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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Len Phenna J.P., M.A.I.W.

WHAT ABOUT OUR GROWTH?

How many of us can say that we are happy with the growth of the R.S.L.? For that matter, how many of us have ever given serious thought to the question of our diminishing membership?

Very few of us, it would seem; judging by the present results, have deliberately gone out of our way to introduce or enrol a new member into our ranks.

Possibly, this is because we are not really concerned with making the growth of our organisation a personal issue, or perhaps because, even if we are anxious to bring in new members, we aren't or weren't very happy with our meeting place, or with the conduct of our meetings.

Perhaps we need to look at our place of meeting and ascertain whether or not it really does draw people along or whether because of various reasons it keeps people away and as a consequence we lose their involvement and membership.

Perhaps too, we need to look more closely at the type of meeting we conduct; should we cut down on the more formal aspects of the meeting so that our members do not become bored five minutes after the meeting has opened?

A determined effort should be made to make Sub-Branch meetings more attractive. Where applicable, a time limit could be set for the conduct of this portion of the Sub-Branch business, say 9.00 p.m., except where exceptional circumstances may have arisen.

Guest speakers should be obtained - preferably those with an interesting occupation or who are widely travelled or have some specialised knowledge of interesting subjects.

It is possible to obtain, from within the Sub-Branch, speakers who would be capable of giving an interesting and entertaining address, which should be limited to twenty minutes with ten minutes allowed for questions and discussion on the subject matter raised.

The adoption of a vigorous program for each twelve months of activity is a 'must' for every Sub-Branch and should include:-

- Advanced planning for Anzac Day, its development and expansion.
- Planning for a vigorous Poppy selling campaign associated with Remembrance Day.
- Planning for a vigorous Membership drive for the ensuing year.
- Consideration of Agenda items for State Congress.
- Advanced planning for the "Miss Crowning, Glory Quest" in association with our War Veterans' Home.
- The establishment of a close liaison with the district Legacy Group.
- Sharing by Sub-Branch members, in the responsibility of practical relief work in the district. Such a program should be automatic and should be reviewed annually.
- There are other activities which may be considered:
  - The formation of a District Youth Club. (If not already in operation).
  - The formation of debating teams from within the Sub-Branch and other local organisations, with the R.S.L. accepting the responsibility to conduct the actual contest. Such a competition could be divided into two sections - adults and members of youth organisations - with a final contest being arranged for the leading team in each group.

The annual program of Sub-Branch meetings could be revised with the possibility of including wives of members in a meeting at least once a quarter. Such a meeting would dispose of their business expeditiously and adjourn to a social evening, which could include the screening of suitable films which are available through various sources.

There are many ways by which a Sub-Branch meeting can be made a pleasing experience.

The strength of the League must be built up by adding to our membership whenever possible. A wide field of recruitment still awaits our efforts. There are in this State many former members of the Services who have not acquired an understanding of the League, its work, its struggles and achievements; of its atmosphere of comradeship, esprit-de-corps and recaptured memories.

I believe we must continue to work for those things we believe in. We must never forget the handicapped, the disabled, the widows or the children, nor must we cease to concern ourselves with their problems. We can take heart at what has been accomplished and we must take heed of what remains for us to do. The future safety of our beloved country may well rest upon our vigilance in the present and the future. The most important task before us, as I see it, is to continue our drive for membership and to continue to try and convince the less hopeful that there is reason for hope in what has been done, a hope on which, with continued effort we may build a community that can exist in peace, justice and freedom.
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RSL HAS MANY BENEFITS TO OFFER

BY DOUG BRUCE, STATE SECRETARY

It is fitting that I should review the benefits that the RSL offers in this the first edition of the "new look" Listening Post. The future of the League in 1976, and the years ahead, depends on you, the members of the RSL.

Many returned servicemen, members and non members of the League, are unaware of the wide range of benefits the RSL provides. For more than half a century, the League has laboured in the interests of those who served their country, and their dependents, whether they are active, or retired members of the services.

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**RSL SUPPORT OF THE ARMED SERVICES:**

The League is aware the Fighting Services do not have a union to fight for their rights. It also recognises it would be undesirable to introduce a union organisation within the Services, due to the necessary codes of discipline that exist. The League provides assistance to the Fighting Services, Paragraph 4(f) of the Memorandum of Association — "to guard the good name and preserve the interests and standing of the members of the Defence Forces of the Nation".

Each State Branch has a Defence Committee which prepares and submits an annual defence report. These are collated, debated by both State and National bodies before final submission to political leaders.

The RSL submission on Defence, is to bring pressure on the Government of the day, to ensure our Defence Forces are maintained at appropriate levels.

**ALL RETURNED SERVICEMEN SHOULD JOIN:**

There are still a large number of Ex-Servicemen and Women who are entitled to, but have not joined the RSL.

Some of these non members criticise the RSL for its policies, or lack of action of contentious political events. Many such critics are living in the past, and influenced by past prejudices.

THE RSL IS ONLY AS GOOD AS THE STRENGTH AND QUALITY OF ITS MEMBERSHIP AND LEADERSHIP.

If you know friends who are eligible to, but have not yet joined, invite them to do so TODAY and assist the League to help their former Service friends and families who need help.

**INCREASE IN MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS:**

The subject of increasing membership subscription was heatedly debated at the 60th National RSL Congress.

Motion to increase subscription to $8.00 was defeated, but with a special resolution by South Australia — supported by Western Australia, a further amended motion to fix the National minimum fees at $6.50 was eventually carried, with authorisation to all States to increase the National Minimum Subscription to any amount above the $6.50 they wished to.

You will appreciate that all States have various administration problems, and this method was resolved to be the best method of tackling the problem.

At our State Congress in July 1975, it was agreed “That should the increase not be agreed by National Congress, then State Executive to introduce a levy for 1976 to make up the shortfall to $10.00.”

This actually means that membership in this State is $10.00 for 1976. The two amounts, with authorisation, have been shown on the accounts sent to all members.

Any explanation required will be supplied by Sub-Branch Secretaries or Anzac House staff.

**ORDINARY MEMBERSHIP FEES PAYABLE ANNUALLY FROM 1ST JANUARY, 1976**

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Campaign, Star or Medal Entitlement:
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Areas of Service:
World War I, World War II, Other Wars—From To:
I CERTIFY that an inspection of relevant documents reveals eligibility for membership.
(Doubtful cases should be referred to H.Q.'s.)
Date:

I HEREBY DECLARE that I am not a COMMUNIST and I AGREE to be bound by the Memorandum and Articles of Association of The Returned Services League of Australia.

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT:

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AMALGAMATIONS

At a joint meeting of the Bindi Bindi and Moora sub-branches held on December 12, it was decided that the two sub-branches would amalgamate.

This will consolidate RSL activities in this area.

The new sub-branch will retain the name of Moora and will meet at Moora on the third Monday bi-monthly.

G.S. Harcourt, Box 24, Moora, will continue as Hon Secretary.

The amalgamation of Maddington and Gosnells recently took place, and all members from Maddington have transferred to Gosnells.

The name will remain Gosnells, and meet on the second Friday each month at the RSL Hall on the corner of Mills and Gosnells Rd, Gosnells. C.A. Peterson, P.O. Box 38, Gosnells, will continue as hon. Secretary.

Public Service and Press and Highgate Sub-Branches have also amalgamated in the interests of all members working in the city. We are sure this will be a successful amalgamation.

There has been no change in the name. The new sub-branch will be known as Highgate and meet on the third Monday of each month at 12.45 pm at Boan's Reception Hall.

The Yarloop Women's Auxiliary will continue to operate as an independent auxiliary, because of commitments in Yarloop, but their efforts will always be for the RSL.

The State Executive is sure these amalgamations will be of great benefit to the League in WA, and thanks all the Women for their wonderful support.

There is still a great deal of work to be done by the League, as World War II Ex-Servicemen are continuing to "age". We must all stick together to continue the work of the greatest organisation in Australia, an organisation of which we are justly proud because of its record of sacrifice and welfare for more than a half-century.

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THE AUSTRALIANS RE-VISIT KOREA

BY BILL KEYS, NATIONAL SECRETARY OF THE RSL

On June 25, 1950, the armies of communist North Korea invaded South Korea. The United Nations Security Council condemned this blatant act of aggression, established a UN Military Command and called on member bodies to lend support.

Sixteen nations responded and some three years later, an uneasy truce was established along the revised border which left South Korea holding somewhat more land on the eastern side of the peninsula and ceding some areas on the west coast to North Korea.

In all, the new border represented a geographical gain for South Korea. The truce is now supervised from the so-called "Peace" village of Panmunjom, established on the border, some miles north of Seoul, the capital of South Korea.

It is administered by an international control Commission, consisting of the representatives of Switzerland, Sweden, Poland and Czechoslovakia. Regular meetings are held between the representatives of both sides with the Peoples' Republic of China participating with North Korea, and the United States participating with South Korea.

The military demarcation line runs across the Korean Peninsula, either side, to some 250 kilometres. A so-called demilitarised zone was established, but now it contains substantial defence installations on both sides.

The southern border of this zone and, presumably, the northern also, has substantial wire and mine-field barricades. On the south side, it is manned every 100 metres by day and every 50 metres by night. It constitutes a substantial fortification.

It is now more than 25 years since the North Korean invasion, and the Republic of South Korea has marked the occasion by inviting the veterans of all 16 nations who participated in the war to re-visit Korea as guests of the Korean Government and people.

UNFORGETTABLE

The first Australian group of 16, including wives and one war widow, in addition to personnel, has now returned from an unforgetting experience.

In the 25 years since its cities and towns, its industries and its economy were shattered by war, the Republic of Korea has achieved a miracle of re-establishment.

The nation itself is now a thriving and expanding industrial power. Its population of about 34 million is supported by a country of 221,000 square kilometres, an area a little larger than Tasmania.

Most of the country is mountainous; only about 20 percent of the land is flat. Seoul, the capital, is located as far north from the equator as southern Canada.

The first Australian group which visited Korea was privileged to see something of this highly efficient modern defence system at the Armed Forces' Day Parade on October 10.

The Parade was a remarkable performance, involving more than 40,000 troops, 10,000 children presenting a series of mosaic displays depicting aspects of the life and times of Tae-Kwan-Do experts demonstrating their expertise in unarmed self-defence.

The Parade of all three Services, together with academy cadets, honour guard, colour party and tank and field artillery units, was a masterpiece of precision and detail.

A highlight was the flypast of helicopters trailing men on ropes at a height of approximately 300 feet above the ground, and an air drop by a parachute battalion.

In all, it was a spectacular and impressive display and gave very tangible significance to the words of President Park when he said: "The North Koreans want to communise the Korean Peninsula. We will not allow them to do it."

ENTERTAINING

The programme for the Australians' five-day stay in Korea was a varied and entertaining one. Accommodation was provided at one of Seoul's many international hotels. The itinerary included visits to former battlefields, the highlight being a trip to Kaepong made famous as the place where the Third Battalion, the Royal Australian Regiment won the US Presidential Citation.

Here, on a site, close to the battlefield itself, a memorial has been erected to the contribution made by the many international hotels.

A visit to the "Peace" village of Panmunjom allows one to feel of the tension that exists between North and South Korea as a result of the continuing confrontation.

There are trips to places of entertainment, periods for shopping, either at the high-standard department stores, or the much more entertaining market-places where goods can be purchased, in many cases, at prices even more favourable than those in Hong Kong.

South Korea is rapidly becoming one of the major tourist countries of the world, and this is reflected in the programme arranged for groups who go there under the "Re-Visit" programme.

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TUNNELS

Some of us were fortunate enough to be in the small party that visited the tunnel area in Central Korea which received publicity some months ago.

The coverage in the Press on that occasion did not convey the real significance of the tunnels themselves. The one that the Party inspected, would be capable of allowing the movement of three men abreast.

The more significant fact, however, is that it is hacked through solid granite for about two miles. In itself, it constitutes a major engineering undertaking on the part of the North Koreans.

This one tunnel would have taken about two to three years to reach its present development and would have cost millions of dollars.

It involved the import of special drilling equipment from the USSR and the employment of a work force of many hundreds.

The South Koreans have dug in from the South and have joined up with the tunnel. Needless to say, it was vacated and back-filled by the time they reached it.

In all, there seem to be about 17 tunnels in existence, but only two have actually been opened up from the South.

The question has been asked why the North Koreans went to so much trouble and expense when they surely could have infiltrated overland or by sea.

A superficial inspection of the tunnels themselves indicates that it would be impossible to penetrate by land, and precautions taken to guard against infiltration or invasion by sea are equally stringent.

It is clear that the North Koreans hoped to dig the tunnels unobserved and use them as a highly effective means of infiltration for reconnaissance purposes and then for possible speedy movement of troops and medium equipment in the event of an invasion.

SIGNIFICANT

Perhaps the most significant fact is that the tunnels were apparently commenced in 1972, the year in which Kim II Sung began his much-publicised peace initiatives.

The Republic of Korea is a vital and progressive country. The nature of the threat which hangs over it means some restrictions on the freedoms enjoyed in countries like Australia, but this is an unavoidable contribution to survival.

Perhaps the best indication of the country’s achievements is the fact that in spite of spending only a third of its total budget on defence, it can still produce an annual growth rate in its economy of 10 percent. Australians, please take note!

This nation is our ally. It accepts the awesome responsibility of standing in the front line of the non-Communist world.

In this way, it bears a heavy responsibility not only for its own people, but for those in other free-world nations.

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The Battle of Crete

On December 9, 1975 a unique gathering took place. A number of 2/7th Field Ambulance veterans paraded at the Queen St, Drill Hall, Fremantle to hand over to the 7th Field Ambulance, RAAMC at their final parade for the 1975 year, the Rethymnon Medal and Scroll which had been presented to the 2/7th Field Ambulance for its participation at Rethymnon in the Battle of Crete in May 1941.

This Medal with Scroll was presented during May 1975 at the dedication of the War Memorial at Stravromenos, Rethymnon, commemorating the sacrifice of the Australian, Greek and British Servicemen who with the Cretan patriots fought and fell in this battle area in 1941. It was Ex-Corporal Harry Bray M.M. who, on behalf of the 2/7th Field Ambulance, received the Medal and Scroll and brought them back to the Unit. They are acknowledged that distance and time have not wiped out the feelings of friendship the Cretans entertain towards those who fought alongside them so many years ago.

The playing of the "Forty TWA", the old marching tune of the 2/7th Field Ambulance Pipe Band, by the 8th Field Force Group Pipes and Drums Band, as the Medal Escort flanked by the Guard Party marched between the parading Units – past and present – to the dasi where Colonel L.E. Le Souef O.B.E., E.D. (late time Commanding Officer of the 13th Field Ambulance and then the original Commanding Officer of the 2/7th Field Ambulance in 1940-41) handed over the Medal and Scroll to Lieutenant Colonel P. Anderson (Commanding Officer of today’s 7th Field Ambulance RAAMC in 1975) for safe-keeping, was the highlight of the evening.

All present were deeply conscious of the honour conferred by the presence of the G.O.C. Brigadier W. Jamieson who had expressed such a personal interest in regard to this function and its purpose. In fact, the Pipes and Drums Band was his suggestion.

The occasion was also memorable in as much as many representative old members of the Royal Australian Army Medical Corps were present – all Honorary Colonels of the Corps since the inception of these appointments in 1957, Ex-Commanding Officers, Officers, N.C.O.’s and men of the 7th Field Ambulance and its earlier prototypes back to 1913. Reg Nicholas M.B.E., President of the Gallipoli Legion and one-time Corporal Driver in the 22nd Field Ambulance Fifth Military District in 1913 was the doyen of all present.

It is interesting to note that a precedent for this occasion was set in Northam in 1940 when members in Adelaide of the original 7th Field Ambulance (of the 1914-18 War) handed over their B Section flag, which had seen service in Gallipoli, to the 2/7th Field Ambulance. As a consequence, it saw further service in Libya, Greece and Crete. It now rests in the care of the 7th Field Ambulance RAAMC, at Fremantle, following its presentation by the members of the 2/7th Field Ambulance at the termination of the 1939-45 War. Tradition is well-worthy!


WAAAF RE-UNION

In March, 1977, a National Re-union of ex-members of the Women's Auxiliary Australian Air Force (WAAAF) will be held in Perth.

This will coincide with the 36th anniversary of the formation of the Service, in which, during the years 1941-1946, more than 20,000 women served in various mustering (trades) and at most RAAF establishments in Australia.

It is expected that guests attending the Re-union will travel from all parts of Australia, New Guinea and New Zealand.

During the weekend of March 11-13, 1977 several functions have been arranged, the Re-union Dinner on Saturday, March 12, being the main attraction, with an official welcome at the Air Force Association Memorial Estate, Bateman and a service and wreath-laying ceremony at the State War Memorial, King’s Park.

The Re-union committee is arranging accommodation, sight-seeing tours, etc., and ex-members of the WAAAF interested in attending these festivities in Perth are invited to get in touch with Re-union secretary, Mrs Moira Ball, 21, Hovea Crescent, City Beach, 6015 for Ansett Airlines, the tour carriers, in any capital city when further information will be forwarded.

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News from the Geraldton Sub-Branch

The Geraldton Sub-Branch of the RSL has a new Secretary, Mr Graham Till, who was elected at the Annual General Meeting on January 19th, on the understanding that he would take over the position after the annual meeting of the Northampton Sub-Branch, from which he was retiring as Secretary on February 6th.

Mr Till has been Northampton's Secretary for the past four years, and his efforts have been praised by the State Secretary, Mr Doug Bruce.

Mr Eddie Carbury did not seek re-election as Secretary/Treasurer of the Geraldton Sub-Branch, because he is retiring in June and moving to Perth.

Several speakers praised his outstanding work during the past two years.

Mr Stan Moore was re-elected President; Mr Joe Willers was chosen as both Treasurer and Senior Vice President, and there is also a new Junior Vice President, Mr Terry Longhurst, formerly of the Armadale Sub-Branch.

Mr Bill Cunningham was re-elected Repatriation Officer, and Mr Peter Barden was re-elected Publicity Officer, while the Bordwood House Trustees are the President, and Mr Joe Willers.

Elected to the Committee were Mr A. Walker, Mr F. Heath and Mr J. Searle. Mr Moore welcomed to the meeting five members from the Regional War Veterans' Home at Geraldton.

Mr Stan Moore said the highlight of a successful year was the opening of the Regional War Veterans' Home.

Mr Fred Batchelor was chosen as the new Treasurer of the War Veterans' Home Committee.

The meeting was told that the Hospital Visitors had made a total of 613 bedside visits during the year, including 480 at the Regional Hospital by Mrs Trythena Aspland, and two other members of the Women's Auxiliary, and 153 at the St John of God Hospital by Mr Clem Burns.

The Sub-Branch again decided to adopt a Ward of Legacy for a year, by paying $50.00. — B.J.B.

**CHAIRS TWO MEETINGS**

A veteran of World War one, Mr BERT LOCK of Geraldton, chaired two annual general meetings on the same night.

They were meetings of the GERALDTON Sub-Branch of the Returned Services League and of the Women's Auxiliary.

Mr STAN MOORE was re-elected Sub-Branch President, and Mr GRAHAM TILL was chosen as the new Secretary.

The Women's Auxiliary re-elected both the President, Mrs TRYTHENAS ASPLANT, and the Secretary, Mrs EADIE ROGERS, her daughter.

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**THE RSL BADGE**

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Ever looked at an RSL badge? Really taken it in your hand and studied it? Have you ever paused to realise the full significance of something that is part and parcel of RSL life?

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Not wealth, nor influence, nor social standing can purchase this badge, which may be worn with honour only by those who have served in an operational theatre in Her Majesty's Forces.

The badge remains a symbol of its wearer's readiness at all times to serve the Queen and help his former comrades in arms.

In three more ways, the badge is full of meaning.

The leek is the emblem of Wales, the rose of England, the thistle of Scotland and the shamrock of Ireland, and their presence on the badge is the symbol of unity between these countries when they were 'home' for so many Australians who answered the call.

The colours represent the blood ties that exist between comrades and members — red; the purity of motive that leads men to join the league — white; and the willingness to help a comrade in need anywhere beneath our bright Australian sky — blue.

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"Rust in Peace"

World War II came to the South Pacific with terrific impact on the three million men who lived through it.

There, in often idylic settings, battling armies mauled each other as well as the landscape, littering these now peaceful islands with the materials of war.

Tanks, planes, landing craft, weapons and armour were left where they fell as men pushed on or were driven back.

From New Guinea to Japan the story was repeated on island after island ... atoll after atoll. Lush jungle, white beaches, ambush-prone trails were the settings for combat which became the last resting places for men and the materials of war.

Thirty years later, the men are in neat rows in war cemeteries across the Pacific, but the materials remain. Thirty years of rust and corrosion have given these guns, tanks and weapons a poignancy that evokes a great sadness. A lone rusting helmet ... or a knocked out gun tell a silent story of hopes won and lost, of valour and defeat.

Bruce Adams with his camera captures this in his brilliant, evocative photographs of the Pacific war theatres as they are today. Men, and women, of the Australian Forces, will find this book hard to put down, so compelling and graphic is its presentation.

This is a part of our history that should be known by all Australians; of when armies fought on battlegrounds close to Australia — and where the aftermath — the abandoned materials of war are left to "Rust in Peace" — a silent memorial of when the most devastating of all world wars came to the Pacific.

**"RUST IN PEACE" Book Offer to RSL**

In a recent meeting held in Perth between Mr D. H. Bruce, State Secretary for Western Australia, and Mr Georg Karlov, Marketing Manager of Antipodean Publishers Pty Ltd of Sydney, an offer was made to the State Branch which should not only help the State Branch financially, but which will also give your members a very handsome, good quality book.

The book is called "Rust in Peace" by Bruce Adams and it contains a pictorial record of how the battle areas of New Guinea and South Pacific look today — 30 years after the end of World War II.

The book, which retails at $14.95, has a foreword by Sir William Hall, CBE, DSO, ED, National President of the RSL. In his foreword, Sir William says:

"'Rust in Peace' is a book which stabs into the memories of all who lived through the days of the first major threat to Australian soil, and it is right that all Australians should be given the opportunity to realise what was done and endured for them over 30 years ago ..."

The agreement at which Messrs Bruce and Karlov arrived at is as follows:

If the West Australian Branch of the League promotes and encourages its members to buy the book, by completing the coupon below, Antipodean Publishers will sell the book to the League at $10 — which is the wholesale price. The RSL in Western Australia will make $4.95 (less 50c of postage) per book.

Mr Bruce indicated that the RSL Finance Committee will decide how the money thus earned will be spent.

"Rust in Peace", as mentioned earlier is a MUST book for every member of the RSL and, because of its quality, it represents excellent value for money. The publishers hope to sell 1000 copies to RSL members in Western Australia between now and the end of the year.

All members are requested to complete the coupon and mail it immediately to the Perth address of the RSL.

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**ANY BUYERS?**

W. (Bill) Hendrie, of 34 Chatsworth Road, Highgate, has a complete set of the History of the Great War 1914-18, as new, by Alexander Scott, for sale. $20 ONO.

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The Following Are Eligible

ELIGIBILITY:
Subject to a means test in most cases, and also certain provisions in respect of children, the following are eligible for service pensions:

An ex-serviceman who suffers from pulmonary tuberculosis; or who served in a theatre of war, and has attained the age of 60; or is permanently unemployed.

An ex-servicewoman who suffers from pulmonary tuberculosis; or who served in a theatre of war, or served abroad or embarked for service abroad, and has attained the age of 55, or is permanently unemployed.

The wife of a service pensioner, if her husband is receiving a service pension and she is not receiving a pension or allowance from the Department of Social Security. (“Wife” includes “de facto” wife in some circumstances).

Veterans of other Commonwealth countries who have served outside their countries of enlistment or elsewhere and have qualified for the award of a campaign star in respect of service during wars or war-like operations in which Australian Forces were engaged, and who have resided in Australia for at least ten years.

THEATRE OF WAR
To qualify for a service pension, an ex-serviceman must have served in a “theatre of war” as defined within the meaning of the Repatriation Act.

“Served in a theatre of war” means served at sea, in the field or in the air, in naval, military or aerial operations against the enemy in an area, or on an aircraft or ship of war, at a time when danger from hostile forces of the enemy was incurred in that area or on that aircraft or ship of war by the person so serving.

It also means having served in the Northern Territory, north of parallel 14.5 deg. south latitude or any of the islands contiguous to that part of the Northern Territory, on or after February 19, 1942 and before November 13, 1943, provided such service was for a period of not less than three consecutive months.

It also means having served on Rottnest Island between September 3, 1939, and before May 6, 1944, for at least three consecutive months, subject to investigation by the Repatriation Department.

A Service Pension may be granted to an Ex-serviceman or woman who has not reached the ages of 60 years and 55 years respectively and who are assessed as being permanently unemployed. Permanently unemployed is defined in the Act as “permanently incapacitated, by reason of physical or mental disablement, of being employed in a remunerative occupation in which, in the opinion of the Commission, he can reasonably be expected to obtain regular employment.”

PENSION RATES
The rate at which a service pension is paid depends, in most cases, not only on the means test but also on whether the veteran:

- is single, widowed, divorced or separated;
- is married;
- has the care, custody and control of a child or children.

The maximum rates payable at November 1975 are:
- single veteran, $36.75 a week;
- married veteran and his wife, $32.25 each a week.

Additional amounts are payable, subject to certain conditions, to a veteran with children.

MEANS TEST
If you have attained the age of 70, the service pension will be paid free of the means test. However, if you are married and your wife is under 70, your own and her income and property will be taken into account in assessing the pension she may receive.

If you are under 70, and have property and/or income which debars you from the full rate of pension, you could still be entitled to a partial service pension.

This matter is well worth investigation as a number of people are unaware of their entitlements in this area.

If you wish to apply for a service pension, write to, telephone or call at any office of the Repatriation Department and obtain a claim form.

If writing, state your full name, service number, rank and the unit (or arm of the service) in which you served. You will receive a claim form and also an Income Property Statement.

If married, a separate Income Property Statement and also a form relating to your marriage will be forwarded to your wife.

The address for correspondence in WA is —

The Deputy Commissioner, Department of Repatriation, 11-13 William Street, Perth, WA 6000.

WAYS IN WHICH YOU CAN HELP

The War Veterans’ Home will be very grateful for any gifts of food, drinks etc, to help keep down the costs of catering.

It should be pointed out that Nationwide Food Service (West) Pty Ltd, are employed as managers for the home’s catering, and that the home itself is responsible for all payment of foodstuffs.

Your assistance will be greatly appreciated.

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

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

The Annex of the War Veterans’ Home at Geraldton would also be very grateful for any gifts to assist with keeping down costs.

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Successful Poppy Day Appeal

The following is a list of sub-branches, associations, volunteers, and donors, all of whom assisted in the recent Poppy Day Appeal, showing the number of poppies sold and the gross amount received at Anzac House, together with donations, all of which makes a grand total of $9,577.14.

We extend our grateful thanks to all concerned.

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Mr Kevin Newman was sworn in as Minister for Repatriation in the Fraser Government on December 22, 1975.

He was first elected to the House of Representatives as Member for Bass, in north-eastern Tasmania, in a by-election in June, 1975. Mr Newman was re-elected in the general election in December, 1975.

Born in Sydney on October 10, 1933, he was educated there, going straight from school to the Royal Military College, Duntroon, in 1952. In 1955 he graduated into the Royal Australian Infantry Corps and began his career as a Regular Army Officer.

Highlights of his career have been service in Malaysia as a Platoon Commander during the Emergency in 1956-57; as an instructor at the School of Infantry and later the Infantry Centre during 1959-61; and also as an instructor at the Royal Military College, 1962-63.

He served in Vietnam as the Operations Officer of the Second Battalion, Royal Australian Regiment, 1967-68. He was then posted as the Infantry Exchange Instructor at a School of Infantry in the United Kingdom, 1969-71.

During this posting he served for a short period as a Liaison Officer in Muscat and Oman.

Returning to Australia in 1972, he took command of the Fifth Battalion, Royal Australian Regiment, for two years. In 1974 he was posted to Tasmania, first as Commander of the newly formed Sixth Military District and later, following a re-organisation, as the Deputy Commander.

In May, 1975, he stood for election as the Liberal Party candidate for Bass against the then sitting Member, Lance Barnard, Minister for Defence in the Whitlam Government. Soon after he was endorsed, Mr Barnard resigned and the by-election was held.

Mr Newman resigned his commission as an Army officer, with the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel, just before the by-election.

Mr Newman is married, his wife, Jocelyn, being a lawyer. They have two children, Campbell, aged 12, and Kate, 10. Their home is in Launceston.

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WAR RELIEF FUND

During World War I funds were raised for the relief of distress among men who had served in the war and their dependants.

At the end of the war these funds were in the hands of the various persons, bodies and organizations.

In 1926 the State Government of W.A. passed the War Relief Funds Act. This Act set up a Council of three to consolidate and administer the funds. One member of the Council has to be a nominee of the W.A. Branch of the R.S.L. Funds are available for the relief of distress among World War I Veterans and their dependants.

Applications should be addressed to “The Secretary”, Council of War Relief Funds, Anzac House, Perth.

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Service Pensions

(OLD AGE)

Ex-servicemen and women may apply for a service pension on the basis of age if they can satisfy the following requirements:

They have reached the age of 60 or will attain this age in the near future (55 in the case of ex-servicewomen).

They have served in a “theatre of war”. Special provisions relate to the Northern Territory between February 19, 1942 and November 13, 1943, and for Rottnest Island between September 3, 1939 and May 6, 1944.

The applicant and/or his wife can satisfy the means test.

In assessing their means the following main items are not taken into account: home, furniture, car, boat, caravan and personal effects.

In addition to the above the applicant and/or his wife can have:

(a) assets up to approximately $18,000 if neither he or his wife work and earn an income;

or

(b) the applicant has no assets, then the weekly income of himself and/or his wife does not exceed approximately $34.00 per week.

For a single person the figures are approximately

(a) $11,000, and (b) $20 per week.

If either of these two figures are exceeded the applicant could still be entitled to a part pension. Unless combined assets are in excess of $80,000 (single ($50,000), or his income is more than $160 per week ($95 single), he should check his entitlement.

Where assets and income are both involved, the rate of pension is calculated in accordance with a fixed table. It should also be remembered that the wife of a service pensioner qualifies for the pension irrespective of age.

Enquiries should be directed to: The Deputy Commissioner, Department of Repatriation, 11-13 William Street, Perth, WA, 6000.
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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


44TH BATTALION ASSOCIATION

Committee meets when called. Annual Reunion Show Week Monday. President, Roy Collins, 134 Rosbery St, Bedford (71-4448). Secretary, A.J. Williams, 13 Kanabim Way, Morley (70-2353).

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President, T.W. Scott, 250 Corinthian Rd, Riverton. Secretary, W.H.P. Hood, 93 Guildford Rd, Mt Lawley, 6050 (71-5254). Meetings 1st Wednesday each month in Visitors Room, Anzac House, Perth.

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Meets Anzac House 4th Wednesday each month. President, J.P. Hall, 12 Lockhart Street, Como (60-3552). Secretary-Treasurer, F.C. Pennell, 21 Siddons 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 (6.30 pm).

MIDDLE EAST VAD ASSOCIATION, WA

Contact Officer, Mrs N. Payne, 11 Hurlingham Road, South Perth (67-1005). Meetings as called. Annual Reunion nearest Saturday to November 25.

RAE ASSOCIATION

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

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Meets Anzac House 2.30 pm second Tuesday. President, P.T.J. Green, 157 Alexander Drive, Dianella (76-5480). Secretary, Harry Kahan, 2/42 Rutland Avenue, Victoria Park (61-8230). Annual reunion Anzac House Tuesday of Show Week 1975 at 2.30 pm.

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2/32ND BATTALION ASSOCIATION (WA)


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KOREA & SOUTH- EAST ASIA FORCES ASSOCIATION

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January, 1976, the beginning of a New Year! May I wish you all a very happy and healthy year ahead.

No doubt you will have read that our State President, Mrs Veanie Rowe, has received the MBE from Her Majesty the Queen for her work for ex-servicemen and women over a number of years. We all wish Veanie the very best in the future.

It was with regret that we had to accept the resignation from State Executive of Mrs Peg Ferres and Mrs Kemp.

Mrs Ferres has given 25 years service on the Executive, she held the office of Trustee, and was our official visitor to the Edward Millen Home for many years. We hope Peg and her husband Norm have better health in the future. Mrs Kemp found it necessary to retire owing to family commitments.

It was our pleasure to welcome Mrs Taylor (Millen) and Mrs Johnson (City of Perth) to fill the vacancies.

ENJOYABLE

Since my last report, we have accepted invitations to functions from auxiliaries, sub-branches and kindred associations. Mrs Rolfe and I went to the Kojonup Sub-Branch dinner on November 12, and had a very enjoyable evening meeting the local residents and visiting Auxiliary members.

It had been quite a while since members of the Executive had visited the Northam auxiliary, and it was like a reunion, meeting all the members again, when Mrs Rowe, Mrs Mortimore, Mrs Chilcott and I attended their luncheon on November 12. Veanie presented a very surprised Mrs Johnson with her Life Membership.

On November 29, members of the Executive attended the Reception given by the League to the Governor, Sir Wallace Kyle, and Lady Kyle.

Mrs Rowe, Mrs Lowe and I, together with our husbands, were introduced to the Governor and Lady Kyle by Mr Phenna, State President of the League.

Mrs Rolfe and Mrs Holder attended the Cockburn Sub-Branch dinner, and Mrs Rolfe presented Mrs Willis with a Certificate of Service.

The State officers and members of Executive also attended the Garden Party at Government House, the launching of the Miss Crowning Glory Quest for 1976, and several Christmas parties arranged by sub-branches.

During December, members of the Executive delivered our Christmas parcels to ex-servicemen and women in hospitals and homes.

Once again, we must thank the auxiliaries for their support of this fund, and extend to them the grateful thanks of the recipients of the gifts.

On December 19, a number of Executive members and their husbands attended the War Veterans’ Home Christmas party, and Mrs Rowe had the pleasure of presenting a cheque for $1,200 to enable the Board to purchase three water-coolers for the Howes Wing. This money was donated by various auxiliaries.

Thank you all

Mr sincerest thanks are offered to all members and Branch officials who have written to me congratulating me on the honour bestowed on me by Her Majesty the Queen in the New Year’s Honours.

I greatly appreciate the Honour and say “thank you” to all members for their efforts through the years, which has resulted in my receiving the MBE, for without the sustained work of all members in building a worthwhile service organisation, I would not have been honoured.

My appreciation also goes to my husband for his co-operation and tolerance in all my efforts.

Once again, thank you all, and every good wish for a happy and healthy year for 1976. — L. ROWE, MBE.

History of the Engineers

Mr E.W Proud, of Proud- Bailey Co. Ltd., Heathfield Towers, Heathfield, Sussex TN21 8PY, United Kingdom, is preparing a history of the Royal Engineers Postal Service in the First and Second World Wars and would be most interested to hear from any former members who might have photographs or diaries etc., which he could borrow.

He is also interested in any old correspondence (envelopes or postcards) bearing Field Post Office marks, especially where the Unit or the sender and/or his location could be ascertained.

He is prepared to pay the commercial rate for any such material.

Any person who has material of interest in compiling the above history should communicate direct with Mr Proud.

IN THE NEW YEAR HONOUR LIST

Congratulations are in order for those members of the RSL and the Women’s Auxiliary who were recently honoured by her Majesty the Queen.

The following members of the League have received awards for distinguished service:

The Lt. Governor, Commodore J.R. Ramsay, CBE, DSC, RAN (ret.), has been awarded a Knighthood.

Mr Percy Pearson, OBE, JP, immediate Past President of the RSL, has been awarded the CMG.

Mr L. Rowe, State President, RSL Women’s Auxiliary State Executive, has been awarded the MBE.

Mr J. Chappell, who retired as State Secretary of the RSL, WA Branch in 1959 after ten years in office, has been awarded the MBE.

The awards received by these people have been richly deserved, and we wish each and everyone of them many years of good health and happiness.
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THE NATIONAL RSL BOWLS CARNIVAL WAS HELD AT CANBERRA

The National RSL bowls carnival was held at Canberra from Friday, December 26 to Tuesday, January 6 and the following members made the trip:

George Bowman, Len Preedy, Colin D'arcy, Herb Gilbert, Bill Snelling (Kitchener Park); Col Criddle, Jock Bowie, Harry Fowler (Wembley); Wal Cloutman, Jim Groves, Jim Horrocks (Claremont); Fred Guelfi, John Serventy, Harry (Dusty) Millar (Osborne Park); Tom and Jack McIntyre (Kings Park-Celtic); Jim Ames (South Perth); Hubert Miller (Mullewa); Max Nairn (Victoria Park); Jack Sherriffs (North Beach); Ralph Steggall (Perth); Frank Gomm (Albany); Harry Adams (Wanneroo); Ern Newton (Bayswater)

Fourteen wives plus Len Preedy's 13-year-old son made up the party of 39.

On Friday morning, December 26, all players attended the Canberra Workers' Club, where they were welcomed by the patron of the National RSL Bowls Council and the national president of the League, Sir William Hall, CBE, DSO, ED.

He was supported by the State president of the ACT Branch of the RSL Jim Stewart MC, and Des Edwards, president of the National RSL Bowls Council.

All groups then proceeded to their host clubs for social bowls. Kingston-Narabundah RSL Bowling Club looked after the WA boys and liaison officer Ned Speering, with the support of his clubmates, did an excellent job with his arrangements.

An impressive ceremony took place at the War Memorial, with a maximum of 30 members from each State taking part in the march past,

A Catafalque Party from Jack Hamilton's old Regiment, and the Canberra Highland Pipe Band assisted in the ceremony. This event had brief coverage on TV.

Social bowls was again the order for Saturday afternoon, and the interstate matches commenced on Sunday morning. We did not do very well. Other States had greater numbers to participate in elimination trials and practice, whereas WA had to battle to get 24 bowlers to make the trip.

We are unable to publish specific details of the various matches, as these are in the possession of section captain Col Criddle, who had not returned at the time of writing.

Queensland won the Jack Hamilton series, and SA were victors in the Dr Syd Kranz Memorial series (a competition reserved for the Executive and reserve fours from each State).

The National Council meeting was attended by Executive member Wal Cloutman and delegate Ern Newton, who were both re-elected for the coming year.

Len Preedy, Max Nairn, and Ern Newton had nink wins in the interstate series. The National Fours was played in sections of six but to my knowledge no WA fours won their section.

The next National RSL carnival will take place in SA, commencing on Sunday, December 26, 1976, and we sincerely hope that more RSL bowlers will be available for the trip.

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Preference will be given to persons eligible for assistance under the Defence Service Homes Act, or to cash offers by persons not eligible for such assistance.

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TRIBUTE TO THE “EXMOUTH”

Should any reader be in the Exmouth Shire area, they can see an enlargement of the training ship “Exmouth” as shown here, on display at the Exmouth Tourist Bureau.

The photograph’s ultimate resting place is the North-West Cape Museum when the museum is completed.

I joined the “Exmouth” in 1913. Now she is due to pass out of the navy, aged 14 years and three months of age. The ship was built of steel and could accommodate 800 boys. She was commanded by a retired naval captain, and flew the Blue Ensign. Her officers were retired or reserve warrant officers and OIC instructors.

The ship's main function was primarily to train boys for the navy, and they left the Exo at the age of 15 years and nine months. I left the Exo for active service with the navy on October 10, 1914, aged 14 years and three months and served throughout the war as a Signal Boy — officially — but later unofficially as an AB as well.

GOOD JOB

Some years ago, I had occasion to contact a marine insurance assessor over some transit damage. He was a sea captain, and when we were reminiscing our sea-going days, I mentioned the old Exo: "She did a wonderful job in the 1939-1945 war", he said.

I was flabbergasted. Have another look at the photograph and try to imagine — doing what? I immediately told him he must be thinking of another "Exmouth". Without going into all the details, he said, "She was taken to Scapa Flow and did a great job as an ammunitions ship, and what’s more, we towed her back and she is now the Worcester — a cadet officers’ training ship — the former Worcester having become obsolete."

I have confirmed the foregoing with the Principal of the Merchant Navy College, Worcester, who was good enough to send me a photograph of the ship.

I understand the interior is vastly different to my day, but the actual hull is the same.

They have shortened the masts and done away with some of the yardarms. "Spoilt the ship for ha’porth of tar."

Thus the “Exmouth” has proudly and well served her country throughout the years under different monarchs. And what of the thousands of boys she has turned into men? She is still doing that, though not for long, I fear.

I am proud to have served on her and when her days are over, I think, with every other “Exmouth” boy, I would be proud to salute her.

Early in 1942, our Colonel called the company OCRs to a conference, bound us to secrecy and informed us that an operation code named “Potshot” was about to begin.

We were not given any details other than the fact that we were to supply the transport for the task force. This was exciting news but the object of the conference was to decide its composition, personnel and vehicles.

After the conference, I asked the Colonel whether he could or would confidentially give me more details to help my selection of suitable officers for the task, as I had had experience and knowledge of Western Australia from north to south.

The only details he could give were: "The Americans wanted to establish a base on the west side of Exmouth Gulf in the north-west to refuel submarines and aircraft". This was enough.

GUESS

I knew there was no habitation from the North West Cape to Exmouth Gulf Station, so it wasn’t hard to guess the likely whereabouts. The only redeeming feature from the troops’ point of view — would be its proximity to the sea, for a dip when possible.

The nearest town would be Onslow and it seemed to me that Exmouth Gulf was still to remind me of my old ship and the sea.

From what I could glean and gather, particularly of WA, my appreciation of the situation at that stage was this. General MacArthur had started the ball rolling when he insisted on Fremantle being defended.

He wanted his western flank, the Indian Ocean, protected and decided to establish a submarine and aircraft refuelling base in Exmouth Gulf. Operation "Potshot" was the result.

The main naval base, with the mother-ship and repair facilities, was at Fremantle and the building up of 3 Aust. Corps Transport Column seemed to be part of General Gordon Bennett’s objective to fit in with this strategy.

In March, 1944, we had our last threat of an enemy attack. Until that time, WA had been left out on a limb and our north-west virtually given away to the enemy.

Thanks to Generals MacArthur and Bennett, WA’s defences were at the highest peak reached in the war, as the last "flap" proved when literally hundreds of aircraft of all types, fighters, bombers and transports, of all nations, Aussies, Britons — with their latest Spitfires — and the Americans, were in the air, mainly from the Darwin area.

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HOMAGE TO THE FALLEN

A small but solemn service was held on the top of Mt Clarence on Sunday November 2, to pay tribute to soldiers who died in the defence of their country.

The service was the annual pilgrimage to the Desert Mounted Corps War Memorial on Mt Clarence and is held in the first week of November each year by the Albany branch of the Returned Services League.

A similarly solemn service was held on Saturday at the Nurses' Memorial Garden, where wreaths were laid by members of the women's auxiliary.

Members of the Gallipoli Legion of Anzacs and the 10th Light Horse travelled to Albany for the services — they came from as far away as Geraldton and Perth.

Though there was only a small attendance at the service at the Memorial Garden, none of the solemnity of the occasion was lost.

A wreath was laid by the Mayoress, Mrs Harold Smith; the president of the RSL ladies auxiliary, Mrs Ken Danail; and the vice-president Mrs Alan Lewis.

Mrs Bulbeck read an article on Peace and Mrs Cyril Rayson read the prayer. Captain Alan Laurens, of the Salvation Army, conducted the bible reading and hymns.

FAMILY NIGHT

In between services on Saturday night, there was a family night at the RSL for the visitors after the service on Sunday and was in return presented with two photographs to add to the museum's collection.

About 90 people attended the service and Capt Laurens gave the address. Music was provided (for both services) by the Salvation Army Band.

The president of the Albany Historical Society, Mr Homer White, opened the Old Jail Museum for the visitors after the service on Sunday and was in return presented with two photographs to add to the museum's collection.

NEW BOARD MEMBER

Senator Douglas McClelland has announced the appointment of A.G.W. Keys, OBE, MC, as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Australian War Memorial.

In announcing the appointment, the special Minister of State said that it gave him particular pleasure to welcome to the Board a member of the National Executive of the RSL, thus continuing the long association — since 1932 — of an RSL executive member on the Board.

Mr Keys, who had served in World War II and Korea, has been National Secretary of the RSL since 1951. He is also President of the Korean and South-East Asian Association.

The appointment of Mr Keys followed the resignation of Sir Arthur Lee, KBE, on medical advice. Sir Arthur indicated that his 13 years as a member of the Board have been among the highlights of his life and he regretted that this close association with the magnificent memorial to Australian men and women must come to an end.

The Minister said he wished to record the gratitude of the Australian Government and the nation to Sir Arthur for his significant contribution to the Memorial over many years.

At the same time he paid tribute to the RSL and other service organisations for their continued assistance in addition to the collection of the Australian War Memorial, which is regarded, not only by Australian citizens, but by overseas visitors, as the outstanding war museum in the world.

RSL BALL

The RSL Ball will be held at the Subiaco Civic Centre on Friday, August 13.

Make sure you arrange your party early and book through your sub-branch.

The number is limited to 400.

Award For Leadership

Cadet Aircrew G.F. Clynick, a member of No. 93 Pilots Course at the Royal Australian Air Force No. 2 Flying Training School, RAAF Base, Pearce, was the recipient of the RSL prize presented to the graduate who displays the highest qualities in leadership.

The presentation was made by the Reviewing Officer, Air Vice-Marshal J.C. Jordan, Air Member for Personnel, at the Graduation Ceremony at Pearce on November 20, 1975.

NEW PATRON

In the November-December issue of "Listening Post" could be read an article called "The Persistent Volunteer".

We are now pleased to advice readers that Mr Ernest Aberle, MM, BEM, the subject of the article, has now accepted patronage of the Bicton-Palmyra Sub-Branch.

This happy photo of Mr Aberle was taken recently, and he will be 90 years of age on April 5.

Looks like celebrations will be in order for Mr Aberle on that day.
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MEMORIES OF A MARINER

The War Veterans’ Home at Mt. Lawley is a quiet, well-ordered place and there, if you make your way to Anderson House and call at the little flat halfway down, you may meet Arnold Carter.

A Navy man, Arnold Carter. A chief yeoman of signals to be precise, he served in two wars and he goes around fairly pleased with the claim that he was the world’s first sea scout.

"Number 1, that’s me,” he says. "My brother Gillen Carter— he lives in Shenton Park — he was Number 2.

"There were 10 of us down there on the Kalgan River at Albany. We were formed by Mr Hal McFall and our first camp lasted 14 days and was held on an island in the river.

“We lived in tents and told the time by the stars and were usually no more than 20 minutes out in our reckoning.

“Not very good, well we didn’t have a bus to catch or anything like that, so it didn’t matter much.”

No 1 SEA SCOUT
The year was 1909 and Arnold Carter was 14 when he signed up as sea scout No. 1. "’Khaki shirt, big hat and khaki shorts, that was us. A Lieutenant Mutton, a chief gunner from the Royal Navy, was the instructor. He came down from Fremantle to help us train.’

A couple of years on and Arnold Carter was proficient in Morse and semaphore signalling and when military training became compulsory in Australia in the years before the 1914 war, he naturally turned to the Navy.

“We were just a couple of bushies, my brother and I, but I guess we enjoyed our days as sea cadets,” he says.

“’I think Mr McFall later formed a second branch of the sea scouts at Freshwater Bay. But I know we were the first and we started only a year after Baden-Powell formed the Boy Scout movement in Britain.’

RELENTANT
A man of many memories, Arnold Carter sometimes finds his colleagues at Mt Lawley reluctant to have a good chat.

“Myself, I’d like to have a good conversation about longitudes and latitudes and compass variations,” he says.

“But most of them want to talk about how old they are getting.

“I’ll be a hundred myself in 18 years, but I’ll still be feeling young.”

Lighthouse keeper at Nor West Cape for a year or so, Mr Carter spent a good many years running an auction mart in Albany.

“But it is the memories of life that Arnold Carter likes to cherish. And what memories.

“Who remembers Ralph Potts pulling teeth at a bob a time?” he asks. "And the days when the Metropolitan sold a full set of new ones for two guineas.

“That was about the time that Sam Langford fought McVie in Perth to see which one would challenge Jack Johnson for the heavyweight title.

“There were a couple of plays at Her Majesty’s. One was ‘The Girl Who Knew A Bit’ and the other was ‘Why Men Love Women’. They sound a bit naughty now, but they weren’t really.

“And who remembers ‘Haley’s Comet’? I saw it in 1910 and I’ll see it again in 1986.

“Or will I? No, I’ll probably be up there with it.

“There I go, you see. Bad as the others. Talking about getting old. No good to anybody, that.”

How to spoil a sub-branch

1. Hold back your dues as long as possible, or don’t pay at all.
2. Never come to any of your sub-branch socials, be content to take all you can and give nothing in return. Let the branch whistle for its finance.
3. Never accept office, it is easier to criticise than do things.
4. Nevertheless, go crook if you are not appointed to a committee, but if appointed, never attend meetings.
5. Don’t think of ever coming to meetings unless you have it stacked.

COME ALONG LATE

6. If you do come, be sure to be late.
7. Do nothing more than is absolutely necessary, but when others roll up their sleeves and do it all, how about how the branch is run by a “clique”?
8. If the president asks your opinion on something important, tell him you have nothing to say. After the meeting, tell everyone how things should be done.

FIND FAULT

9. If you attend a meeting, find fault with the officers and other members.
10. If the secretary doesn’t suit you in some of the thankless tasks he has to perform, show your appreciation by calling him a — miserable cootl!

Roll up your sleeves and give a hand. Pay your dues on time and praise those who are running the branch.

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,
Nor the years condemn,
At the going down of the sun,
And in the morning,
We will remember them

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NEW NAME NEEDED BADLY

When one thinks of the glory that lies ahead of the Western third of the Australian continent it surpasses all understanding that those who gave this magnificent State that uninspiring name of Western Australia should have been so devoid of imagination.

The same is true of New South Wales and South Australia; and even Queensland and Victoria have names that rapidly are becoming relics of an imperial past.

When CAPT. JAMES STIRLING followed in the footsteps of Dutch explorer WILLEM VAN VLAMINGH and sailed up the Swan River, he too showed very little imagination.

No-one could quarrel with Vlamingh for naming it the Swan River. Black swans were an ornithological rarity in the 17th century as far as Europe was concerned and the Dutch explorer who discovered the river in 1697 was excited — not by the scenery but by the swans.

In the northern hemisphere, all swans are white; so Vlamingh captured three of the black swans and took them back to Holland to prove to the doubters that he did not lie.

His name Zwanen Rivere, put on French charts as Riviere de Cygnes, was so appropriate that when it was anglicised and became Swan River it became a permanent fixture.

RATS' NEST

The Dutch gave another name—a most unglamorous one—for an island that now is fast becoming known as the Isle of Girls. When Vlamingh saw it in 1697 he mistook the indigenous quokkas for large rats and named the island accordingly.

A French expedition paid a fleeting visit in 1601 and sailed up the river as far as the Causeway, naming the island across which the causeway later was to be built after Ensign HEIRISON, one of the leaders of the French exploring party.

But it was Stirling who indulged in the frenzied nomenclatural activity that was to give to the Swan River and its environs names by the dozen of those in high office who had found favour with the gallant captain.

Just before Stirling and H.M.S. Success came to the Swan, a regatta had been held in Sydney Harbour, organised by the captains and officers of the two warships then in port. The other ship was commanded by CAPT. H. J. ROUS and Stirling named Rous Head after his regatta opponent.

The sailing race in Sydney was won by a boat called Black Swan and it was sailed by LIEUT. PRESTON. Preston Point commemorates the victor's name.

ELDEST BROTHER

Arthur's Head was named in honour of the Lieut.-Governor of Van Diemen's Land and Point Walter was kept in the Stirling family. It was named after the captains' eldest brother.

The ranges beyond Perth honoured another Governor—this time the Governor of N.S.W.—and Governor Darling's wife ELIZA had a single mountain named in her honour.

Cockburn Sound was named after SIR GEORGE COCKBURN who at one time was First Lord of the Admiralty—another admirable choice. Gage Roads was named after REAR-ADMIRAL GAGE, then commander-in-chief of the East Indies Station.

The Frenchmen named Garden Island the Isle Buache but Stirling thought so highly of it that he planted a large garden there and named it accordingly. This, of course, was in 1829 when he came again to WA to settle the colony.

He even claimed some of Garden Island as part of his grant of land but soon transferred to the mainland.

MILL POINT

Like Garden Island, MILL POINT was not named after a person. The river, as the only easy means of transport between Perth and Fremantle, was well patronised and a mill was built on a point that was handy of access to the pioneers.

They brought their wheat there for gristing and the point where the mill was graduated quickly to Mill Point. There is still a mill there, rebuilt and renovated in the original style and a "must" for all tourists.

Carnac—an unusual name—was given to a third island off the coast in honour of Stirling's Lieut. John Rivett Carnac.

Point Fraser, just below Heirisson Island gave a semblance of immortality to the botanist in the party, CHARLES FRASER and an artist named FREDERICK GARLING had a point named after him that seems to have disappeared from the map.

It's perhaps too late to do anything about some of the names around the place. But there cannot be a name better suited to Rottnest than the Isle of Girls—and what a tourist drawcard that would be.

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They went with songs to the battle, they were young,
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They were staunch to the end against odds uncounted;
They fell with their faces to the foe.

They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old;
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them.

They linger not with their laughing comrades again,
They sit no more at familiar tables at home;
They have no lot in our labour of the day-time;
They sleep beyond England's foam.

But where our desires are and our hopes profound,
Felt as a well-spring that is hidden from sight,
To the innermost heart of their own land they are known
As the stars are known to the Night.

As the stars that shall be bright when we are dust,
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ARE YOU A VIRGIN, HE ASKED

Gabriel Pascal, the Hungarian-born film director who conceived the brilliant idea of converting Pygmalion into a musical, was nothing if not direct in his methods.

Pascal made film history when he became the first and only man to obtain permission from George Bernard Shaw to transform his famous plays into motion pictures, but he trod a rocky and uneven path in his negotiations with the ancient and peppy Irish playwright. It is extremely doubtful whether he would have been able — while G.B. was alive — to have gained agreement to “Pygmalion” becoming “My Fair Lady”; and undoubtedly there were subterranean rumblings when the trustees of Shaw’s estate said “yes” to Gabriel’s blandishments.

The rest, of course is history — and very well recorded. What is not so well recorded is the way in which Pascal searched for and selected the actors and actresses for his Shaw films.

When casting for “Major Barbara”, he came to the part — small but important — of a young Salvation Army girl. A certain experienced actress was suggested.

“BITCH”

“She is a bitch,” said Pascal. “I want somebody pure, with a spiritual face, an innocent girl.” “Difficult,” said colleague Richard Norton.

Not far away in the Savoy Hotel where they were dining a young girl sat with an older man. “Look, Dicky,” said Pascal, “Look at that face.”

He walked across, placed a hand on the girl’s shoulder and said: “Are you a virgin?” The girl blushed furiously, but before she could answer, Pascal went on: “My name is Gabriel Pascal, and I need the face of an innocent girl for my next film. I have a feeling you can act.” He then invited her to come to the lobby after her lunch if she was interested.

It turned out that she was. She was a dancer in a Sadler’s Wells ballet company, with an ambition to become an actress.

In the lobby, she recited the first few sentences of a monologue from a Spanish play called “Cradle Song” and was asked then if she knew the Lord’s Prayer.

The girl spoke the words of the Prayer so movingly that Pascal’s eyes were moist. “You are the girl,” he said.

So, with the Lord’s Prayer, began the career of one of the greatest actresses in the world — Deborah Kerr.

SLAVE GIRL

When Pascal was seeking a very young girl to play the part of a harpist slave girl in the epic “Caesar and Cleopatra” (featuring Vivien Leigh and Claude Rains) he went to a dancing school in Golders Green, London.

There, in a roomful of girls, he saw a 14-year-old with sharp, but delicate, features. “Girls,” Pascal said to the others, “you are witness to the birth of a star.”

He told the girl to say goodbye to her friends. “You will be a star one day,” he said.

The girl’s name was Jean Simmons, and she did go on to become a star. Perhaps her light did not shine as brightly as the refugence that surrounded Deborah and Vivien but she had the same star quality and she confirmed the perspicacity that Pascal had shown when he chose her.

Pascal is now acknowledged as an authentic genius of the motion picture world, one of a line that included D. W. Griffith, Charles Chaplin and Orson Welles.

Can you think of many others?

Most of the above information was obtained from the book, The Disciple and his Devil, which dealt with the association of Pascal and Shaw and which was written by Pascal’s wife Valerie. — Jack Lee

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**Younger son of the upper class**

The word “caddie” is derived from the French word “cadet,” which means a “diminutive chief” or a “little head”. It was usually used and applied to the younger sons of the upper class.

It was Mary, Queen of Scots, who introduced it to Scotland and there the meaning became downgraded. The word was used to describe messengers and pages waiting around to perform odd jobs.

It was then applied to the small boys waiting around the golf course to carry clubs and so to earn a bob or two. It was also the caddie’s job to clean the sticks with emery paper during and after the game.

Though the Queen pronounced the word “cad–ay” in the French fashion, the Scots began to speak and spell it in their own way. Hence “caddie.”
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When JACK THOMPSON was riding in Sydney as an apprentice jockey, in the 1940-41 racing season, he accomplished the phenomenal feat, for a boy, of riding 107½ winners.

When billiards maestro WALTER LINDRUM was born at Kalgoorlie on August 29, 1898, famous singer Wallace Brownlee, a friend of the family, suggested that the first Lindrum born in Western Australia should have the initials WA. So the babe, destined to become the greatest cueist the world has known, was christened WALTER ALBERT.

PEGGY BATT, a New Zealand super sports girl was chosen in 1953 in two different teams, Hockey and Cricket, for tours of England with only three months between them.

When Englishman JOHNNY DOUGLAS out-pointed Australian Reg ("Snowy") Baker in the Olympic Games middleweight boxing final in London in 1908, Douglas’s father was the referee.

It is the only time in any major sporting contest that a parent has been the chief official while a member of his family was a participant.

Neither Baker nor the Australian Olympic team had any objection to the referee.

Douglas, whose initials were J.W.H.T., earned the nickname of “Johnny won’t hit today” because of his slow scoring in cricket Tests against the Australians in 1920-21 in Australia. He found it particularly difficult to handle the leg-spin of Arthur Mailey.

JIMMY CARTER, an American Negro Boxer, won the world lightweight championship, lost it twice and regained it twice between 1951 and 1954 — the first man ever to win the same world title three times.

Wicketkeeper GODFREY EVANS, at Lord’s in 1952, failed by only two runs to become the first Englishman to score a century before lunch in a Test match.

Evans was 98 not out two minutes before the scheduled adjournment and umpire Frank Chester was all ready for another over — but Indian bowler Vijay Hazare took so long preparing that the umpire lifted the balls.

When MICK THE MILLER, Britain’s most celebrated greyhound died in May, 1939, hundreds of sympathy cards and letters were received at his kennel.

The death was announced over the BBC and newspapers found space for it on the front page despite the international crisis that led to the outbreak of World War II four months later.

DICK BRADFIELD of Melbourne prepared the three placegetters in the 1919 Caulfield Cup: Lucknow, Night Watch and Chrome — the first triple success by any Australian trainer in a major horse race. Night Watch had won the Melbourne Cup in 1918.

“HOP” HARRY STONE, an American boxer, in Sydney in 1916 fought three 20-round main event contests in eight days against top-flight opponents: Herb McCoy, Tommy Uren and Ferdinand Quendreux — a feat believed to be unique in boxing history.

ALBERT TROTT, an Australian playing cricket for the English county Middlesex against Somerset at Lord’s in 1907, captured four wickets with successive balls, and also brought off a hat-trick in the same innings — an achievement without parallel in first-class cricket.

Tennis’s most famous team the “Four Musketeers” of France, HENRI COCHET, JEAN BOROTRA, RENE LACOSTE and JAQUES BRUGNON — were all self taught. They won the Davis Cup in six successive years (1927-32) and six successive Wimbledon singles crowns.

Joe Louis did not lose one fight during his reign as world champion from 1937 till 1949.

German Max Schmeling beat him before he won the title.

Louis also fought Schmeling while champion and won by a knockout in the first round.

An Australian named BILLY EVANS completed a unique sporting double in 1893 and 1907. In 1893, he was coxswain of the successful NSW four-oar crew at an inter-colonial regatta, and 14 years later, 1907, rode Apologue to win the Melbourne Cup.

ROGER BANNISTER, who on May 6, 1954, achieved immortality by becoming the first man to run a mile in less than 4 minutes (3 min. 59.4 sec.) took up athletics at Oxford University in 1946 only because he had been rejected for rowing.

The following year was selected as a miler in the Oxford track team to meet Cambridge because no one else was available to make up the number. But even then he had a burning ambition to run a 4-minute mile.
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Table tennis started in the 1890's as a parlour game, in which champagne corks were knocked from one side of a table to the other with the aid of a cigar box. The corks were replaced by cork and rubber balls, and crude bats were shaped out of the cigar-box lids. But the game did not catch on in England to any great extent till an enthusiast who had visited the United States, where he saw the game played with celluloid balls, introduced them to his native country. The name "ping pong" was applied to the game for a long time and it shares with "squash" the distinction of being onomatopoeic—names that are formed from sounds that resemble those associated with the object or action that requires to be named.

**PROPRIETARY**

"Ping Pong," however, became a proprietary name that belonged to a firm that produced equipment for the sport and so could not be used as a general term.

In any case, there was something derogatory about the name—as, for instance, when jealous rivals of Australian rules football describe it as "aerial ping pong"—and in 1927 the governing body changed the name of the sport to "table tennis."

Under this name, the game has flourished to an unbelievable extent. Most nations compete in the international Swaythling Cup competition, and table tennis has become one of the world's fastest and most skilful indoor sports.

Incidentally, celluloid is one of the oldest synthetic plastics—having been introduced in 1873. The celluloid ball used in table tennis is between 4¼in and 4¾in in circumference.

Also incidentally, the Swaythling Cup was presented by Lady Swaythling, mother of an Oxford University table tennis enthusiast, the Hon. Ivor Montague.  

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**CORKS WERE USED**

Table tennis champions of the present day would find it difficult to maintain their pace and accuracy if they were forced to use the equipment in vogue when the game originated.

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**Do you know?**

**GORDON RICHARDS,** (later Sir Gordon) renowned English jockey, at Chepstow in October, 1933 became the first jockey to ride the programme in England — all six winners.

And the following day of a two-day meeting, he rode the first five winners and was beaten by only a head in the sixth and last race.

Over the two days, he had a total of 11 winners and one second in 12 consecutive races.

**HARRISON DILLARD,** one of America's all-time great track athletes, who won the Olympic Games 100-metres sprint and 110-metres hurdles in 1932, once achieved a remarkable streak of 82 consecutive victories in hurdle races.

**JESSE OWENS,** famous American Negro athlete, at the 1936 Berlin Olympic Games, made Adolf Hitler swallow his words about pure-bred Aryans by being the master race by showing his coffee-coloured heels to all-white competitors he met. Jesse won four gold medals.

**19TH-CENTURY DIGNITY:** When the first English croquet championships were played at Wimbledon in 1869 this notice was posted in the club house:

Gentlemen are requested not to play in their shirtsleeves when ladies are present.

**WALTER HAGEN,** of the United States, the top professional golfer of the 1920's, in a remarkable achievement won the US PGA championship five times in seven years (1921, 1924-25-26-27) when it was decided by match-play.

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**JOHN BROMWICH** and **ADRIAN QUIST,** Australia's greatest ever doubles partnerships in tennis, teamed only once at Wimbledon—1950.

Quist was then 38 and Bromwich 32, but they were still good enough to win the crown, beating compatriots Billy Sidwell and Geoff Brown in a five-set final.


He was killed in a car accident in 1955.

**JACK HOLT,** legendary Victorian pre-War racehorse trainer, had a phenomenal record of 11 Memsie Stakes winners to his credit.

**JOE LOUIS** was world heavyweight champion from June 22, 1937, till March 1, 1949. He defended his title 25 times.

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A batsman can be dismissed four ways off a no-ball—run out, handling the ball, hitting the ball twice and obstructing the field.

But he can be dismissed FIVE ways off a wide—run out, handling the ball, obstructing the field, hitting the wicket and stumped.
"SO, FAT BOY, YOU GOING TO LIE THERE ALL DAY?"

NEW YORK: When Stanley Belson took a weight — 300lb — off his mind, and elsewhere, he moved himself into the world-record class.

He amazed doctors and friends by trimming down from a gargantuan 520lb to a comparatively sylph-like 218.

And after doing so, he said: “For the first time in my life, I intend to experience what it’s like to be a thin man.”

Stan's moment of truth came when he tripped over an old lady’s umbrella, and lay helplessly blocking the door of a crowded New York subway train.

The old lady snapped: “So fat boy, you going to lie there all day?”

Then she planted her foot in Stanley’s stomach and hopped spryly across a vacant seat.

That did it.

MENTALLY SICK

“Anyone who would expose himself to that kind of embarrassment through something avoidable like fatness has got to be sick — mentally sick as well as physically,” Stanley said.

So he took the plunge and called up weight watchers. Now he is well on the way to his eventual goal of 168lb.

“Fat people act happy and jolly — we have to,” says Stanley, “but really it's constant discomfort and embarrassments.

But there are other things that hurt, Stanley says.

• Clothes that are ugly and expensive.
• Medical dangers because X-rays can’t penetrate and doctors can’t operate.
• People bring out kitchen chairs to the living room when you visit, so you won’t break the furniture.

TOO SMALL

• You can’t go to the movies or the theatre because the seats are too small.
• You forget what it’s like to have a bath, because you can’t fit in a tub.
• You walk in fear of being caught outside, because you can’t fit into public restrooms.
• You can’t fit through revolving doors, check the shine on your shoes or get through the check-out lines at the supermarket.

Stanley remembers, too, those moments of incandescent embarrassment that blight the life of every fatty. Like his first date.

IN THE SNOW

A bounding 300-pounder even in his teens. Stanley stood with his date for two hours in the snow to get into the Radio City Music Hall Christmas show.

“We got there when only the first five rows were left,” Stanley recalled.

“I squeezed past a whole lot of people, excusing myself, and sat down just at the lights dimmed and the orchestra struck up.

“Right on cue there was this terrific crashing noise, and I smashed right through the theatre seat on to the floor.

“I just ripped myself out of there and I ran to the back of the theatre.

Stanley remembers other things that even he can hardly believe now.

24 CLAMS

Like going out for a snack after dinner and ending up putting away two dozen clams, three pork chops over rice, four orders of butterfly shrimp and a T-bone steak.

Or the time the doctors told him he should save the $450 he was going to spend on tests, and make a down-payment on a coffin.

And then the day came that Stanley finally decided to enter the self-help fold of weight-watchers.

“All those other diets — worked for a while, but when you fail you get so depressed you get even fatter.”

Behavioral modification tricks help — like waiting three minutes after you sit down before eating — or putting down the fork after each mouthful.

He has no doubt the struggle is worth it.

SOUP JOKE

Tom Storey and Sean Gilroy have found 13 other versions of the soup joke. Try this one for size.

“Waiter! There’s a dead fly in my soup!”

“Fes sir, it’s the heat that kills them.”

Storey and Gilroy show that jokes get much worse. Still in the restaurant: “Waiter, there’s a beetle in my soup.”

“I’m terribly sorry sir, we’ve run out of flies.”

Or how about: “Waiter! This egg isn’t fresh!”

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