67 4471). Secretary, L. J. Carter, 99 Thompson Rd, Nth Fremantle, 6159.

2/32ND BATTALION ASSOCIATION (WA)
President, F. J. Smith, 184 Shaftsbury Avenue, Bedford, 6052 (71 6492). Secretary, J. Ness, 76 Wimmera Rd, Attadale, 6156. Treasurer, Col Edmund, 54 St Andrews Way, Duncraig, 6023 (47 7984).

FEDERATED TB SAILORS, SOLDIERS AND AIRMEN'S ASSOCIATION (WA BRANCH)

ROYAL ARTILLERY ASSOCIATION OF WA
Meetings third Monday at Anzac House at 8 pm. President A. G. Jones, 59 Guildford Road, Mount Lawley (71 4206). Secretary, Alan Heales, 25 Willcock Street, Applecross (64 1317).

51ST BATTALION AIF ASSOCIATION
President, G. K. Baron-Hay, 24 Stanley Street, Nedlands (86 1554). Secretary, H. Bowra, 7 Highlands Rd, North Perth (24 2585). Welfare Officer, P. G. Tanner, RSL War Veterans' Home, 51 Alexander Drive, Mt Lawley, 6050.

BRITISH EX-SERVICES ASSOCIATION
President, Mr C. A. Hines (28 4072). Secretary, Mrs M. Woollacott, PO Box 11, Claremont, 6010 (31 9280). Council meets 1st Tuesday each month at 8 pm, Anzac House. Annual General Meeting July/August, Anzac House. Annual reunion nearest Friday to Remembrance Day (11th November).

KOREA & SOUTH-EAST ASIA FORCES ASSOCIATION
Meets quarterly on second Monday in February, April and July in Anzac House basement, 8 pm. President, Jack Gerke, 1 Gerald St, Como, 6152. Secretary, B. N. (Noel) Conigrave, 2 Strode Ave, Hamilton Hill, WA, 6163 (35 3693).

TOTAIIY & PERMANENTLY DISABLED SOLDIERS ASSOCIATION

REGULAR DEFENCE FORCES WELFARE ASSOCIATION (WA BRANCH)
For all enquiries contact President, Group Captain K. M. Dee, DFC, 116 Joel Terrace, Mt Lawley, 6050 (71 1016), or Secretary, Lieut E. C. Lunn-Garner, R, 9 Davies Crescent, Kalahunda (93 1409).

RATS OF TOBRUK ASSOCIATION (WA BRANCH)
President, F. Vardy, 194 Abbett St, Scarborough (41 2097). Secretary, D. Le Fevre, 465 Canning Hwy, Melville (30 2420). The committee meets 2nd Tuesday each month.

EX HMS CANBERRA-SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION (WA DIV)

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN REGIMENT ASSOCIATION
Meeting 4th Wednesday, Cameron Barracks, Canning Highway, Victoria Park. President, W. Smith (67 5092). Secretary, K. Trent (68 5928). All correspondence to Cameron Barracks.

HOUSEHOLD BRIGADE OF GUARDS ASSOCIATION OF WA
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